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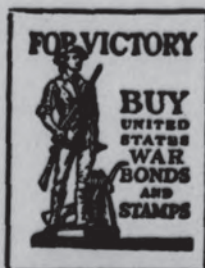
Dear Dr. Silver:

I am enclosing herewith copies of resolutions passed at our Regional Convention on June 24th, 1945. The vote on these resolutions was 124 to 2. Copies of these resolutions are being sent to the members of the Administrative Council of the ZOA, its Executive Committee and the officers of the ZOA.

Not only the Region leadership, but what is more important, the District leadership, has become very much aware of the importance of political action being taken now in a forthright and determined manner, and I am sure that if, as and when the Emergency Council is reorganized the response on the part of the country to follow your line of action will be tremendous.

The morning following our Convention we were greeted with the news in the papers about the peace plan. We didn't know that the Executive Committee would become so "frightened" at the resolutions the Long Island Region and the Brooklyn Region adopted that afternoon. Shall we become proud and vain in the thought that these resolutions were the straws that broke the camel's back?

Many of the Zionists have discussed the peace proposals with me and while they welcome this belated move on the part of the ZOA, they feel that there is much too much face saving in the plan. They do not say this because they are out for blood, but simply because they feel that those who were the prime movers in bringing havoc into Zionist life should not continue to sit in the council directing the political destinies of our



Dr. Silver - -

movement in this country. On one thing all of these people are agreed, namely that the Policy Committee should not go out of existence because of the necessity of a Washington house-cleaning.

I don't envy your return to the Emergency Council at this point. The debris and wreckage is strewn far and wide and the repair task is tremendous. In that work and in the new plans and policies which you will formulate you can rest assured that the Zionists on the Island will not only give you support but the action which you wish.

I hope that your trip to London will be successful and that you will bring back to us not only a hopeful word but some definite indication that England will agree to the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine as we envisage it.

Bon voyage and a safe return.

Sincerely yours

Abraham Tannenbaum  
Executive Director

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# AMERICAN ZIONIST POLICY COMMITTEE

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July 3, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Mayflower Hotel  
Plymouth, Mass.

Dear Dr. Silver:

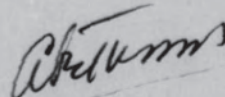
Maurice Schwartz called me on Friday and discussed the acceptances which he has received from the people to whom you had written invitations to become sponsors of the Yiddish Art Theater. For his purposes the acceptances make an impressive list and he wants this publicized.

He suggested that it would be much more effective if the announcement of the acceptances was to come from you. The Yiddish press and the Anglo-Jewish press would be much more generous in their treatment of the story.

I was holding this up, thinking that you would be in New York and that we could discuss it. Since you are not planning to be here for the present, I am sending the list on to you and will await your decision in the matter.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



Abe Tuvim

AT:RB  
Enc.

## MEMORANDUM

**To** Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

**Date** July 26, 1945

**From** Mr. Abe Tuvim

The projected program of the American Christian Palestine Committee, which I outlined to you in our conversation last Friday, has been submitted to Mr. Shapiro in the form of a written memorandum and he undoubtedly will see that you have a copy.

There are other matters with which we should be concerned. I did not put them into the memorandum since I feel that they should be treated separately. I am submitting them to you at Mr. Shapiro's suggestion.

During the past months the executive heads of the American Palestine Committee and the Christian Council on Palestine have been quite unhappy with many limitations and restrictions which were placed upon them and their activities. In this feeling they were joined by many of their board members. It is not my intent to enter into a discussion of whether or not they are justified. I know that a definite measure of control is called for. Yet, at the same time, I am mindful of the fact that they experienced many difficulties in securing approval and finances for some of their projects, and were continuously discouraged.

I think the whole question should be gone into very thoroughly. There is a general belief among our own people that it will be necessary for us to lean increasingly on our Christian contacts as time goes on. Both Dean LeSourd and Dr. Carl Hermann Voss not only realize this but look forward to it. In consequence they feel that very substantial funds should be made available for an enlarged Christian effort, subject of course to approval by the Emergency Council of such program or projects as they are developed.

There are a great many cities which have not been reached and in which some effort should be made to develop Christian sentiment for a Jewish State. To do this, and all of us agree that it should be done, will require large funds and a marked increase in the staff of the American Christian Palestine Committee. I believe that if there is basic agreement on the need for carrying on this work intensively during the next months that arrangements should be made to place additional funds at the disposal of the Emergency Council. Only if this is provided can the executive heads of the Council give approval to worthy projects undertaken by the American Christian Palestine Committee, or assigned to the Committee by the Council.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

July 26, 1945

In connection with this there are two phases of our work to which it is most urgent that special attention be given. One is the need for sharply intensified activity in the Southern states, and the other the setting up of an office of the American Christian Palestine Committee on the Pacific coast.

FUNCTIONS ~~funds~~ With regard to the first of these, I would like you to know that at a staff meeting of the American Christian Palestine Committee held several days ago both Dr. LeSourd and Dr. Voss stressed the urgency of wide spread activity throughout the South. They pointed out, as you yourself did after analyzing the reports on the round robin to the President, that many Southern Senators and Congressmen have built up a wall of resistance to aid of any kind for the Jewish people. No program of education can be effected unless and until we have sufficient funds to devote ourselves to a real effort throughout the South. We should have funds of one kind or another in all the large cities and build up both Christian and Jewish political power in the defense of Zionism and in the furtherance of its program.

With regard to the second point, little or nothing is being done on the Pacific coast. It is difficult to carry on the type of activity which our situation calls for without the establishment of a Pacific coast office, to which there should be attached an executive to work in the Jewish field and one to devote himself to the Christian field. I would suggest that the office be set up in San Francisco for reasons which are undoubtedly obvious.

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AMERICAN PALESTINE COMMITTEE  
41 EAST 42nd STREET, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

## MEMORANDUM

**To** Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

**Date** August 28, 1945

**From** Abe Tuvim

The following have accepted sponsorship of the World Christian Conference for Palestine, scheduled for November 1st and 2nd in Washington, D. C.:

Senator Gabriel Gonzales, President Chilean Committee

Antonio Manero, President, Mexican Pro-Palestine Committee

Rt. Rev. Charles V. Pilcher, Australian Palestine Committee

Sir Ellsworth Flavelle, Canadian Palestine Committee

We are waiting to hear from Dr. Gustavo Gutierrez of the Cuban Pro-Palestine Committee. (Dr. Gutierrez is being contacted through Desiderio Weiss of Havana, Cuba.)

Prior to these acceptances Sir Wyndham Deedes of London, and Prof. William Rappard of Switzerland accepted sponsorship.

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

## MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date August 30, 1945

From Mr. Abe Tuvim

Mr. Shoolen Ettinger phoned from Indianapolis yesterday to request that you be good enough to come to that city some time within the next four months, at a date suitable to your own convenience.

When I was in Indianapolis last, I was pledged to ask you to do this and to urge your acceptance. I did not press you about it, because I knew how occupied you were in so many other directions. I do feel, however, that if you can possibly manage to assign a date to them it will be all to the good.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed you will find a copy of a letter from Mr. Sumner Welles, it is in reply to a memorandum which I, as the American representative of the Palcor News Agency sent him, following President Truman's statement on Palestine.

The memorandum was a summary of Palestine press opinion.

With best wishes for the new year, and for you. May it be one of great accomplishment in the new responsibilities which you have undertaken as a member of the Jewish Agency Executive.

Zionism is certain that your devotion and great talents, which have served our cause so well, will help speed the redemption of Palestine.

Dr. Akzin has a copy of the memorandum, which he used as a basis for his talks with Washington newspapermen. It was drawn up and sent out before any of our delegates had returned from London.

Sincerely yours,

*J. L. Teller*

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September 4, 1945

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

Dear Doctor Silver:

Enclosed is a plan which I have worked out and wish to implement, with the concurrence of the American members of the Jewish Agency executive, when I take over my duties as chief of the information department of the Jewish Agencies in Washington.

Sincerely yours,

*J. L. Teller*

J.L.Teller.

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ABRAM S. MAGIDA,  
Secretary

MEMORANDUM RE: JEWISH AGENCY INFORMATION BUREAU IN WASHINGTON

It is my opinion that Zionist propaganda in this country has suffered from two serious errors: it has been monotone, in that it has reiterated over and over again certain shiboleths without bothering to readjust its slogans so as to constitute a reply to various misgivings arising, or circulated among the American public with regard to Jewish demands. There has been an excess of publicity releases reiterating the same shiboleths issued by all and sundry organizations and individuals; this has come to be regarded as a nuisance by editors, and to have but little effect on public opinion. ~~The releases have become as static as reports of events, which are read only by those with specific interest in them, rather than by the general reader.~~

Press conferences should be avoided as much as possible, unless they are absolutely imperative. In so far as the Agency Information Bureau is concerned, it should concentrate on submitting information to journalists, teachers and speakers, and itself be in the limelight as little as possible. Above all, our aim is not to get the name of the agency into the press, but to put across the full story of Palestine through the largest number and the most varied channels.

I therefore propose:

- 1) The establishment of an Institute for Middle East Affairs, to consist ~~of Christians, Arabs and Jews of all faiths, and Jews.~~ The Institute to issue a semi-monthly bulletin for Middle East Affairs which would report political, economic and cultural events in all countries, including Palestine. This would put across the story of Palestine much more effectively than a bulletin devoted exclusively to Palestine. It would also underscore the place of Jewish Palestine in the Middle East setup.
  - a) The Institute should also serve as a clearinghouse for commercial

firms in this country, cultural groups etc., seeking exchanges with their counterparts in the Middle East. Arabs would find it necessary to use the Institute of Middle East Affairs as a channel, and it would offset, *we hope,* whatever propaganda institute the Arabs would set up in Washington.

b) The Institute for Middle East Affairs should receive a daily or weekly cable summary of editorial opinion in the Middle East, *this* summary too, *should* ~~could~~ be distributed to newspapermen, and could also include a great deal of of Jewish Palestine press opinion. All publications of the Institute for Middle East Affairs *should* ~~could~~ be distributed to editorial writers throughout the country, to members of Congress, to clergymen, and to members of the diplomatic corps, to scholars throughout the country. A Spanish edition could be distributed in Latin-America. I would suggest that the bulletin be printed, not mimeographed. Mimeographed material is not as well received by readers as printed material.

c) The Institute of Middle East Affairs could also issue a series of brief but specialized studies i. e. a comparative survey of wages in Palestine and in other countries. A study of education throughout the Middle East. A study of hygiene etc.

2. The Jewish Agency Information Bureau as such, would distribute to a similar list as that of the Institute for Middle East Affairs, all official documents relating to Jewish Palestine, such as Kohn's letter to the Palestine Post with regard to minorities in the Jewish state; the Zionist Smaller Actions Committee resolution on the Arabs etc. It would also prepare articles for magazines and submit to writers, memoranda which they could use in the preparation of articles, and for which I believe they would be grateful. For instance: an article on American investments in Palestine; on American authors translated in Hebrew; on Palestine's preference for certain American movies, etc.

We will have to draw up a list of specialized publications; ~~and~~ send to farm journals, news dealing with new agricultural methods in Palestine; to medical journals- news with regard to certain medical experiments in Palestine; to the financial editors ~~of magazines~~, news with regard to American bonds sold in Palestine, or ~~to~~ Palestine bonds sold abroad.

a) Confidential memoranda to the press whenever <sup>an</sup> important political issue arises, such as President Truman's statement. In ~~this~~ <sup>with Freeman's</sup> connection, with the assistance of Eliahi <sup>E</sup>pstein, I have prepared a memorandum which has been <sup>statement;</sup> placed in the hands of some twenty leading newspaper ~~columnists~~ throughout the country. The memorandum is herewith enclosed.

*Affiliated* Other Services.

3) ~~Either in connection with the Jewish Agency Information Bureau or with the Institute for Middle East Affairs~~ <sup>In this connection,</sup> (I would prefer the Jewish Agency Information Bureau) a picture service should be established to distribute photographs or persons of events in the news. For instance: on Christmas, and Yom Kippur, photographs of pilgrimages to the Holy Places in Palestine; photographs of outstanding personages in the news from the Middle East; biographical sketches of all such persons, so that when there is a change of cabinet in Egypt or Syria, we could immediately supply the press with background material on persons involved.

4) A series of proposed undertakings by our information bureau for the year 1946; a) Representatives of American cooperatives should be invited as observers to a conference of Jewish cooperatives in Palestine, and to visit cooperative settlements, and to study their methods; a conference in Palestine of all teachers of Hebrew in the United States, including ministers etc; b) several <sup>free trips to Palestine for students of Hebrew in the</sup> United States. The trips should be given preferably to non-Jews, this can be arranged by offering the prizes to students other than those of

Hebrew schools; c) Middle East trips ( with emphasis on Palestine ) for teachers, labor leaders etc. d) I would collaborate with Epstein on a book (on the style of TimeBomb, Under Cover, and such) showing the danger to American peace from the intrigues of the oil interests in the Middle East. Epstein has material which can be built up into more than a mere thesis, and would constitute an expose which may have the backing of independent oil interests and other parties.

5) To implement even part of this program would require my full time and attention. I would, therefore, propose that the Independent Jewish Press Service and Falcor be left in New York, while I devote myself entirely to the Middle East Institute and to the Jewish Agency Information work in Washington. I shall be glad at all times, to advise <sup>JPS</sup> on policy, criticize releases after their publication so as to avoid future errors, write the weekly editorials for the service. This is going a long way, <sup>and</sup> ~~but~~ I would not go beyond that. Even a considerable <sup>part-time</sup> connection with the Independent Jewish Press Service would be impossible if I am really to make some progress toward implementation of the above program.

Washington is still virgin soil. Very little has been done today along the propaganda lines suggested by me.

6) Some coordination would have to be worked out between the Jewish Agency Information Bureau and other agencies, so that there would be no overlapping and duplication, if, as Hammer suggests, our budget is restricted and other agencies claim that we are encroaching on their territory. Some understanding can be reached whereby certain material is printed under their imprimatur; economic bulletins of a certain type by the American Palestine economic corporation etc.

7) I think that a prerequisite for our work is a survey of American public opinion, by means of a Gallup poll, to determine the attitudes of Americans on a geographic, socio-economic and denominational basis, toward the Jewish claims toward Palestine, the Arab question, the British position, and also the degree to which various Americans are informed about our achievements. Also to ascertain their specific interest with regard to Palestine, that each of these groups may have.

8) It is also agreed that when matters of general policy have been agreed upon, the details of the work are to be left entirely to the head of the department, including the right to hire and fire people working under him. It would be undesirable for the future of the information bureau that the department head be instructed on details, ordered by any one individual of the agency executive to call press conferences called by the department, and no other department should call such conferences. The head of the department should be given full confidence and invited to the political sessions of the American Advisory Board, so that he may plan his work accordingly.

I am willing to take full responsibility if this department is entrusted entirely to me, but refuse to take any responsibility if I have less than full authority.

JACQUES TORCZYNER  
2 West 46th Street  
New York, N. Y.

September 5, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
19810 Shaker Blvd.  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

May I take this opportunity to present to you my best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year. I hope that in the months that lie ahead, you will be able to lead a successful fight for the achievement of our aim.

May I also tell you how happy I am that you are again at the head of the political work, and express the hope that before the year is over, you will be the elected President of the largest Zionist organization in the world.

I remain,

Respectfully yours,

JACQUES TORCZYNER

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September 9, 1945

Mr. J. L. Teller  
Palcor News Agency  
50 Union Square  
New York 3, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Teller:

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness  
in sending me a copy of the letter from Mr.  
Sumner Welles. I read it with great interest.

I trust that you are well, and with all  
good wishes for a very happy new year, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

*Teller*

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ABRAM S. MAGIDA,  
Secretary

September 19, 1945

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

Dear Doctor Silver:

In accepting earlier this summer, a position with the Jewish Agency, as of October 1st or thereafter, I understood that: a) it would be as director of the Jewish Agency Information Bureau in Washington, and was unaware of any disagreement among Zionist leaders as to the advisability of setting up such a bureau; b) I accepted the position in good faith, understanding that it would not subject me to censorship in my functions as an independent Zionist journalist.

I accepted in the hope of serving Zionism to the best of my ability. I now withdraw because a situation has evolved which indicates: a) that there is no unanimity of agreement as to my functions, and; b) the advisability of a Washington office is being disputed by some; c) I have become, to my great chagrin, involved in a controversy in which I have no desire to participate, and which is hardly conducive to the success of the work I had expected to undertake. As evidence of the latter, may I call your attention to libelous insinuations against me contained in an article in the Jewish Morning Journal by Mr. Kretchmar - Israeli, press liaison officer for the American Zionist Emergency Council, in reply to an article of mine in which I criticized all Zionist leaders in America - Mr. Israeli made even more libelous statements against me in conference with the editors of the Jewish Morning Journal.

Because of his special position with the American Zionist Emergency Council, his smear of my character, refuted by my reputation as an independent journalist, would indicate -- unless disclaimed by his superiors -- a lack of trust in me by the people whose confidence is prerequisite for the success of my work with the Agency.

May I assure you that, as a Zionist anxious for the success of our cause, I am prepared to volunteer my services to the Jewish Agency to the fullest possible extent, and whenever called upon.

Sincerely yours,

*J. L. Teller*

J.L.Teller.

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September 19, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

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Sincerely yours,

Signed) J. L. Teller

September 21, 1945

Mr. J. L. Teller  
Independent Jewish Press Service Inc.  
207 Fourth Avenue  
New York 3, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Teller:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of  
September 19.

At the last meeting of the Jewish Agency  
which I attended, it was decided not to proceed with the  
setting up of an Information Bureau in Washington such as  
had been contemplated. The existing Research Department  
of the Emergency Council which is adequately staffed and  
equipped will be used for that purpose. Nor is there need  
for another publicity department. With this decision I  
heartily concur.

As far as the article of Mr. Kretchmar-Israeli  
is concerned, my one criticism of it is that it was not  
strong enough.

Sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

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*Torczyner*

CHARLES WOLF  
580 Fifth Avenue  
New York 19, NY

September 21, 1945

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have the honor and privilege to invite you to be our guest at a small intimate dinner which we are tendering Mr. Numa Torczyner, on the occasion of his 60th birthday. There will be only a few close friends and we would like very much if you could spend a few hours with us.

The dinner is scheduled to be held at the Paramount Restaurant, 138 West 43rd Street, at 7:00 P.M., on Tuesday, October 9th. I know that Mr. Torczyner and his family would appreciate it very much if you could be with us.

Hoping to see you very soon, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

*Charles Wolf*  
CHARLES WOLF

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*see letter to  
E. Neuman*

AMERICAN PALESTINE COMMITTEE  
41 EAST 42nd STREET, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

## MEMORANDUM

**To** Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio

**Date** September 22, 1945

**From** Abe Tuvim

I thought you would be interested in the attached copy of letter from Sumner Welles to Dean LeSourd, under date of September 18th, in which Mr. Welles accepts membership on the Executive Council of the American Palestine Committee. He advises that he has also accepted the Chairmanship of the Maryland Branch of the American Christian Palestine Committee, extended to him by Judge Sherbow of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City.

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(letter to E. Neumann)

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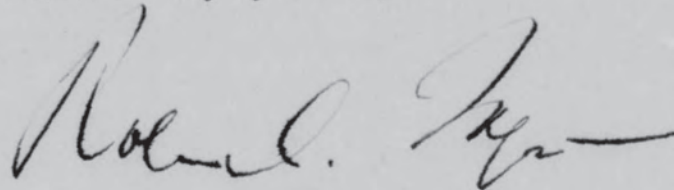
Mr. S. LeVine,  
1241 Germantown Street,  
Dayton, Ohio.

Dear Mr. LeVine:

I have your letter of October twenty-fourth requesting me to introduce a resolution to accept the joint administratorship of the Palestine Mandate.

I have just introduced the resolution desired by the official Zionist organization led by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland, and I hope that we can secure its passage. I don't think the question of a joint mandate faces us at this time. I understand the British may propose a joint commission to study the entire subject, and I shall favor our accepting such an invitation.

Sincerely yours,



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November 6, 1945.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
105 East, at Ansel Road  
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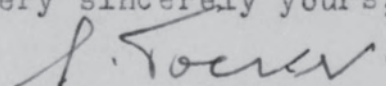
Dear Dr. Silver:

With reference to our telephone conversation enclosed please find three applications for your air-priority to Palestine. Please fill in the questions marked with pencil, sign the applications and return them to me.

Upon the instructions of the Jewish Agency, we have already applied for the revalidation of your passport.

With best regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,



Dr. Salomon Tocker.

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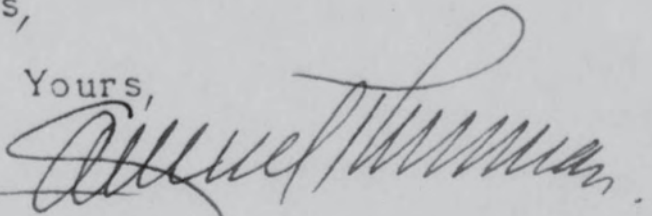
You should have heard from me before this, but I took it for granted that when you received the report of my visit from Dr. Akzin, without any corrections from me, there was no hurry. Indeed, this is my first opportunity to tell you, as I look back upon it, that my visit with the President was, as you advised, worthwhile.

Indirectly, I received word that Bob Hannegan had been informed by the President of my visit and that the latter was favorably impressed. I don't know how much we can make of it, but I give it to you for what it is worth.

If there is any other service which you think I might render in the circumstances, you will not hesitate to call on me.

With best wishes, as always,

Yours,



Samuel Thurman

My expenses amounted to \$86.00

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
105 St. and Ansell Row,  
Cleveland, Ohio

November 8, 1945

Dr. Salomon Tocker  
World Jewish Congress  
1834 Broadway  
New York 23, New York

Dear Dr. Tocker:

I am enclosing herewith the three applications for air priority. I am afraid that I signed my name twice on each application blank, once in the wrong place. If so, please ask your secretary to strike out the signature where it is not wanted.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Very cordially yours,

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ABRAHAM TULIN  
COUNSELOR AT LAW  
521 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

November 21, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Co-chairman, American Zionist  
Emergency Council  
1720 16th Street N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Permit me, first of all, to congratulate you upon your unanimous and enthusiastic election as President of the Zionist Organization of America, to which I humbly contributed my one vote as a delegate.

I am enclosing you herewith an informal legal opinion which I sent Dr. Weizmann on November 14, at his request, on the Terms of Reference of the proposed Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry. This informal opinion may be of some service to you in connection with your forthcoming deliberations in Jerusalem as a member of the Executive of the Jewish Agency.

Further study of the subject since I wrote that opinion has convinced me that the Terms of Reference are even worse than they appeared to be

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on first reading on November 14, and that we should make every possible effort to have them changed into what would virtually be a directive to the Committee of Inquiry to examine and report on the best ways and means of implementing the right of the Jewish people to establish its national home in Palestine under the Mandate and the obligations of the Mandatory Power under Articles 2, 4, 6, 7, 11, 15 and 22 of the Mandate.

It would, of course, be still better if we could secure a reversal of the decision to have a Committee of Inquiry altogether. I do not believe, however, that we can do this, although we should try to do it. If we fail in this effort, we should then exhaust every possible means of securing the desired change in the Terms of Reference.

If we fail in that effort too, we will be confronted with an inquiry by the proposed Committee, under very bad Terms of Reference, whose report may have a vital effect on our hopes and aspirations for a long period of time. In my judgment, we cannot afford to ignore or boycott the inquiry before that Committee, half of the membership of which will be

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver--3

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American. I believe that we should not only not boycott this inquiry, but that we should prepare for it with a thoroughness greater than that with which we have approached any former inquiry; that we should present to the Committee, through the ablest counsel available, every bit of evidence that we can possibly gather on the legal, political, economic and social aspects of the problems which the Committee will consider; and that we should thus strive to secure at least a minority report in our favor if, indeed, we cannot secure a unanimous or a majority report in our favor. To this end we should also take every step possible to assure that the Americans to be appointed on the Committee should be men of sufficient stature and independence to command almost universal respect and attention, and should furthermore be men who are without preconceived notions against us.

Please be assured that I am completely at the service of the Agency and the American Zionist Emergency Council for whatever I may be able to contribute to secure the ends desired.

Yours sincerely,

*Abraham Tulin*

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November 29, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Jewish Agency for Palestine  
Jerusalem, Palestine

Personal

Dear Dr. Silver:

By this time you probably are aware of a cable which Dean Howard M. LeSourd has sent to Dr. Nahum Goldmann with reference to the proposed organization of a delegation of approximately 20 people affiliated with the World Committee for Palestine to go to England before January for the purpose of influencing their nationals who are on the preparatory commission of the UNO and delegates to the UNO itself.

We have given considerable thought to the project, and after discussing it with Harry Shapiro, it was decided that I should write to you to give you our views.

While the idea is basically sound, we do not believe that the composition of the members of the World Committee for Palestine is such as would insure the successful prosecution of the idea. Latin America in particular, is so thoroughly divided politically that we have no assurance that the World Christian Representative who comes from Mexico would have any political influence with the UNO delegation from Mexico. This might hold true of other countries as well and we might find ourselves in a position where we would have any number of Christian delegates going to London without any influence to speak of.

Another, and even more important aspect, is what we believe to be the almost certain prospect that the question of Palestine will not be considered until the Commission now to be appointed by the United States and Great Britain renders its report. Under the best circumstances this cannot happen until late Spring.

If we are to accept this as a reasonable outlook, the only way in which the Christian delegation could serve would be to undertake the task of educating and propagandizing their nationals against the day and time the Palestine issue would finally be presented to the UNO.

If this is the case, then it is our considered belief that the project, which, according to Dean LeSourd has the approval of Dr. Nahum Goldmann, is untimely. It would be of infinitely greater service to our cause if we were to undertake the task of creating the most effective representation of

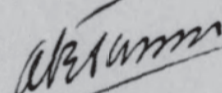
Christians in the nations in which we have Christian friends, and particularly in Latin America. We believe that Mrs. Yarden and two or three other Spanish speaking Zionists should be sent at once into the nations of Latin America to create representation which would have sufficient political influence to sway ~~our~~<sup>the</sup> representatives in the UNO to work and vote for a solution which would be acceptable to us.

I hope that this gets to you in sufficient time to enable you to discuss these aspects with Dr. Goldmann and the others. I have no doubt that some of these angles have occurred to you but it was felt here that I should nevertheless write to you. I am convinced that some of the representatives on our World Committee do not have the stature for the job ahead, and I think that our work during the next few months should be devoted to getting people of influence to do the job which we know will ultimately develop.

All of us hope you are well and that you will be back among us soon.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,



Abe Tuvim

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The Hon. Robert A. Taft  
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JUST RETURNED FROM PALESTINE AND LEARNED WITH DEEP SATISFACTION OF THE FAVORABLE ACTION OF THE SENATE ON YOUR PALESTINE RESOLUTION. I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR THE GREAT ASSISTANCE WHICH YOU PERSONALLY RENDERED TO THIS CAUSE AND THE SYMPATHETIC UNDERSTANDING WHICH YOU MANIFESTED AT ALL TIMES. OUR PEOPLE ARE PROFOUNDLY GRATEFUL.

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ABBA HILLEL SILVER

JACQUES TORCZYNER

December 26, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Zionist Organization of America  
1720 Sixteenth Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Silver:-

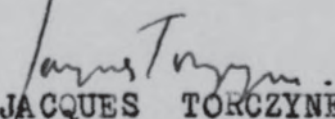
I take the liberty of sending you the names of the leaders of the Manhattan Zionist Region. These gentlemen are devoted Zionists, and are suggested so that you can select them as members of the Administrative Council.

The Manhattan Zionist Region has only five representatives elected to the Administrative Council. All the names herein are those of men who were active members or zealous supporters of the Policy Committee. :-

- ✓1) Mr. Max Levy, 250 West 57 Street, New York, N.Y.
- ✓2) Mr. Sam Berman, 103 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y.
- 3) Mr. Louis Dince 320 Broadway, New York, N.Y.
- ✓4) Mr. Henry Grauer, 580 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.
- 5) Mr. Max Birnbaum, 5290-79th Street, Elmhurst, L.I.
- 6) Rabbi Erwin Zimet, 205 East 82 Street, New York, N.Y.
- ✓7) Mr. Eleazar Lipsky, 320 West 83 Street, New York, N.Y.
- 8) Mr. Joshua Lowenfish, 50 West 106 Street, New York, N.Y.
- 9) Mr. Jacques Dresner, 580 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.

May I personally recommend Mr. Max Levy, who was not elected a member of the Executive, but has been with us since the beginning; and Mr. Sam Berman, a leading figure in the membership drive in the Region.

Yours sincerely,

  
JACQUES TORCZYNER

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Mr. Abraham Tulin  
521 Fifth Ave.  
New York, N.Y.

PENCILLED CORRECTIONS WOULD NOT HELP OUR CASE. SUGGEST YOU DO NOT USE FACSIMILE.  
REGARDS.

SILVER

ABRAHAM TULIN  
COUNSELOR AT LAW  
521 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK

From Abe Tuvim  
Central Conference on Palestine  
1528 Locust St.  
Garfield 4827

FOR RELEASE - FRIDAY,  
JAN. 11th

#### DR. VOSS ANALYSES JEWISH ZIONIST OPPOSITION

Says They Are Doing Disservice to Jews and Christians

St. Louis, Mo.-Jan. 11, 1946.--Dr. Carl Hermann Voss, Co-Director of the American Christian Palestine Committee, addressing the Second Annual Dinner of the St. Louis Chapter of the American Christian Palestine Committee, held here last night at the Hotel Statler, called attention to the results of recent polls, which indicated that not only the vast majority of Jews, but also 3 out of 4 Christians looked with favor upon the free entry of Jews into Palestine and its inevitable corollary, the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish National Homeland.

"The opposition to Zionism," said Dr. Voss, "numbers only a few thousand to the more than half million American Jews who belong to the Zionist movement in its constituent and affiliated groups." Dr. Voss said it was not his intention to call upon what he termed "this negligible minority of Jews" to accept the idea of a Jewish Palestine. What he objected to, however, was the attempt by what he called a splinter movement, "to use its power and influence to distort the actual picture, which is that America, both Jew and Christian, favors a Jewish Palestine."

Dr. Voss, who is in St. Louis to participate in the Second Annual Conference of the American Christian Palestine Committee, was one of the principal speakers at the dinner which was attended by 750 leading lay and religious leaders of St. Louis and vicinity. His attack on the Anti-Zionists was occasioned by efforts which were made here by a few of their leaders to dissuade some of the civic, religious, and educational groups from sponsoring pro-Palestine meetings as part of the Conference. In all, 28 meetings have been scheduled, none of which were cancelled as a result of the pressure of the Anti-Zionist group.

With regard to the sources of this pressure, Dr. Voss said, "These people, who are often conscious only of their own position and prestige and frightened for what they mistakenly think is their own future, are doing a great disservice to both Jews and Christians alike. They are confusing many sincere Christians who honestly seek to make a significant contribution to a lasting solution of the Jewish problem."

Dr. Voss called upon American Christians to join "the overwhelming majority of American Jewry in supporting the Zionist program," and said that a united front is essential to achieve justice for the Jewish people. Excerpts along lines indicated above follow:

"The question is often asked by Christians who are sympathetic to Zionist aspirations, "Well, aren't the Jews divided on the question of Palestine as a Jewish National Homeland?" The answer is that there is, of course, a division on this question among the Jews as there is a diversity of opinion among any group of people on a question of great importance. But in this particular case the opposition to Zionism among Jews comes from what has been proven to be a negligible minority, a splinter movement, which is extremely powerful and quite vocal, -- but still negligible. This opposition to Zionism numbers only a few thousand in contrast to the more than half million American Jews who belong to the Zionist movement in its constituent and affiliated groups.

It is not my intention to call upon this infinitesimal minority of Jews to accept the idea of a Jewish Palestine. They have every right to reject it. What I do wish to call attention to, however, is that it strikes me that they have no right to use their power and influence to distort the actual picture, which is that America, both Jew and Christian, is for a Jewish Palestine, as witness the Roper Poll, and the more recent Gallup Poll, indicating that 3 out of 4 Americans are for permitting the Jews to settle in Palestine.

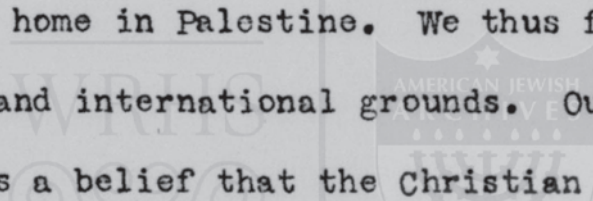
According to the survey made by the Roper Poll this opposition group can not claim the allegiance of more than 10% of American Jews, whereas more than 80% of American Jewry is in favor of the Zionist program. The opposition group is led by people who, in many instances, are unmindful of their Jewish faith and untrue to their historic heritage of Jewish yearning for Palestine as a National Homeland. These people, who are often conscious only of their own position and prestige, and frightened for what they mistakenly think is their own future, are doing a great disservice to both Jews and Christians alike. They are confusing many sincere Christians who honestly seek to make a significant contribution to a lasting solution of the Jewish problem.

The time has come for millions of American Christians to join with the overwhelming majority of American Jewry in supporting the Zionist program.

A united front is essential to achieve justice for the Jewish people.

Where, among Christians, may I ask, do you find such singular unity and overwhelming agreement on issues of vital importance? Where do you find any unanimity among Christians on such unmistakably Christian imperative, as racial equality, abolition of the poll tax, and the inevitability of collective bargaining?

Our strong support of the Zionist cause is based in our firm conviction that there should be one place on earth where the Jews, as individuals and as a people, may live the type of life that is for them spiritually and culturally most satisfying and where they would be liberated from the disabilities and suppressions attaching to the status of minorities. No permanent solution of the Jewish problem in its spiritual and cultural as well as its material phases can be achieved without the establishment of a Jewish national home in Palestine. We thus favor Zionism on practical, humanitarian, moral and international grounds. Our deepest motivation in supporting Zionism is a belief that the Christian conscience is involved."



From Abe Tuvim  
Central Conference on Palestine  
1528 Locust St.  
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FOR RELEASE \* FRIDAY,  
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CHARGES BRITAIN AND AMERICAN ENACTING  
"JUDAS" ROLE IN PALESTINE

PROMINENT MINISTER SAYS PALESTINE BELONGS TO JEWS

Rev. B. Frank Hall, minister of the Central Presbyterian Church of St. Louis, and former president of the Metropolitan Church Federation, called upon Great Britain to redeem the pledges inherent in the Balfour Declaration and charged that "the two greatest democracies on earth have re-enacted the role of Judas--not for silver, but for oil, and for political advantage."

Rev. Hall spoke at the second annual dinner of the St. Louis Chapter of the American Christian Palestine Committee at the Statler to an audience of 750 lay and religious leaders of St. Louis and environs. He pointed out that there was no nation or race to whom the world is as deeply indebted as to the Jews, and called attention to the fact that it was from the Jews that civilization obtained the Law of Moses, the Psalms of David, the ethical inspiration of the Prophets, and the high concept of God.

"Without the Jew," said Rev. Hall, "a Christian civilization would be impossible. Yet in all history no people has been so oppressed, persecuted, hounded, mistreated." Rev. Hall recounted the recent history of the Jews in Europe, saying that a long record of infamy has reached its culmination in our day and that the inhumanity which has befallen the Jews in the last decade has never been practiced on any other race.

"A pitiful remnant of European Jewry wander a devastated continent, without where to lay their head, while the promises made a quarter century ago of a homeland are cynically ignored by the nations that made and underwrote that guarantee." Stating that "by right of history, by the word of Scripture, by virtue of desperate need, and by reason of the glorious demonstration of ability of the few Jews who have resettled there under incredible difficulties," Dr. Hall said, "Palestine belongs to the Jews."

"The Balfour Declaration, which England made and the United States ratified, solemnly undertakes to restore their country to them. For reasons of policy, this solemn pledge has been deliberately violated. The two greatest

democracies on earth have re-enacted the role of Judas--not for silver, but for oil, and for political advantage. No more sordid chapter in diplomatic double dealing has been written than this. While our soldiers fought for freedom, "interests" unconcerned with principles and unimpressed by patriotism fostered and coddled the most tyrannical and corrupt governments on earth, for the sake of the wealth of the Near East. And the major sufferers from this policy have been the Jews of Europe and the honor of Britain and America."



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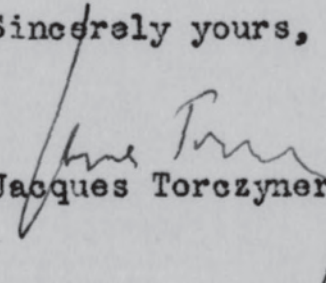
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
19810 Shaker Blvd.  
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

Following our telephone conversation of today, I wish to inform you that both sons of Mr. Harry Levine, Buddy and Babe, will be married on the same day.

Sincerely yours,

  
Jacques Torczyner

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I want you to know that I appreciate your letter of January 24th. Its contents will help me considerably in the discussions I will have with Voss and LeSourd when they arrive here in about ten days. It was good of you to go into such details.

My position on the question is dictated solely by the situation which exists in the American Christian Palestine Committee, which must be resolved sooner or later. I do not believe that, with the possible exception of Albright, there is any indication of a definite move to whittle down Zionist policies. Of course, I may be unduly optimistic on that score, but it appears to me that most of the leaders in the American Christian Palestine Committee believe wholeheartedly in what you yourself indicate as the "heart of the Zionist program -- the right of the Jewish people to become, through free immigration, a majority in Palestine and to establish a Jewish commonwealth in which, of course, all peoples, regardless of race or creed will enjoy equal rights of citizenship."

I think that this formulation should be acceptable to them. It is a deviation from common Zionist terminology, which they wish to avoid, and it does present an undeniably logical sequence. If there are any who cannot accept this, we are better off without them. I thought we could achieve the same end by the use of the language in the Congress Resolution, but I know that your approach is preferable.

I know that you will be happy in the knowledge that we are making splendid headway here. We have already set functions at the Kiwanis, Rotary, Bar Association, Engineers' Council, club and churchwomen, AFL and CIO.

In addition we have assurances of five radio broadcasts on the principal stations, three of 15 minute duration and two half-hour panel discussions. All of these functions and radio programs have our speakers exclusively and our subjects.

Dr. Silver

January 28, 1946

Also, we have just had an inquiry from the public relations officer at Ellington Field for Major George Fielding Eliot to address an assembly of 1,000 service men as part of their orientation program. We are setting this up and will be most careful in the selection of the subject.

Our publicity has been beyond our wildest expectations. So far, there have been no outward repercussions. Assumingly, the "momzerim" are still skulking in their tents, but we are ready for the fireworks.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

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ABRAHAM TULIN  
521 5th Av.  
New York, N.Y.

January 28, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Co-Chairman & Chairman Executive Committee  
American Zionist Emergency Council  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York City

Dear Dr. Silver:

I submit the following observations on the recently announced proposal of the British Government to establish Trans-Jordan as an independent State:

1) The proposal involves the transfer of sovereignty over Trans-Jordan from the present possessors of such sovereignty to a new State. The present possessors of the sovereignty over Trans-Jordan, as over the rest of Palestine, are the Allied and Associated Powers of the First World War, of which the United States is one. Hence, sovereignty over Trans-Jordan cannot be transferred to a new Trans-Jordan State without the participation of the United States in such transfer. Moreover, I am inclined to believe that such participation can be made only by treaty, which must be ratified by the United States Senate.

Since France, Belgium, Italy and Japan were likewise among the Allied and Associated Powers of the First World War, their consent, too, would be necessary to the setting up of Trans-Jordan as an independent State. In the case of Italy and Japan, which have been conquered in the Second World War, it is likely that their rights in and to the sovereignty of Trans-Jordan and the rest of Palestine will be transferred to the conquering powers of the Second World War by the ultimate peace treaties between them and such conquering powers. In that event the consent of the conquering powers, of which the United States is one, will be necessary so far as the present rights of Italy and Japan in the premises are concerned.

2) If the establishment of Trans-Jordan as an independent State is to be accomplished not directly but via a new trusteeship agreement under Articles 76, b and 79 of the Charter of the United Nations, the consent of the United States would still be necessary under the terms of Articles 2 and 7 of the Anglo-American Palestine Convention of 1924 and of Article 79 of the Charter of the United Nations; since the United States is clearly one of "the States directly concerned" in the matter. Such consent again could probably only be given by treaty ratified by two-thirds of the Senate of the United States.

3) It follows from the foregoing that we are confronted with a political question in this matter of the proposed establishment of Trans-Jordan as an in-

dependent State and that if we are sufficiently alert we may be able to block this proposal by our political activity in this country, except upon terms which will enure to our advantage.

I am leaving tomorrow morning for a very badly needed rest in Florida. You can reach me there at 222 Seminole Avenue, Palm Beach, Florida.

Yours, faithfully,

ABRAHAM TULIN (signed)

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Dear Dr. Silver:

There has been a development here in connection with which I need guidance, and I hope that you will find occasion to get in touch with me within a day after you receive this letter. To make sure that you get it in time, I am sending a copy to Manson. I am doing this also because I wish him to know what the developments are here.

When I returned here several weeks ago and discussed the overall picture with Mr. Robert E. Smith, our chairman, I sensed that part of his willingness to be of service to us could be accounted for by his antipathy toward the large British oil interests, their machinations in the Middle East, and their behind-the-scenes arrangements with the American monopolies. Mr. Smith is an independent oil operator of wealth and standing, and is one of the key figures among independent oil producers.

I did not enter into too deep a discussion with him, but based on our conversation, I wrote to New York requesting that Mr. Neumann draw up a memorandum on the recent aspects of the oil situation and sent it to Mr. Ian Ross MacFarlane, who is to speak here, and who generally discusses "Palestine and Oil." The assignment was given to Mr. Ben-Horin and ultimately I received a three page memorandum on the subject which may be turned easily to our advantage.

Texas has thousands of independent oil producers. They are in deadly fear of Standard and the other oil monopolies. They have a deeply rooted concern over the Anglo-American oil agreement which is to come up before a Senate Committee before very long. They plan to send a delegation to the Senate Committee to protest against the passing of this projected treaty. They feel that their existence is threatened by the possible flooding of American markets with oil from the Middle East. So much is vocal. There is much more, however, that is not expressed and that can be ascribed to a deep distrust of all things emanating from monopolistic control in oil.

Dr. Silver

January 31, 1946

Ben-Horin indicates this struggle between monopolies and independent producers. I think you should have a copy and I am enclosing one. After a consultation with Mr. Max Jacobs, our director of publicity, and a man who is thoroughly alive to all trends in this part of the country, I am convinced that there is a very strong possibility of getting some of the independent producers, through their organized body, to give vent to some form of protest against the sacrifice of Jewish lives on the altar of oil. Mr. Jacob's words were: "I think I <sup>can</sup> get these people to go to Washington to say that they do not want to see the Jewish people crucified on a cross of oil."

A few words about Jacobs will be in order. He was former city editor of the Houston Post, one of the leading newspapers here. He is a Jew who is conscious of his background without being a Zionist. He has gone through a process of indoctrination in the past few weeks which has prepared him for the role of Zionist. I listened to him discuss all pros and cons with newspaper editors and managing editors, and I felt very good about his rapid and thorough grasp of our problems. He is very well thought of in the community and has a number of outstanding publicity accounts, which keep him in continuous contact with community leaders.

At this point he is very much enthused about the prospect of getting a favorable expression for our cause from the oil people. I know how much we need this, but I hesitate to permit my enthusiasm to get the better of me, especially in view of my conviction that the oil people will want to use us to buttress their attack on the Anglo-American oil treaty. This brings us into the realm of deep politics, and I need some guidance. I need, more than anything else, to be advised to what extent I can go in this promised development.

I have told Mr. Jacobs that it would be best to move forward cautiously until I get some indication from my people back east with regard to procedure. The implications are much too dynamic for me to assume full obligation for them. Of course, all of this is only in the idea stage. We may be figuring without our host and nothing may come of it. But since it does have the germ of an important development, it occurs to me that if nothing else is done, Mr. Neumann and, or, yourself should have a session with Mr. Mac Farlane before he comes here, to brief him along lines acceptable to us. The time element is also with us. The hearings before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee were supposed to take place around the middle of February, but with Connally's absence from the country, it does not seem possible they will begin before the end of February.

You can reach me at the office of our Committee, at Charter 4-8318, or at the Rice Hotel, at Preston 2111. I would like to hear from you at the earliest possible occasion.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*Abe Tuvim*  
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## COMMENTS ON THE MIDDLE EAST OIL SITUATION

Before outlining the various aspects of the Middle Eastern oil situation which are of direct concern to America, let us state in brief the essential facts about the petroleum reserves in the Middle East.

By now, most people are aware of the fact that the Middle Eastern area has very considerable oil deposits, but few know the extent of these deposits in relation to the total oil deposits in the world. Only three years ago, the Petroleum Administrator in Washington, estimated the Middle East reserves at 15.5 billion barrels out of an estimated world total of about 50 billion barrels. A year later, however, an American Oil Mission dispatched to the Middle East stated upon its return that the reserves of the Middle East amount without question to 26.5 billion barrels. Off the record they added that they would not be surprised if it were proved that the Middle East reserves amount to between 50 and 100 billion barrels. In other words, it seemed plausible to them that the Middle East's oil deposits might exceed the reserves of all the oil producing countries in the world put together.

The exact amount of oil deposits in the Middle East has not been established, because wide areas reportedly rich in petroleum have not yet been explored. This applies not only to lands and regions in which oil prospecting has not taken place as yet, but even to some oil producing lands in the Middle East in which the areas of exploitation have been artificially restricted by the concessionaires. Thus, for example, in Iraq the British interest which are predominant in the Iraq Petroleum Company, have refrained from developing numerous fields near the Persian Gulf. If these fields were developed, their oil would challenge the place in markets of Eastern Asia now held by the products of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company in which the British Government holds the controlling interest.

The Political Background of the American Concessions. American oil interests today hold the following concessions in the Middle East. Standard Oil of California together with the Texas Company, through their subsidiary, the Arabian American Oil Company, jointly own the concessions in Saudi Arabia and in Bahrein. The U.S.

Gulf Oil Company operates the Kuwait Concession jointly with the British (the Anglo-Iranian Company.) Standard Oil of New Jersey together with Socony Vacuum hold 23.5 percent of the Iraqi Concession, the rest being divided between British, British-Dutch and French interests. This was the first American position in the Middle East attained despite the active opposition of the British in the years following World War I, but the Americans in Iraq are still no more than a junior partner in a British-controlled concern.

It was in Audi Arabia and Bahrein that American oil interests acquired an exclusive position. For many years this active American penetration into an area completely dominated politically, militarily and economically by Great Britain was most unwelcome to the British Government. But since World War II the attitude of the British has changed radically. Indeed, the British Government and the British oil interests have given many signs of welcoming the United States in the Middle East. Close cooperation between the two Powers has been established, with the British paving the way for the creation of an American sphere of influence in the Middle East to which Saudi Arabia now obviously belongs.

The reason for this change of heart on the part of Britain is apparent. Britain realised that she would be unable to withstand by herself the impact of Soviet Russia's policies in the Arab lands, and she preferred to have the United States on her side in case of any future conflict with Russia. That is why Britain has tried to facilitate American oil investments in Saudi Arabia as well as the development of the American concessions there and in Bahrein and the construction of the Trans-Arabian pipeline from the Persian Gulf to the Eastern Mediterranean. This pipeline crosses British-governed lands, and could not be built against British opposition.

Cartels. Though Britain was forced by major political and military considerations to give up its absolute monopolistic position in the Middle East and to share the wealth of that area, and its political and strategic values to some extent with the United States, Britain nevertheless managed to take good care of its oil interests

in the area. Before giving the green light for the construction of the Trans-Arabian pipeline project, Britain delegated its ablest men to negotiate the Anglo-American oil agreement in Washington. It is noteworthy that among the British negotiators were Sir Frederick Godber, representing the Shell Combine and Sir William Fraser, who is chairman of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company and also represents the Burma Oil Company.

The British oil magnates were primarily concerned with the question of post-war markets and prices and the prevention of over-production in the Middle East which might adversely affect their interests. For this reason they were interested in preserving the status quo in Iraq - i.e. the exploitation of only one restricted area of Iraq's oil fields. The British preferred to deal with two or three of the largest American oil companies. They did not want to see the Middle East penetrated by smaller American companies or independent producers who might not be amenable to cartel agreements.

Shortage of Oil or of Markets? When early in 1944 the U.S. Government launched the Trans-Arabian Pipeline Project, the main argument of the advocates of the project was that America was running short of oil. There seemed to be no doubt that what we were facing was a shortage in oil reserves, not in markets. Those who opposed spending the taxpayer's money on a pipeline which would serve the interests of two oil companies, were not convinced of this allegedly impending shortage of oil.

The crisis to be faced soon in the Middle East will be of a diametrically opposite nature: an abundance of oil, a scarcity of markets and an over-production situation. That such a crisis is pending is now obvious to all who watch oil developments in the Middle East. During the war oil production, as well as the refining and piping capacities of the various concessions in the Middle East, was considerably enlarged. The process of expansion is still going on; new refineries are being built, new pipelines laid. On the other hand, devastated Europe and the war-torn Far East can hardly be expected to expand their consumption of oil products

in the next few years. Indeed, it is doubtful whether they will be able to maintain their pre-war purchasing power. An over-production situation is likely to arise, causing the various rival concessionaires in the Middle East to cut down production. For it should be kept in mind that it has never been expected that the Middle East would supply oil to the Western Hemisphere.

Oil and American Policies in the Middle East. When the over-production situation arises, it will become obvious how unjustified was the adoption of a pro-Arab orientation by our Administration under the pressure of our alleged oil requirements and the vested interests of the oil companies. There seems to be little doubt that the behind-the-scenes influence of some of the big oil companies was responsible to a considerable extent for the change in the traditional pro-Jewish and pro-Zionist stand of America on the question of Palestine. When I say "America", I mean the Administration, for the people of America remained faithful to the pro-Zionist tradition. Wherever American public opinion has had a chance to express itself on the Palestine issue, its sentiments have fully been invariably pro-Zionist. But the Administration seems to have accepted the pro-Arab orientation of the British Colonial Office, and to have used the oil situations as a salient argument in justification of that policy.

The fact of the matter is that America has at no time been dependent on Middle Eastern oil and, that furthermore, the Arab potentates in the Middle East are in no position to threaten America with oil sanctions - as has repeatedly been reported - in case of America's adopting a pro-Zionist policy with regard to Palestine. Ibn Saus and the Sheikh of Bahrein are dependent on American capital, industry, oil royalties and various other subventions. Nor do they have anyone else to turn to to take the place of the American concessionaires. As mentioned already, Britain acquiesced in America's penetration of the Middle East, and for obvious reasons Britain would not now compete with the United States in case of a political conflict between America and the Moslem potentates. Soviet Russia, on the other hand, is absolutely unacceptable to the Arab chieftains on political and social grounds, even

if Russia were in a position to out bid America in commercial terms. There is an old saying that "More than the calf wants the milk of the cow, the cow needs to be milked"; this was never truer than in the case of the relationship between American oil interests and the Arab potentates in the Middle East. Thus, even from a purely commercial viewpoint, there was no necessity for America's entering a deal which seems very clearly to amount to the bartering of Jewish blood and Jewish suffering for Arab oil. America would have gotten the oil for the asking.



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(COMMITTEE IN FORMATION)

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I had a luncheon with some of the oil men today and received a sympathetic hearing and a promise of cooperation.

Two of the most important people in the independent oil field were present. One was Hiram King, vice-president of Sinclair Oil Co., and the other, Robert E. Smith, who has a very high standing as an independent oil man and as a civic leader. He is our chairman for the Christian Conference to be held here next week.

We went into the details of how best to serve each other and arrived at the following conclusions:

1. A number of independent oil men of wide repute will be asked to include in their protest against the proposed Anglo-American Treaty a statement favoring our cause. The men who are to be approached to make such a statement are:

William and Howard Keck, (father and son), of the Superior Oil Co. of California; H. R. Cullen, a multi-millionaire producer of Houston; Harry F. Sinclair, the president of Sinclair Oil Co.; and J. V. Allred, former governor of Texas and attorney for the independent producers who are opposing the Treaty.

2. It was agreed that when the independent oil men come to Washington to appear before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on this subject, that they will receive a delegation of our people to brief them in the position they are to take before the Committee.

3. Mr. King is to meet with Mr. Sinclair during the coming week, at which time he will discuss the question with the head of Sinclair Oil. He believes that Mr. Sinclair will be willing to incorporate an attitude favorable to us in the statement which he will undoubtedly issue attacking the Treaty.

(Letter to Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Feb. 8, 1946) (Cont'd)

Mr. King showed basic sympathies with our cause exclusive of the oil question. He is very proud of the fact that his brother, a retired minister, visited Palestine, and came away very deeply and favorably impressed with the work of our people there.

I got Mr. Smith to agree to be one of the delegates from this area, who will give testimony before the Foreign Relations Committee. By this time, Mr. Smith has been so thoroughly indoctrinated that it is a positive joy to hear him explain our aims and defend our rights.

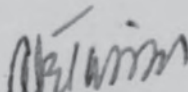
We will be expected to use our influence with some of the members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in opposition to the Treaty. It was clearly understood that this was to be exclusively behind the scenes and was not to be publicized unless we chose to do so.

It was also agreed that we would get up a factual memorandum on the oil situation in the Middle East and its effect on our position, said memorandum to be submitted to the delegation when it goes to Washington.

Mr. Max Jacobs, our local publicity man, and public relations director for Mr. King's company in this area, has undertaken to tie the threads together at this end and keep us advised of all the developments. It will be necessary to supply additional information to Mr. Jacobs at the above address. I have made no financial arrangement with him as yet, but some compensation is indicated. This, I will discuss with you when I return to the office a week from Monday.

With kind personal regards.

Sincerely,

  
A. Tuvim

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February 19, 1946

Mr. Vasil Furnad  
American Palestine Committee  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Furnad:

I was very glad we had an opportunity to discuss the work of the American Christian Palestine Committee at such great length and that it was possible for us to clarify so many points with regard to our future work.

I want to take this opportunity to outline my own thoughts about the mass membership campaign which you are endeavoring to get underway. I think the procedure that is being followed is all wrong and that it will yield no appreciable results. The primary reason for this is that you can't have a successful campaign without organizing for it, and you cannot organize for it without a staff. No campaign of such dimensions can succeed on mere letter writing and I am convinced that if we continue to write letters without backing them up by actual work in the field, it will be injurious to our cause.

The basic idea of mass membership is sound. I am not one of those who holds that the American Christian Palestine Committee is interested only in so-called leaders. My experience has been that there is little to look forward to in terms of actual work from these leaders unless there is a working machine in their communities to spur them on and keep them busy. Long distance contacts have been proved almost totally ineffective.

As evidence of this, you need only analyze the results which we have obtained through the mailing of mass membership blanks to new members with a request that they cooperate by obtaining additional Christians in their communities to join the ACPG. You will find that the results have been insignificant.

I consider it wrong to send letters out to liaison officers in Zionist communities advising them that the Christian group has undertaken, or plans to undertake a mass membership drive. The Christian groups in the individual communities have not, and will not undertake such drives, unless they are organized for it. They cannot be organized for it with a limited staff and our disposal.

It must be realized that the Christian membership is an undisciplined membership. They are not accustomed to taking directives from us, except in fairly isolated incidents. We have no hold on them, except for their sympathies. They have not been educated to work, nor have our liaison officers been properly educated as to the procedures to follow in exacting efforts from the Christian communities. In view of these indisputable facts, the

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projected mass membership is doomed to failure unless an altogether different approach is worked out.

I would like to suggest such an approach. I feel that if we are to obtain mass members for the ACPC it can be done in one of two ways. The first, and to my mind most preferable, would be to build a staff of a minimum of fifteen organizers to be sent out into the country to organize the Christian communities for membership. Desirable as this may seem, it is, nevertheless, a difficult thing to accomplish at the present time. It will require a decision in that direction by the American Zionist Emergency Council and the allocation of the necessary funds with which to carry it out.

The second procedure, and this I believe presently more feasible, is to use the strength we have in an organized manner. I refer to the ZOA, the Hadassah and the AFL and CIO.

If Zionists are to be enrolled in the work of gathering members for the ACPC, the directives for such work must come from the ZOA. It will be ineffective going, as it does now, from the ACPC office. The ZOA should organize a drive among its leaders and hold those leaders responsible for results. The results should be directed to the office of the ZOA and the whole process should become part of the ZOA program. The ZOA staff should be instructed accordingly. The procedure should be treated in the same manner as any other national activity undertaken by the ZOA.

The same is true in the case of Hadassah. It is my conviction that if this is done, tens of thousands of Christian adherents can be obtained for the ACPC. The values go beyond mere membership. The procedure opens the way for closer cooperation and better understanding between Christians and Jews in Zionist communities and it gives Zionist workers an opening to establish relationships which can be used to good effect, if and when they become needed.

With regard to the AFL and the CIO, directives should go from Mr. Green and Mr. Murray. The letters should be written on their official stationery and the membership forms sent out should embody the position of their respective organizations with regard to Jewish aspirations in Palestine. The membership forms should also be returned to Mr. Green and Mr. Murray by the individual labor leaders to whom they are originally addressed. We should, of course, offer to pay for the stationery, the printing, mailing, etc.

Another method of obtaining mass membership of which we have failed to avail ourselves is through the meetings which have been arranged by our Club Service Dept. I have spoken about this on a number of occasions but nothing has been done to bring about the desired results.

I see no reason why we should arrange hundreds of meetings and make no effort to obtain membership at these meetings. I know this is difficult in the case of Rotary Clubs, etc. I know also that there are innumerable clubs and groups which obtain speakers from our Club Service Dept. which would readily lend themselves to a membership appeal if a real effort was made to do so. I consider this a very weak link in our organizational setup with regard to speakers.

Many of our speakers have not been educated to the need for membership. They should be. In cases where the speakers are reluctant to make membership appeals, an effort should be made to have the appeal made

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by someone else at the meeting, preferably the person presiding. Since membership in the ACPC is voluntary and free of any charge it should not be difficult to convince at least half of the organizations arranging meetings to give the people in attendance an opportunity to express their willingness to join the ACPC.

I think a plan should be put into effect which would make every meeting arranged by the Club Service Bureau similar to meetings which are arranged in connection with Conferences. Literature kits should be distributed, and where possible an appeal for membership should be made. Even if the nature of the meeting is such that an appeal cannot be made, we are missing the opportunity of education through literature distribution.

This, of course, will require the complete overhauling of the forms now in use in the Club Service Dept., but this should not create any obstacle in view of the results which may be obtained through such a change.

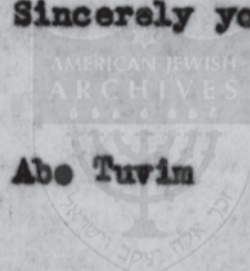
I shall look forward to meeting with you again to continue our analysis of our work to devise means of bringing about better results.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Abe Tuvim

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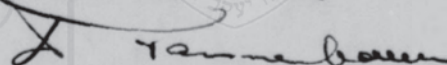
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am enclosing a recent copy of Pal Eco News with a marked editorial dealing with the proposed British loan. The position I have taken was approved by Neumann.

It occurs to me that it might be worthwhile to send copies of this editorial either in its present form or elaborated, to members of Congress while the loan is under discussion.

Sincerely yours,



DAVID TANNENBAUM

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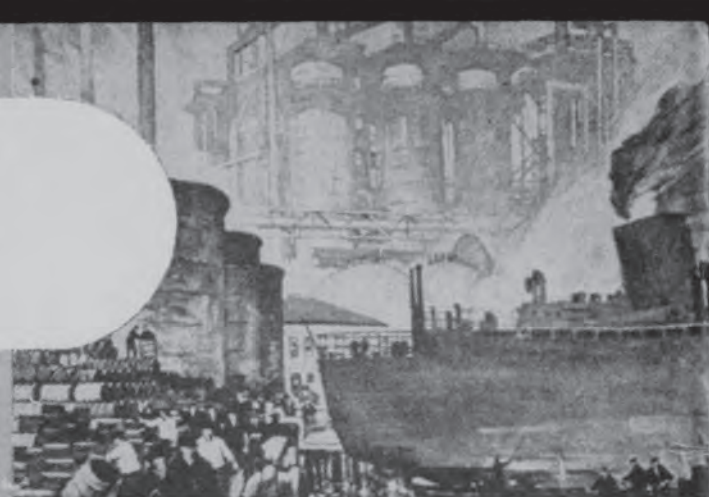
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## TEXTILES

The manufacture of textiles is one of Palestine's major industries. It covers a wide field: the production of yarn and cloth from cotton, wool, silk, rayon and flax fibers; the processing of yarn and cloth—i.e.—dyeing, bleaching, printing, etc.

There are approximately 246 textile mills now operating in Palestine. Personnel totals 5700. Estimated average value of annual output is about \$25,000,000. The majority of these mills are small plants employing from 6 to 25 workers and attaining, individually, an annual production of \$20,000 to \$120,000. The 13 larger mills produce upwards of \$200,000 each and employ more than half the total number of workers in the textile industry. \$6,712,000 has been invested in this field.

In the five year period ending 1939, in addition to the local production of textiles, the country imported over 27,000 tons of various fabrics and raw materials divided as follows — yarn (wool, cotton, rayon) 4,081 tons, cotton goods 15,071 tons, woolen goods 757 tons, natural and artificial silk, 2,381 tons, raw cotton 3,764 tons.

No cotton is grown in Palestine. The major supply has been Egyptian

cotton mixed with cotton from India. Palestine also imported \$1,340,440 worth of cotton (yarn, piece goods) from the United Kingdom in 1944. Palestine manufacturers are eager to import cotton from the United States but this is dependent upon the availability of dollar exchange.

There are approximately 13,000 spindles in Palestine today. It is reported that over 100,000 cotton spindles have recently been ordered as well as 2200 looms and 150 knitting machines. Of the 800 mechanical looms now either in use or on order, only a small percentage can be described as modern. Mr. Wittkowski, a textile expert, in a study made for the Jewish Agency, estimated the textile needs of the present population to be 5,688 tons of cotton products, 876 tons of wool products, 924 tons of silk and rayon products and 88 tons of flax products. The requirements of an estimated population of 3,400,000 would be 18,407 tons annually as against the present estimated needs of 7,578 tons.

A serious handicap in the realization of the textile industry's full potential has been the shortage of cotton yarn. Limited shipments from India in 1945 have resulted in a shrinkage of production. Exchange restrictions have seriously interfered with purchases by Palestine manufacturers in the American market.

Mass production of very cheap textile products does not seem feasible in Palestine. Wages paid in the textile industry are slightly higher than average wages paid to Palestine workers generally. Future development in textiles must be based on quality production. Emphasis must be put on fashion and distinctive styles. Palestine is in a unique position to penetrate the quality textile market. Skilled labor is available. Standards of workmanship are high. Productive capacity

per worker can be substantially increased with the aid of new modern machinery to replace obsolete plants.

Palestine textile industry can become a major factor in supplying the needs of the Middle Eastern countries. The manufacture of imported raw materials and its subsequent export in the form of textiles to neighboring countries, has a vast potential. The following tables are illustrative.

### MAJOR SOURCES OF COTTON IMPORTS 1944

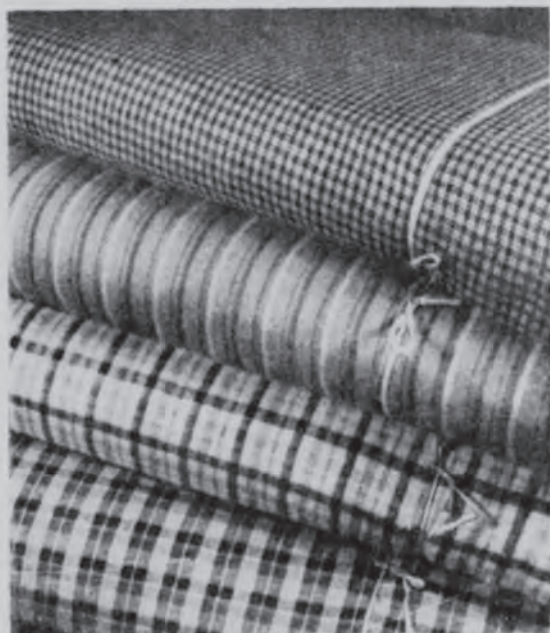
Cotton, raw	Total	\$1,308,636
Egypt		\$1,288,332
Cotton, yarn	Total	3,024,584
United Kingdom		47,520
India		3,901,596
Cotton Piece Goods	Total	2,705,296
United Kingdom		493,972
India		1,935,496
Syria		119,548
Woolen & Worsted yarns	Total	1,034,776
United Kingdom		799,048
Egypt		234,532

### SOME TEXTILE EXPORTS 1944

Woolen Wearing Apparel	Total	\$ 644,512
Egypt		\$ 218,012
Iraq		110,132
Iran		94,552
Syria		180,228
Pajamas, Underwear, Shirts,	Total	\$1,057,620
Cyprus		223,156
Egypt		202,524
Iraq		89,780
Iran		168,696
Syria		302,172

The textile manufacturing industry is closely associated with the styling and cutting-up trade. Prior to the war, the dress industry was largely in the hands of private tailors. During the war, fair sized plants were set up to make ready-to-wear "utilitz" garments.

Many of the leading stylists, formerly of Vienna and Czechoslovakia, now live in Palestine. The Tel Aviv style shows attract buyers from the entire Middle East.



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## MARKETS

**ADEN** (British Crown Colony)—Import of Palestine jams and citrus juices prohibited by official decree. Aden merchants have been ordered to purchase all jams and juices in South Africa. Prior to present British restrictions, Aden was a regular market for Palestine brands. Local merchants had renewed Palestine orders until advised otherwise.

**SUDAN** — Orders for textiles and other goods have been booked, indicating a slight expansion of trade with Palestine. External trade controls discriminate against the import of "luxury" commodities into the Sudan, despite the general prevalence of acute shortages.

**YUGOSLAVIA**—Jewish merchants have been approached by Tito government on possibilities for renewal of Palestine-Yugoslav trade suspended after 1939. (Palestine imported in 1939, \$600,000 worth of Yugoslav goods; exports totaled \$40,000.) Palestine can well use Yugoslavia's lumber. Payment is preferred in dollars, but sterling or commodity exchange is reported acceptable. Details for resumption of trade are now being worked out in Tel Aviv.

**UNITED STATES** — Demand for diamonds processed in Palestine is increasing. Americans are purchasing luxury items—eg. jewelry—in large quantities. Prices are high—due to inflationary tendency. Palestine, specializing in high-quality merchandise therefore finds itself in a uniquely advantageous position viz-a-viz exports to the United States.

A continued demand for Palestine industrial diamonds is also expected with prices rising from 30 to 50% above present levels.

Belgium and Holland have re-entered the diamond-processing field. Low wages paid in Antwerp and Amsterdam may conceivably affect Palestine's competitive position. English diamond cutters have already felt the competitive impact of cheaper European labor.

## A "CHARACTER" LOAN

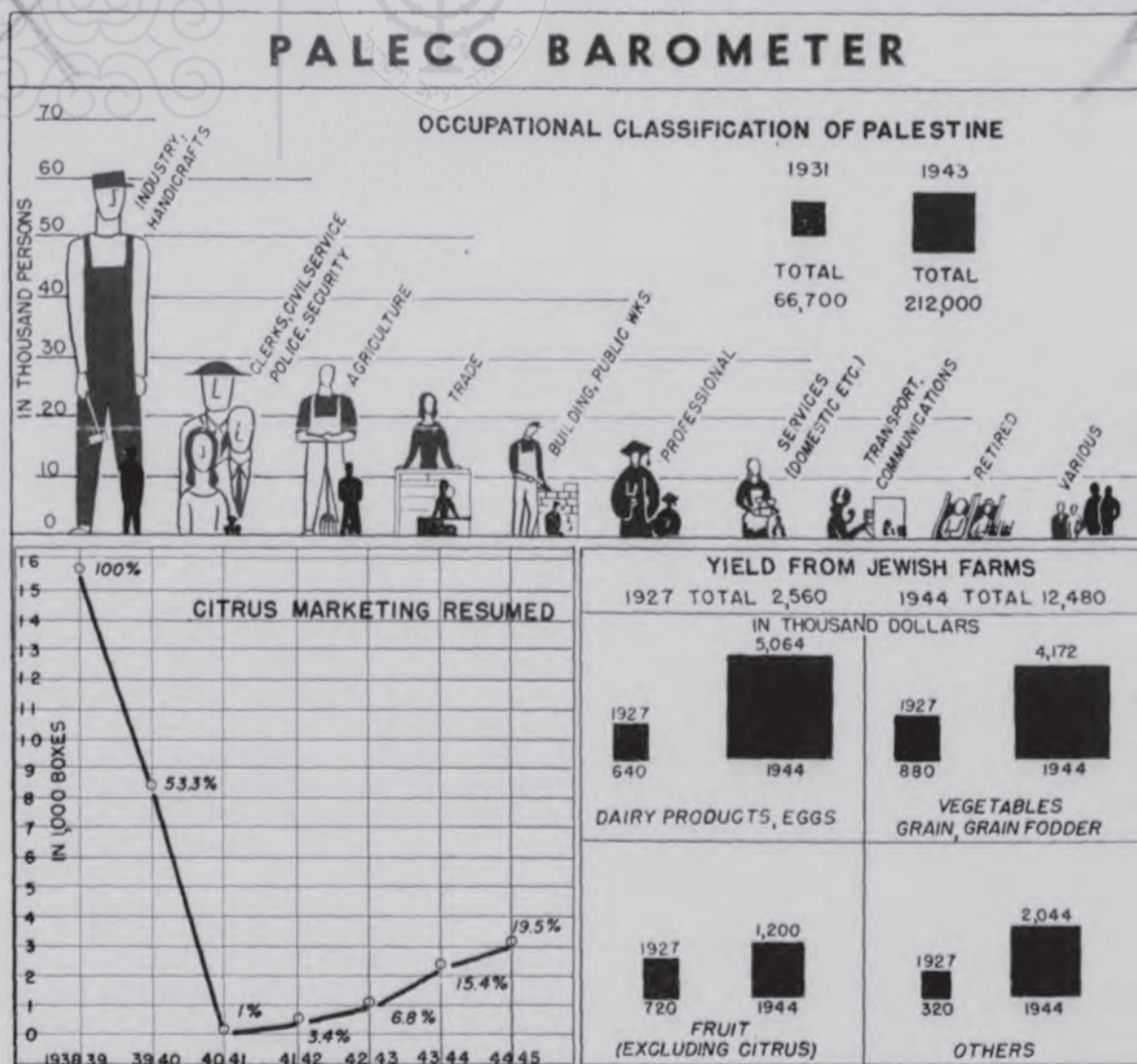
As American citizens, mindful of the present plight of our great ally, we endorse the proposal to lend a financial helping hand in the form of a \$4,400,000,000 loan, to the heroic people of England. However, these sentiments should not deter us from making a sane appraisal of just what we, the taxpayers who must provide the money, are now asked to do.

The proposal is not for an ordinary loan on the usual terms. This is largely a "character loan" based on good faith and a promise to repay. This of itself does not make the borrower a poor risk—but in such a case the lender has the right to insist that the "character" of the borrower be clean and his record clear. The past record of Britain is not altogether free from blemish. Congress may well insist that Britain clear up at least some of the existing defaults. This is good American policy.

Considering public opinion, it would help matters considerably if the obligations assumed by Great Britain as trustee for Palestine are carried out as originally contemplated. The credit worthiness of a borrower is not enhanced when he unilaterally changes a trust agreement to serve his own needs. As American citizens we are concerned that solemn promises be executed in accordance with the original intent.

We are further justified in insisting that discrimination practised by Britain against American business shall cease. The British "dollar pool" effectively controls American business in Palestine and the Middle East. Under the terms of the pending loan the markets of the "sterling block" are to be opened. However, the loop holes in the proposed agreement are so obvious that it will require no exceptional astuteness on the part of British treasury officials to find plausible reasons to circumvent this objective. We are justified in demanding that the dollars we make available to Britain shall be allocated equitably. Manufacturers and merchants in Palestine and the Middle East must be free to buy American machinery, equipment and raw materials if they so desire. American businessmen want no more than an even chance at fair competition.

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## ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

• Mr. Max Tischler, Assistant Controller of Light Industry of the Government of Palestine, is here on a short visit to investigate the possibilities of close cooperation between Palestine and American manufacturers and merchants. He is devoting special attention to arranging for supplies of cotton, wool and rayon yarns as well as piece goods. Mr. Tischler can be reached by communicating with the Palestine Economic Bureau.

• Mr. David Horowitz, Director of the Economic Bureau of the Jewish Agency, is in this country for a short visit. Before returning to Palestine he will confer with those organizations and institutions engaged in furthering the economic development of the Homeland.

• Mr. I. M. Kowalsky of Palestine House, has just returned from Palestine where he arranged for the import of a limited quantity of the famous Carmel wines and other Palestine products.

• Mr. Moses Goldmann, who was in this country for several months on a buying tour, has just returned to Palestine on the Gripsholm. Mr. Goldmann, who is President of the Palestine Merchants Association and a member of the Vaad Leumi (General Assembly), addressed the Economic Session of the recent Zionist Convention and several meetings arranged by the Palestine Economic Bureau.

• Mr. I. Miltenberg, of Miltenberg & Sampton, importers and exporters, has just left on the Gripsholm to establish business contacts in Palestine.



## LABOR



The Nesher Portland Cement Company, under new management, plans to expand cement production by renewing work in the company's original coal-fired kiln. The company, a joint Histadrut-private enterprise, has placed substantial coal orders in the United Kingdom. Estimated maximum monthly production capacity of Nesher is 25,000 tons.

Increase of disputes between trade unions and Histadrut executive institutions has given rise to suggestion that a Board be established to prevent and arbitrate these internal controversies. Board membership would be drawn from representatives of the Clerical Association, the several subsidiary institutions of the Histadrut and the Executive Committee.

## NOTES

In 1944, 703 tons of carp were caught in Palestine — approximately 20% of the total fish catch of the country for that year. First three-quarters of 1945 showed a 187 ton increase over 1944 carp catch. Palestine carp is cultivated in artificial ponds. These ponds supply over half of the fish consumed by Jewish Palestine. Fresh water pond area has expanded almost tenfold since 1940.

With wartime shrinkage of citrus markets, the citrus by-product industry is playing an increasingly important part in Palestine's agricultural structure. During the first six months of 1945, 1,055 tons of unsweetened juice, 3 tons of jam and marmalade and 5.4 tons of essential citrus oils were exported. Although these figures compare well with previous years, overall increases in the near future are anticipated (see Barometer).

Imports of used clothing into Palestine are on the increase. Large quantities have been received, especially from the United States. During the

first half of 1945, 137 tons reached Palestine, valued at \$228,000. Still larger quantities are expected.

The manufacture of furs is one of Palestine's youngest industries. Since 1941 the value of furs produced and the value of fur exports has climbed steadily—indicating a promising future for the industry.

Year	Production Value	Exports
1941	\$104,000	\$80,000
1942	220,000	160,000
1943	480,000	320,000
1944	820,000	500,000
1945	800,000	480,000

The Goyal paper factory, set up with an initial capital of \$300,000, now produces a variety of paper at a rate of 50 tons per month. The first plant of its kind in Palestine, Goyal manufactures paper adapted to citrus wrappings, paper bags, office folders, and placards from raw materials available locally. Wartime demand for Goyal products was high. Resumption of imports will force the company to compete with foreign manufacturers.

The Union of Restaurants, Ltd., a Histadrut organization, has purchased the Carmelia Hotel in Haifa at a price of \$176,000. The Carmelia, one of the better Haifa hotels, has 51 single and double rooms and accommodates 100 guests. It is believed that the hotel's recreation facilities will be converted into a club for Histadrut members in Haifa.

According to estimates made at the beginning of 1943,  $\frac{3}{4}$  of all Palestine Jewish workers are members of the Histadrut. Distribution of Histadrut workers through general structure of Palestine labor is indicated in the following table:

Economic Activity	Total workers	% in Histadrut
Labor colonies	23,000	91
Agriculture	4,000	69
Farm owners	1,500	67
Industry & Handicraft	40,000	68
Construction & Public Works	12,500	72
Transportation	7,800	66
Clerical jobs	18,000	60
Professions	8,000	58
Domestic Work & Misc.	15,700	43
Police & Soldiers	18,000	92
Total	152,000	74

## EXPORT OF MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS FROM PALESTINE

These are some of the items that have been exported from Palestine and convey the wide variety of articles manufactured there. The change from the few articles exported before the war is remarkable. Total exports in 1933 amounted to \$13,733,980. The 1940 figure of \$8,458,256 does not in-

clude exports of petroleum, Dead Sea chemicals and certain other commodities. The 1943 and 1944 figures are commensurate with the sharp increase in the number and type of products exported, though the inflated prices are also reflected. 1943—\$51,009,404; 1944—58,552,856.

Many branches of industry have developed quality in export standard, especially textiles, leather and chemicals. Palestine's industries are now emerging from their fledgling status and are attaining full stature.

The amounts listed are in \$1000.

	1933	1940	1943	1944		1933	1940	1943	1944
Acid, sulphuric	—	—	36	52	Lighters, mechanical	—	—	4	28
Acids, other	—	28	8	24	Locks	—	—	—	24
Aluminum domestic ware	28	36	—	24	Matches, boxes	—	—	160	296
Aniline dyes	—	—	8	20	Mirrors	4	—	44	244
Artificial horn products	—	—	48	132	Motor car batteries	—	4	—	28
Blades, safety	16	36	124	204	Oils, edible	280	208	76	3,432
Boot polish	—	—	112	224	Olive oil, edible	302	108	100	112
Boots	—	8	358	840	Paints, colors, varnishes, ochre, lacquers	4	4	12	124
Boxes of cardboard	—	—	32	40	Pajamas, shirts, tricot underwear, knitted wear	36	24	604	1,056
Bricks	—	—	—	28	Phosphatic mineral or chemical fertilizers	—	—	328	292
Brooms & brushes	4	4	136	120	Potash	1,140	—	3,096	3,504
Buttons	16	20	48	76	Potassic mineral or chemical fertilizers	—	4	44	48
Cement	32	4	60	100	Potassium chlorate	—	—	36	32
Chemicals, other	4	12	572	1,028	Primus stoves	—	—	12	56
Cordage, cable, rope & twine	—	—	48	8	Refined oil products	—	—	21,732	18,628
Cotton manufacture, other	4	20	56	108	Safes	—	—	—	64
Dental & medical appliances	—	8	32	76	Soap, other	68	100	88	232
Dentrifices	4	4	8	36	Socks & Stockings	16	8	276	148
Diamonds, polished	—	—	10,484	12,940	Stationery	8	8	192	148
Drugs & medicines	4	24	604	712	Stoves	—	—	—	248
Dry batteries	—	—	12	48	Tanned hides & sole leather	—	—	820	380
Electric goods	2	8	12	40	Tanning substances	—	—	—	112
Essential oils, other	—	12	340	356	Teeth, artificial	124	104	344	388
Flavoring essences	48	56	84	100	Thyme oil	—	4	4	44
Fruit juices, sweetened	20	12	112	—	Toilet preparations	8	8	484	392
Fruit juices, unsweetened	52	36	468	584	Tools & implements	4	—	24	24
Furs, prepared	—	—	136	160	Toys, other than soft	—	—	60	88
Glassware, domestic	—	—	68	168	Wearing apparel of leather	—	—	124	272
Glassware, other	—	—	4	56	Wearing apparel (silk & artificial silk) other	20	16	88	212
Glue	—	—	28	76	Wearing apparel of wool	12	16	448	644
Industrial & mfg. machy.	—	—	32	284	Wearing apparel, other	16	12	436	812
Iron nails	—	—	32	28	Window glass and plate glass	—	—	204	376
Jasmin oil	12	—	36	48	Wines	84	116	120	172
Ladies' dresses (silk & artificial silk)	16	8	68	148					
Lamp glasses	—	—	4	64					
Leather goods, other	—	—	96	132					
Leather, handbags, purses, wallets	8	4	188	260					
Leather, other	—	—	32	204					
Leather portfolios, belts, brief cases	4	4	76	68					

March 8, 1946

Mr. David Tannenbaum, Director  
Palestine Economic Bureau  
41 E. 42nd St.  
New York 17, N.Y.

My dear Friend:

Thank you for your kind letter of March 7.  
Concerning your inquiry -- I would not advise sending the editorial to members of Congress. We have refrained from taking any position on the British loan. Some of our members have pressed vigorously to have us come out against the loan. Your editorial endorses the loan, and while it endorses it in the name of American citizenship, still it is an editorial appearing in the Palestine Economic Bureau of the Zionist Organization of America. I am not at all sure that it was wise to commit our movement to an endorsement of the loan, and surely not before the Emergency Council had taken a position on the matter. As you undoubtedly know, American public opinion, including Jewish public opinion, is sharply divided on this matter and on grounds which are altogether unrelated to Zionism.

I trust that you are well, and with all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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## AIRMAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In addition to approaching the State Department ~~thru~~ Mr. Cox on the matter of the Egyptian visas, I am attempting to do the following in cooperation with Dr. Akzin:

1. Dr. Akzin will take up the matter with Senator Mead and perhaps one or two other senators.
2. I shall try to reach Secretary Wallace through Mr. Rosenthal (president of Steinhall & Co., New York) who is his close personal friend, to persuade Mr. Wallace to speak to Secretary Acheson. I cannot reach Mr. Rosenthal until Monday.

In the event that we cannot get favorable action quickly from the State Department, it occurred to me that we might attempt to persuade Secretary Forrestal of the Navy to authorize one of the American ships now in the Mediterranean, to pick up our party of thirty, either in Italy or Greece and bring them to Palestine. While there is only a remote chance that this can be accomplished, I think that it should be tried. In this connection I have thus far been able to arrange for the following:

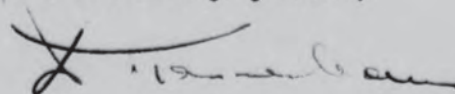
3. Dr. Wise is prepared to speak to Secretary Forrestal after we receive word from the State Department.
4. Mr. Witcoff of St. Louis will 'phone Mr. Clark Glifford, Naval Aide to President Truman and attempt to secure his assistance with the Secretary of the Navy.

In the event these efforts are unsuccessful we may have to cancel the trip. If this happens, the position of the Egyptian Government in preventing American businessmen passing through their country, should be given the widest publicity. Should this be handled by the Bureau or through the Emergency Council?

I shall be available at the ZOA office both Monday and Tuesday in case you want to reach me. My home telephone number is Tr. 7-7554.

With best wishes for a pleasant Yom Tov.

Sincerely yours,



DAVID TANNENBAUM,  
Director.

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: May 1, 1946

FROM: Jacques Torczyner

SUBJECT: A brief report on the Conference held in St. Louis, April 28th, 1946.

- I. The morning session was presided by Mr. I. R. Goodman, and was attended by nearly fifty delegates. :-
- A. I explained the techniques of the Shekel campaign and certain election campaign techniques as well.
  - B. After I exposed the Hadassah situation I received the promise that many women will vote our ticket.
  - C. The questions asked by the delegates, the various individual quotas assumed by them for the sale of Shekolim, prove that in St. Louis a job will be done.
    - 1- A very able young man undertook to organize car squads on Election Day.
    - 2- The committees are at work.
    - 3- Dr. Rees, who is a noted educator in St. Louis, undertook to send out youth on a house-to-house canvass.
- II. Situation in St. Louis :-
- A. We have two thousand (2,000) members in St. Louis.
  - B. To date the Poale Zion in St. Louis has sold one thousand (1,000) Shekolim.
  - C. Results in St. Louis at the last election in 1937 were:
    - 365 votes polled by Z. O.A.
    - 1000 votes polled by Poale Zion.
  - D. This years prospects in St. Louis are much more encouraging.
- III. A Veterans Conference was also held in the morning by Major Auerbach. :-
- A. He was very satisfied with the results.
  - B. There are five thousand (5,000) Jewish war veterans in St. Louis, and an intensive job will be done.
- IV. In the afternoon a mass meeting was held which was addressed by Major Auerbach and myself.
- A. Recommendations:
    - X 1- A field man should be sent to St. Louis to assist the district in its work before May 24th.
    - X 2- Between May 24th and June 16th one of the Z.O.A. leaders should go to St. Louis and there address a mass meeting in order to arouse the Jewish public and to impress the necessity of going to the polls to our members.
- V. Regional leadership in St. Louis :-
- A. There are few men in the country who are devoting themselves as selflessly and unstintingly as Mr. I. R. Goodman.
  - B. I am sure Mr. Goodman will get the vote in St. Louis, but he needs assistance from the Z.O.A. headquarters.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

As you probably know, an official delegation of the Central Jewish Committee of Poland has just arrived in the United States to report on the condition of the surviving Jews of Poland and to present the various problems which face them today. This delegation is headed by Dr. Emil Sommerstein, president of the Central Jewish Committee of Poland, an internationally known Jewish leader for many years.

A National Reception Committee, which includes most of the Jewish national organizations in this country, has been formed to sponsor the delegation's visit to this country. In addition, we are asking a limited number of outstanding Americans, both Jewish and non-Jewish, to serve as individual sponsors on this important committee, and we are herewith extending a cordial invitation to you to serve as such sponsor. As one who is vitally interested in the rehabilitation of the Jews of Europe, we feel that you will want to lend your name to this evidence of solidarity with the survivors abroad.

May we have your reply within the immediate future as we are interested in printing our final stationery. Incidentally, I know you will be glad to learn that we have arranged for a rally in honor of the delegation which will take place at Madison Square Garden, New York City, on the evening of June 11th.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon, I remain

Sincerely yours,

*Arieh Tartakower*  
Arieh Tartakower, Chairman  
Executive Committee

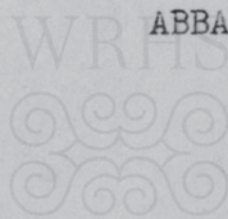
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5-27-46 TELEGRAM

- Day Letter

Mr. Arie Tartakower, Chairman  
Executive Committee  
1834 Broadway  
New York 23, N.Y.

REPLYING TO YOUR COMMUNICATION OF MAY 23, WILL BE VERY PLEASED TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF NATIONAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE. I NOTE THAT YOU ARE ARRANGING A RALLY TO HONOR THE DELEGATION AT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN JUNE 11. THE AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL HAS ARRANGED A MEETING AT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENING TO SPEARHEAD A NATION-WIDE PROTEST AGAINST THE DELAY IN THE TRANSFERENCE OF THE HUNDRED THOUSAND JEWISH REFUGEES TO PALESTINE. I FEEL THAT IT WOULD BE A GREAT MISTAKE TO HOLD THE TWO MEETINGS ON TWO SUCCESSIVE DAYS AND THAT PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN AT THIS CRITICAL TIME TO THE PROTEST MEETING IN WHICH I HOPE DR. EMIL SOMMERSTEIN CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE NAME OF THE DELEGATION FROM POLAND. YOU WILL AGREE WITH MY THAT THERE IS NOTHING MORE VITAL TO THE INTEREST OF THE JEWS OF POLAND THAN THE OPENING OF THE DOORS OF PALESTINE. I STRONGLY URGE REVISION OF YOUR PLANS FOR THE RECEPTION SO THAT ALL OF OUR EFFORTS CAN BE CONCENTRATED AND THE ATTENTION OF THE PRESS OF THE COUNTRY CENTERED UPON THE PROTEST MEETING ON JUNE 12. KINDEST REGARDS.



ABBA HILLEL SILVER



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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER:

=THE TEMPLE ANSEL RD 105 ST CLEVE=

THANKS FOR YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF OUR INVITATION OF JOIN THE  
NATIONAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE STOP I AM EXTREMELY  
SORRY THAT DESPITE ALL EFFORTS I AM UNABLE TO CHANGE THE DATE  
OF OUR MADISON SQUARE GARDEN MEETING ALTHOUGH I FULLY AGREE  
WITH YOU AS TO THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MEETING CALLED BY THE  
AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL STOP YOU CERTAINLY ARE  
INFORMED THAT THE MEETING CALLED BY THE NATIONAL RECEPTION  
COMMITTEE WAS ALREADY TWICE POSTPONED AND THAT THE DATE WAS  
FINALLY AGREED UPON WITH ALL ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED STOP  
THIRD POSTPONEMENT WOULD MEAN CANCELLATION OF THE MEETING AND  
WOULD BE STRONGLY RESENTED BY PUBLIC OPINION STOP I AM SURE  
THAT YOU WILL UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION AND POSTPONE YOUR  
MEETING FOR A FEW DAYS ENABLING ALL OF US TO BE PRESENT THERE  
KINDEST REGARDS:

=DR ARIEH TARTAKOWER=

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The Hon. James Tunnell  
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PERMIT ME TO EXPRESS TO YOU MY PROFOUND APPRECIATION FOR YOUR ELOQUENT CHAMPIONING OF THE RIGHT OF THE HOMELESS REFUGEES TO BE TRANSFERRED TO PALESTINE WHICH YOU MADE ON THE FLOOR OF THE SENATE YESTERDAY. YOUR UNFAILING GOOD WILL AND COOPERATION ~~XX~~ HAVE ALWAYS HEATTENED US.

Abba Hillel Silver



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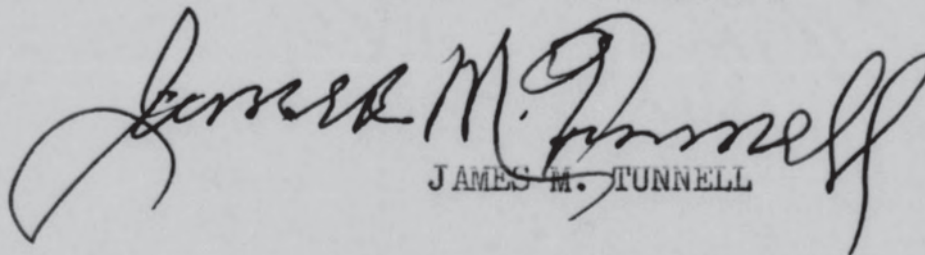
Rev. Abba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your telegram of June 7th has been received. I very much appreciate this telegram, and assure you that I have meant all that I have said or done in the matter.

Again thanking you, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

  
JAMES M. TUNNELL

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