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MR. ROBERT SZOLD: Mr. Chairman, Fellow Delegates:
I am glad that Mr. Lipsky has made clear that this is not a
debate between one party in Zionism and another party in
Zionism. There is no resolution before the Convention. There
is, as I understand it, not a debate, but a symposium on the
subject of the parties.

Fellow delegates, I speak for the party of the
General Zionists. (Applause.) The General Zionists still
have a function to perform. The time has not yet arrived
when we are to disappear into one party or into another
party.

When I heard the speech of Mr. Fishman this after-
noon on this subject-matter, it seemed to me that he was
proposing a resolution. And it has been made clear that he
had no resolution to propose, but it seemed to me that the
purport of his remarks was that the Zionist Organization of
America should adjourn and go over into the halls of the
Histadruth or the Poale Zion and become a part of the Poale
Zion Party.

Other remarks have been made here which say that
one side or another side in this party struggle must be taken.
For my own part, I will not be driven into one camp or into

the other camp. For many years, my friends, I have been a General Zionist and I have thought that General Zionists had a function to perform which was a constructive function; and I stand where I have stood for many years.

We heard tonight bitter denunciation of certain acts on the part of one party. And we could stay here for hours and hear bitter denunciation of acts of other parties. We have all heard of details, unfortunately, I fear, too, of acts of violence of both parties. But I say to you that if a neighbor of mine goes to Palestine with the idea of establishing an orange orchard for himself, and the first day he gets there is hit in the face by a member of the Histadruth, I say that will not drive me away from my loyalty to the underlying principles of labor, those principles with which I have been in sympathy for many years.

I believe in self-labor. I believe today as I have always believed in the heroism and in the self-sacrifice of the Chalutzim and of the Histadruth. I believe in the further principle that we Jews come to Palestine to give work for Jewish labor, and Jewish labor on Jewish standards, with some sense of Jewish justice, and many other principles. It is impossible to go into a complete exposition of this entire

subject tonight.

But I still think that we General Zionists have the great responsibility for carrying forward this movement. After all, when the parties come to the Congresses, the parties ask for this in the budget and the parties ask for that in the budget; and when the Congress is over and the parties go home, who is it that has the responsibility in the largest measure for raising the funds that constitute the budget of the Zionist Executive in Palestine? The General Zionists.

Now, the General Zionists have their own constructive program. And that constructive program has to do with the building up of a Jewish National Home in Palestine (applause); not an "ism", not a particular kind, but a Jewish National Home. And today it is my opinion, as was evidenced by the action of this Convention yesterday, that we conceive that in the immediate future the principal task before us is to open wide the doors of Palestine so that Jews may come in.

We conceive that one of the principal methods of opening those doors is through the economic method. This fight must be carried on in peaceful economic ways. And if

Jews are introduced into Palestine that make a new industry, that make a new shop, that make a new orange orchard and bring in their little capital and open up ways for more Chelutzim, for more laborers -

MR. SHELVIN: For more Arab labor, you mean.

CHAIRMAN LIPSKY: No interruptions, please.

MR. SZOLD (Continuing): - that is the problem that faces us as General Zionists today.

We have heard in this Convention a number of figures which are very significant. And those figures are significant not as figures. None of us is interested in statistics of bank deposits or of government surplus or of exports of oranges or of new industries. They are interesting to us because they mean, if properly understood, a means of opening the doors of Palestine.

Now, along these lines, I conceive that the General Zionists have their function to perform for the immediate future. I am not speaking today of a program for all time. I am not speaking today of that form of society which Palestine may ultimately evolve. I have faith, fellow Zionists, that the Jews of Palestine will

themselves from Palestine evolve that form of society best suited to them and in line with our centuries of tradition of social justice.

By way of illustration I may refer to the days of the Balfour Declaration. At that time we had our ideals. At that time we understood the implications of Zionism. At that time we wanted Zionism as an ideal. But at that time it became extremely important for the general mass of Zionists to concentrate on obtaining the Balfour Declaration. That was our job at that time. And today I say with enemies pressing all around us, without our knowing how much time is at our disposal, the immediate problem for the General Zionists is to introduce into Palestine the maximum number of Jews in the shortest space of time. (Applause.)

Now, these parties are fairly new. When I was in Palestine fifteen years ago as a member of the Vaad Sarim, the Labor party was hardly born, the Revisionist party had not been heard of. Parties come and parties go. Parties serve the needs of certain groups at certain times. But I do not believe, speaking for myself and large numbers of others, that the present forms of parties are

going to last forever and eternally. There is a state of flux. One party is stronger today, another party is stronger tomorrow. There are certain truths perhaps in various parties. And I conceive it the duty of the General Zionists, who are not primarily party protagonists but primarily devoted to the cause above all, to make a synthesis of the best in the parties, to draw from them the essential truths and to make such a force of unity that our Jewish cause will be irresistible.

Now, I regret as much as anyone, and I need not spend time on it, this terrible conflict between the parties. It is a most deplorable thing. But as I have observed the progress of Palestine over the last fifteen years, while this terrible conflict has arisen, there has arisen a stronger force in Palestine than this conflict, and that is the force of unity.

When I was there, there were a number of Jews, individual Jews. But I do not believe that they had a conception of a group, a conception of a community, a conception of a nation in embryo. I believe that today in Palestine you do find an all-pervading, all-overpowering force of unity for the cause. And I speak, fellow Zionists,

for the central party - it is a misnomer to call us a party -
for those who are in the center, not as neutrals to escape
their duty, but as those devoted not to a section of the
people, not to an "ism", but as those who hold themselves
ready to devote themselves to not parties but to the cause of
Zionism above all. (Applause.)



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MR. ROBERT SZOLD: Mr. Chairman, Fellow Delegates:

In discussing the future program of the Zionist Organization, it seems to me most appropriate that at the beginning of the discussion that problem should be put forward which is the most important problem facing the Zionist movement today, namely, how to open the gates of Palestine to Jewish immigration.

The old formula guiding the Zionist movement was stated by the President in his message this morning. Now, how shall we as a movement get into Palestine the maximum number of Jews in the shortest space of time. And that formula is particularly applicable today - particularly applicable today because, first, our Jewish needs are so great; second, because today the economic opportunities for a great Jewish immigration into Palestine are there; and, third, because with enemies pressing on all sides, with the forces of anti-Semitism at work, the time that we as Zionists have within which to carry out our purpose is not unlimited; that time is short. We do not know how long that time may remain. So that today our great problem is to open the doors of Palestine.

Now, let us be clear that the doors are, as has been said by previous speakers, practically closed. The facts of the matter with reference to that are these: As was stated by the President this morning, a year ago a schedule was submitted by the Executive of the Jewish Agency asking for some 24,000 immigration certificates. This is

exclusive of the non-quota certificates that go to the so-called capitalist class. A capitalist, of course, is not such a person as we know in America as a capitalist; but a capitalist for this purpose is anyone having over 1,000 pounds.

That schedule was laid before the High Commissioner. That schedule was prepared with the greatest of care. A census was taken of agriculture and of industry by the Jewish Agency. This shop was covered, that shop was covered, this orange development was covered, that orange development was covered. And as a result, after weeks of investigation, pages after pages of details were submitted to the High Commissioner and the immigration authorities showing an absolute need for over 24,000 new employes. The answer of the High Commissioner was a paltry 5,500.

Still we lived in hopes. Protests went up. And in the next immigration schedule that came six months later, again, with even greater care, with even greater detail, the application was submitted to the High Commissioner. Again the principle which had been adopted and proclaimed by the British Government as the principle which governed the immigration of Jews into Palestine - namely, the absorptive economic capacity of the land - that test was complied with 150%, according to the test laid down by the British themselves. We complied with that test. Jewish ingenuity and Jewish determination had shown us capable of doing it. We

never submitted that the test was a proper one under the Mandate. We said we had a right to come into Palestine as of right without going through this test. But we submitted to it, we complied with it. And again, instead of 24,000, or 25,000, as it was this time - 5,600 certificates.

The fact of the matter is, therefore, fellow delegates, that in effect Jewish agriculture and Jewish industry was stopped. As I read those schedules and saw this building development, that building development, so many workmen needed in order to extend a transmission line, so many workmen needed in order to pick oranges there, so many workmen needed in order to build houses to house these incoming immigrants, I asked myself, "Which of these industries is it that it is desired to kill? Which orange development is it desired to thwart?"

That is the situation that has confronted us. The situation is not that when Jews come into Palestine, Arabs or others are displaced. When a Jew comes into Palestine, having the ideals that dominate Zionists, coming in there to work with his brains, with his small capital and with his ingenuity, he does not displace others; he does not prevent another Jew from coming in; but building his small shop or his great factory or his orange orchard, he makes room for other Jews to come in in greater numbers in which to follow him.

This is not simply a question of postponing economic opportunities, not simply a question of coming in next year when we might have come in this year, not simply a question of making a building next year that could be done this year. The danger is much more severe than that. And the danger comes from a few things which I would like to call your attention to.

I am compressing my remarks in the briefest possible space of time, but I think this matter is of so great importance that we as Zionists must clearly understand what is involved. When there is such a lack of Jewish labor that houses can not be built, the price of rents goes up, the price of land goes up, and rents go up to such an extent that people can not live there. That keeps other Jews out who might come in today and may not come in tomorrow. It also involves the taking of trained agricultural laborers from their accustomed spheres into the higher paid building trades. It takes highly trained persons working at the Dead Sea, who ought to be kept at the Dead Sea because there is a certain investment involved in their training, and shifts them over to other industries. The amount of labor turnover that has been caused in the last six months is something enormous.

There are one or two other items which show the grave dangers involved in the present policy of the government. When Jews are needed for Jewish farms, when Jews are

needed for Jewish industries, and those Jewish employes and workmen are not there, what is the necessary result? Arabs are employed to take their places, and Arabs come in from Transjordan, and places which should be available for Jews because Jewish capital comes into Palestine in order to make room for Jewish workmen, are filled permanently by others.

Now, then, again, it is perhaps the idea of some of the British officials that the pace is at present too great in Palestine, that there is a boom, that the boom may not last forever, and therefore they must be extremely cautious. But it has been pointed out time and again by the Jewish Agency representatives that the present policy of the British Government may precipitate the very industrial and financial crisis which this plausible argument is designed to avoid. If there are not sufficient workmen to carry on necessary works, if works have to collapse, then there may be a run by reason of not being able to go forward which will precipitate this crisis, which will not be precipitated if normal Jewish economic development were allowed to take place.

But, above all these things, we must know that at this moment, having these opportunities, Jewish lives are at stake, and those Jewish lives are a thing of this present moment. The facts, it seems to me, are perfectly clear. We have here what is not in form but what is in effect a breach of the Mandate, a breach of British governmental obligations

under the Mandate.

I do not want to become exaggerated in my statements, but I must refer in this connection to the recent regulations which are a part of the restrictions of immigration, namely the regulation restricting tourists into Palestine. When that restriction was imposed a few months ago requiring a tourist to put up \$300. before he may go into Palestine, before he may get a visa, it seemed to me that a stupidity was committed by British governmental officials that I would not say is comparable to the restrictions which were put by the British Colonial Office on the American Colonies prior to the American Revolution of 1776, but I must say those things necessarily came to my mind. When the British imposed in this country a tax on tea in the 1770's and aroused the resentment that was aroused in the American Colonies, they did a stupidity which is inexplicable. I am unable to explain on any rational basis these restrictions on immigration and on tourists coming into Palestine. There is no way to explain it on any rational basis. But the first thing that we must do is, as organized Zionists, to strengthen the hands of our representatives in Palestine.

I know, fellow delegates, that the day is hot. I know that there are many who have other ideas at the moment than this, which is the supremely important problem confronting us today. If we are to be stopped from building Palestine to the maximum extent possible economically, if the economic

absorptive test is not to be applied genuinely and honestly, then I say to you that we are facing a crisis from which we may not recover.

The Jewish Agency in Palestine and in London is doing all that it can, but we must strengthen their hands. We must make it clear to the British Government that we understand what is involved. And we must make it clear to the British Government, to all public opinion and to ourselves that this stoppage of immigration into Palestine, this thwarting of Jewish development of Palestine, is something to which we will not submit, we will not tolerate. (Applause.)

Once we are clear as to what is happening in this situation, once we are clear as to ourselves, one thing at least we can do - to have go out from this Convention as the first word that the Convention speaks, a unanimous statement that this policy is something that we will fight against and fight against until our friends, the British - we fight against them not as enemies but as partners in a common cause, we fight against them because of their lack of understanding - and when they understand it and understand clearly that it is a matter that we will never give in to, then we will at least have done our duty. (Applause.)

Now, this resolution that is to be proposed to you, I have not read it in detail but I understand that it calls upon us to formulate a plan for an all-embracing Jewish Conference, not a Congress, in this country which will

mobilize the material and moral resources of Zionists and all Jews interested in Palestine so as to grapple with this problem.

That matter involves a certain amount of detail, it involves very careful planning, it involves the use of the best brains available to the movement as to the means and manner of making our purpose effective. Those matters I do not propose to discuss here today, and I think it would be entirely inappropriate to discuss them here today. But, in general, I hope that when this resolution is proposed, if it is along the lines that I have indicated to you, there will be not a single dissenting voice from the underlying thought that Palestine gates of immigration must be open to Jewish immigration at the present time to the maximum possible extent. (Applause.)

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Oct. 27, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, O.

Dear Dr. Silver,

I am making some comment next week regarding your great efforts in the Emergency Committee. The enclosed also contains brief reference to your work.

The Council for Judaism is causing us some trouble here, but we are not worried.

Here is a problem that has been advanced by several important men here, and my answers are inadequate to them: Does the Commonwealth demand mean a State with an Army and Navy and an invitation to trouble, or does it mean that the Jewish settlement will be within the British Dominion of Nations?

The reason my answer is inadequate to them is because they want it from you.

When you find time, please jot down a few ideas and send them to me.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Philip Slomovitz

November 1, 1944

Mr. Philip Slomovitz
The Jewish News
2114 Penobscot Bldg.
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My dear Mr. Slomovitz:

Thank you for your kind letter of October 27. The question of how the Jewish Commonwealth is to be protected against aggression is no different from the question which will face all other small nations after the war. It is clear that this is one of the major problems in connection with the peace structure of the world after the war. The Dumbarton Oaks Conference indicated the general outline for maintaining peace against aggression for all peoples after the war. The security of the smaller nations, after the war, will not depend upon their own armies and navies but upon a world security organization which will be implemented to maintain peace everywhere.

It is our hope that the Jewish State or Commonwealth which will be established with Palestine for its territory and which will maintain friendly relations with its neighbors, may be organically connected with the British Commonwealth of nations.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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July 16, 1945

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Dear Dr. Silver,

I am pleased to enclose herewith a copy of a letter which I have received from Mr. Robert E. Hannegan, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, the contents of which will surely be of interest to you.

I am, with best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

LOUIS SEGAL
General Secretary

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MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date July 20, 1945

From Sulamith Schwartz

Professor Carl S. Friedrich talked ^{at} some length to me at Princeton about a matter very close to his heart which he is most eager to have you know about. He believes it would be invaluable to bring to this country next year for a lecture tour, Professor Rappard of the Mandates Commission. He feels that Rappard could do much to create sentiment against the White Paper, and envisages even his addressing both Houses of Congress on the subject. Dr. Friedrich has funds at his disposal-- apparently from New England Zionists--with which he hopes to get either Harvard or the Fletcher Institute to set up a special institute on the Near East in which Rappard would be one of the main participants. He has already done a good bit of negotiating himself and would be very happy to work with the Emergency Council on the matter. I hope that you will be able to get some word to him before you go, even if it is impossible to have any lengthy conversation or contact.

Dr. Friedrich is now revising several of the important articles in the field of government for the Encyclopedia Britannica, which apparently constantly revises treatments of modern and changing issues. He feels that the article on Palestine certainly needs revising and interpretation from our point of view, and suggests that we attempt to communicate with the Encyclopedia Britannica about this. He thinks that Mr. Arthur Lourie might well be the ideal person to do the revising.

SS:BR

CC-Messrs. Harry L. Shapiro, Harold Manson, Arthur Lourie, Emanuel Neumann

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July 20th, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

May I, at the occasion of your re-assumption of active leadership in the Emergency Council, express to you my heartfelt congratulations and most ardent wishes for success in this most critical period.

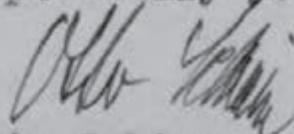
I cannot fail to recall at this time the willing and understanding support I received from you and the Executive staff of the Council when a few young Zionists and myself tried to galvanize New York Zionists to action through the ~~NY~~ Young Zionist Actions Committee of New York which has since become one of the most important factors in the Zionist life of New York.

Although my field of activity is now the West Coast (I am in charge of the UPA Regional Office in Los Angeles with responsibility for the major Western communities) within the Community Contacts Department of UPA, I am keeping in close touch with our friends in New York and try to be helpful to the best of my abilities.

It just occurred to me that you might be interested in the following suggestion I want to offer for your future work in Washington: Mr. Charles Ross, the new Press Secretary to President Truman, is a very good and understanding friend of the Jews. I met him several times, a few years ago, when he was the head of the Washington bureau of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, and found him to be very cooperative. He could best be approached through his very good friend, Mr. Jacob Billikopf, well known Jewish philanthropist of Philadelphia and sympathetic to Palestine.

With Zion's greetings,

Respectfully yours,


Otto Schirn

July 23, 1945

Mr. Louis Segal
General Secretary
Jewish National Workers' Alliance
45 East 17th St.
New York 3, N.Y.

My dear friend:

Thank you for your thoughtfulness
in writing to me and sending me a copy of
Mr. Hannigan's letter. If true, it is a
very significant letter. We shall soon
know.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Most cordially yours,

S/S

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July 23, 1945.

MEMO TO MR. HARRY L. SHAPIRO.

FROM: MRS. BLANCHE J. SHEPARD.

The recommendations which I made at the Staff Meeting with Dr. Silver on Friday, July 20th, for furthering the Club Program Service work for next year are:

I. Blanket the country with speakers through speakers' seminars, similar to the Princeton Conference, fifty to a region. The following cities recommended:

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These could be held either in conjunction with APC conferences or purely as seminars.

- II. Speaker's kit.
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BJS:BI

September 6, 1945

Mr. Louis Segal, General Secretary
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New York 3, N.Y.

My dear Friend:

I was told this morning that there was some criticism made by some members of the Poale Zion to the appointment of Ben Horin on our staff. I should like to know the grounds for this opposition. Ben Horin was suggested to me by quite a number of people as the one best qualified to carry on the work which had been done by Mr. Marvin Lowenthal -- contact with writers, journalists, magazines, etc. Mr. Ben Horin's appointment is, of course, subject to the approval of the Emergency Council. If the objections are valid, the Council will, of course, not proceed with the confirmation. I should very much like to have you give me the facts of the matter when I get to New York next Monday. Perhaps you could come up to the office Monday morning. I should be very much obliged to you.

With all good wishes for a very happy new year, and for great progress for our movement, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
E. 105th Street and Ansel Road,
Cleveland, OHIO.

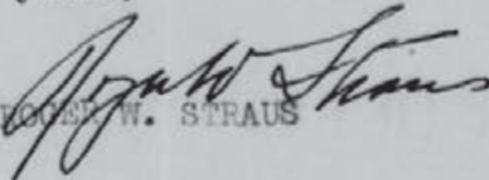
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I attach hereto a copy of a letter I received from a friend of mine in Toronto, Mr. Sigmund Samuel. Mr. Samuel is an outstanding Jew in Toronto and a very fine gentleman. As you will see, he is doing what he can for Palestine.

As I am not in close touch with the Zionist Organization I did not know to whom to refer Mr. Samuel's letter, so I am taking the liberty of sending it to you as it would appear that there is an opportunity to help the economic situation along the lines Mr. Samuel indicates.

With best personal regards, I remain, as ever,

Cordially yours,


ROGER W. STRAUS

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468 King Street West

TORONTO 1, CANADA

September 12th, 1945.

Roger W. Straus, Esq.
American Smelting & Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York 5, N.Y.
U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Straus,

As a member of the Economic Board for Palestine in London, I was anxious to do something practical for Palestine and while unsuccessful in getting free admission of citreous fruits into England, I was more fortunate in Canada and succeeded in having the duty of 75¢ per case entry here removed.

The trade was assuming large proportions before the War, but since then, of course, there has been nothing doing. There is a chance for revival now, however, especially as the fruit harvest this year has been a practical failure in Eastern Canada and consequently there is a splendid opportunity for this trade. It depends entirely, however, on transportation and it occurs to me that possibly you could be of some assistance to me in this respect. Could you find out for me if there is any direct Line from Palestinian Ports to American or Canadian Ports, in operation, or contemplated?

It might interest you to know that 70,000 tons of citreous fruits were wasted in Palestine this year for want of a market, while in England, I think, the limit has been one orange per person per month.

Knowing your interest in Jewish affairs generally, I am mentioning this to you, with the hope that it may have some good results.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Sigmund Samuel

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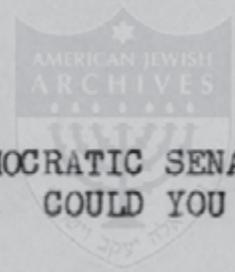
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September 18, 1945

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Nathan Straus
New York, N.Y.

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I A HAVING DINNER WITH A GROUP OF DEMOCRATIC SENATORS AT THE STATLER HOTEL WASHINGTON TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 25. COULD YOU JOIN US. KINDEST REGARDS

A H SILVER

LAW OFFICES OF
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September 22, 1945.

MEMORANDUM

To the Officers of the American Zionist Emergency Council
and of all other national Zionist Organizations:

Attached hereto you will please find a copy of an outline which I prepared pertaining to several plans of immediate action, in order to galvanize American public and political opinion, as an aid in the present world Zionist crisis.

Many of you have, undoubtedly, been thinking of the same or similar plans, but I thought, nevertheless, it was my duty to outline in detail and present this program for your consideration, in the hope that it may be of some assistance in connection with your present most difficult tasks.

The several suggested plans of action enumerated in the attached outline, if followed, should, in my opinion, be commenced, developed and consummated within a period of about ten days from this date. In order that these tasks may be productive of the greatest amount of good, it is suggested that Items 3 to 9 all be culminated on one single day, no later than Monday, October 8.

The entire program suggested by me could, in all likelihood, be carried out at a cost of approximately \$100,000.00. If the proposed action and expenditure are to produce even 50% of the results contemplated, or are to facilitate the speedy opening of the doors of Palestine to but an additional fifty thousand refugee Jews, the effort and expense of the Zionist bodies would, indeed, be more than warranted.

Respectfully submitted, with Zion's Greetings,

Alfred H. Sachs

P.S. Copies of this letter and of the attached memorandum were air-mailed concurrently herewith to the persons and organizations enumerated on the list hereto attached.

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Dr. Stephen S. Wise	91 Central Park West New York City, N. Y.	En. 2-3485
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Louis Lipsky	302 West 86th St., New York, N. Y.	En 2-6947
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Meyer Weisgal	924 West End Avenue, New York, N. Y.	Mo. 2-2133
Henry Montor, Executive Vice-Pres. United Palestine Appeal	41 East 42nd St., New York, N. Y.	Va-6-2080
Mrs. Judith Epstein, President Hadassah Women's Zionist Organization, 1819 Broadway, New York, N. Y.		Co 5-6584
Dr. Chaim Greenberg The Jewish Frontier	45 E, 17th St., New York, N. Y.	Algon. 4-8754
Poale Zion Organization	45 East 17th St., New York, N. Y.	Gram 7-8880
Mizrachi Organization of American, Inc. 1133 Broadway, New York, N. Y.		Watkins 9-4686
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OUTLINE OF PROPOSED PLANS OF ACTION FOR THE PURPOSE
OF GALVANIZING AMERICAN PUBLIC AND POLITICAL OPINION
AS AN AID IN THE PRESENT WORLD ZIONIST CRISIS.

Submitted by air mail on September 22, 1945, by Alfred H. Sachs, of Cleveland, Ohio, to the Officers of the American Zionist Emergency Council and of other national Zionist Organizations, for their respective consideration.

ITEM 1. EMERGENCY AMERICAN ZIONIST CONFERENCE.

It is suggested that an emergency all-day conference of American leading Zionists be called by telephone and telegram immediately, to be held in New York sometime during the week commencing Monday, September 24. The officers of all local districts, societies, organizations and chapters affiliated with the Zionist Organization of America, the Poale Zion Organization, the Mizrachi Zionist Organization, Hadassah Zionist Women's Organization, Junior Hadassah Organization, United Palestine Appeal, and the Jewish National Fund, are to be invited.

At this conference no time should be given to general discussions, but instead a brief report on the present world Zionist crisis should be made, and a program of immediate action, in which all the Zionists of America, men, women and children, are to co-operate and participate, is to be outlined, and such tasks there and then accepted for immediate carrying through by the representatives of the aforementioned groups.

ITEM 2. TELEGRAMS TO WASHINGTON.

By a form day letter or night letter, addressed to the officers of all the local Zionist groups mentioned in Item 1, hereinabove, the Zionists throughout the country, men and women, are to be urged forthwith, with appropriate clerical and committee help, to organize a telephone campaign among all local Zionist and Hadassah members, with the view of pledging each of such members, on the same day to communicate by telegram with President Truman, the Senators of their respective State and one or more of the Congressmen of the particular District, to urge them to take immediate steps to avoid the rumored new betrayal of Palestine and to use America's good offices and its military, political and financial strength to facilitate the immediate establishment of Palestine as a Jewish State and of the opening of its doors to all the European Jewish refugees. Appropriate forms of telegrams may, of course, be recommended for use in this matter.

It is estimated that through an intensive campaign of telephone communications with all the 250,000 Zionist and Hadassah members, it should be possible to get at least 50,000 telegrams to be wired to President Truman within a week, and a similar number or more to each of the respective United States Congressmen and Senators.

ITEM 3. DEMONSTRATION IN WASHINGTON.

Through wire communication with the officers and executive members of the local districts and chapters of all the Zionist organizations, as well as of the American Jewish Congress and the Independent Order of B'Nai Brith, or, if necessary, by night letter invitation to be sent directly to each of the men and women members of the local chapters of the organizations mentioned, arrangements should be made to have approximately 25,000 Jewish men, women and children (less than 10% of the membership of all the organizations) to come to Washington on a designated day, by plane, Pullman, coach, bus, or private cars, for the purpose of staging a unified demonstration in Washington, in protest against British present inaction in favor of Palestine, and

for the purpose of urging the American Government to take prompt formal, definite and open steps, not to request, but to compel the British Government at this time promptly to fulfill the pledges contained in the Balfour Declaration, the League of Nations Mandate, the American Treaty with Great Britain with regard to Palestine, the recent pro-Palestinean planks in the platforms of the Democratic and Republican Parties of the United States and of the Labor Party of Great Britain, and in the recent pronouncements with regard to the same subject of ~~the late~~ President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Attlee, and others in responsible governmental positions.

It is felt that with concerted executive action from the New York Office and from the local Zionist offices, and with the co-operation of the Zionist and the general Jewish communities in New York, Washington, Philadelphia and cities in Connecticut, and with the co-operation of the Yiddish and Anglo-Jewish press, it should not be impossible to organize a demonstration of the size herein mentioned.

Appropriate arrangements could, undoubtedly, be made with the Washington Police Department for parades throughout the principal downtown streets in Washington, which would not interfere too much with traffic.

The demonstration would finally congregate around the House and Senate Buildings, and thenceforth proceed to the White House, where en masse it would remain, waiting for an address from the balcony or the White House lawn to be made by President Truman, after appropriate call to be made upon him to appear and personally see the size of the demonstration.

Immediate arrangements would have to be made for the preparation in Washington of at least 1,000 large placards, to be used in the demonstration, and bearing appropriate slogans such as:

Stop the Betrayal of Palestine.

Send European Jewish Refugees to Palestine.

Open the Gates of Palestine to Hitler's Victims.

American should facilitate the immediate establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine, regardless of British Imperialism.

A Democratic Jewish State in Palestine is in the interest of America and the United Nations.

We demand that the unequivocal pledges of both political parties of the United States respecting the establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine be immediately carried through by our Government.

Christians of America awake to the outcry of a million and a half European refugee Jews, whose relatives, five million in number, have been murdered by the Nazis and their satellites.

Regardless of transportation and residence facilities, it is felt that, upon the presentation of the facts pertaining to the present Zionist crisis, great numbers of American Jews will go to Washington to participate in the demonstration and that they will be in position to find housing accommodations for one night, if necessary, in the hotels, as well as many private homes of their Zionist friends. Others could at the end of the day leave Washington for their homes or for such cities as Philadelphia or New York.

ITEM 4. DELEGATION TO THE PRESIDENT.

After the President has seen the demonstration and will have, perhaps, spoken briefly to the assembly, a delegation of the leaders of all Zionist groups, also of such groups of American clergy, university professors, and of the Christian Conference for Palestine (altogether approximately 30 people) ^{leading the parade} should crave admittance to see the President. Such a delegation might perhaps be accompanied and introduced to the President by several Senators and Congressmen, who have been forcibly representing the Zionist cause in the Congress to this date.

The President will, undoubtedly, not refuse to see such a delegation, regardless of any previous appointments. Upon arrival, the delegation should, in laconic terms, indicate the nature of the present world Zionist crisis, and make a request that, under the circumstances, the President should cancel all his other appointments for the day and spend two or three hours discussing the matter, from its historic, philosophic, political, economic, as well as the immediate practical aspects, with the delegation, consisting of men and women, Jews and non-Jews, and including the United States Senators and Congressmen, as aforesaid.

ITEM 5. MEMORANDUM ON PALESTINE.

Towards the end of this conference, a memorandum previously prepared should be submitted to the President and a promise should, if possible, be obtained from him, immediately to cable the entire memorandum to Secretary of State Byrnes in London, with presidential instructions to take immediate firm and positive action with regard thereto at the London Conference of Foreign Ministers and with the British Government.

The memorandum should have all the benefits of economy and conciseness of words, and should cover principally:

- (a) The history of the pledges by the United Nations with regard to Palestine commencing 1917 to this date.
- (b) The development, achievement and investments of personnel and funds in Palestine.
- (c) European Jewry's crying need for immediate admission to Palestine, (including the fact that practically none of the European Jews want to return to their old homes, and that, even at this date, Polish Nazis are still making pogroms against innocent refugee Jews attempting to return to their homes).
- (d) The existence in full force of the League of Nations Mandate and of the Treaty between United States and Great Britain with respect to Palestine.
- (e) The definite pledges of the Democratic and Republican Parties and of President Roosevelt with regard to the establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine after the war.
- (f) The commitments of the British Labor Party with regard to the same subject.
- (g) The petitions recently presented to President Truman by 40 governors of the several states of the Union, by 60 United States Senators and by 250 members of Congress; also the similar petitions presented to the President by representative groups of Christian and Jewish clergy, university professors, and social workers.

Special emphasis should be placed in this memorandum upon the fact that Palestine does not belong to Great Britain, that in making arrangements with regard thereto the United Nations all have equal responsibility and that the United States now has the actual political, military and financial powers to enforce this government's desire to have a Jewish State established in Palestine, with or without the full consent of Great Britain.

The fact that the existence of a Jewish State in the middle east would be to the greatest advantage of the United States and of the other members of the United Nations; and the obvious fact that, given the will and the power of the United States of America, and of the United Nations, it will take little or no military power to enforce the establishment of this new state, should also be particularly mentioned.

ITEM 6. ADDRESSES IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

By previous arrangement, such men as Senators Wagner and Taft and Congressmen Blum and Martin, and perhaps several others, should, on the day of the demonstration in Washington, rise from their respective seats in the Senate and House and, under their special privileges, make addresses commenting on the demonstration and upon the entire subject matter to be treated in the memorandum, of which copies or resumes might be submitted to them in advance. In these speeches the Senators and Congressmen might well call upon the United States Government promptly to take a positive stand in this matter, and, instead of merely acting as an intermediary between the Zionists and the British Government, to act as the strongest political power in the world, as it does in connection with other political matters affecting other European, African or Asiatic territories. Practically speaking, the British are now somewhat "vulnerable" in many respects in the eyes of the American public. This situation should be utilized, and the American Government should be urged from now on, in world affairs, to give its own advice and instructions, instead of continuing to take advice blindly from ~~the~~ Great Britain.

ITEM 7. CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTIONS RESPECTING PALESTINE.

Perhaps, it might be possible on the day of the demonstration in Washington and while the Congressmen and Senators may be rising to inform the Senate with regard to the situation, for them, upon oral motions, to introduce new resolutions with respect to the establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine, and, under the rules of the House and the Senate, request for suspension of rules and for emergency immediate votes on the resolutions, without further reference to any sub-committee.

It is quite possible that, if the requests were made by such men as Senator Wagner and Congressman Blum or Congressman Martin, the respective chambers might give consent to an immediate vote, which would, undoubtedly, be in favor of the resolutions, by a large majority anyway. If such consent for immediate votes can not be obtained, the resolutions would, at least, be referred to appropriate committees, with the special requests of the proponents for immediate action and the presentation thereof to the respective houses for a vote in the not too distant future.

These resolutions should, perhaps, be redrafted in more positive and less compromising ~~words~~ terms and phraseology than which were contained in similar resolutions introduced last year.

ITEM 8. NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS.

On the day of the Washington demonstration, there should appear in about 50 daily newspapers published in the metropolitan cities (including two or three newspapers in Washington) a full page advertisement, in the form of an open letter or appeal to President Truman, in which the substance of the memorandum might be very briefly outlined and summarized. On the bottom of the advertisement, a request might also be made to all interested persons, forthwith to wire the President and their United

States Senators and Congressmen, urging immediate positive action in favor of the establishment of a democratic Jewish State in Palestine. These full page ads could perhaps be signed by the following organizations: American Zionist Emergency Council, American Jewish Conference, Christian Conference for Palestine, by their respective officers.

ITEM 9. GENERAL PUBLICITY.

Appraised in advance of the contemplated demonstration in Washington, of the memorandum to be submitted to the President, of the resolutions to be introduced and the speeches to be made in the Senate and House, all on the same day, the editors of all important newspapers throughout the country, including those in ~~which~~ which the full page advertisements would appear, would, undoubtedly, want to write editorials with regard to the matter. In this connection brief summaries of material could be furnished to these editors in advance, either directly from New York or through the local Zionist leaders.

Likewise, it might be well, in advance, to apprise all important newspaper columnists, as well as the radio commentators, with regard to the entire program, so that they may, in turn, also give the matter due comment.

If possible, some arrangements might be made, either directly or through the Christian Church Federations, for a goodly number of ministers throughout the United States to preach sermons on Palestine from their pulpits. Regardless of their respective knowledge of the subject, up to date resumes, prepared in good form, might be airmailed to such Christian ministers.

ITEM 10. ADMINISTRATIVE ROUTINE.

In order to carry out, within a period of ten days, all or most of the items herein suggested, it will be necessary to have the executive and administrative staffs of all the Zionist organizations co-operate with the staff of the American Zionist Emergency Council. Each one of the items or tasks should be delegated to a single executive, operating with a staff of assistants and clerks, either from one or several offices (preferably from one place). To the extent that it may be necessary, it may be possible during this period to obtain the assistance of a group of 10 to 20 active lay Zionists of good executive and administrative ability, who would co-operate with the paid executives and directors, in carrying out the various tasks to them assigned.

ITEM 11. FOLLOW UP BY PHONE AND TELEGRAPH.

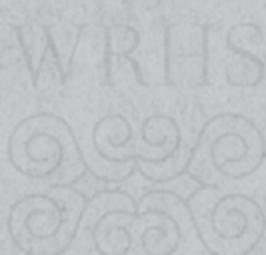
Pertaining to communication from the central office by telegram and telephone with all Zionist officers and groups, in the carrying out of the tasks enumerated under Items 2 and 3 hereinabove, a separate staff should be made responsible for the work, and for a definite follow up and reporting system with regard to each item and the related activities of each respective group.

ITEM 12. Budgetary Requirements.

It is estimated that, with the goodwill already existing throughout the country, the co-operation of the rank and file of all Zionists, and the vigorous activity of all the executives and administrators, their assistants and clerks, of the several national Zionist offices, all working together under the supervision of the American Zionist Emergency Council, it should be possible to carry through this entire program, effectively, at a cost of approximately \$100,000.00.

Needless to say, even if the amount is to some extent exceeded, the expenditures would be well warranted by the seriousness of the present world Zionist crisis, by the existence of the immediate need to co-operate with Palestine Jewry, with crippled European Jewry, and with the Jewish Agency for Palestine, in these tasks, which, most likely, can now be best accomplished from and through Washington.

If only a fraction of the contemplated results would materialize through this program, if only the speedy opening of the doors of Palestine to even only a part of European Jewry could be facilitated, the efforts and the expense suggested in this outline would be well spent.



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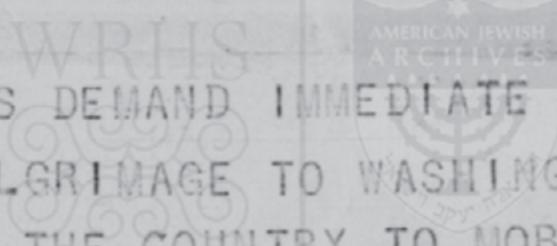
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Harry Shapiro

FROM: Samuel Sloan

DATE: September 24, 1945

SUBJECT: Balfour Day Suggestion

The following is an extract from a letter sent by one of our devoted Zionist Rabbis:

"It occurred to me that the Zionist Organization, at least the Brooklyn Region, should utilize Balfour Declaration Day for Zionist rallies and protest meetings against the White Paper. The 27th Anniversary of B. D. Day falls this year on Friday, November 2nd, 1945. I believe that with the help of the Z.O.A. in the matter of publicity, the late Friday Evening Service could be utilized for Zionist purposes. A protest resolution could be prepared either by the Organization or by the local Synagogue, read and passed on that evening, and sent to the British Ambassador."

I think this suggestion has great merit and should perhaps be taken up by the Council for all Rabbis. What is your opinion?

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September 25, 1945

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HERBERT BAYARD SWOPE
745 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 22, N.Y.

September 25, 1945

Dear Dr. Silver:-

Your thanks are appreciated, but, perhaps,
you'd better save them until the job is completed - until
Britain sees the Light.

It is a privilege to be of service.

Good luck.

Herbert Bayard Swope

Dr. A. H. Silver
American Zionist Emergency Council
The Temple
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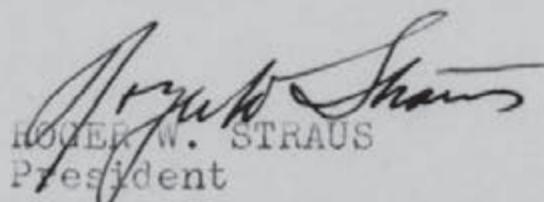
September 26, 1945

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
E. 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Further with regard to my letter of September 18th,
I am attaching hereto copy of letter from Mr. Sigmund
Samuel, dated September 20th, as well as copy of letter
to him from the Minister of Trade and Commerce, which
he refers to.

Cordially yours,


ROGER W. STRAUS
President

COPY

468 King Street West

TORONTO 1, CANADA

September 20th, 1945.

Roger W. Straus, Esq.,
President,
American Smelting & Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York 5, N. Y.
U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Straus,

Many thanks for your letter of 18th instant enclosing copy of letter addressed to Rabbi Silver, from whom I am looking forward to hearing presently.

It might interest you to know that I have received much encouragement and am in hopes of developing reciprocal trade between Palestine and Canada. In fact I have already discovered a Steamship Line which is quoting rates, and enclose you copy of letter received from the Hon. James A. MacInnon, Minister of Trade & Commerce, Ottawa, which you might enjoy reading.

Again thanking you and with kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,
(Signed) Sigmund Samuel

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THE CLEVELAND PRESS

September 27, 1945

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Perhaps I am taking a great deal upon myself to pass along an interconcern piece of correspondence to you, but nevertheless I am taking responsibility for it. My purpose in doing it is that you will, by reading Roy Howard's letter, understand (1) what his reaction was to your visit with him and (2) his reaction to you as a man.

On the one hand I was somewhat disappointed, I confess, by his reaction to the general matter you discussed but was so pleased with his reaction to you that I could not, as you will observe, resist the temptation to pass his note to me along to you.

Of course, after you have finished reading it I would like to have it back for my own files and I am sure that you will respect the confidential nature of the act of showing you the letter itself.

With best personal wishes,

(Signed) Louis

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

September 27, 1945

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

My dear Leo:

The same show which will be put on in the Senate on Monday ought to be repeated in the House during the week. Congressmen have approached me and suggested it. George Bender, from Cleveland, told me we ought to put on a real effective show and that House members would be happy to participate. Talk to me about this when I meet you in Washington.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

September 27, 1945

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

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

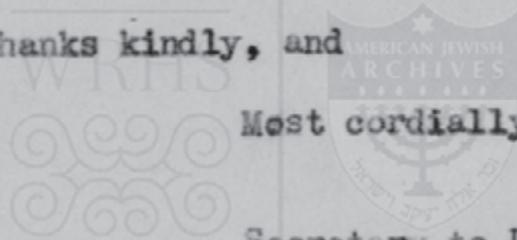
Mrs. Silver will be in New York this next week and is going on to Washington with the Rabbi. Will you kindly make two reservations for them on the afternoon train to Washington on Wednesday, October 3?

Thanks kindly, and

Most cordially,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver



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October 9, 1945

Mr. Sigmund Samuel
468 King St. W.
Toronto 1, Ontario

My dear Mr. Samuel:

Our mutual friend, Mr. Roger W. Straus, has turned over to me copies of the letters which you addressed to him with reference to the effort which you are making to stimulate trade between Palestine and Canada. I am delighted to know of the success which you have had in arranging for the free admission of Palestinian citreous fruits into Canada and of the progress which you are making in contacting a Steamship Line. This is very valuable work, and I wish you every success in it.

May I suggest that you contact Mr. David Tannenbaum, Director of the Palestine Economic Bureau of the Zionist Organization of America, 41 East 42nd St., New York 17, N.Y. He may be in a position to provide you with valuable information in contacts.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

October 10, 1945

Miss Lillie Schultz
The Nation
20 Vesey Street
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Schultz:

Mr. Kenen, of the American Jewish Conference, informed me of the work which you did in connection with the cable which was sent to Prime Minister Attlee by Miss Freda Kirchwey and a group of thirty-three outstanding American liberals. May I express to you my own deep sense of gratitude and that of our Movement for this very significant achievement. The cable was splendidly worded and most forceful, and the names of the signatories are such as to give it great authority.

With all good wishes, and hoping that I may have the pleasure of seeing you in New York before long and discussing with you some of the problems which confront us at this time, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

October 12, 1945

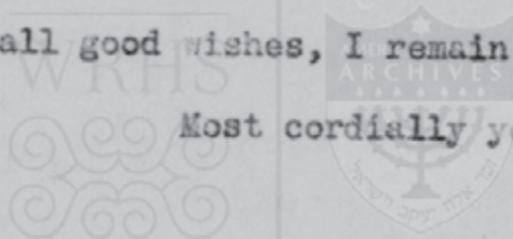
Mr. Samuel Steinfield
Claremont
N.H.

My dear Mr. Steinfield:

Thank you so much for your kindness
in letting me see the letter of Congressman
Adams addressed to the President. It is a very
fine letter.

With all good wishes, I remain
Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK
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October 15, 1945

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105 St. at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

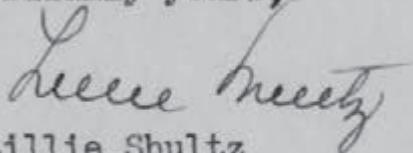
Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you very much for your kind note. May I tell you that since the telegram was dispatched we received a letter from R. J. Thomas, President of the United Automobile Workers of America, informing us that we may include his name.

Unfortunately it came too late for the action he suggests, but I think our records should indicate that he wanted to sign it.

With kindest regards,

Cordially yours,



Lillie Shultz
Director

GEORGE H. BENDER
CONGRESSMAN AT LARGE
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

October 16, 1945

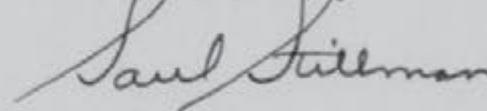
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th and Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am returning an address which was submitted to our Washington office by someone associated with the Zoa. I should like to suggest that a little more careful attention to these matters would seem to be required. This speech which was given to Mr. Bender for delivery on the Floor of the House actually was delivered by Senator James Meade the day before in the Senate. Fortunately, our Washington secretary discovered this and prevented Mr. Bender from using this material.

We are enclosing a copy of the address which was actually prepared and delivered by Mr. Bender.

Sincerely yours,



S. G. Stillman, Secretary to
Congressman George H. Bender

SGS:LZ

ENC.

Speaker
Mr. President, I fully associate myself with everything that has been said about the eminent justice of the Jewish claim to Palestine, about the need for the British government to correct a grievous wrong of which it has been guilty, and about the duty of our own government to live up to its pledges in this respect. In strict law, the Jewish case is unanswerable. In equity, it is even stronger. They have suffered from our common enemy more than anyone else, and we do owe them a chance to live their national life in a free country of their own.

I would add that such an attitude on the part of America would be only in keeping with the noblest traditions of our country. It is to our honor to have given moral and political assistance to the small and oppressed peoples in Europe after the last war, to the Czechs and the Poles and the Yugoslavs and others who wanted to live thereafter in freedom and independence. We have greatly helped in the cause of the Irish people who sought to reconstitute their national freedom after many centuries of oppression. Wherever possible to us, we try to exercise our influence in the same sense in the present difficult period, and I believe that we must extend the same principle to the desire of the oppressed Jewish people of Europe to have a free country of their own.

But I want to emphasize another consideration, the consideration of the direct American interests involved in the matter. When dealing with foreign policy, we are particularly anxious to further anything that would in the long run serve the interests of our country.

There is a two-fold interest that our country has in enabling the Jews to establish a Jewish State in Palestine. One interest springs from our profound anxiety that the traditional atmosphere of conflicts in Europe which

has proven so dangerous for internal stability and world peace should be assuaged. Now, we may not all realize how profound a part anti-Semitism has played in the development of those aggressive and nationalistic movements throughout Europe which have first fed upon the Jew as their immediate victim; grown big and strong in persecuting the Jew, these movements then threw their numerous followers, internecine hatred and international aggression. This process continues, despite the fall of Hitler. Again anti-Semitism is being used through Europe to organize the dark forces of hatred which may easily upset our hopes of organizing a peaceful Europe and again, as before, the entire world, our country included, may find itself involved in the vortex of these forces.

Faced by this danger, the majority of the Jews of Europe wish to leave that inhospitable continent. Helping them to gain admission to the country which the world has long ago acknowledged as being destined to become their national home, we would considerably contribute to the internal stabilization and peace of Europe.

There is a second interest involved; the interest of America in the Middle East. There is a lot of nonsense spoken about the danger of large-scale violence or war which the Arabs could unleash against the Jews or against the United Nations. To anyone who has given careful study to the military realities of the situation, this talk is childishly ridiculous.

The truth is that the Arab peoples are engaged now in the difficult task of beginning their national lives in conditions of backwardness almost unrivalled in the modern world. Our best wishes go out to those peoples for the success of their endeavors. And not only our wishes. We are ready to help them to advance their peoples from their present state of abject poverty,

of almost universal illiteracy, of the absence of any modern provisions for public welfare, to a stage of progress compatible with membership in the modern civilization. The Arab peoples know that no country is more anxious to give this assistance and is less interested in obtaining some obvious or hidden advantages from them than we are. There have been expansionists among all peoples in the past, and there may be some expansionist tendencies among extreme nationalists. In this, I am not interested. I hope the rulers of the Arab countries will give less thought to future expansion or Pan-Arab movements and more thought to the social and economic advancement of their own peoples. If they do this, they will find the government and the people of the United States a true and reliable friend.

In our endeavors to raise the living standards of the Middle East, no single step would be as helpful as the establishment in Palestine of a Jewish State. The Jews have already done wonders in modernizing those parts of Palestine which they were grudgingly permitted to settle. Their example has already stimulated the Arabs of Palestine who, as regards living conditions, economic standards, public health, and literacy, are already far advanced in comparison to the Arabs of the other countries. Palestine is already, socially and economically, the most modern corner of the Middle East. It is per capita the largest consumer of American goods in that entire part of the world. With the further growth of the Jewish settlement in Palestine, we may be certain that this process of economic development will continue. Palestine, and, stimulated by its example, the entire Middle East, would become to a still larger extent an important cog in the complicated machinery of world trade. The consuming standards of its population would rise, and America would be one of the main centers from which this area would be likely to look for goods in an ever-increasing measure.

Furthermore, a predominantly Jewish Palestine would give this country a true and loyal friend in that part of the world, a friend whose loyalty would not depend on the amount of royalties paid for oil or the sums spent in lend-lease arms. Bound to our country by the links of gratitude for the help which the Jews of Palestine have received from the Jewish community in the United States, linked to this country by the innumerable personal and family bonds existing between the Jewish population of Palestine and the millions of our Jewish co-citizens, a Jewish Palestine would provide us in that important part of the world, a strategic corner of the first order, an outlet for the oil reserves of the Middle East, not only with a fair-weather friend, but with a true friend on whom we could rely at all times, good or bad.

~~That is, a Jewish Palestine would give this country a true and loyal friend in that part of the world, a friend whose loyalty would not depend on the amount of royalties paid for oil or the sums spent in lend-lease arms. Bound to our country by the links of gratitude for the help which the Jews of Palestine have received from the Jewish community in the United States, linked to this country by the innumerable personal and family bonds existing between the Jewish population of Palestine and the millions of our Jewish co-citizens, a Jewish Palestine would provide us in that important part of the world, a strategic corner of the first order, an outlet for the oil reserves of the Middle East, not only with a fair-weather friend, but with a true friend on whom we could rely at all times, good or bad.~~

Our government has a particular obligation to act in the present case. A lot of lend-lease material and assistance in other forms has been provided very recently by our government to the governments of the various Arab countries. It is not quite clear to what extent the lend-lease material was used in that case to combat our common enemy -- which was, after all, the main purpose of our lend-lease operations. But it would certainly be very odd, to say the least, if we found these Arab governments threatening to use the lend-lease material which they got from us in order to make war or engage in violence against the Jews. Just because of the amount of help which we have given to the Arab countries and because of the further help which these countries hope to get from us, it would be very fitting for the government of the United States to remind the rulers of the Arab countries of their duty to contribute to peace and not to lawlessness.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1945

STATEMENT OF CONGRESSMAN--AT-LARGE GEORGE H. BENDER

ON THE PALESTINE ISSUE

I am rising to speak on one of the most important issues before the world today. It is a comforting truth that great moral causes lie at the root of the greatness of nations. The assistance and friendship which our great country has extended to the world cannot be measured in terms of dollars and cents. Our record of aid to Cuba, to the Philippines, to the starving nations of Europe after the first world war, to the re-establishment of Czechoslovakian independence, to the creation of a Polish Republic, yes, even to the victims of earthquake and flood in Japan, has been a glorious chapter in world history. We stand challenged today by a cause no less great than any we have championed before in our history.

In the Middle East for 28 years the world has been witnessing an experiment of regeneration. A small part of the little land of Palestine has been reclaimed from the desert by the devotion and the back-breaking toil of Jewish immigrants. They have come from every corner of the earth to restore the Holy Land to fertility after hundreds of years of neglect. As a result of their work, they have made Palestine's ten thousand square miles the most attractive spot in the entire Middle East. Let us remember that in 1918 no one wanted Palestine--neither the Arabs nor the Turks, nor the British. The only people who hungered for it and loved it were those to whom it was denied--the Jewish people.

What is the issue today in Palestine? It is time for us to cut through the double talk and speak plainly. The meaningless formalities of diplomatic conversation have no application to Palestine. For here is an issue which is not a pleasant academic subject. It is not something which can be pushed into the background and postponed for some future day. The plain unalterable fact is that in the past ten years six million Jews have been slaughtered, starved to death, or driven into a state of physical and mental despair for which there is no cure. Of an original population of perhaps seven and a half million living in Europe outside of Russia, there remain fewer than one and a half million Jews alive today. These remnants have found neither welcome nor refuge anywhere in Europe. The countries of their origin have been poisoned against their return. They have become wanderers on the face of the earth, hopeless and helpless. The doors of almost every nation are closed to them. The only country which offers the slightest prospect for them is this little land of Palestine.

Why then are they barred from Palestine? Is it for some logical or justifiable reason? Are the boundaries of the country too small for them? Is there some prime consideration of political necessity which stands in the way?

I say that the answer to these questions is clear and unmistakable. There is nothing which can be justified in logic, in justice, or in the name of humanity, to prevent the return of the Jewish people to Palestine in unrestricted numbers.

To those who say that the land cannot be restored to fertility, I say that the Jewish colonists have demonstrated that nothing is impossible in Palestine. On the shores of the Dead Sea where the water is mingled with salt they have established a colony, inch by inch, and foot by foot, draining the soil of its salt. They have irrigated it dozens and dozens of times.

The desert of the south was once a blooming valley. Our own Agricultural Department's soil expert, Dr. Lowdermilk, reported only last year that the land of Palestine is potentially one of the most fertile in the world. He compared its possibilities to those of our great state of California. He reminded us that once there were orchards of figs and dates in this ancient land. Palestine in the time of the Roman Empire supported a population of at least two millions without modern agricultural methods, without industrialization, without the enthusiasm and self-sacrificing devotion of a people dedicated to the rebuilding of their ancient soil.

In 1930, the British Government issued another White Paper. That document declared that Palestine could not support a single additional Jew. It was repudiated by the British Government. More than three hundred thousand Jews have gone to live in their ancient homeland since that date. There is clearly room for hundreds of thousands more. For these are no ordinary people. They go to Palestine, to give of themselves fully and wholeheartedly, to build, to hope, and to dream.

If the land can support them, why all the obstacles? The Arabs are in opposition, we are told. Yet every inch of Palestinian soil which is occupied by Jewish families today was sold to them by Arab land owners. What Arabs are opposing Jewish colonization? Are the Arabs whose children have been saved by the clinics and hospitals of Hadassah opposing it? Are the Arab peasants who have been able to earn a living for the first time in their lives in Palestine opposing it? The Arabic population of Palestine has increased two and a half times since the appearance of Jewish colonists.

There is no such record of increase in any other Arabic country.

We know which of the Arabs oppose a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine. They are the political Arabs who see their ability to exploit Arabic workers vanishing before their eyes. They are the members of the Arab League, an instrument created by the British to stimulate a Pan-Arabic nationalism, which would maintain British supremacy in the Mediterranean world.

What justification then is there for the Arabic fears of domination by a Jewish Commonwealth? There is no intention on the part of the Jewish leadership in Palestine to injure in any way the Arabic population. There is every evidence that the blessings of better health, better living, better education for the Arabs are available in Palestine above every other country in the Middle East.

There are Arab states in Egypt, in Saudi-Arabia, in Iraq, in Iran, in Syria, with tremendous lands available for colonisation and development.

What possible reason is there for our hesitancy in saying to the Arab world, "This is a matter of humanity which must transcend every other consideration. It is more important than oil; it is more important than imperialism; it is more important than any other single consideration". A chain of circumstances has been forged which makes it possible to repatriate the Jewish people in our generation without injury to any other group.

If we fail in this, the blood of the Jewish millions who died in Europe will cry from the soil. We shall have made a mockery of all the fine phrases, of all the protests of humanity and friendship which we have uttered so freely in these years.

This is the time for action in Palestine. The day of talk is over. The nations of the earth, including our own, have endorsed the Balfour Declaration of 1917. They have fixed the Mandatory Authority of Palestine. They have encouraged, directly and indirectly, the expenditure of millions of dollars in Palestine, the immigration of hundreds of thousands of Jewish men, women, and children.

In our own self interest, for the sake of our own self-respect, our government must recognize that a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine would be a lighthouse in the Middle East. It would be an example of the devotion of our country and of the world to the principles of justice and righteousness which were first proclaimed to the world by the prophets of this people whom we have

deserted in their hour of need. Let us not fail this time. The day of appeasement is over. The Arabs have not fought and died for the cause of human freedom in this war. They have no claim on our generosity or our good will. The martyrs of Israel have both.

We are the descendants of pioneers who came to this country seeking a refuge from religious persecution. We cannot say to those who seek the same salvation today that America has forgotten. I urge every American to join with me in this effort to restore an ancient people to its homeland. They will preserve the holy places sacred to all of the great religious faiths which have sprung from that soil. They will make the land of Palestine bloom once more as a land flowing with milk and honey. In this crucial moment of Jewish history, let us not do what Hitler did. Let us raise our hands to lift these helpless men and women from the abyss to which our indifference and blindness have condemned them. History sits as our judge, and posterity as our witness. We must not fail those who cry to us for help.

TELEPHONES
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CABLES "SAMUEL" TORONTO

468 KING STREET WEST
TORONTO 1, CANADA

October 19th, 1945.

Rabbi A.H. Silver,
American Zionist Emergency Council,
The Temple,
East 105th Street at Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio,
U.S.A.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I duly received your letter of 9th instant in reference to my efforts to re-establish trade between Palestine and Canada, particularly in regard to citrus fruits and the correspondence with the executive of the Palestine Corporation in London. Everything depends upon transportation and if you can do anything to facilitate matters in this direction I should appreciate it very much.

There are two or three lines that expect to have service, but it depends greatly on the regularity of the sailings and the refrigeration facilities.

I am writing Mr. David Tannenbaum as you suggest, enclosing copy of letter to you, which I hope he will find interesting.

Yours sincerely,

Sigmund Samuel

SS/AW

October 25, 1945

Mr. Saul G. Stillman
Secretary to Congressman George H. Bender
Williamson Bldg.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Stillman:

I regret more than I can tell you the confusion to which you call attention in your letter of October 16. Our Office, as you may well imagine, both in Washington and in New York, have been working in recent weeks under terrific pressure caused by the sudden emergency which has arisen and which explains, I am sure, this unfortunate slip-up.

I read Mr. Bender's address with the keenest of pleasure. I was told before I had seen it what an impressive statement it was.

Please convey to the Congressman my profound appreciation and all my good wishes.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

A.H. Silver

Excerpt from National Jewish Ledger, Fri. Oct. 26, 1945

ZIONIST CONVENTION

The ZOA Convention next month in Atlantic City is to be regarded by American Zionists with utmost gravity and concern. The coming months will reveal American Zionism in a position of overshadowing and compelling influence. Only the best we can produce for the ZOA presidency will do; no second best will measure up to the authority and responsibility this position will require.

The man chosen for ZOA presidency will have to be a man of proven leadership, a great executive, a forceful organizer, a commanding personality, an experienced diplomat, a man of energy, resolution and resourcefulness, flexible yet firm, pliant without yielding, meeting situations as they occur without at the same time sacrificing any of the historic ideals for which Zionism stands.

There is talk of drafting Dr. Abba Hillel Silver for this position. Should his friends succeed in convincing him of the critical need of making the sacrifice just now, the ZOA could not wish for itself any more ideal leader.

There was a time when Dr. Silver's admirers entertained for him more extravagant dreams than the presidency of ZOA. These in time may be realized, for there is no position of responsibility within the gift of his people to which his talents would not measure up. But in the present tragic crisis in Zionism, he could not serve the cause of the Jewish homeland in Palestine any better than by assuming leadership in the country which, next to England, will have a deciding voice in its destiny.

Dr. Silver has proven his mettle as a unifying force in American Zionism. He has won his spurs in every Zionist debate. He is a great leader, a brilliant orator, a fascinating personality, an able executive, a practical negotiator and a political power with friends in Congress and in the Government. As official head of ZOA, Zionism will be making revolutionary progress.

LEO R. SACK

October 30, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Boulevard
Shaker Heights
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed herewith is a clipped page from the Congressional Record of this morning, which includes the statement to the Secretary of State on Palestine. ✓

In arranging to have it ^{inserted} installed in the Record I ran up against this obstacle: in the Senate my first choice to insert it was Wagner who said he would do so, but later either balked or forgot it. Later, I requested our friends, McMahon, of Connecticut and Johnson, of Colorado, but both were reluctant to do so because of what they regarded as implied criticism of the late President Roosevelt.

Naturally I did not press it with either of them, and since I did not want it put in the Record by a Republican, I had it attended to in the House.

Sincerely,


Leo R. Sack

LRS:er
Enc

ELIHU D. STONE
ATTORNEY AT LAW
44 SCHOOL STREET
BOSTON 8, MASSACHUSETTS

November 8, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am confident that I am expressing the sentiments of all the Zionists of New England in conveying to you my heartfelt gratitude for your participation in the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the New England Zionist Region.

I am deeply appreciative of your kind references to me personally, which I will try to deserve.

I hope to see you in Atlantic City at the Convention where you will be elected President of the Zionist Organization of America. I sincerely hope and pray that you will accept. A coordinated and unified leadership is imperative at this critical juncture.

It is essential that the National Executive Committee should consist of persons capable of giving you sincere and genuine cooperation. In the last analysis an administration functions not through its enemies but through its friends.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes,

Sincerely,

עליון ד. סטון
Elihu D. Stone

ELIHU D. STONE

EDS:FD

P.S. I am enclosing herewith newspaper clipping and my Yiddish article in the Day.

MEMORANDUM

FROM Mr. Leo R. Sack

DATE: November 9, 1945

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

SUBJECT:

You may recall that I sent you a few days ago a copy of my letter to Sumner Welles. Enclosed herewith is his very interesting reply.

Sincerely,



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Irving Schatz

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November 10, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland
Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

May I take this opportunity of informing you, as a National leader in the Zionist movement, that the Spring Valley Zionist District, of which I have the privilege of being its first president, can boast of sponsoring a meeting that will long linger in the memory of all who were present.

As a result of the Emergency Council meeting, which I attended in Washington on October 4th, the Spring Valley Zionist District, together with our Hadassah Chapter, conducted an emergency mass meeting which was held in the auditorium of the Jewish Community Center in Spring Valley, N. Y. on October 15th. Over five hundred people attended this meeting.

On that occasion we had the good fortune of hearing an address by Rev. Richard E. Evans. I cannot put into words the outstanding results attained by his magnificent speech. It was dynamic and carried the necessary punch to arouse everyone present to fall in line in this all-important job that must be done.

Rev. Evans had the audience spellbound throughout his address. I heard people call him the "Modern Messiah" and blessings for Rev. Evans could be heard from the audience as he departed.

As for myself, I want to offer my blessings for Rev. Evans' continued good health and a long life, so that he can continue to carry on in his noble work until ultimate victory will be ours.

The Zionist Organization of America should be felicitated for its ability and foresight in obtaining the services of this champion of human rights.

Rev. Evans invited a classmate of his, a Rev. Murchison, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Spring Valley, to attend this meeting and as a result of Rev. Evans' efforts, Rev. Murchison declared himself publicly at the mass meeting that he will agree to head the Christian Council for Palestine, which will be known as the Rockland County Council.

I sincerely trust that this letter, coming from a fellow worker and an ardent Zionist will be of as much interest to you as it was to me.

Yours for permanent peace in Palestine.

Sincerely,

SPRING VALLEY ZIONIST DISTRICT

Irving Schatz
Irving Schatz, President



Rabbi Silver:

Night letter received over
phone 11/10/45

From: Rudolf G. Sonnebron
New York City

Want you to know how much I appreciate work you have done in Cleveland in connection with project for which I have assumed special responsibility. Am calling small meeting of key people at Atlantic City, November 18 for breakfast at 8:30 A.M. at Brighton Hotel. If it is possible for you to be present it would be great asset. I have invited Abe Luntz with following telegram:

"There is certain aspect of developments in Palestine which is of great concern to a limited number of individuals of whom I consider you one to review situation and to make plans. I am calling together a small group of outstanding men from various parts of the country at Atlantic City, Hotel Brighton, Sunday, November 18 for breakfast 8:30 A.M. Feel sure that you will be greatly interested in problem for which your counsel needed."

If you could encourage his attendance it would be most helpful.

Regards,

Rudolf G. Sonnebron
88 Lexington Ave.
New York City

(received by Mrs. Resnik)

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

C O P Y

The Jewish News
2114 Penobscot Bldg.
Detroit 26, Michigan

Nov. 14, 1945

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

Dear Harry:

I was just going to write to Dr. Silver congratulating him on ZOA presidency and pledging him my support--which he will have--when I was shocked to learn that he will speak at the Temple Israel dinner. I am not shocked that he accepted this invitation, but I was disturbed to know that when we in Zionist ranks tried to get him to come here he turned us down, but he has seen fit to accept a minor call.

This disturbance of mine is due to the fact that we had been hoping to get Dr. Silver for a major Christian event here and I have been jittery about asking him because he has always flatly turned me down. When is one safe to ask the man to come here?

I know that when the many people whom I had disappointed every time Dr. Silver turned us down will have the laugh on me. Let it be thus. But I feel that it is necessary for me to relate to you my disappointment because I want Dr. Silver to know this, I want you to show it to him, and I shall hate to have to tell people that when plans are to be made for the future activities in our ranks some one else will have to make them because I have had no encouragement from the national officers.

With best personal regards

Very sincerely,

(signed)

PHIL

Philip Slomovitz

answered by HCS by phone

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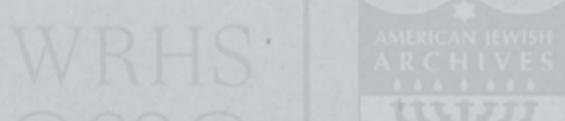
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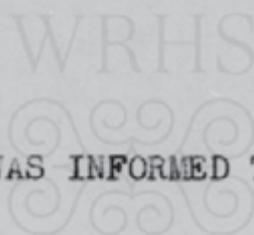
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REGARDS.

A H SILVER



November 23, 1945

Mr. P. Segal
141-14 70 Road
Kew Garden Hills, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Segal:

In Dr. Silver's absence I am acknowledging your letter to him.

As soon as Dr. Silver returns from Palestine I shall call your helpful letter to his attention.

Sincerely yours,

MH

Mitzi Hager
Sec'y to Dr. Silver

Ph Seydl
141-14 70th Rd.
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342 MADISON AVENUE
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December 5, 1945

Miss Bessie Klein
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Klein:

Because of our terrific pressure of work we neglected a very important item, namely the request by Dr. Silver in his letter of November 6 that we provide a monthly allowance for your services in behalf of the Council. I do hope you will forgive the oversight and I shall see that it is rectified as soon as possible.

Dr. Silver stated "I believe that the amount was \$25.00." Since we had no prior arrangement with you I wanted to check if this amount is correct. Secondly, since it is a salary I shall have to consider it a payroll matter and deduct taxes. Will you therefore complete the enclosed form and return it to me as soon as possible.

As soon as I receive the above information I shall see to it that you receive a check for the months of October and November.

Sincerely yours,

Rose Shepatin

Rose Shepatin
Accounting Department

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encl.

December 6, 1945

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

Dear Miss Shepatin:

Thanks for your note of December 5. I was beginning to wonder whether you had received Dr. Silver's letter of November 6. The amount stated, \$25, as of October 1, is correct.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver

P.S. I am returning the form as you requested.
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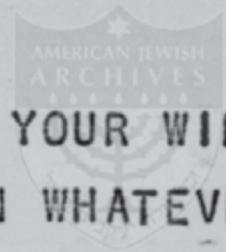
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STATEMENT PRESSRATE COLLECT ON WHATEVER YOU THINK IMPORTANT
CONNECTION YOUR VISIT PALESTINE=

SOX SMOLAR.

*sent 12-19-45
telephoned*

200 SOX SMOLAR.

I found the Yishuv more normal than I was led to anticipate, busily at work and full of post-war plans for rapid development and expansion. Within a decade or two Palestine stands to revolutionize the economic life of the entire Near East if the straight-jacket of political and economic restrictions which confine it today is removed. Everywhere there is a great demand for American goods, machinery and technical skill. Above all, for American Chaluzaim to come and make their contribution to the next phase of the country's progress. The Yishuv asks of American Jewry today not only financial support but also the gift of hand and mind.

The sole tension in Palestine today is created by Great Britain's illegal interference with the entry of Jews into the country, hundreds of thousands of whom are knocking at its gates. All the clashes have been with the police and military forces of the country, not with the Arabs. An equilibrium of strength has already been established which the Arab understands and respects. All the noise and the rioting are the work of Non-Palestinian Arabs outside the country.

The Yishuv is resolved on two things: To protect at all costs and regardless of sacrifices every Jew who seeks the sanctuary of the Jewish National Home, and to accept no final solution which will whittle down the national rights of the Jewish people in Palestine. The Yishuv is disciplined, more united than ever before, and in a determined and militant mood.

It was bitterly resentful of Bevin's statement and of the Joint Committee of Inquiry; it was also baffled by President Truman's contradictory attitudes. I am sure that it will be greatly heartened by the action of the Congress of the United States which it was awaiting with keen eagerness.

December 20, 1945

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

Dear Miss Schwartz:

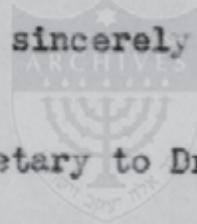
Will you please take care of the
enclosed request of Mrs. Philip Broudo? We
do not have copies of the address to send her.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

BJK



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1720—16TH STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON 9, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
41 EAST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

December 20, 1945

Miss Bessie Klein
Secretary to Dr. A. H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Klein:

We are very anxious to have a good photograph of Dr. Silver to be framed and hung in our Conference room along with the other Presidents of the Zionist Organization. The average size is about 8 x 10 inches before framing.

We have been in touch with the Emergency Council for a photograph but they do not have anything suitable for our purpose. Naturally, we want as fine a picture as we can get. We are therefore turning to you for your cooperation, and will appreciate your help in this matter, at your earliest convenience.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Jeannette M. Steinberg
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December 24, 1945

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

The enclosed copy of letter of December 17th with program enclosure from Dr. Friedrich will interest you, I know. Professor Friedrich's unremitting efforts to bring Professor Rappard here are bearing fruit, and soon we hope to hear that he has completed Professor Rappard's Universities schedule. Have you any suggestions toward further utilizing Professor Rappard's visit to this country in March?

I trust that you have recuperated from your strenuous homeward journey from Palestine, and that this letter finds you well and rested.

Cordially yours,

Blanche J. Shepard
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6 Frisbie Place

December 17, 1945

Professor William E. Rappard
Institute Universitaire de
Hautes Etudes Internationales
132, Rue de Lausanne
Geneva, Switzerland

Dear Professor Rappard:

I am afraid I have been rather slow in replying more fully to your good letter of October 4th which I merely acknowledge. I am cabling you to indicate that we are going forward with plans for the Conference for the second weekend in March and five other leading universities are looking forward to having you with them. They are Yale, Princeton, Michigan, Chicago and Columbia.

As to the most important reason why we are very anxious to have you here and at the other institutions, it is by no means our intention to have you speak with undiluted enthusiasm for the San Francisco Charter. Very few of us here feel such enthusiasm and your authoritative comments will be most welcome. However, our principle desire is to have you analyze the experience of the Mandates Commission on which you served with such great distinction as this experience bears upon the problems of the new trusteeship provisions of the Charter and we are particularly anxious to have you analyze in some detail the experience with the so-called A Mandates in the Near East and explain more especially the reason why the Mandates Commission reached the decision it did concerning the White Paper of 1939.

In order to show you the setting within which this contribution of yours would be placed I am enclosing a draft program. This is, of course, subject to change as the plans develop but it will give you some idea. It is our intention to make this Conference mighty elective so that it can make a real contribution to the development of thought in this field.

I was most interested to hear about your latest work. It would seem as challenging as your earlier titles and I am eagerly awaiting an opportunity to examine it. It might amuse you that there is a more particular reason for this desire in that I am now at work on a very extensive review of political theory in the field of peace organization focussing especially on Kant, Rousseau and their historical antecedents.

I am looking forward with great anticipation to your coming and so are your other friends here, especially Arthur Holcombe.

With warm regards,
Sincerely yours,

C.J. Friedrich

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CC: Mr. Silver, Dr. Voss

TOWARD A MIDDLE EASTERN POLICY FOR THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED NATIONS

A Conference to be held at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., Friday, March 15, 1946 and Saturday, March 16, 1946

Friday, March 15

3:30 - 5:30 Afternoon Session "Great Power Conflicts in the Middle East"
Dean James M. Landis and others.

Statement of the vital interests of the Great Powers in the Middle East with special emphasis on America's interest; the position of the Great Powers vis a vis each other and the peoples of the Middle East.

6:30 Dinner for Professor Rappard

8:00 - 10:00 After dinner session - "The League Experience with the Mandates, with particular reference to the Middle East, especially to International Trusteeship - William E. Rappard and others.

An analysis of the League experience with the Mandates of the Middle East with special reference to the problem of International Trusteeship. The special problem of Palestine as encountered by the League.

Saturday, March 16th

10:00 - 12:00 - "The Problems of the Dardanelles and the Future of Turkey"

Statement of the problem of Turkey and the Straits with special reference to the conflict between Britain and Russia and the issue of internationalization.

Luncheon conference followed by

2:00 - 3:30 - "Oil and other Economic Interests in the Middle East" - Kirtley Mather and others.

Descriptive analysis of oil resources and of the oil interests of the Great Powers in the Middle East with special reference to the role of oil in the conflict between the powers.

Dinner meeting followed by Conference

8:00 - 10:00 - "Toward an American Foreign Policy in the Middle East" - Sumner Welles.

The pattern of America's national interests and international obligations in the Middle East and a tentative recommendation for an American Foreign policy in the Middle East based on these interests and obligations.

December 17, 1945

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cC; Dr. Silver

Dr. Voss

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Miss Jeannette M. Steinberg
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Dear Miss Steinberg:

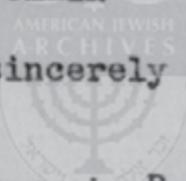
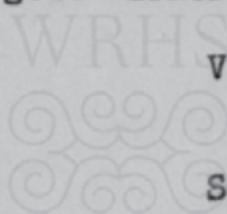
As per your request of December 20, I
am enclosing herewith a photograph of
Dr. Silver.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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Enc.

Secretary to Dr. Silver



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January 3, 1946.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I enclose copy of my letter to Mr. Saul Danaceau, Emergency Committee Chairman of Cleveland, regarding the Reverend Robert S. Hoagland of Chicago, scheduled to address the F. O. R. Club of the Euclid Avenue Church on January 28th.

I also send you our lecture flier describing Mr. Hoagland, who is a stormy petrel, and fighting mad on our side. He has addressed many colleges, clubs, etc., and is scheduled for a number of other meetings in the Middle West. Mr. Hoagland accepts no fees.

With kind regards and all good wishes for 1946, I am

Sincerely yours,

Blanche J. Shepard
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January 3, 1946.

Hon. Saul Danaceau
Original Courts Building
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Danaceau:

The Reverend Robert S. Hoagland of Chicago will be visiting Cleveland on January 28th, to address the F. O. R. Club of the Euclid Avenue Church, and could possibly meet with you and several of your colleagues while there.

Mr. Hoagland has been a most devoted worker in the American Christian Palestine Committee, and has lectured before many service clubs, colleges and churches. I know that you will wish to extend to him the friendly Zionist hand. I enclose lecture flier describing Mr. Hoagland, who has addressed many colleges, clubs, etc., and is scheduled for a number of other meetings in the Middle West.

In connection with Mr. Hoagland's stay in Cleveland on January 28th, should you wish to arrange for a small intimate meeting with local Christians whom you would wish to draw into the ACPC work, I should be glad to enquire of Mr. Hoagland as to his availability for such meeting.

With all good wishes for 1946, I am

Sincerely yours,

Blanche J. Shepard
Director

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✓ Copy to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

ROBERT S. HOAGLAND



*Foreign affairs expert,
authority on race
relations, lecturer and
minister,*

the Rev. Robert S. Hoagland roamed the European continent in quest of first-hand information. In restless pursuit of the truth, Mr. Hoagland carried on an extensive investigation of Italian and German fascism, as well as Rumanian "Democracy." Subsequently he found himself in jail in both Italy and Rumania for being too "inquisitive." This curiosity, coupled with resourcefulness, got him into a concentration camp near Frankfurt-am-Main where once again he was able to see for himself. Having travelled more than 75,000 miles, he covered the Balkans with a fine-tooth comb.

Mr. Hoagland has a rather varied background, having worked as a laborer, newspaperman and educator, specializing in literature and philosophy. His academic career includes studies at St. Olaf College, Meadville Theological School, the University of Chicago, and graduate work at Marburg, Heidelberg, Prague and Rome. As a scholar and student of the humanities, he believes that liberalism must be dynamic, not passive, that democracy is a growing concept widening and fulfilling itself only in direct ratio to the efforts of men of good will everywhere.

He served as Unitarian minister in Jamestown, N. Y., Exeter, N. H., and Ft. Wayne, Ind. He has been minister to various liberal student groups in educational institutions in this country such as Phillips Exeter Academy, the University of New Hampshire, and the Stoneleigh College for Women. He has also served as president of the Constitution Society and the Izaak Walton League of Ft. Wayne; as vice-president of the Inter-racial Commission of Ft. Wayne, and as national secretary-treasurer of the International Religious Fellowship, a liberal religious organization that has had wide practical experience in the field of race relations. At present he is minister of the People's Liberal Church which has the second largest Unitarian Church membership in Chicago.

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President MERLE S. WARD

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Good impression on audience; man of strong personality, fine speaking ability, and earnest convictions. Stimulating meeting.

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Address was exceptionally well received, evidenced by the fact that many members crowded around the speaker after meeting adjourned, to further discuss the subject with him. As program chairman, I received many compliments on my choice of speaker.

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The Chairman,
General Assembly,
United Nations Organization,
London.

Sir,

On behalf of the Jewish Agency for Palestine I have the honour to draw the attention of the United Nations Organization to the action recently taken by five member States of the U.N.O., viz: Egypt, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Syria, and the Lebanon, in proclaiming an economic boycott against the Jews of Palestine.

2. The aforementioned States, at their joint meeting in Cairo held at the beginning of December 1945, decided to institute a boycott against the products of Jewish industries in Palestine and to take steps for its effective enforcement through the machinery of their respective Governments. According to the official communique of the Conference which was issued to the press on December 3rd, "it was decided that the entry into Arab countries of Jewish products and the manufactured goods produced by Jews in Palestine is undesirable," and that, accordingly, "each State is to adopt the appropriate measures before January 1st, 1946, such as the withholding of import licences, with a view to preventing the importation of Jewish goods and products." For the effective prosecution of the boycott policy it was decided to establish a joint permanent committee. In addition, each State undertook to set up within the framework of its own Government a special commission for the same purpose. As a result of the work of these commissions, administrative measures have been adopted by the Governments concerned to give effect to the joint decision.

3. Thus an edict issued by the King of Saudi Arabia towards the end of December 1945 (reported in the Palestinian Arab press on December 31st) provides for the complete prohibition of the importation of, and the trade in, Palestinian Jewish goods, it being made clear that this definition applies not merely to goods manufactured by Palestinian Jews but also to goods originally imported through their

instrumentality from other countries. In Egypt, a special decree was promulgated by the Minister of Finance on December 31, 1945, prohibiting the importation of goods produced in Palestine save by special permission in each case, the obvious intention being to withhold such permission wherever goods of Jewish origin are concerned. In Damascus the following decisions were reported on December 25, 1945, to have been adopted by the Syrian Government: (1) the importation of goods manufactured by Jews in Palestine or supplied by Jewish intermediaries to be prohibited; (2) whoever enters into trade relations with Palestinian Jews or engages in the importation of their goods into Syria to be guilty of a criminal offense and prosecuted under the Defense of Independence Act. Similar decisions are reported to have been adopted by the Government of the Lebanon. According to a press message from Baghdad on January 4, 1946, the Iraqi Government likewise decided to prohibit the importation of Palestinian goods of Jewish origin and also to restrict the export of Iraqi goods to Palestine.

4. The Jewish Agency for Palestine begs to submit that this decision to wage an economic war against a section of the population of a neighbouring country, first taken jointly by the Governments of the Arab States in council assembled and subsequently acted upon by each Government within its own territory, is inconsistent with the purpose and the whole spirit of the United Nations Organization. The maintenance of international peace and harmony and the protection of the freedom of all peace-loving peoples to engage in all legitimate activities are of the very essence of the new world order. The course adopted by the five Arab States appears in particular to be contrary to the following express provisions of the Charter of the United Nations:

- (a) The declaration in the Preamble that the peoples of the United Nations are determined "to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, ... in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small;" "to practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbours"; and "to employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples".
- (b) The provisions of Article 1(2) according to which one of the purposes of the U.N.O. is "to develop friendly relations among nations" and of Article 1(3) which provides that one of the purposes of the U.N.O. shall be "to achieve international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character, and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion."

(c) The provision of Article 56 whereby "all members pledge themselves to take joint and separate action in cooperation with the Organization for the achievement of the purposes set forth in Article 55"; the purposes set forth in Article 55 being "the creation of conditions of stability and well-being which are necessary for peaceful and friendly relations among nations" and the promotion of "universal respect for, and observation of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion."

5. The Jewish Agency for Palestine begs further to point out that though the above five States were among the very last to declare war and, on the strength of such declaration, were admitted to the United Nations without having taken any active part in the actual struggle, they have been the first to offend against the Charter of the U.N.O. by officially resorting to action designed to cause racial incitement and economic discrimination, thus adopting one of the characteristic policies pursued by the Nazi and Fascist regimes, which were crushed by the victory of the United Nations. This incitement and discrimination is directed against the Jewish people which was the principal victim of these policies and which, in Palestine and elsewhere, cooperated most actively in the war effort, both in the military and in the economic spheres.

6. The Jewish Agency begs to lodge an emphatic protest against the action taken by these five member States of the United Nations Organization and to request that the inconsistency of this racial boycott policy with the obligations assumed by member States of the U.N.O. may be impressed upon the five States concerned and that they be required to desist from the course upon which they have embarked. In this connection attention is drawn to the obligations imposed upon members of the U.N.O. by Article 2(2) of the Charter which requires members to "fulfil in good faith the obligations assumed by them in accordance with the present Charter." Reference is also made to Article 4 which restricts membership to States which accept and "are able and willing" to carry out the obligations imposed by the Charter.

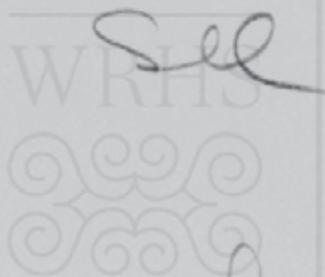
7. It is respectfully requested that this communication may be brought to the notice of all member States of the U.N.O.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

M. Shertok
EXECUTIVE OF THE JEWISH AGENCY

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January 7, 1946

Miss Bessie Kline
The Temple
East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Kline:

We are taking care of the request for Dr. Abba Hillel Silver's pamphlet on Zionism made to you by Mrs. P. H. Broudo of Detroit.

We have had to order a reprint of the pamphlet (5,000 more) in order to meet this and other requests. I thought you would want to know that we will, therefore, shortly have a considerable quantity on hand. I have changed a very few lines which date the pamphlet as having been written during the war. These were simply changes of tense for the most part. On the whole the pamphlet is as timely now as ever.

Cordially yours,

Sulamith Schwartz

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SS:BR

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Miss Bessie Klein
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Klein:

We acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of the photograph of Dr. Silver. It is an excellent likeness, but we feel that perhaps another picture of Dr. Silver would be more suitable.

As we explained, it was to be hung in the Conference Room along with pictures of former Presidents of the Organization, and all the others are bust poses. As a result of this difference, Dr. Silver's photo does not show up to advantage.

If it is at all possible, we would appreciate a bust photograph of Dr. Silver.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Jeanette M. Steinberg
Jeanette M. Steinberg



January 9, 1946

Miss Jeanette M. Steinberg
Zionist Organization of America
41 E. 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Miss Steinberg:

Under separate cover, I mailed you two different poses of Dr. Silver. From the three photographs I sent you, you should be able to arrive at a suitable choice. Will you kindly return the photographs which are not suitable?

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

It is my pleasure to inform you that at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palestine Foundation Fund (Keren Hayesod), Inc. held on December 27, 1945, you were unanimously elected Honorary Chairman of the Keren Hayesod.

It is our hope that on the basis of the increased need for intensive work on behalf of Palestine, the Keren Hayesod will this year plan and effectively implement a program of activity which will be a worthwhile contribution to our cause.

With Zion's Greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

Louis J. Schwefel
Louis J. Schwefel
Secretary

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HERBERT BAYARD SWOPE
745 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 22, N.Y.

11 January 1946

Dear Dr. Silver:-

Thanks for your pleasant letter of January 9th.
I look forward to an early meeting.

With regard,

Faithfully,

Herbert Bayard Swope

WRHS
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
American Zionist Emergency Council
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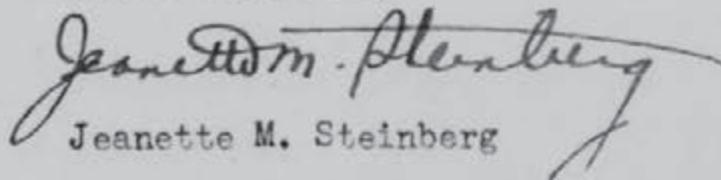
Dear Miss Klein:

The latest picture of Dr. Silver which you sent us is just what we want, and I am returning the other two to you.

Will you please send two additional pictures (from the Blackstone Studios) as quickly as possible, to Mr. Ernest E. Barbarash, Director of Public Relations, at our Washington office. Mr. Barbarash needs these for publicity purposes. We shall be happy to defray any charge if you will let us know the amount.

Thank you very much for your kind cooperation.

Sincerely yours,


Jeanette M. Steinberg

Sent
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MEMORANDUM

To Mr. Arthur Lourie

Date January 15, 1945

From Harry A. Steinberg

In view of your impending departure for London to meet with Zionist leaders there for the purpose of transmitting to them the reaction of American Zionists to the hearings just concluded in Washington, and to advise them accordingly, I should like to submit this memorandum for your consideration and trust that you will incorporate the points raised herein into the impressions that you will convey to London.

I. DEFINITION OF THE TERM "JEWISH STATE".

(I use the term Jewish State here instead of Jewish Commonwealth because it is the term that has captured the fascination of the members of the Inquiry Committee and has been used by them almost constantly. Too, our opposition has consistently attacked our "State" and not our "Commonwealth" for obvious reasons: although both terms carry the nationalist connotation, the "State" lacks the democratic implications that "Commonwealth" contains.)

Although several attempts were made on the part of Zionist witnesses in Washington to get across to the Committee the meaning of the term "Jewish State", some of the members of the Commission, particularly the Americans with whom we should especially be concerned, are still somewhat confused on that point. (Our Jewish opponents, the missionaries and the Arabs did a good job in adding to this confusion). I FEEL THE ISSUE IS IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO HAVE ONE BRITISH ZIONIST LEADER DEVOTE HIS COMPLETE 45 MINUTE ADDRESS TO THIS SINGLE POINT.

As of now, some of the members of the Commission have the notion that there is something sinister and unseemly in the term "political Zionism". Judge Hutchison, especially, sees conflicting and irreconcilable ideas between what he thinks is cultural Zionism and what he fancies to be political Zionism. Even though our spokesmen have pointed out time and again that Arab rights will be protected, the "Jewish State" still frightens him.

I believe that the confusion and misconceptions on the part of some members of the Inquiry Committee are due partly to the failure of our Zionist witnesses to realize that they were dealing with people who were for the most part uninformed even in the first principles of Zionism. Our people were attempting to give the Commission a "secondary" education in Zionism when what was needed was an "elementary" education.

It must be emphasized and re-emphasized in London, that as far as the every-day rights of the people in Palestine are concerned, the difference

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January 15, 1948

between a cultural Zionism and a political Zionism is merely the difference between whether the Jews are a minority in Palestine or whether they are a majority there. There is no vague or mysterious step through which politically Palestine must progress from a Jewish-majority condition into the Jewish State. The terms are synonymous and the Jewish majority automatically becomes the Jewish State - granting, of course, the abolition of the Mandate. In other words, cultural Zionism and political Zionism differ quantitatively, not qualitatively. (Each time the term "Jewish State" is used before the Commission it should be coupled with the qualifying phrase "the Jewish majority". In this fashion the idea can be driven home through repetition.)

II. THE MYTH OF ARAB POWER

Both the British and the American members of the Commission are somewhat terrified at the spectre of large-scale bloodshed in Palestine should the White Paper be revoked or should a proposed Jewish State be announced. (At least, that is the impression they are trying to convey.) The Zionist presentation in Washington made no serious dent in exploding the myth of Arab might in the Near East.

Considerable attention must be given in London, I believe, to the presentation of a realistic picture of the situation. Past futile military exhibitions on the part of Arabs, such as the Iraq revolt of 1941, should be cited. Military statistics in Arab countries should be quoted and a little research on this point effectively presented to the Committee would soon dispel any illusions, which they undoubtedly share along with Truman, that a half-million American troops will be needed to keep the peace in Palestine.

At the same time, it should be highlighted that the Jews are, militarily speaking, a potent factor in Palestine. Haganah should be played up instead of down, and, if anything, its strength should be overstated and not understated. Let the Commission know, that if a just decision on their part is to be sacrificed to expediency or fear of uprising or force, Jewish force can be a greater factor than Arab force. Appeasement must work both ways.

III. "TERRORISM"

Undoubtedly between now and May 7th much violence will be resorted to in Palestine by the Irgun and the Sternists. We may even expect certain interests to "arrange" incidents between Jews and Arabs in Palestine during the time the Commission will be there. It is assumed, of course, that we will not openly condone the activities of these two groups. However, sooner or later, the anti-Zionists on the Commission will point to their activities and attempt to convert these activities into anti-Zionist propaganda. Indeed, the British have already done so, and certain foreign correspondents have only been too eager to lend themselves to the British in strengthening this impression.

I am of the opinion in this connection that Zionists should assume the offensive before circumstances place us on the defensive. While we deplore violence, we must make vividly clear to the Commission the policies and practices that drive some Jews in Palestine to desperation. It should be

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Jan. 15, 1946

pointedly stated that the use of force per se is not necessarily an evil: when the cause is just, the use of force is just -- as in the case of war, for example, or in certain revolutions. The Americans on the Commission may be impressed with comparisons between what is going on in Palestine today and the story of our own American Revolution. We have the added advantage of being able to point to a people fighting for its very existence as opposed to the slogan of "taxation without representation".

IV. ARAB ALIGNMENT WITH FASCIST POWER; JEWISH PALESTINE A BULWARK OF DEMOCRACY

It should be emphasized that, from the world political point of view, the cause of democracy can best be served by a Jewish Palestine. The Arabs are a people of unstable and shifting loyalties. Their history is replete with examples; they turned against the Turks, the British, the French. They will continue to act in similar fashion against any other Powers who may have vital interests in the Near East.

The Arab League is not democratic-minded; it is aggressive and super-nationalistic. It is out to promote the interests of feudalistic Arab rulers as opposed to the interests of the Arab peoples.

The Jews have proven their loyalty to the democratic tradition. We can point to their record in this war, as opposed to the practical non-participation, and even the treachery, of the Arab peoples. Democracy in the Near East can only be built on the foundations of a Jewish Palestine, not an Arab Palestine.

NOTE:

Although points 2, 3, and 4 were brought up by Mr. Neumann in his presentation, he was unable, I feel, to devote the proper amount of time to these points, inasmuch as he necessarily had to discuss many other questions. They should, therefore, be handled at much greater length in London.

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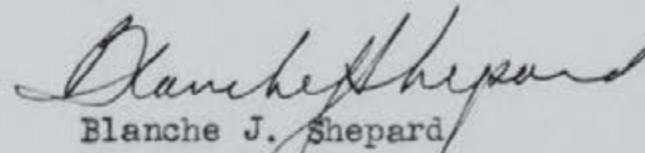
Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed I send you copies of exchange of correspondence between Rabbi Isidore Passow, of the New England Zionist Emergency Council, and myself. I am troubling you with it because a principle is involved, on which I believe a formula is needed, because problems such as this arise every now and then with other communities.

You will see that New England feels very keenly that the national office should bear the expenses of a speaker or speakers in connection with the American Christian Palestine Committee Women's Luncheon, which they feel will yield many hundreds of members. The letter which I wrote to Rabbi Passow, which was approved by Mr. Shapiro, brought me a long distance telephone call from Boston, saying that they would contact Emanuel Neumann, protesting the lack of financial support decision, and asked that I take the matter up with you. In Mr. Shapiro's absence, I am forced to do this. May I have your answer, so that I may give it to Rabbi Passow.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,


Blanche J. Shepard
Director

BJS:MW
Enc.

P.S. I was holding this letter for you on Monday, in the hope that I might discuss it with you, but I missed seeing you while you were in New York.

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January 18, 1946

Rabbi Isidore Passow
New England Zionist Emergency Council
729 Boylston Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Rabbi Passow:

I have your letter of January 17, which I shall take up with Dr. Silver, as you suggested over the telephone.

Enclosed I send you check for \$141.43, covering monies which you advanced for transportation expenses in connection with Professor Friedrich's speaking engagements in Lincoln, Omaha, Kansas City and Des Moines.

You know how deeply we appreciate your many courtesies in helping us out with travel arrangements.

Sincerely yours,

Blanche J. Shepard
Director

BJS:BI
Encl. Check
\$141.43

P.S. I have made note of your telephone request of \$147.03 covering Dr. Hunter's round-trip transportation to New Orleans and Baton Rouge, for which points he leaves by air tonight, and have sent a memorandum to our Accounting Department for its earliest attention covering a refund to you. I assume that for our accounting records I shall receive a bill from you.

CC: Dr. Silver

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January 17, 1946

Mrs. Blanche J. Shepard
Club Program Service
41 East 42nd St.
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Shepard:

Re our telephone conversation of this afternoon, I would like to make our position clear to you.

You stated that when the American Zionist Emergency Council runs a large conference, the local committee is supposed to follow up and take over from there on. I think Dean LeSourd and Mr. Shapiro will both agree that the American Christian Palestine Committee coverage in this area has been finer and more detailed than any other area in the country. That is undoubtedly due to the constant surveillance of this office over the program of our colleagues in the American Christian Palestine Committee office.

We would like to extend that coverage to every part of the community. Therefore, we have in mind a Women's Division of the American Christian Palestine Committee and a Campus Division of the American Christian Palestine Committee. We would like to formally establish the Women's Division by a large tea or luncheon which was originally scheduled for the latter part of January. The local committee is ready to stand the cost of the tea and of the mechanics involved. We would like to have one of the three speakers you mentioned to us, preferably Mrs. Luce, as the speaker; and we would like to have the American Zionist Emergency Council take care of the speaker's honorarium and expenses.

We proceed on the premise that it is the desire of the American Zionist Emergency Council to get as extended a coverage as possible. That means a full follow-up job between the annual conferences of which you spoke. We assume that you want a complete job rather than an imitation one.

MADE IN U.S.A.

I would appreciate it greatly if you would let me know as soon as possible so that we might be able to guide ourselves accordingly and proceed with the furtherance of the work.

Warm personal regards.

With Zion's greetings,

Rabbi Isidore D. Passow
Executive Director

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

You will be interested in reading the enclosed paragraph excerpted from a recent letter from Mrs. Walter Clay Lowdermilk, giving her impression of the Commission Hearings.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Blanche J. Shepard
Blanche J. Shepard
Director

BJS:HB
Encl.

January 23, 1946

Mrs. Blanche Shepherd
American Zionist Emergency Council
41 E. 42nd Street
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Shepherd:

I received a day or two ago the enclosed letter from Rabbi Charles E. Shulman of Glencoe, Illinois. I am sure that you know him. He is an excellent speaker, and devoted to our cause. You may wish to use him.

Please communicate with him.

Very cordially yours,

AHS:GR
Enc.

January 24, 1946

Mrs. Blanche J. Shepard
American Zionist Emergency Council
41 E. 42nd Street
New York 17, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Shepard:

Thank you for your letter of the 22nd, enclosing your correspondence with Rabbi Passow. When I am in New York next week, please discuss this matter with me. There is some additional information that I would like to know before a fixed policy is set.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

P.S. I will need a speaker for Sunday morning, February 10. Can you recommend some interesting people?

January 24, 1946

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

Dear Miss Schwartz:

Will you kindly send Rabbi Silver three copies of Ernest Frankenstein's "Justice for My People." Please send a bill along with the books.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver



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January 24, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

For the next several weeks we shall be busily at work trying to make America conscious of Frank Gervasi's "TO WHOM PALESTINE?", which will be published by Appleton-Century on February 15th. This job has been thrown at me and I assume that you are aware of our interest in this book and also of the fact that the Emergency Council has practically guaranteed the success of this work. We have underwritten the sale of fifteen thousand copies during the next twelve months.

This may turn out to be a sizeable assignment and, of course, we are contacting reviewers, commentators, columnists, public figures, etc., in an effort to gain the widest attention possible.

In this connection you can be of service to us. It would be helpful if you would write a paragraph or two and say some nice things about the book. We shall probably use your remarks as blurbs in advertisements in the New Palestine, the Hadassah publication, and possibly in the general press. We should receive your statement as soon as possible. Two copies of the book are being sent to you under separate cover.

With kindest personal regards.

Very sincerely yours,

Harry A. Steinberg
Harry A. Steinberg

QS:jm

P.S. Should there be any people in Ohio, Washington, etc., to whom you should like to have the book sent with your compliments, just drop us a note.

SI - Silver

Dr. Benjamin Akzin

January 25, 1946

Harry Steinberg

Prior to his departure to attend the Southeast Zionist Regional Conference, Mr. Neumann asked me to reply to your note of January 14th to which you attached the draft of a 2,000 word letter to be sent by Senators Taft and Wagner to Judge Hutcheson of the Anglo-American Commission of Inquiry.

Mr. Neumann was quite pleased with the letter but asked me to inform you that there is no longer any need for submitting such a communication to Mr. Hutcheson. Senator Wagner we learned, on his own initiative, has already submitted ^{A SIMILAR} the letter to the Judge and it would be superfluous to repeat the performance.

QS:RB

January 28, 1946

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

My dear Sulamith:

Do you know Mr. M. Edelbaum's book, "The Way to Freedom," published by the Bloch Publishing Co.? He feels that the Emergency Council ought to help him by purchasing a thousand copies. Let me have your judgment. Perhaps you would get in touch with him personally. He lives at 250 West 103rd St., New York 25. His telephone number is Academy 4-1900.

He is also thinking of writing other books related to Palestine, and articles.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date January 28, 1946

From Harry A. Steinberg

In connection with the promotion of the Gervasi book, we plan to distribute a number of copies gratis among leading members of the American Rabbinate sympathetic to our point of view who will be inclined to be of assistance to us. A covering letter will ask them to devote a sermon to the book.

Can you possibly arrange for the Central Conference of American Rabbis to send to us their latest directory so that we may select twenty names or so for this purpose?

QS:jm

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your letter of January 23rd, with attached copy of letter from Rabbi Charles E. Shulman of Glencoe.

I have had the pleasure of meeting Rabbi Shulman, and am glad to know that he is again available for future meetings, now that he has retired from his chaplaincy. I am writing to Rabbi Shulman, as you suggested.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Blanche J. Shepard
Blanche J. Shepard
Director

BJS:MW

January 29, 1946

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

My dear Mr. Steinberg:

In reply to your letter of January 28 - I am enclosing herewith the latest list of Rabbis of the Central Conference of American Rabbis published in the 1944 Yearbook. There have been a few changes in address since it was published.

Please return this directory after you are through with it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

January 29, 1946

Dr. Wolfgang von Weisl
Gedera, Palestine

Dear Dr. von Weisl:

In reply to your letter to Dr. Silver dated December 12th, Dr. Silver^{has} asked me to inform you that he has discussed the matter with Mr. Emanuel Neumann and that Mr. Neumann will undoubtedly contact you upon his arrival in Palestine in the latter part of February.

With many thanks for your communication, I
am

Sincerely yours,

QS:RS

Harry A. Steinberg

Eleazer Kaplan

January 29, 1946

Harry Steinberg

I am attaching a copy of a letter to Prof. Friedrich relative to our conversation this morning. This will serve as a reminder to you and I hope that there will not be any undue delay on the part of the University in issuing the invitation to Friedrich.

The invitation should directly request Friedrich to come to the University on their behalf and should not be an indirect or roundabout sort of invitation such as I understand the previous offer to have been.

QS:RB

January 29, 1946

Prof. Carl J. Friedrich
6 Frisbie Place
Cambridge 38, Mass.

Dear Prof. Friedrich:

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, who is out of the city at the present time, has asked me to arrange that the Hebrew University in Jerusalem should issue a direct invitation to you to come to the University. The University authorities will be authorized to guarantee your traveling and hotel expenses plus an additional \$500. to take care of per diem and incidentals.

I have today discussed this matter with one who is flying to Palestine this week, and he will convey this information to the proper authorities. You shall undoubtedly hear directly from the University in the near future.

Sincerely,

QS:RB

Harry A. Steinberg

January 31, 1946

Mr. Milton Silberman
Zionist Organization of Chicago
230 South State Street
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Milton:

You will undoubtedly recall that some time ago, Mike Hecht from the Albany Park district communicated with Dr. Silver proposing an alignment of Zionists and Communists in Europe for the purpose of evacuating Jews from Europe to Palestine etc.

Dr. Silver has discussed this matter with me. His feeling is that it would be extremely unwise to put anything in writing to Mr. Hecht on official Zionist stationery inasmuch as we never know into what hands such a communication might fall. Dr. Silver prefers that you, in conversation with Mr. Hecht, inform him that you have heard from us on the matter about which he has written and that it is our feeling that the entire subject is beyond the province of American Zionists and that undoubtedly there is a certain amount of cooperation already in existence in Europe among various groups who are anxious to help Jewish immigration into Palestine, etc.

Please treat this matter confidentially.

With all good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Harry A. Steinberg

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January 31st,
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Dr. Aba Hilel Silver, Chairman
Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I recently had occasion to discuss with my friend, Dr. Benjamin Akzin, Zionist strategy at this critical juncture. Akzin felt that at least some of the ideas suggested by me merited submission to you. I propose to do so, in the briefest possible manner:-

1) I suggested that the Jewish Agency invite Winston Churchill to give evidence in its' behalf at the meetings of the Anglo-American Commission of Inquiry on Palestine. Churchill, Colonial Secretary in 1922 - who described himself as one of the architects of the Jewish future and who, on his recent arrival in New York, stated to the press that he was a Zionist, would be the most suitable person to explain the original intentions of the framers of the Balfour Declaration.

Churchill should be invited to give evidence before the Commission, in Palestine, itself. The invitation that is sent to Churchill should appeal to him to appear on behalf of the Jewish people in their hour of greatest plight. The appeal should be on humanitarian grounds and a reference to Churchill's chance to immortalize himself also in Jewish history should not be omitted.

Churchill with his love for the dramatic might perhaps accept the invitation. He might feel that this is an opportunity of proving to the world that were he still Prime Minister, he would have solved the Jewish problem, as indeed, on occasions, he had promised. He might enjoy proving that it is only because there is now a Labor Administration that all the trouble has arisen!!

But even if Churchill refuses the invitation, its' propoganda effect, in my opinion, would be considerable. Of course, were the Jewish Agency to send such an invitation to Churchill, the very fact of the invitation should be given the widest possible international publicity.

2) I suggest that the Jewish Agency invite General Smuts to come to Jerusalem and give evidence in its' behalf before the Anglo-American Commission. I don't remember the exact words, but I believe Smuts said - after the first World War - that the setting up of a Jewish State was one of the most important achievements of that war. The appearance of the eldest statesman in the British Empire, in our behalf, could not but carry the greatest possible weight with the Commission.

Of course, Smuts is quite busy as Prime Minister of South Africa, but I believe there is a good chance that he would accept.

3) I believe that the mass transfer of the Arabs from Palestine to Iraq is the only possible solution of the present impasse and of future difficulties. Not only do I believe in the practicability and feasibility of this proposal but I believe that, if properly handled, the idea could be sold to the Arabs.

As Akzin may tell you, my own interest in the matter of "transfer" goes back to 1928. Of course, the idea did not originate with me. In recent years, I devoted a little time to what I would describe as the organizational side of the project. However, I shall not encumber you, in the course of this letter, with the details.

I visualize that by the time the Anglo-American Commission reaches Palestine, members of the commission will have spent a few months in listening to highly diversified evidence. More will follow in Palestine, itself. Members of the commission are bound to get somewhat wary under the mass of facts and evidence of conflicting nature. They may even be somewhat bewildered and at a loss to find a suitable solution.

It is at that psychological moment that the idea of the transfer should be presented to them in the weightiest possible manner as a concrete proposal worked out in its fullest details with due regard to the political, economic and financial problems involved.

Ex-President, Herbert Hoover - in view of his recent letter to the "Times" favoring the Arab transfer - would be the logical man to come before the Commission in Palestine and submit such a proposal. However, it would be preferable that Hoover should not come merely as an individual. Steps should be taken for the immediate formation of a representative committee consisting of a number of leading Americans prominent in the fields of politics, finance, science, engineering, etc., and headed by Hoover for the

purpose of sponsoring the Arab transfer and the resettlement of refugee Jews. I have more detailed ideas in this connection as well as proposals for raising the required funds, which would obviously run into a few hundred million dollars.

4) An aggressive and intensified campaign against the present British Palestine policy should be continued. The attempt of the Palestine military administration to turn Palestine into practically a large concentration camp for its' several hundred thousand inhabitants should be clearly brought to public attention.

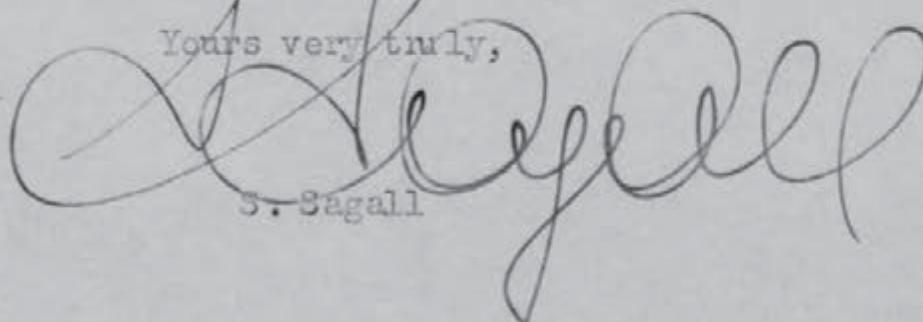
I had in mind, a public trial, say at Madison Square Garden, to last perhaps a day or two, of the British Government and its' Palestine policy. At such a trial, it could be brought out - on purely legal grounds - that the British having been guilty of innumerable breaches of both the Balfour Declaration and the mandate, have no further justification whatsoever for their presence in Palestine. They certainly had no right to impose military rule or martial law in Palestine. They had no right to collect taxes. They have no right to stop immigration, etc.

Eminent non-Jewish jurists could be invited to take part in such a trial and present the case against the British Government. A kind of informal subpoena might be served on Atlee, Bevin, Lord Halifax and a few others inviting them to attend the trial. Seats would be prepared for them which, of course, would remain vacant. In such a case, it would be a good idea to appoint counsel to defend the British Government in their absence. Such a trial, if properly staged, might have tremendous publicity value.

5) Simultaneously a campaign inside and outside of Britain drawing attention of British masses to having backed the wrong horse - the Arab League - which might turn out to be a Frankenstein,- would, in view of the present general international situation, be well timed.

I think I have already made the letter too long. I will be at your disposal should you want me to elaborate on any points. I would have liked to see the formation of a special Zionist Strategy Committee, of course, as part of and under the control of the Emergency Council. Needless to say, I would be only too glad to devote some time to the problems of such a committee, if called upon.

Yours very truly,



S. Sagall

SS/McC.

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RESEARCH DEPARTMENT

February 4, 1946

Dear Dr. Silver,

I enclose herewith for your consideration a copy of Palestine in the Middle East, a monthly information bulletin of the Research Department, intended for editors, editorial writers, feature writers, leaders in the ACPC, educators, members of both Houses of Congress, heads of Government departments, members of the American Zionist Emergency Council, and chairmen of local Emergency committees.

The manuscript has already been sent to the printer, but since this is the first issue I shall hold up the galley proofs for your approval and suggestions. Mr. Manson has read the manuscript and highly approves of it.

I should appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,


B. Shwadran
Research Department

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

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February 4, 1946

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

First- Detroit: The American Christian Palestine Committee Conference, March 20-21. I send you here a memorandum concerning this conference. Mr. Slomovitz of Detroit and his ACPC colleagues feel that it would add greatly to the effectiveness of the closing dinner function were you to appear as a guest speaker together with Senator Mead on the evening of March 21. May I know please whether you may be so scheduled.

Two- Prof. Henry Miller Busch: The enclosed copy of January 31 letter from Prof. Busch will interest and I know please you. May I respectfully suggest that a letter of acknowledgment for services rendered, from yourself to Prof. Busch, might be indicated here. This is, I believe, an example of what many of our Christian friends are doing and is a demonstration of what happens when we "get into the bloodstream" of our Christian champions.

With kind regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

Blanche J. Shepard
Blanche J. Shepard
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BJS:EB
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January 31, 1946

Mrs. Blanche J. Shepard
Club Program Service
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Shepard:

Thank you for your recent letter and the check covering the honorarium for my speaking engagement before the Cleveland Heights Rotary Club on December 27th.

I should have answered promptly, but we are in the midst of final examinations and re-registration for the second semester, and the only time I can take for my own correspondence are the few minutes I steal for lunch time, in order to put such a note as this on the dictaphone.

I am enclosing my check for \$25.00, for I recently received a check in that amount from the treasurer of the Cleveland Heights Rotary Club. I am sure that that organization did not intend this as extra compensation and had no knowledge of our financial arrangements.

I am sure you will be interested to know that I have had many opportunities to be of service to the cause since I returned to Cleveland. In my Monday night class on the problems of peace and reconstruction, a group of about 120 mature adults, I have had the opportunity of setting forth the entire situation, so that ministers, social science teachers, and others have been better able to interpret the Palestine problem.

On the second Friday in each month, I have a current events lecture group at the central branch of the Y.M.C.A. and I have been able to clarify the issue before this group.

On November 7th in a talk before 300 members of the Laurel School student body on the problem of the displaced people of Europe, I was able to show them the place of Palestine in solving the problems of those Jews who wished to go there, and as you may know, on November 11th I spoke at the banquet meeting of the Women's Pioneer Association at the Hotel Hollenden on "A Christian Views the Palestine Problem".

During the next week, I spoke on the same topic for the Rotary Club of Painesville, Ohio, a town about 30 miles east of here. As I wrote Mr. Furnad today, I imagine the good business men of the Painesville Rotary cannot figure out my basis of operation, for I had previously declined a speaking invitation at a \$50.00 fee because I did not feel that I could afford the time; yet, on the direct repre-

resentation of one of their local members,*who was deeply concerned about the Palestine problem, I went out less than a month later as a volunteer speaker.

On Sunday night, December 23rd, acting as co-chairman of the Cleveland committee, I presided at a meeting in the Cleveland Public Music Hall attended by about 2000 people and addressed by Rabbi Silver, Mr. Ezra Shapiro, Rabbi Kirschblum, Congressmen Michael Feighan, and George A. Bender, and Mr. A.I. Stevenson, of the Cleveland Industrial Union Council of the C.I.O., recently returned from service with the 8th Air Force overseas. That was a very successful rally. Although unfortunately the overwhelming proportion of the people in the audience were Jewish, we were still able to put over a better understanding of the Palestine problem to the Gentile community.

On Sunday night, January 13th, I addressed the Cultural Forum of the Jewish Federation of Toledo on "What Shall We Do with the Displaced People?" and again, although these people needed no special urging to take a deeper interest in Palestine, I was able to deepen their interest somewhat.

On Tuesday evening, January 22nd, at the request of several of my students who are members of Avukah, I addressed a dinner meeting of about 70 students of Flora Stone Mather College and Adelbert College, both of Western Reserve University, on the topic "Forces Supporting and Opposing Zionism."

The next evening, in my regular January talk, for the Church Night of the Church of the Covenant (Presbyterian), in speaking on the topic "Taking Stock of 1945", I was able to put the Palestine problem in the setting of the year's events. Both the minister, Dr. Phillip Bird, and the associate minister, Dr. William Graham Cole, are already sympathetic with Zionism, and I am sure they were glad to have the problem presented incidentally in a review of world events and by a Gentile whom they had long known and who is a regular lecturer in their church.

I think that covers my report to date, but I shall try to keep you informed whenever I have the opportunity of presenting the issue, either incidentally as part of a broader subject, or before a group, who have chosen the topic as the subject of the whole discussion.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Henry Miller Busch

*It may be worth while for you to have his name; Mr. Harold Kay, Mgr. Lake Theatre, Painesville, O.

CC: Dr. Voss, Mr. Tuvim, Dr. Silver

MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date February 4, 1946

From Harry Steinberg

Attached herewith are the copies of exchange of memoranda between Dr. Akzin and myself.

Will you be good enough to see to it that he gets the material which he needs.

QS:NF
Encl.



Dr. Benjamin Akzin

February 4, 1946

Harry Steinberg

(1) Your draft of the Taft-Wagner letter meant for Judge Hutcheson was sent to Dr. Silver a week ago. I shall ask him to return either the original or a copy.

(2) My information that Senator Wagner's letter to Judge Hutcheson was sent on his own initiative was obtained from Mr. Emanuel Neumann during the course of conversation. It is very likely that I misunderstood him or that he was misinformed. In any event, if you have more precise information on this score we shall be glad to receive it.

QS:NF

Copy to: Dr. Silver —
Mr. Neumann



AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

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DATE: January 31, 1946

FROM Benjamin Akzin
TO: Harry Steinberg

SUBJECT: Proposed letter by Senators Taft and Wagner to Judge Hutcheson

1. Could you send me the original or a copy of that draft? With a little re-writing, I will be able to use it in Washington for various other purposes.
2. Senator Wagner's letter to Judge Hutcheson was certainly not sent on his own initiative. Very far from it.

BA:cw

Regards

B.A.

Thanks for the Gervasi copies.

C O P Y

February 4, 1946

Mr. Peter H. Bergson
Hebrew Committee of National Liberation
2315 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington 8, D.C.

Dear Mr. Bergson:

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver has asked me to acknowledge your recent communication to him, in which you enclose a copy of a memorandum to the Acting Secretary of State concerning the proposed establishment of an independent state of Transjordan.

We thank you for bringing the material to our attention.

Sincerely yours,

QS:RW

Harry A. Steinberg

February 7, 1946

Dr. Shwadron
Research Department
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Shwadron:

I looked through the manuscript of the first issue of "Palestine" in the Middle East and it makes a good impression.

I believe that the forthcoming issues should be much shorter, no more than four or six pages, and in the nature and form of a bulletin. The likelihood of having a shorter bulletin read is much greater.

You will have to guard against competing with "Palestine". You should meet with Mrs. Schwartz and talk over the subject very carefully so as to avoid duplication. Generally speaking, your bulletin should be devoted to factual presentations, information, significant news, etc. "Palestine" should be "political", literary, and the broad discussion of Zionist and Palestine problems, and world events related to them. The material of your bulletin should be discussed with Mrs. Schwartz before it is published.

It would also be advisable that the bulletin appear two weeks after "Palestine" appears, i.e. if "Palestine" appears the first of each month the bulletin should appear on the 15th, and vice versa.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR
cc: Mrs. Shulamith Schwartz

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My dear Dr. Silver:-

I shall be interested in the reply you receive from Baruch in connection with your letter of February 12th.

If I am not mistaken, Dr. Weizmann knows Churchill very well. If there should be any hitch with respect to Baruch, why don't you have him arrange an engagement.

WRHS



Herbert Bayard Swope

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To . Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

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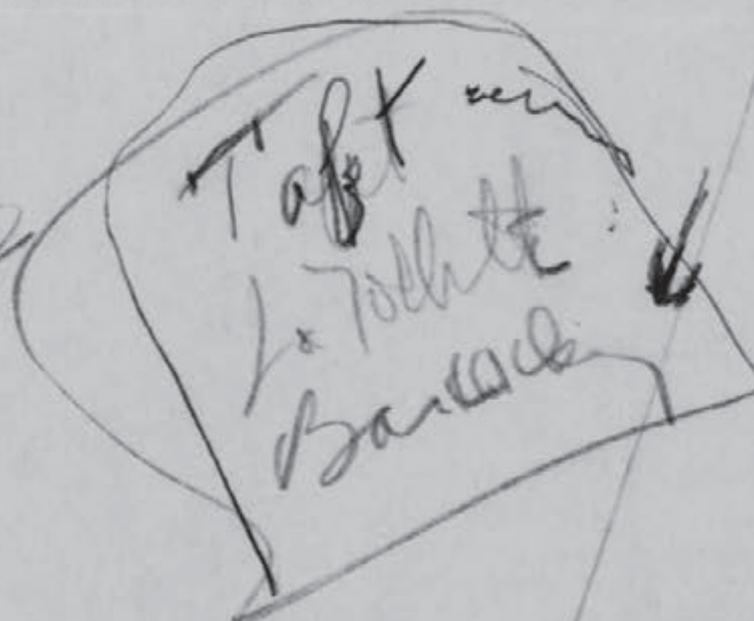
From Harry A. Steinberg

May I send you this reminder for several sentences singing the praises of the Gervasi book, as requested in my letter to you of January 24th.

We are rapidly approaching the "deadline" on several scheduled ads. It would be helpful to receive your paragraph within the next few days.



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February 22, 1946

Mr. Harry A. Steinberg
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Steinberg:

I am enclosing herewith a sentence or two on Gervasi's
book.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR
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A careful student of world affairs and a close observer of the Middle East gives eloquent and persuasive answer to the question "To Whom Palestine?" Frank Gervasi's volume penetrates through layers of propaganda to the clear, honest purpose, which was sanctioned by the nations of the world after the last war—the rebuilding of Palestine as the Jewish National Home, the fulfillment of which is now being endangered by British imperialism and by intransigent Pan-Arabism. The book should be widely read.



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February 25, 1946

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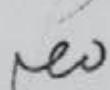
Dear Dr. Silver:

I did not hear from you today so I assume that either you or one of your friends has contacted Mr. Justice Burton directly. I hope he will accept.

For your information, I requested Bob Taft today, at Leon Feuer's request, to go to Toledo on the 17th, but he told me that it is going to be absolutely out of the question for him to leave Washington under any circumstances for a speech, prior to July 1st. This is because of the accumulation of his Senate duties which will include the airing of his views on the British loan.

I am inclosing, for your information, a letter from Senator Vandenberg which I'll appreciate if you will return to me.

Very sincerely,


Leo R. Sack

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Mr. Shapiro has referred to me that portion of your letter of February 22nd which deals with the address recently delivered by Nejla Izzedin, Arab propagandist, before the Council on World Affairs, Cleveland. I am writing to the Council as you suggested, requesting that in a forthcoming meeting an opportunity be given to a Zionist spokesman to present the other side. Don't you agree that this request should be bolstered by similar letters from several Jews and Christians resident in Cleveland? I am making this suggestion to Mr. Danaceau, in the hope that he will follow through.

I feel that something must be done about the peripatetic Nejla Izzedin. She is doing us much damage. Although we do follow her up wherever we can, with requests for a hearing of our side, I feel that this is patchwork and that a vigorous campaign is indicated.

Club Program Service, which has been relying on speakers attached to colleges, churches, radio stations, etc., has reached the stage where it needs a full time paid speaker who can be routed wherever necessary. I have dozens and dozens of requests for speakers from colleges and clubs which are unfulfilled and the red pins on my map indicating these unfulfilled requests are a constant reproach.

In another hostile area the American Council for Judaism has Elmer Berger and others available at all times. Berger is now contracted to the Pearson Lecture Bureau and is advertised in "Program" magazine as a lecturer on "The Jewish Dilemma". No doubt the American Council underwrites this and thus Berger is receiving platform space in many colleges, clubs, etc., of which we do not even know.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

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February 27, 1946

I have three recommendations,- First - that we engage a full time non-Jewish lecturer. I know that we are handicapped financially, but I fear that we are losing many fine opportunities while our enemies are making hay.

Second:- that we contract and underwrite a Jewish lecturer, like Rabbi Shulman of Glencoe, to a first-class lecture bureau to counteract Berger's work.

Third:- that the field men of the ZOA be urged to use their contacts and obtain bookings from their local clubs and colleges. Some communities are doing this with good results.

I would very much appreciate having your views on the above.

With kind regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Blanche J. Shepard
Blanche J. Shepard
Director

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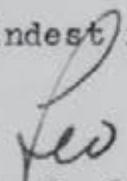
Dear Dr. Silver:

Senator George inserted in the Congressional Record yesterday Mr. Baruch's speech on Sunday. It's of interest, not only because George put it in the Record, but also because Baruch publicly refers to his Jewish ancestry. I am enclosing it for your information.

Celler's party last night was very interesting. Among those who listened attentively and sympathetically to Akzin's discussions were Mr. Justice Douglas and the Solicitor General of the Department of Justice, Mr. McGrath of Rhode Island. I arranged to be seated next to McGrath in order that I could help to further stimulate his interest. He has promised me to make a couple of speeches in our behalf.

I enjoyed being with you yesterday.

Kindest regards


Leo R. Sack

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February 28, 1946

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

My dear Mrs. Shepard:

The enclosed confidential report on the activities of the Arab Office at Washington will be of interest to you.

There is attached herewith a list of those organizations which the Arab propaganda in the United States aims to reach and through some of which it is already working very actively. It is these same organizations that our Lecture Bureau ought to reach. These and academic circles. I am eager to hear what is being done in that field and what you plan to do in the near future.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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March 1, 1946

Miss Bessie Klein, Secretary
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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Bessie Klein:

Here I am again imposing on your kindness but I am forced to do so, so please forgive me,

Dr. and Mrs. Henry A. Atkinson require two plane reservations from Cleveland to Detroit on the evening of March 19. Dr. Atkinson will spend the day of March 19 at Wooster College returning to Cleveland to take the plane to Detroit. He is scheduled to participate in the American Christian Palestine Committee in Detroit March 20 and 21. Both Wooster and Detroit are very important and I do hope, therefore, that you will find it possible to make the necessary reservations.

I would appreciate a confirmation from you as he will be anxiously awaiting word as to these reservations.

With many thanks and kindest regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

Blanche J. Shepard
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March 1, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have tried not to trouble you with the little matter of literary public relations on which I am hereby going to ask your opinion. I had hoped it would settle itself as so many small problems do -- but it hasn't.

Briefly, the Foreign Policy Association is putting out a "Headline Book" (you know their series) on the Palestine question, to be based mainly on the treatment of the problem they published during the riots by David Popper, then on their staff and now in some Government post. They want two prefaces to the book -- that is what they do with every controversial issue. It seems one is to be by Abdul Rahman Bey, the Arab League Secretary. While Dr. Weizmann was here they asked him to do the second and he was either unwilling or unable to do so.

The young man on the Foreign Policy Association editorial staff who is handling the matter is named Martin Ebon, a German-Jewish refugee. He is apparently pro-Zionist and seems genuinely disturbed by the thought that the book may come out without a Zionist preface to counterbalance the Arab League gentleman. He begged that you try to write a piece. Would you be willing to do so? What is your opinion on the whole matter?

I look forward eagerly to hearing from you and to communicating your decision to Mr. Ebon.

Sincerely,
Sulamith Schwartz
Sulamith Schwartz

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March 4, 1946

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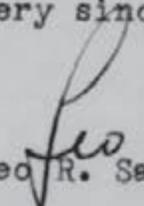
Dear Dr. Silver:

I am in receipt this morning of your letter of February 28th, and I have already requested Senators Taft and Vandenberg to send the letters to Mr. Kane. Miss Doyle, in Vandenberg's office, indicated that the letter will go forth this evening in order that Kane will receive it in plenty of time.

May I suggest also, letters or telegrams from Barkley and Wagner? If this is agreeable with you, I will contact them.

Kindest regards

Very sincerely,


Leo R. Sack

LRS:es

March 4, 1946

Mrs. Blanche J. Shepard, Director
Club Program Service
41 E. 42nd St.
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Shepard:

On receipt of your letter this morning, I called Pennsylvania Central Airlines regarding plane reservations for Dr. and Mrs. Henry Atkinson from Cleveland to Detroit on March 19. All they had at the present time was one seat on the flight which leaves Cleveland at 7:35 P.M. arriving in Detroit at 8:22 P.M. The preceding flight is around two o'clock in the afternoon, which is too early, and the next flight after the 7:35 flight was filled. I therefore asked them to hold the one seat on the 7:35 flight and to get in touch with me if there was a cancellation. They assured me that possibilities were good on that flight and that preference, if there were cancellations, was given to people traveling together. I'll communicate with you as soon as I hear further.

I am wondering whether Dr. and Mrs. Atkinson could consider this alternative. It would necessitate their spending the night in Cleveland, however. The Mercury is an excellent train which leaves Cleveland at 7:45 A.M., arriving in Detroit at 10:50 A.M. I do not know, of course, whether there is a morning meeting scheduled in Detroit on the 20th. If there is, I don't suppose Dr. and Mrs. Atkinson could consider this schedule. In any case, I shall keep in touch with Pennsylvania Central Airlines.

With best wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver

March 5, 1946

Mr. Isidore S. Cooperman
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Cooperman:

Through an oversight in stripping this building of everything that might possibly have been of use to the American Zionist Emergency Council, you left one unused roll of toilet paper in the downstairs bathroom.

Please advise me whether you want me to forward this, or shall we give you credit.

Very sincerely,

Leo R. Sack

IRS:cw

cc to:

Dr. Silver
Dr. Marks
Mr. Shapiro

March 7, 1946

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

My dear Mr. Schwartz:

First and foremost, my heartiest felicitations and all good wishes on the birth of Zviah Rachel. I hope that she will grow up to be another Salum ith Schwartz.

With reference to your letter of March 1st about writing a preface to the "Headline Book" which the Foreign Policy Association is putting out — I wish I had the time and the patience to sit down and write such a preface. I have neither. I am in Cleveland between train times. I have just returned from Cincinnati, where I attended the Convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (where by the way we succeeded in eliminating forever the dogma of anti-Zionism from the program of American Reform Judaism), and I am now preparing to go to Chicago.

I suggest that the preface be written in our office by yourself or Ben-Horin or Dr. Akzin, Dr. Bergson or Dr. Schwadron. We could attach to it the name of Arthur Lurie, Secretary, since the Secretary of the Arab League will sign the other preface, or some other name.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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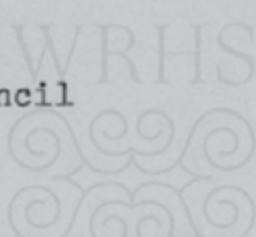
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Miss Bessie Kline
Secretary to Dr. Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Kline:

I am extremely grateful to you for your letter of March 4th and for all that you did to facilitate the transportation of Dr. and Mrs. Atkinson between Cleveland and Detroit on March 19th. I am sending a copy of your letter to Dr. Atkinson, who is now on the west coast.

I have referred to our Detroit representative the alternative which you suggest for Dr. and Mrs. Atkinson's leaving Cleveland on the morning of the 20th and arriving in Detroit at 10:50 A.M. I would suggest that you make this reservation in the event that

- (a) no plane reservations come through or
- (b) they are grounded.

It would appear, therefore, that a hotel reservation is indicated for them and here again I must trouble you to make one and let me know which it is.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Blanche J. Shepard
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March 8, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have your letter of February 28th, enclosing a confidential report on the activities of the Arab Office in Washington, and attaching a list of organizations which the Arab propaganda in the United States aims to reach and through some of which it is already working very actively.

From the enclosed copy of my letter to Dr. Akzin, sent yesterday, you will please note that the matter of extending our educational program among colleges is under consideration, and that Dr. Akzin has proposed a meeting with Professors Fineman and Janowsky so that we may plan a more intensive campaign.

I have been in touch with many colleges and a number of them have heard and others are scheduled to hear, our speakers. In addition, whenever a speaker is scheduled, we endeavor to book a college meeting in the vicinity; but as I wrote you recently, we have a number of unfulfilled requests due to our lack of a full-time speaker who can be routed to suit our program rather than his own, which is usually committed to a church, college or business, or an expensive lecture manager.

It is possible now to comment on several of the organizations listed:

The East and West Association: Ben-Horin has appeared on one of their programs, and now Eliahu Epstein is scheduled on their course "The Rising Peoples". (Prof. Hitti lectures on the same program.) Their programs must be constantly watched.

Rotary International Club of Chicago: We are writing Milton Silberman of Chicago on the club's proposed establishment of a committee devoted to Middle Eastern Affairs, so that he may, through American Christian Council members, arrange for the appointment of one of our friends.

U.S. Chamber of Commerce: The next President of the Chamber of Commerce lives in Bridgeport, I am told by our Emergency Committee chairman there, and will attend the Rotary Club meeting which

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

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March 8, 1946

Carl Voss is scheduled to address in Bridgeport on March 19th. I shall suggest to Dr. Voss that an appointment be made for him to speak with this president-elect either before or after the meeting, and to arrange for further meetings with him.

I shall, of course, report to you plans resulting from this meeting, and hope that we shall have the benefit of your guidance and suggestions.

With kind regards, I am

Cordially yours,

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Dr. Benjamin Akzin
American Zionist Emergency Council
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Akzin:

Your interesting, detailed, and thought-provoking letter of February 20th deserved an earlier reply, but I have been away from the office due to illness, and your letter has finally reached my desk, following its circulation throughout the office.

First: Regarding the Harvard Conference: I talked with Professor Friedrich for a short while yesterday. He expressed his disappointment because Neumann's Palestine visit prevented participation in the Institute - he had been planning to "ring him in somewhere" after plans had been set. I suggested Dr. Shuster's name, as you requested. He said Dr. Shuster was a friend of his, but he didn't think he would invite him, as this was to be a Near-East Conference and (here the grinding wheels of the train drowned the professor's voice)...I asked him whether there would be publicity given to the proceedings. He said "No" with emphasis. I also asked him whether he thought that the Zionist position would be protected against Hitti and his ilk. He said, oh yes, and he was glad that he was handling things for that reason. He did not mention the names you had sent him, nor did I. I would suggest that someone concentrate on using every pressure to assure attendance of invitees who we know would "go to bat" for us.

Re College Programs: Your plan for using guest lecturers from the Hebrew University is excellent, but so much time and effort would be expended, that I am impatient for more immediate action. Therefore, I welcome your suggestion, and hope that you will be able to arrange for an early meeting, with yourself, Professor Janowsky, Professor Fineman, and myself, so that an intensive program for lectures in colleges may be planned. This has not been neglected by Club Program Service. We are constantly writing colleges offering speakers,

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and a number have been so serviced, but I am not at all satisfied, although some think that for a "young" bureau we are doing something. But I am not satisfied, - we could do much more. My problem is this: we have many speakers on our lists, but every one of them is attached either to a college, a church, or a business, or, hardest of all, to an expensive lecture contract. Thus I am constantly struggling to dovetail college and club dates with speakers' calendars. Also, balanced against the many meetings arranged are the many meetings which I have not serviced. You will see what I mean when I show you my impressive map with its unimpressive red pins, signalling unfulfilled requests for speakers. We need a full-time lecturer who can be at our disposal and tour wherever necessary. (I modestly ask for only one as a beginning).

With kindest regards, and looking forward to our meeting, I am

Cordially yours,

Blanche J. Shepard
Director

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cc: Dr. Akshin

P.S. I enclose herewith copy of a letter just received from Dr. Friedrich.

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March 1, 1946

Mrs. Blanche J. Shepard
Club Program Surveys
41 East 42nd St.
New York City

Dear Mrs. Shepard:

I have recently had a letter from Dr. Moulton at the Brookings Institution in which he says "Many thanks indeed for calling my attention to Professor Rappard's forthcoming visit to Washington. We will be very happy to arrange a meeting along the lines suggested. I will work out the details with Dr. Arzin when he calls."

I'll let you know when I hear further about this meeting.

Sincerely yours,

C. J. Friedrich

March 9, 1946

Mrs. Blanche J. Shepard
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Blanche:

I received your note regarding Dr. Atkinson's itinerary prior to March 20th, with copy of Bessie Kline's letter to you dated March 4th.

We have scheduled Dr. Atkinson to address a group at Wayne University on the morning of March 20th and I therefore urge that every possible effort be made to get Dr. Atkinson into Detroit on the evening of March 19th. In the event that that is not possible, we shall of course be forced to cancel Dr. Atkinson's appearance.

A copy of this note is being sent directly to Miss Kline in Cleveland.

Everything is coming along nicely, thank you, and within the next couple of days you will hear at length from me.

With all good wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

Harry A. Steinberg

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✓ cc: Miss Bessie Kline

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Dr. Carl Hermann Voss

March 12, 1946

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

The enclosed copies of exchange of correspondence between Mr. Brooks Emeny and myself will interest you.

I shall be glad to keep you advised of Mr. Emeny's further action, if any.

With kind regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

Blanche J. Shepard
Blanche J. Shepard
Director

BJS:EB
enc.

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Mr. Brooks Emeny, President
Council on World Affairs
922 Society for Savings Building
Cleveland 14, Ohio

Dear Mr. Emeny:

Thanks for your letter of March 9th, explaining your position, and also for sharing with me your bewilderment over certain features of the Palestine controversy. With your permission, I wish to make clear my position with regard to the questions touched upon in your letter.

1. I realize that your Institute was devoted to a study and debate on the Middle East, not on Palestine. Palestine, however, small as it is in size, forms an important part of the Middle East, and stands unfortunately in the very center of the Middle Eastern rivalries. No debate on the Middle East could possibly ignore Palestine and the Jewish-Arab problem. Indeed, you confirm that Miss Isszeddin did refer to the problem. Under the circumstances, to have this issue represented one-sidedly by an Arab propagandist without offering a hearing to the Zionist viewpoint is hardly fair. I feel sure that you will agree with me that Miss Isszeddin could not qualify for the title of an objective expert on the Middle East.

2. I grant you that the Jews are very touchy in their reactions to the outside world's attitude to their problem. But I hope that you will grant me that a great deal of justification could be found for that "touchiness". It seems to me that the best way out of this bewilderment shared by many well-meaning Christians is to learn more about the Jewish position in the world, Palestine, Zionism and the plausible solutions of the Jewish problem. In this respect, I shall be glad to cooperate with you in every way possible.

In conclusion, please be assured of my readiness to be of service in providing a speaker who will give you a fair and factual picture of the Zionist position.

I look forward, with interest, to hearing from you,

Cordially yours,

BJS:EB

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COUNCIL ON WORLD AFFAIRS

Cleveland 14, Ohio
March 9, 1946.

Dear Miss Shepard:

This is in reply to your letter of February 27th, in which you raise the question as to why there was not included in our Institute program some one to represent the Zionist point of view. The reason was that we were not discussing the problem of Palestine but rather that of the Middle East in general. The problem on Palestine could scarcely be covered in an entire Institute and it was our desire to avoid any discussion of it in the course of the Institute. Miss Izzeddin was instructed to that effect. She did refer in the course of her remarks to the problem, but her subject was concerned with a general survey of the political and social problems and situations in the states of the Arab League.

At some time we may wish to have a program dealing with Palestine, though frankly I do not believe that there is much to be added to the subject which is not already known. I should be very pleased, however, to have a list of the speakers who might be available, and if we find that we can fit it in our program this year we shall do so.

The Zionists as well as the Arab League present a dilemma to the average American citizen which is both distressing and puzzling. If you are not for one or the other, then you are against. If you have great personal sympathy for the desires of the Jews but question whether the Zionist program in toto is the best means of obtaining the objectives in view, then you are anti-Semitic. In similar fashion if you question the extreme intransigence of the Arab program as the fairest approach to a solution of the problem then you are pro-Zionist and anti-Arab. It is not a happy situation and produces a very difficult dilemma in the minds of any student of affairs of good will who seeks with all his heart a plan which will enable all parties concerned to settle down in peace and brotherhood.

The Council has included in its program in the past several speakers who have been favorable to Zionism, though we have not had an official meeting for Zionism any more than we have had a similar meeting for the Arab League. What we should really desire would be the services of a speaker who could in the most dispassionate fashion present the two sides and indicate wherein a compromise of views might be possible as a means of arriving at a solution tolerable to all parties concerned.

Cordially yours,

Brooks Emeny
President

Miss Blanche J. Shepard, Director
Club Program Service
41 East 42nd Street, New York

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March 13, 1946

Mrs. Blanche J. Shepard, Director
Program Service
41 E. 42nd St.
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Shepard:

Received your letter of March 7, and also
a copy of a letter to you from Mr. Steinberg.

This is the situation to date: I have
a request for two seats on each of the following
planes on March 19 -- one leaving at 7:35 P.M.;
8:13 P.M.; and 10:04 P.M. I have one seat each
reserved on the 7:35 and the 10:04. The Pa. Central
assured me that there would in all probability be
two seats on the 7:35 but that they would not know
until the day of departure. My suggestion is that
Dr. and Mrs. Atkinson get to the Airport at least
forty-five minutes before the plane leaves so as to
be on hand.

I made no other reservations for Dr. and
Mrs. Atkinson. Mr. Steinberg's letter states that
if Dr. Atkinson can't get to Detroit early on the 20th
the lecture would have to be cancelled. As far as the
train reservations are concerned, they can be picked
up at the last moment by Dr. Atkinson if he needs them.

I'm sorry that's all I can do at the moment.
It might be a good idea to have Dr. Atkinson get in
touch with me sometime on the 19th. Perhaps I shall
have more definite information by that time.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver

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AIR MAIL

Miss Bessie Kline
Secretary to Dr. Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Kline:

Thank you for your letter of March 13th and for all that you have done.

Dr. Atkinson, who is at present in the Palmer House in Chicago, will probably get in touch with you either Monday or Tuesday.

With kind regards and all good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Blanche J. Shepard
Blanche J. Shepard
Director

BJS:MW

THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE
IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT
GENEVA TEL. 5.12.10
(Temporary Office)

GENÈVE March 15th,
P.O.B. Stand 312 1946.

Dr. S. Bernstein,
Zionist Organization of America,
41 East 42nd Street,

New-York 17. N.Y.

Dear friend,

Please find enclosed a short report
made in connection with the visit of Mr. Dobkin
in Geneva.

Many thanks for the Hadoar and
the New Palestine, which I read with great pleasure.
I hope that you have already dispatched the
Sefer Haschana.

Sincerely yours

323 15.3.46
S. S. Scheps
Dr. S. Scheps

Die diesjährige Schekelaktion - eine grosse politische Demonstration.

Der Besuch E. Dobkins, Mitglied der Exekutive der Jewish Agency und Leiter des Immigration Departments, in der Schweiz stand im Zusammenhang mit den komplizierten Problemen der Hachscharah, Aliyah und Hatzalah. Dieser Besuch galt aber auch der Diskussion und Klärung der Probleme des bevorstehenden ersten zionistischen Kongresses. Dieser Kongress ist für den 13. August nach Erez Israel einberufen worden. Dieses Datum ist so gewählt worden, damit die Beschlüsse des Kongresses der Konferenz der Vereinigten Nationen vorgelegt werden können, die am 5. September in New-York tagen wird. Wiewohl die Tagesordnung der UNO-Konferenz von September noch nicht feststeht, so ist es noch nicht ausgeschlossen, dass dort die jüdische Frage in ihrer ganzen Tragweite zur Behandlung gelangen wird.

Es ist diesmal keine simple Redensart, wenn von diesem Kongress als von dem Kongress der Entscheidung gesprochen wird; denn "in der Tat", führte Dobkin in einem engen Kreise von zionistischen Mitarbeitern aus, "ist dieser Kongress entscheidend sowohl nach innen wie nach aussen."- Der Kongress wird in einem Zeitpunkte zusammenkommen, da die anglo-amerikanische Kommission ihren Bericht abgestattet haben wird. Dieser Bericht wird wahrscheinlich zu Behandlung vor die Konferenz der UNO kommen, und darum ist es im Lichte dieses Berichtes von entscheidender Bedeutung, welche Stellung der Zionistenkongress als Willenskundgebung der Majorität des jüdischen Volkes einnehmen wird. Wird er sich für einen Judenstaat aussprechen oder nicht. Vielleicht wird auch das ominöse Problem der Teilung wieder seine Wiederbelebung feiern. Die Anhänger des binationalen Staates werden sich sicherlich auch zum Worte melden und all dies wird zu einem innern Entscheid drängen.

Die gegen unsere Tendenzen vorliegenden Momente fasste Dobkin schematisierend wie folgt zusammen: 1. Im grossen Streit des angelsächsischen und russischen Imperialismus, der gerade in den letzten Tagen seinen Höhepunkt erreichte, droht uns Juden die Gefahr, Opfer dieses Streites zu werden. Beide Parteien werben um die arabischen Sympathien, ~~zu~~ beide unterstützen die arabischen Aspirationen und beide Partner schätzen ~~mehr~~ diese Sympathien als diejenigen des jüdischen Volkes.

2. Die Kenner der Verhältnisse im vordern Orient konstatieren eine wachsende Angst der arabischen Welt vor den Juden. Diese Angst ist der Ausdruck eines Respekts vor den jüdischen Leistungen in Palästina. Der Yischuw mit seinen 600'000 Seelen hat ein grosses spezifisches Gewicht im Lande, und in arabischen Kreisen wird oft der Gedanke diskutiert, welche Position wohl der Yischuw in der Konstellation der Kräfte einnehmen

wird, wenn er etwa auf 2 Millionen Seelen gewachsen sein wird. Gedacht wird auch an die Wehrkraft des Yischuws, die in der gut organisierten Haganah ihren konkreten Ausdruck gefunden hat. (100'000 Menschen).

3. Der englische civil service, die Kreise um den colonial office bilden eine geeignete antizionistische Front, die auf die englisch-amerikanische Untersuchungskommission drückt.

4. Die Amerikaner können sich bei dem vorliegenden Verhältnis der beiden Bevölkerungsteile (600'000 Juden auf 1,5 Millionen Araber) nicht gut vorstellen, welchen konkreten Inhalt die jüdische Souveränität, die doch den Begriff der Majorität einschliesst, haben wird.

5. Die Kommission versteht nicht die Eigenart unserer Sache in Palästina, z.B. den Grundsatz der Kibusch awodah, der Arbeitseroberung, dessen Durchführung notwendig war, damit eine jüdische Wirtschaft überhaupt aufgebaut werden kann.

Es gibt aber auch eine Reihe von günstigen Faktoren, die auf der Waagschale der zu Entscheid stehenden Probleme sich günstig auswirken können.

1. Die englisch-amerikanische Untersuchungskommission stellt den ersten ernstesten Prüfstein der englisch-amerikanischen Kooperation dar. Und diese Tatsache allein wird zu einer elastischeren Gestaltung des englischen Standpunktes führen.

2. Das Interesse der Amerikaner für die jüdischen Stimmen in Amerika bei den bevorstehenden Wahlen.

3. Die Opposition im englischen Kabinett gegen Bevin verstärkte sich in den letzten Wochen (Dalton usw.). Selbstverständlich kann darauf nicht gebaut werden und die Opposition wird keine Stellung einnehmen, bevor ihr die Beschlüsse der Kommission nicht bekannt sind.

4. Die Notwendigkeit der Lösung des Problems der displaced persons in Deutschland, Italien, Oesterreich und in der Schweiz; 1/4 Million Juden leben in Arbeitslagern ohne Arbeitsrecht und es ist klar, dass diesem Zustand so schnell als möglich ein Ende bereitet werden muss.

5. Die Behandlung des ganzen Fragenkomplexes unter humanitärem Aspekt.

Die Komplexität erlaubt selbstverständlich keine Voraussage. Inzwischen ist unsere Forderung auf 100'000 Zertifikate nicht erfüllt worden. Der Bericht der englisch-amerikanischen Untersuchungskommission kann ein Kompromiss-Bericht sein oder es können in ihm zwei Standpunkte vertreten werden, ein antizionistischer und ein prozionistischer; und es ist klar, diese Situation zwingt uns, eine Stellung zu haben. Der bevorstehende Kongress wird ein entscheidender Kongress sein; er soll demonstrieren, dass alle Juden hinter den zionistischen Forderungen stehen. Darum wird es ein grosser Unterschied sein, ob in Amerika 1/2 Million oder 2 Millionen Juden den Schekel erwerben, ob in Europa 100'000 oder

600'000 Schekalim verkauft werden. Es ergibt sich deshalb die Notwendigkeit, die bevorstehende Schekelaktion in ein grosses jüdisches Volksreferendum für Palästina zu gestalten.

Dobkin rechnet, dass die Schweiz mit 10'000 Schekalim an der diesjährigen Schekelaktion partizipiere. Für die ersten 1500 Schekalim rechnet man ein Mandat, für 4500 Schekalim zwei Mandate, für 7500 drei und für 11'000 vier. Nur die diesjährige Schekelaktion kann verrechnet werden. Die ganze Kampagne muss bis Ende April beendet werden. Es liegt jetzt an uns, innert dieser kurzen Frist die Aktion zu einem vollen Erfolg zu führen.

Dr. S. Scheps



March 21, 1946

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

My dear Mrs. Shepard:

You may be interested in the enclosed letter which I received from Dr. David Polish with reference to the situation in Maine.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

HERBERT BAYARD SWOPE
745 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 22, N.Y.

22 March 1946

Dear Dr. Silver:-

Your letter of March 21st reaches the office in Mr. Swope's absence from the city. I shall be glad to bring to his attention upon his return.

Faithfully,

H. A. Millar

Secretary



Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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March 22, 1946

Miss Bessie Kline
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Kline:

First I want to thank you for all that you did in facilitating Dr. and Mrs. Atkinson's passage through to Detroit. I know how much phoning and effort lay behind the fine arrangements made and we're really grateful to you.

I'm writing now regarding Frank Gervasi, whom we've scheduled for The Temple on Sunday morning, March 31st, 10:15 o'clock. We told him that he might go from the train to the Wade Park Hotel, where someone would get in touch with him, and that he should be at The Temple in Dr. Silver's office at 10:15 A.M. I trust that this is correct.

Will you therefore be kind enough to make the reservation at the Wade Park? And could you also make a flight reservation for Mr. Gervasi's departure following the meeting, - Cleveland to Washington.

Thanking you and with best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Blanche J. Shepard
Blanche J. Shepard
Director

BJS:ER

March 26, 1946

Mrs. Blanche J. Shepard
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Shepard:

As you requested, I have made a hotel reservation for Mr. Gervasi at the Wade Park Manor. I am assuming that he will arrive in Cleveland on Sunday morning.

I have also made a plane reservation for him leaving Cleveland for Washington at 1:45 P.M. I shall pick up his ticket for him, and hold it at The Temple.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Secretary to Dr. Silver

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April 1, 1946

Miss Bessie Kline
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Kline:

RE: MEETING AT THE TEMPLE

March 31, 1946

Mr. Frank Gervasi.

May we ask your kind cooperation in the matter of returning the enclosed club report blank to us for our final records.

We trust that your meeting was successful in every way.

With many thanks and best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Blanche J. Shepard
Director

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Encl.

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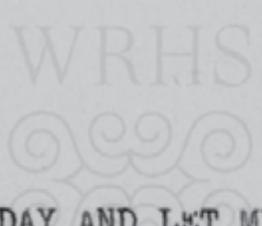
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April 10, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

May I have your kind permission for the publication, in the May issue of "Land and Life", (the JNF's bi-monthly magazine), of the attached article?

It is based upon the transcript of your eloquent and inspiring address which you delivered at the Nachlath Silver Dinner in New York. I should like especially to invite your attention to several sentences (on Page 7) which I encircled. They contain critical references to the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry. Would it be alright to omit these references, in view of the fact that the reports from Switzerland continue to be favorable and, as I understand it, the Executive Committee of the Emergency Council decided yesterday to abstain from publishing criticism of the Committee of Inquiry?

The issue will go to press in the beginning of next week, and I would therefore greatly appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible.

With best wishes for a happy Passover, I am,

Sincerely yours,

William Z. Spiegelman
WILLIAM Z. SPIEGELMAN
Public Relations Director

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Enclosure

AIRMAIL

April 11, 1946

Mr. William Z. Spiegelman
Public Relations Director
Jewish National Fund
41 E. 42nd St.
New York, 17, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Spiegelman:

I am returning herewith the transcript of the address which I delivered in New York at the Testimonial Dinner. I made a few corrections. It is perfectly agreeable to me if you wish to omit the few sentences which you encircled on page seven. I would suggest that you put a few dots calling attention to the fact that a part of the address has been omitted. I am afraid, however, that you will probably have occasion to use it at some future time.

With all good wishes for a very happy Pesach,
I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

April 11, 1946

Mrs. Blanche Shepard
American Zionist Emergency Council
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Shepard:

The enclosed letter is self-explanatory. Mr. Robinson telephoned me from Portland. Please communicate with him. Assure him that you will send someone to represent the Zionists on the Institute of International Relations. If necessary, we will pay the expense. Can you recommend a name to him?

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR
Enc.

House of Representatives U. S.
Committee on Rules
Washington, D. C.

OFFICE OF
THE CHAIRMAN

April 13, 1946

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My dear Rabbi Silver:

Please permit to thank you for the graceful
and complimentary message which you sent to my col-
leagues who honored me with a reception on the occa-
sion of my eithtieth birthday. I cannot begin to ex-
press the pleasure your sentiments gave me.

WRHS



Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A. J. Sabath".

A. J. Sabath

The Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Zionist Organization of America
1720 - 16th Street N. W.
Washington

Dr. A. N. Silver

MEMORANDUM

To Mr. Harry L. Shapiro

Date

April 15, 1946

From Harry A. Steinberg

A two-day Conference known as the Michigan Christian Conference on Palestine was held in Detroit on March 20 and 21 under the auspices of the American Christian Palestine Committee.

I. SCOPE OF CONFERENCE.

The Conference was comprised of 35 meetings and radio addresses reaching 13 thousand people directly and additional undetermined thousands over the air. Five of these meetings were held directly under our auspices, as follows:

1. WOMEN'S LUNCHEON under the Chairmanship of Judge Lila M. Neuenfelt. Attended by 350 women.
2. The YOUTH INSTITUTE under the Chairmanship of George F. Pierrot, Attended by 500 Detroit youth, predominantly Christian.
3. The MINISTERS' LUNCHEON under the Co-Chairmanship of Dr. T. T. Brumbaugh and Msgr. Joseph Ciarrocchi. Attended by 100 ministers.
4. The EDUCATORS' SEMINAR under the Chairmanship of Dr. David B. Henry. Attended by 300 educators.
5. The DINNER SESSION under the Chairmanship of Judge Frank Picard, who was also General Chairman of the Conference, was attended by 675 people and an additional 150 people were present during the program portion of this session.

II. PARTICIPATING SPEAKERS.

Twelve speakers, as listed below, participated in the various sessions of the Conference. Seven of these were present in Detroit during both days of the Conference. Congressman Coffee, Senator Magnuson, Professor Friedrich, Miss Tolstoy, and Major Eliot spent one day at the Conference.

Following are the names of the speakers and the number of addresses delivered by each during his stay in Detroit:

<u>Name of Speaker.</u>	<u>No. of Addresses.</u>
Dr. Henry A. Atkinson	5
Congressman John M. Coffee	1
Major George Fielding Eliot	4
Professor Carl J. Friedrich	2
Dr. Howard M. LeSourd	5

<u>Name of Speaker</u>	<u>No. of Addresses</u>
Dr. Walter C. Lowdermilk	6
Mrs. W.C. Lowdermilk	5
Mr. Ian Ross MacFarlane	7
Professor Francis McMahon	4
Senator Warren G. Magnuson	1
Mrs. Edgar Ansel Mowrer	4
Countess Marie Tolstoy	3

III. CONSENSUS OF OPINION REGARDING SPEAKERS.

DR. HENRY A. ATKINSON. Excellent and cooperative as usual.

CONGRESSMAN JOHN M. COFFEE. An able talker with a facility for warming up and convincing an audience. Makes a fine Zionist address. Should be used again.

MAJOR GEORGE FIELDING ELIOT. An improvement over his Houston performance. Still does not devote enough time to Palestine in his speeches. Needs not so much factual indoctrination at this point but a willingness to crusade more ardently in our behalf. The contact for this purpose should be made by one in a position to speak both on a friendly and frank basis with him.

PROFESSOR CARL J. FRIEDRICH. Delivered two fine talks, although in some cases assumed a greater background knowledge on the part of his listeners than perhaps was merited.

DR. WALTER C. LOWDERMILK. Generally very fine. One report we received criticized Lowdermilk for not giving enough time to Palestine in his address. Suggestion was made that a local Zionist leader accompany Lowdermilk to place of meeting; the knowledge that a Jewish spokesman was in the audience would thus encourage Lowdermilk to devote a greater portion of his address to Jewish contributions in Palestine.

MRS. WALTER C. LOWDERMILK. The "hit" of the Conference. Made an excellent impression wherever she spoke. Doing a grand job for us.

MR. IAN ROSS MACFARLANE. Very well received. Very cooperative.

PROFESSOR FRANCIS MCMAHON. Delivered several excellent talks. Substituted for Dr. Silver at the Dinner Session and, in my opinion, delivered one of the best talks of his career.

SENATOR WARREN G. MAGNUSON. Delivered fine Zionist talk. Should be used again and should be encouraged to become part of our "inner circle."

(Magnuson, in conversation with me, said that he is not up to date on the stand the Zionist movement is officially taking today. He remarked: "I can say things that Zionists can't." Actually, the things that he said are being said publicly every day by Zionists throughout the country. He, obviously, was referring to the type of speech that was made by Zionists two years ago. Perhaps Bergson or some of his associates have been "feeding" him about the meekness of the Zionists and he seems to have swallowed this. Someone should disabuse him of this notion.)

MRS. EDGAR ANSEL MOWBRER. Generally made a fine impression. Should be used for "upper-class" groups rather than the middle and lower class liberal groups who sometimes resent her "condescending" manner. Should also be talked to on Zionist ideology; she leans over too much toward bi-nationalism. A real "prima donna"; none too cooperative.

COUNTESS MARIE TOLSTOY. Did not make much of a hit although her name has value. Patently sincere but, unfortunately, not a speaker. Her speech comes too slowly and she cannot hold the attention of a large audience. Ways and means might be worked out for her to address smaller, but nonetheless, important, groups, where undoubtedly her work will be much more effective.

IV. RESULTS OF CONFERENCE.

1. (a) Membership Obtained.

Four Hundred new members were recruited into the ranks of the American Christian Palestine Committee.

(b) Invitation to Membership.

Invitation to membership has been sent this week to approximately 2500 people, many of whom attended at least one session of the Conference.

2. Sermons.

Forty-six sermons on Palestine were delivered in churches on the Sunday following the Conference.

3. Literature Distribution.

Ninety ministers requested literature in bulk for distribution among members of their congregations. These are in the process of being sent.

4. Publicity.

Considerable publicity on Palestine appeared in the press both in the nature of news items and feature stories. The Detroit News, the largest and most influential paper, was most cooperative. Our results there were mainly through the efforts of Mr. Ben Wigder, a news reporter and feature writer. The publicity clippings can be viewed in a scrap book which has been put together.

5. Cost of Conference.

The total cost of the Conference ran to approximately \$11,500. Of this amount, \$4,000 was contributed by the Detroit Zionist groups, of which \$3500 has already been turned over to the Emergency Council. The Hadassah contribution of \$500, which has already been turned over to the Detroit Zionist Council has, of this date, not been received by this office.

V. ADDITIONAL OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. CONFERENCE DURATION.

It is my feeling that when future conferences of similar scope (12 visiting speakers) are planned, three days should be allotted to the conference instead of two. This can easily be done without increasing the costs of the Conference. Speakers need not necessarily stay for the three days. Some may

stay one day, others two days, and possibly still others, for the three days.

The advantages of a three-day conference in preference to the two-day conference are as follows:

- a). At least a dozen extra-curricular meetings are thus made possible; many important civic and fraternal clubs meet on Tuesday and Thursday and it is readily recognizable that any two-day conference completely obliterates our chances of presenting our case to these groups.
- b). Our publicity in the press can be stretched over an additional day.
- c). A three-day conference would be less hectic on the conference personnel and would make the actual workings of the conference much easier, rather than more difficult, as is popularly imagined.

2. YOUTH INSTITUTES.

I should like to say a special word about the Youth Institute, which, aside from one New York experience, is an innovation to our conferences. Prior to leaving for Detroit, I had been forewarned about the difficulties inherent in organizing such a meeting. I found this to be true. More work went into the organization of the Youth Institute than in the other four meetings combined. This does not mean that we should, therefore, give up the attempt to reach the youth of our nation.

In my opinion, our past difficulties in bringing large numbers of youth to a meeting on Palestine lay mainly in the unattractiveness of our program. The great majority of American youth will not go out of its way to attend meetings addressed by either Senators, Congressmen, educators, or ministers. We need to reinforce our program for such meetings with names that attract youth. These names are to be found predominantly in one field or another of the entertainment and literary world.

Recognizing this truth and digressing for the moment from the main business of this report, the time has come - and almost passed - for the creation of an ARTS COMMITTEE FOR PALESTINE which will harness and coordinate the efforts of well-intentioned but uninformed people in various art fields into pro-Zionist work under, albeit unofficially, Zionist auspices. Such people exist and should be organized by us rather than by others who may confuse them on the Zionist issue.

You will remember that this suggestion was made to you over a year ago, and subsequently seconded by Harold Manson in a communication to Dr. Silber. However, so far as I know, nothing concrete has been attempted or accomplished.

Aside from conferences and other meetings, such groups, it is readily obvious, can be of untold assistance to us in our public-relations work. We are now awaiting the report of the Anglo-American Inquiry Committee. Assuming that the Committee will not render a Zionist verdict - as it is practically forbidden to by its very terms of reference - we shall of course be forced to resume an intensive public-relations program as in the past.

We can take it for granted that the Zionist groups, and the American Christian Palestine Committee, will meet in protest and issue memoranda to Government leaders concerned. But what a profound impression upon American public

opinion and the U.S. State Department to have combined overflow demonstrations this Spring of 100 to 150 thousand people protesting simultaneously in Madison Square Garden and the Hollywood Bowl under the auspices of the ARTS COMMITTEE FOR PALESTINE. Much as we could use such a committee now, we cannot foresee at this hour how much more we may need them this fall or next spring. The time, of course, is late but it is still not too late.

Apart from any mass action which such a Committee may inspire, we must also be mindful of the close relationship which often exists between leading members of the entertainment and literary worlds and leading members of the American Government. The leaders of such a Committee can do much good for us behind-the-scenes on an intimate and social basis, which is the type of relationship so sadly lacking in our work today. Then, too, the backing of our Movement by such leaders creates new respect for the Movement. Politically-wise Washington knows that in recent years Broadway and Hollywood have never been on the losing side.

(Dictated but not read by Mr. Steinberg)

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MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Benjamin Akzin

Date April 15, 1946

From Harry A. Steinberg

I have been reading your communications to Mr. Harry Shapiro and to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and am grateful for the information contained therein bringing us up-to-date on affairs in Washington. I should like to comment, however, on two of your recent communications - the letters to Mr. Shapiro dated March 14 and 20 - in which you discuss at length the subjects of your visits with Solicitor General McGrath and Senator Owen Brewster.

I quote from your letter of March 14 dealing with your conversation with McGrath:

"Returning to the Palestine issue, he said that we seem to be putting undue emphasis on persuading the Administration to favor a Jewish Palestine by means of technical arguments. The way to gain Administration support at the present time is very definitely not through a technical, but through a political approach. He was very emphatic on this point. I replied that there is no such thing as an organized Jewish vote and that we don't have any intention of trying to organize it"

The letter dated March 20 covers your talk with Senator Brewster and runs in the same vein.

While I fully agree with you that at the present time there is no agency or group which controls the Jewish vote to any great extent, I question very seriously the advisability of our telling this to politicians in Washington, or elsewhere. In the first place, it is a fact that Jews, perhaps more than other nationalities, do stick together at the polls on major issues. The help that the Jewish voters of America rendered the Democratic Party in recent years, even more, the mere talk of such help were we prepared to admit that that help was not an actuality, is significant.

I believe you will agree with me that one of the weaknesses of our people lies in their inability to recognize their own strength once they should become united on a major issue. A study of any of the recent Presidential election results will indicate that a controlled and unified Jewish vote in key areas could have radically altered the complexion of the incoming Administration. I, for one, do not believe that to be beyond the realm of possibility. Of course, it would require much education and much propaganda.

Much of the support that we have received in recent years from certain Senators and Congressmen, if we are to be honest, is due principally to the support which these gentlemen expect and receive from Jewish voters. Our only hope, in most cases, of influencing law and policy makers who have yet to be convinced, lies, I believe - along with Senator Brewster and Mr. McGrath - not in the merits of our case but in our ability to persuade the political chieftains of the two parties that Jewish support will be lost to them unless they support the Jewish case. Are we so naive as to believe that all of the people in Washington who have been supporting our case have been doing so on purely idealistic grounds? Many of them are no doubt sincere, but what has produced action from them has been the constant pressure from their constituencies.

We must, therefore, recognize that we shall not advance materially in this country on the Palestine question until two things happen:

a). The law and policy makers in Washington will have to become conscious of, and believe in, the ability of Jewish votes, at least in certain sections of the country, to seat and unseat candidates;

b). Once this realization has come about, the Powers that be will see to it that certain changes of personnel are made in those branches of the State Department which affect our vital interests, so that pro-Zionist instead of anti-Zionist reports will emanate to the Secretary of State and to the White House.

Any impression gaining prevalence that there is no such thing as a Jewish vote, that no effort will be made to organize a Jewish vote, etc., will not be of any help, in my opinion, in accomplishing either of these objectives.

Cordial regards.

(Dictated but not read by Mr. Harry Steinberg.)

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MEMORANDUM

To DR. SILVER

Date APRIL 18/46

From BLANCHE J. SHEPARD

The International Rescue & Relief Committee is a functioning organization with offices at 103 Park Avenue, New York. It appealed for funds on March 15/46.

You are listed as a member of their National Committee, with Charles A. Beard as Honorary Chairman, L. Hollingworth Wood, Chairman, and Freda Kirchwey, Ingrid Warburg and Sterling Spero, Vice Chairmen. Treasurer, David F. Seiferheld, Treasurer.

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April 19, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
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Dear Dr. Silver:

You will be glad to know that Mr. David Robinson of Portland has wired that Portland and Seattle Institutes have accepted Professor Morris N. Kertzer as lecturer on Palestine, and that plans are afoot to persuade Oakland and Pasadena Institutes to do likewise.

I shall send Professor Kertzer material giving the background of this assignment, including Dejaney's activities.

With kind regards and best wishes always, I am

Cordially yours,

Blanche J. Shepard
Blanche J. Shepard
Director

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AIR MAIL

Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed you will please find a copy of the May issue of "Land and Life" in which your article, "At Destiny's Crossroads" has been published.

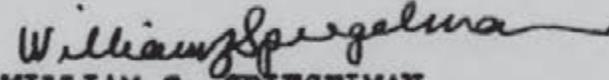
As the author of a volume on "Messianic Speculations in Israel" you will, I am confident, be interested in the story of the Jewish Martyr's Hymn which appears on page 11 of this issue. It is our intention to popularize the musical score of Ani Ma'amin. This melody is one of the very few musical expressions which have emerged up to date from the depths of our people's tragedy in Europe. I am informed that it is being sung in Palestine synagogues and in DP camps as an expression of faith in the return to Zion and as a tribute to the memory of the martyrs.

The interests of the Zionist movement in this country would be effectively served, it seems, by instituting the custom of singing this hymn at synagogue services and public assemblies. I have contacted a number of prominent composers with a view to providing the proper piano arrangement for the score.

If you feel like commenting on this idea, I would appreciate very much having a statement from you for publication.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely yours,


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New York / NY., May 10th, 1946

Rabbi Dr. A. H. Silver
Temple East 105th Street
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

Although I am quite sure that you remember me I enclose a new folder of mine which mentions what is the basis for my inquiry: I have been in Germany recently, testifying for the prosecution at the Nuremberg trial and working on Jackson's staff for a while; I wrote part of the briefs against Papen and Neurath, and if they are hanged I twisted a few strands of that rope.

On Thursday, May 23rd I have my third return engagement with the Cleveland Rotary Club. I am available on Friday, May 24th in the evening in case you might wish to have me again talking on "First Hand Report from Nuremberg" (or from Germany). Contrary to many of our jurists I am very much in favor of the Nuremberg trial.

If you can use me on that evening, will you kindly let me know?

With kind personal regards,

very sincerely yours,

Gerhart H. Seger.

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES FORCES IN AUSTRIA
Office of The Commanding General
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Vienna, Austria
14 May 1946

Mr. Moshe Shertok
83, Avenue de la Grande Arme
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Dear Mr. Shertok,

It was a real pleasure to receive your letter of April 27th, and I want you to know how much I appreciated the kind sentiments which you expressed for the assistance which we gave to the Jewish Brigade Group in Italy, and which we are continuing to give to the Jewish Displaced Persons and refugees in Austria.

I shall always recall the gallantry of the Jewish Brigade during our Italian campaigning. I share your pride in that unit, and your knowledge that its contribution to our final victory in the Mediterranean was hailed by all of the United Nations.

Here in Austria, we are doing all to improve the situation of the Jewish people, providing direct relief to those that suffered the most, and assisting the American Joint Distribution Committee and the Israelitische Kultusgemeinde in helping those Jews in the greatest need today. Those persons, as you know, who were confined to concentration camps for six months or more, and those who received only one-half a food ration under the Nazi occupation, policy are receiving special consideration.

Furthermore, we are ever alert to see that laws which might discriminate against any group of persons are not tolerated by the Austrian Government.

Judge Simon H. Rifkind, Advisor to the Theatre Commander on Jewish Affairs, visited Austria several months ago and commented favourably on the situation of the Jewish persons here. We were pleased to have his observations and suggestions, and it was reassuring to know that he was gratified with our efforts and with the results which they have been producing.

I appreciate your kind invitation to visit Palestine, and I sincerely trust that the future will bring me an opportunity to make such a visit.

Please accept my best wishes for your continued health and success.

Sincerely,

(Signed) MARK W. CLARK
General, U.S.A.,
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MEMORANDUM

To

Mr. Harry L. Shapiro

Date

May 14, 1946

From

Harry A. Steinberg

✓ As you know, on May 25th, Trans-Jordan, after twenty-five years as a mandated territory, is to become the Kingdom of Trans-Jordan and Emir Abdullah is to be "coronated" King Abdullah. May 25th will be the beginning of a three-day celebration in Trans-Jordan, and Arabs from the surrounding area will converge on the town of Amman. There will be colorful parades with many speeches (they will, of course, all be anti-Zionist) with a goodly amount of resultant publicity, no doubt, in the American press.

My feeling is that the Emergency Council should utilize the occasion by issuing some statement giving the Zionist viewpoint on the status of Trans-Jordan. I am well aware that such a statement has already been issued, but new ways can be found to repeat materially the same idea. Perhaps, in addition, some legal experts might be induced to issue a statement on the illegality of Britain's action in severing the Mandate and the creation of an independent state.

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AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL
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May 15, 1946

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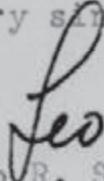
Dear Dr. Silver:

Inclosed herewith is another of Barnet Nover's splendid editorials in the Post. Aside from his prestige as an editorial writer and a commentator on foreign affairs for the Post, he is a close personal friend of the President. It is for this reason also that I am anxious to squeeze in a luncheon date for you with him upon your next trip to Washington.

I met Barney at lunch at the Club yesterday, and I told him I would like very much for you two to get together. He said he would like to meet you too. So that is that.

Kindest regards.

Very sincerely,


Leo R. Sack

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Incl.

May 15, 1946

Mr. Sam'l Silberger
4127 West Adams Blvd. Apt. A
Los Angeles 16, California

Dear Mr. Silberger:

I regret very much that we do not have a printed copy of Dr. Silver's sermon "The Fear of Russia" to send you. If the address should be published, I shall be pleased to send you a copy.

With best wishes, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver

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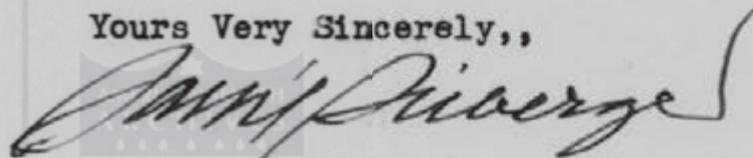
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Dear Sirs;-

Please be good enough to mail to me Dr. Silver,s
sermon emtiteled "The Fear Of Russia" delivered this last past Sunday.

I believe there is a small charge (or whatever it is)
for same,so just attach item to my a/c , and oblige,

Yours Very Sincerely,,



Sam,l. Silberger,
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May 15, 1946

Mr. Gerhart H. Seger
P. O. Box 50, Sta. K
New York 28, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Seger:

Thank you for your kind letter of May 10.

I am pleased to know that you will be in Cleveland on May 23. The Temple has no Friday evening services and we will therefore be unable to avail ourselves of your presence in the city. Our services are on Sunday, but the Sunday of May 26 is dedicated to the War Veterans of Cleveland who have already arranged their program. I hope that I may have the pleasure of seeing you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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LOUIS E SPIEGLER CHAIRMAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY
 COUNCIL.

1720 16.

May 21, 1946

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Sorry I wasn't in when you called this morning.

I forwarded a telegram to you from Senator Taft. Just in case you didn't get it, it reads as follows:

"Glad to see you Wednesday afternoon, preferably about 5:30, but could make it earlier."

The enclosures arrived this afternoon airmail special. Thought you might wish to see them.

Several calls: Dr. Falkman -- can't understand the telegram asking him whether he would go to the Congress if elected.

Mr. Danaceau: Checked on Shekel campaign. The District apparently did the least work on it. The Society ~~is~~ did the most work on it. The Heights Temple got a fair number of books in.

Mr. Mintz: Called to tell you that he is working hard getting the books tabulated and will call to let you know just how many are in just as soon as he knows.

Mr. Auerbach: Back from the West Coast - tired. He is worried about the situation there -- Hadassah and Labor Group. Says much work needs to be done there and quickly.

That is about everything.

Cordially,

American Zionist Emergency Council

WASHINGTON BUREAU
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CONSTITUENT ORGANIZATIONS:

Hadassah, Women's Zionist Organization of America
Mizrachi Organization of America
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May 27, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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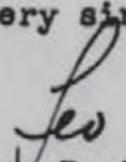
Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed is a perfectly splendid editorial in the Washington Post of yesterday (Sunday, May 26th) written, I assume, by Barney Nover. It is the third splendid piece that Barney has done for us since announcement of the Committee's report. I think it would be very fine if you, from your Cleveland office, would write a letter to Mr. Eugene Meyer, personally thanking him and the writer of the editorial. At the same time, I think it would be gracious if you expressed your appreciation for other fine articles and editorials in the Post in recent weeks.

I personally am dropping a note to Barney, and I am having some of our local Zionists write the Post, among other reasons, because a year ago when I didn't think the Post was treating us right, I had the same people complain to the Post with subsequent gratifying results.

In reference to your suggestion that I speak to Senator Taft and others, I shall do so immediately upon termination of the labor legislation crisis in the Capitol. To do so now, would be wasting our time and with no beneficial results. In the meanwhile, of course, we are continuing our campaign of letter writing.

Very sincerely,


Leo R. Saak

LRS:es

Encl.

P.S. Mr. Gilbert did NOT see Taft on Thursday because the Senator was tied up on the floor of the Senate with labor legislation. This ^{applied} ~~equally~~ on Friday and Saturday. They have an appointment for 5 o'clock this afternoon, but Gilbert feels, as I do, that the same objection will prevail again today. He is hopeful of seeing the Senator tomorrow afternoon if labor legislation is out of the way.

L.R.S.

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May 28th, 1946

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
& The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

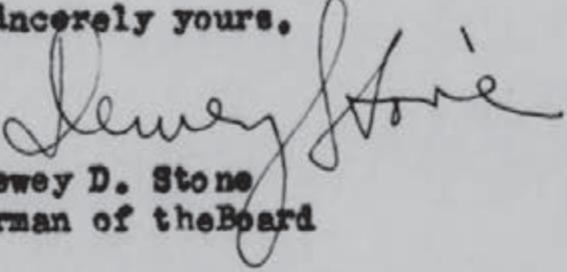
As a member of the Board you will be interested to know that plans have been completed for the laying of the cornerstone of the Weizmann Institute of Science at Rehovoth. This ceremony will take place on Monday, June 3rd, and will be witnessed by a group of distinguished scientists, laymen, and a number of our fellow Board members who have made the pilgrimage to Palestine for this purpose.

It is unfortunate that many of us were not able, due to technical difficulties, to make the trip at this time. However, I think it would be quite fitting for those of us here to express our personal sentiments to Dr. Weizmann by cable on this occasion. I am sure he would be very much touched by a message of greeting from us individually. His cable address is:

Weizmann
Rehovoth (Palestine)

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,


Dewey D. Stone
Chairman of the Board

I. G. SIMON
1501 KEYSTONE HOTEL
PITTSBURGH, PA.

June 7, 1946

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER
c/o THE TEMPLE
E. 105TH ST., AND ANSEL ROAD
CLEVELAND, OHIO

Dear Friend:

Please read the following very carefully. Thank you.

I am addressing this letter to you as a "rank and filer" who, like yourself, is sincerely interested in the cause of Zion. To me, like to yourself, the principle of Zionism is more important than any particular group making up the organized Zionist movement.

Although I have been an active member of the ZOA for thirty years, I have, during that period, given my wholehearted support, not only to this organization, but also to all other organized Zionist groups. To me every individual group working for a Jewish Palestine is dear.

I have made the above preliminary remarks in order that you fully understand why I am writing this personal letter and why, for the first time in my life, I must protest against and condemn some of the leaders of our sister and brother organizations for placing, wittingly or unwittingly, their personal prejudices above the best interests of our movement. I do so, sincerely believing that it is my duty to call the attention of some of my fellow-Zionists to the facts pertaining to the controversy now raging in connection with the forthcoming World Zionist Congress elections.

I will take the Hadassah first. For the first time in its history, the Hadassah which receives its status as a general Zionist organized group because of its affiliation with the ZOA has decided to place a separate delegate slate. This was done, not because the situation called for it, or that it would better the chances of the general Zionist group to elect more delegates, or that it would in any way benefit our movement more. I charge that some of the leaders of Hadassah have brought this about solely because of a "hate Silver" feeling on their part and that whatever other reason the Hadassah leadership gives for it is not factual.

Here are some of the facts on this matter. During the controversy that raged within the American Zionist Emergency Council, at one of its meetings, Dr. Silver said something which displeased Mrs. Rose Halpern, one of the outstanding Hadassah leaders. I fully respect her as an ardent Zionist and for the services she has rendered to the cause. However, human beings are like that. When one feels personally touched by someone, one becomes bitter and thus often loses the sense of understanding and fairness. Since that "fatal" day, Mrs. Halpern and a number of the other leaders of Hadassah have joined in a concerted effort to discredit Dr. Silver's leadership.

The ZOA has offered the Hadassah a 50-50 arrangement not only in connection with the slate of delegates, but also in connection with Congress committees. Nothing could be fairer than that. Yet, Hadassah turned it down. They use the excuse that they cannot, in consciousness, tie themselves up by caucus decisions.

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I want to ask these ladies of Hadassah if they are so conscientious, where was their conscience in 1942 when the Hadassah leadership, at its annual convention in New York, refused to accept the Biltmore program as adopted by the ZOA. Fortunately, the rank and file of the Hadassah delegates forced their leaders to accept it in full. Where was their conscience when some of their top leaders were willing to accept Dr. Magnus's program as represented by "Yichud", which actually means the acceptance of a minority status of the Jews in Palestine. Where was their conscience when, in 1940, Dr. Silver, who even then recognized that the then President of our country was misleading us with his promises and cried out at a meeting in Philadelphia, "We are sick of your blessings. We want action in behalf of our people"--or words to that effect. Where was the Hadassah leadership when Dr. Silver, who foresaw what was going to happen insisted in December of 1944 that the Palestine resolutions be adopted by the U. S. Congress and that we fight the then President's request that it be postponed. They sided with those who were blinded by the great "promiser". Did the Hadassah leadership understand, as Dr. Silver understood, when the formation of the Anglo-American Palestine committee was announced that we had nothing to hope for from this committee and urged non-cooperation on the part of Zionists. The only good thing that the committee did was the recommendation that 100,000 Jews be permitted to enter the land immediately. This is good as far as it goes, but it does not go far enough to meet the fulfillment of the Biltmore program for which our Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and the entire ZOA slate stand unequivocally.

What we need in our movement today most is the strongest possible leadership and there is no one today who is so suited for this as Dr. Silver.

Hadassah is a great organization, and its achievements in Palestine will be long remembered. However, this does not necessarily mean that it is ready to assume the responsibility of political Zionist leadership today. The rank and file of the Hadassah understands it. If the facts will be brought to them I am certain that they will show their leaders in no uncertain terms that they resent the action which has brought about a split in the general Zionist ranks.

I ask of you, therefore, to take steps immediately, not only to bring out a full ZOA vote on June 16, but also to urge the local members of your local Hadassah chapter to vote for Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Dr. Stephen S. Wise and their colleagues on the ZOA slate. It will not hurt the program of Hadassah. In fact, they will enhance the chances of even greater achievements by showing that they are fully aware of the meaning of Zionism and of the ways as to how best it can be implemented and its goal eventually achieved. A tremendously large vote for the ZOA slate will immensely increase the chances of the success of our efforts to re-establish Palestine as a Jewish commonwealth. It is the duty of not only the members of the ZOA but Hadassah and all other groups to give strength to Dr. Silver so that, in his dealings with our own government and with all other governments and world leaders, he will speak to them as the chosen representative of the vast majority of American Zionists and American Jewry.

There is another group in Zionism whose leaders, unfortunately, do not understand that the strengthening of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver's position will directly strengthen the program in which they are most interested. I am referring to the Labor Zionists.

We all recognize the great work of the Yishuv and the important role of the Histadrut. We all support them wholeheartedly. We will continue to support them. However, in the anxiety of some of their leaders to control the actions of the World Zionist Congress by electing a majority of the delegates they seem to have lost their heads and have spread unfounded rumors to hurt Dr. Silver's leadership. They do not seem to understand that we have to count not only with Britain and America, but with other world leaders. This being so, they do not seem to understand that in trying to

undermine the strength of Dr. Silver and the ZOA leaders, they directly hurt our cause and their own phase of activity. In the field of international politics, strong leadership is urgent, and Dr. Silver and his colleagues represent the strongest in leadership that we have today.

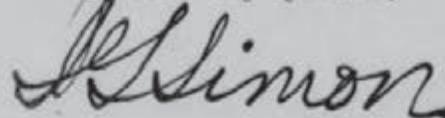
The ZOA shoulders the major portion of Palestine's political and economic problems. It carried the major burden of building Palestine for over 45 years. It has given unstintingly of its support to every Zionist group and agency working for the rebuilding of Palestine. It always has favored the improvement of the social status of Jews in Palestine. In short, it stands above parties and four-square pro a Jewish Palestine. It merits the support in the coming election of every conscientious Zionist regardless of group affiliation.

The record of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver speaks for itself--it is all good--all understanding. He has proven his great leadership in many ways. I point out just one thing which proves his able leadership. For four years after the issuance of the White Paper in 1939, while there was an Emergency Committee, very little was done to fight and fight hard this nefarious document. In the year or so that Dr. Silver served as co-Chairman with Dr. Wise of the Emergency Committee, great strides have been made in our favor. Had he been called to leadership immediately after the issuance of the White Paper, we have good reason to believe that the picture would have been more favorable for us. During the period he was forced to step aside, the Emergency Committee's efforts lost a great deal of its dynamics which Dr. Silver brought to it. Since his return to the leadership, among the many fine achievements of the Emergency Council, the adoption of the Palestine resolutions several months ago, stands out in bold type.

Can any Zionist today fail to give his support to such leadership? I personally believe that there is not one conscientious Zionist today who, when knowing the facts, would deny his support to this extraordinarily great leader in American Israel and Zion. I appeal to you as one Zionist to another in this grave moment of our people to do everything you possibly can to--1. Bring out the largest possible vote in your community. 2. To bring the facts to each potential voter before the election so that they, too, can join you in supporting the greatest leader in American Zion today. It is my sincere hope that following the election, you will have reason to be proud and happy of your part in making Dr. Silver and Dr. Wise the heads of an extraordinarily large ZOA delegation to go to the World Zionist Congress.

With thanks for your patience in reading this long letter, and with hopes that its contents will find a warm response in your heart, I am,

Sincerely yours,



I. G. Simon

MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date June 13, 1946

From Harry A. Steinberg

Subject: Statement headed, "There is a limit to what even Jews can endure."

- 1) The attached statement with covering letter was sent to over 300 leading Americans in all walks of life. Ninety acceptances were received, 84 in time for insertion in the ad which appeared in the New York Times on Saturday, June 8th.
- 2) A "break-down" of the acceptances indicates how weak our position is as yet in certain fields: industry, religion, education, and finance, especially. Over 125 letters were sent to people in the above categories with very few acceptances received, as even a brief glance at the names of the signatories will indicate.
- 3) Conversely, we show surprising strength in the field of the arts. This should encourage us to go ahead with grander plans in this field, and I understand from Mr. Shapiro that activity has already begun on the West Coast.
- 4) As you can well imagine, the form letter sent over Dr. LeSourd's signature provoked a good deal of correspondence, most of which was rather perfunctory. For your information, I am enclosing some of the wires and communications which may be of interest to you. Will you be good enough to have your office return them to us after you have glanced at them.
- 5) Nathan Straus telephoned a week ago suggesting that the statement be published in the Paris edition of the New York Herald Tribune to offset the effect of a recent anti-Zionist ad which appeared in those pages. Our reply to him at the time was that a shortage of funds precluded our placing this statement in as many newspapers as we would have liked to. Mr. Straus telephoned again today and volunteered to assume all costs involved in placing the ad in the Paris edition and, accordingly, this will be done.

QS: jm
Encls.

June 14, 1946

Mr. Harry L. Steinberg
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Steinberg:

Thank you for your letter of June 13 and your interesting observations. I am returning the material to you. I wish you would present a full analysis of your ad and the response to it to the next meeting of the Emergency Council, calling particular attention to some of the letters which you sent me.

I am very happy that Mr. Nathan Straus is making it possible for us to have our ad reprinted in the Paris edition of the New York Herald Tribune. I hope that it will be published forthwith.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

SHEKEL DRIVE
From
THE NEW PALESTINE
June 23, 1939

This being a Congress year, the organization was called upon to launch an intensive Shekel effort in addition to its regular membership activities. The Shekel effort has undoubtedly served to retard to some extent the enrollment work, with District leaders setting aside a great deal of their time to the registration of Shekel payers. It is gratifying to report that close to 350,000 Shekolim have been sold during the present Congress period by all Zionist Organizations and Parties. On this basis the United States is entitled to elect 115 delegates comprising approximately 25 per cent of the entire Congress delegation from all countries in the world. Of the 115, the ZOA has been allotted 34 delegates; Hadassah 29, giving the General Zionists a total of 63 delegates as against 52 for all of the other parties combined. This allocation, too, sets a new record since this is the first time that the General Zionists of America will be represented by so large a delegation. The election of delegates which was scheduled for June 11, was made unnecessary through the presentation of a unified slate by all parties comprising the United States Shekel Board.

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TO: HLS

FROM: BJS

(FOR DR. SILVER'S SIGNATURE)
THE ATTACHED DRAFT/IS SUBMITTED FOR YOUR
APPROVAL, AS FIRST STEP IN ORGANIZING THE OCEAN CITY
SEMINAR.

MAY I HAVE IT BACK, WITH YOUR SUGGESTIONS &
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HAVE YOU SUGGESTIONS TOO AS TO THE COMMUNITIES
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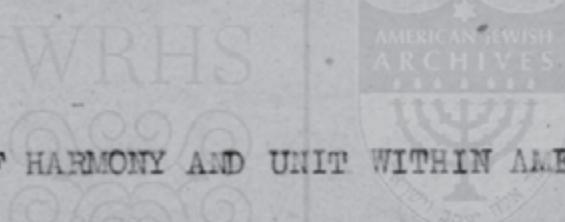
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DELIGHTED AT PROSPECT OF HARMONY AND UNIT WITHIN AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL. HOPE AND TRUST SUBMITTED PLAN SATISFACTORY TO ALL CONCERNED. SHOULD BE RATIFIED BY ALL ZIONIST ORGANIZATIONS.

THEODORE STRIMLING
 LOS ANGELES EMERGENCY COMMITTEE
 FOR ZIONIST AFFAIRS



AZEC Letterhead

Dear Friend:

You will be glad to hear, I know, that the American Christian Palestine Committee is planning its second Speakers' Seminar for May 27-29 at Ocean City, New Jersey. This Conference, similar to the splendid gathering held in Princeton, New Jersey last July is designed to enlist sympathetic understanding for the aims of Zionism.

The leaders of the American Christian Palestine Committee are convinced that their program must include the education of the public concerning Palestine and an incessant struggle against the inimical forces opposing Zionist aspirations. The American Christian Palestine Committee plans to reach audiences at public gatherings as well as through club, college, and church auspices. Towards this end the Club Program Service (the Speakers' Bureau of the American Christian Palestine Committee) has been greatly augmented, but in order to enlarge this program completely the Club Program Service must have a large group of ably-equipped Christian speakers in addition to those whose valuable services have been utilized so effectively in these latter months.

Dean LeSourd, Dr. Voss and their colleagues have invited the American Zionist Emergency Council to cooperate with the American Christian Palestine Committee in furthering this project. I, therefore, call upon you for your complete cooperation. It is my belief that your community would be greatly aided in its work if it could be represented at this Ocean City conference by a carefully-chosen non-Jewish representative who is deeply sympathetic to the Zionist ideal and who has been or could be helpful to your local program. An instructive agenda at Ocean City will inspire the participants to render important service as speakers and as leaders of the American Christian Palestine Committee in the local communities throughout the country. In making your choice pick the delegate not only by reason of his standing in the community but also because of his platform effectiveness.

Your representative will attend the Ocean City Seminar at the Flanders Hotel as a guest of the American Christian Palestine Committee from the late afternoon of May 27th through the afternoon of May 29th, but the local Emergency Committees are asked to pay the travelling and incidental expenses. We know that you and your Zionist colleagues will want to cooperate with Dean LeSourd, Dr. Voss and their friends in making the Speakers' Seminar a success.

May I add one item? When a community wishes to send more than one representative, the extra guests will have to have their expenses paid in entirety by the local Emergency Committees.

Kindly keep us posted as to your plans. We are asking for an immediate reply to this letter inasmuch as much preparatory work remains to be done, specifically: may we know whether your community feels the need for further cultivation of non-Jewish speakers? Likewise, may we have immediately the name or names of your selectees to which will be attached information concerning their professional affiliations as well as their addresses? I would suggest that you make travel reservations now so that your delegate may arrive on the afternoon of May 27th at the Flanders in Ocean City, N. J.

For this and many other acts of cooperation I extend warm thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Paul

AKS

(NOTE: SOME COMMUNITIES WILL RECEIVE THIS P.S.)

P.S. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Dean Le Sourd and Dr. Voss suggest that you consider the following ~~names~~ in your community ~~whom~~ who have (or has) been most helpful:



Sulamith Schwartz (announcement)

see

Mrs. Noah Kardi



Suggestions & Recommendations

see

Beatrice Cohen

Benj. Abszin

Mrs. Blanche Shephard

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