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RABBI S. M. ZAMBROWSKY

July 13, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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Dear Dr. Silver:

A number of planned meetings that could not be called off kept me busy in the office all day yesterday and last night, and was, therefore, unable to see you.

Permit me to convey to you my heartiest congratulations on your victory, which is our victory, and hopefully a victory of our people. I am indeed most confident that under your able and inspiring leadership, we too may in these eventful days attain something of permanent value for our suffering people.

With all my heartiest wishes for your continued success, I am,

Respectfully yours,

S. M. Zambrowsky

Rabbi S. M. Zambrowsky

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July 23, 1945

Rabbi S. Zam Bronsky
Mizrashi Organization of America
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New York, N.Y.

My dear friend:

Thank you so much for your thought-
fulness in writing to me.

I am pleased that our cause was
vindicated. I trust that we will have
a united Council with which to work.
Above all, I am hoping that something good
will come out of the London Conference.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Most cordially yours,

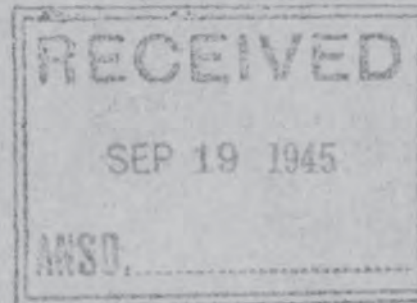
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Sept. 5, 1945

Mrs. Rachelle Sephardi Yarden

Dear Chavera:

Your letter of July 25 reached us about a month ago. I did not answer sooner because of the depressing effect it had upon me and the doubts it aroused within me regarding certain persons and activities.

Your discovery did not at all surprise me, for my friends and I had long harbored some suspicions regarding the activities of the World Jewish Congress representatives in these countries. Your letter merely confirmed that which we had suspected.

It is superfluous to dwell at length on the great pain and shame of all this. I hesitated a long time whether I should lay the matter before our leaders in Eretz Israel or leave it alone lest I embarrass you. You insisted on the need of absolute secrecy. But after reading the article in "The Forward", I saw the secret was out and I addressed a long letter to Mr. Ben Gurion. From the enclosed copy you will see what my attitude is with regard to the whole matter.

You are greatly mistaken if you think that the Congress representatives will regret their deeds and repent.

The rift in the welfare work for war victims and refugees is increasingly widening. The "Joint", on the ^{one} hand, and the World Jewish Congress, on the other, exert themselves to win the sympathy of the Jewish population here and achieve only to divide the yishuv. The Zionist movement and we its leaders are all confused and unable to decide one way or another, since there are in both camps important contributors to our funds. One cannot really imagine the harm caused to our work by this rift.

What frightens us most at present is the forthcoming convention for war victims' and refugees' aid which will soon take place here with the participation of Dr. Nahum Goldmann who is coming here especially as the representative of the World Jewish Congress. The fact that Dr. Goldmann occupies an important post both in the Zionist movement and in the World Jewish Congress redounds to the benefit of the World Jewish Congress and causes incalculable harm to the Zionist interests in general and especially to Zionist work here and in the neighboring countries.

As I have already stated in my letter to Mr. Ben Gurion, I do not see any possibility whatever of our succeeding, by our own efforts, in an open war against the influence of the Congress representatives here who rely essentially on the Zionist leaders at its head. We are in need of the assistance of the Zionist leaders in Eretz Israel. I deem it very much worthwhile that you also write to Mr. Ben Gurion to supplement without any delay my statements.

As to the central Zionist office to be created in Buenos Aires and placed under the jurisdiction of Jerusalem, you well know that I fully agree with you. Mr. Nathan Bistrizky who is here at present supports the plan. We shall have next week a joint meeting of the representatives of all the Zionist parties where we shall seriously discuss the matter, and there is no doubt that there will be a definitely favorable decision. We shall naturally consult Jerusalem and explain to them the whole matter. It would be advisable that you, too, write them about it to let them know your opinion on the subject.

I shall be very grateful to you were you to continue to correspond with me and keep me informed on any steps taken to stem the evil which threatens our work here and in the neighboring countries because of the harmful work of the Congress. I shall likewise appreciate your writing me with regard to the creation of the central Zionist office in Buenos Aires, and I, on my part, will keep you informed of developments here with regard to the things herein mentioned.

Wishing you a happy new year and the realization of our hopes and national aspirations, I remain,

Cordially yours,

(Signed) Samuel Rabinowitz

TRANSLATOR'S NOTE:

Mr. Samuel Rabinowitz is president of the Zionist Federation of Argentina.

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הגברת רחל ספרדי ירון
חברה מאד נכבדה:

זה כחודש ימים שנתקבל מכתבך מיום כ"ה ביולי ואם לא עניתי עליו עד היום, אין זה אלא מפאת הרושם המדכא שעשה עלי חכנו וההיסוסים השונים שעורר בלבי, אשר לאישים ידועים ולפעולות ידועות.

אמנם התגלית שעשית, לא נפלה עלי פתאום לפתע, כי זה מזמן שנוגב חשד מעין זה אל לבי וללב חברי לדעה, ביחס לפעולות נציגי הקונגרס היהודי העולמי בארצות אלו ודברייך במכתב הנזכר אימתו רק את אשר היה חשד ביום ואחמול.

אך למותר לעמוד באריכות על גודל הכאב והבושה למשמע כל זה. והרבה הייתי מחסס: אם להביא את הדבר לפני מנהיגינו בארץ ישראל או לחדול מחשש, שמא אביאך במבוכה, בהיות שהדגשת והטעמת, כי כותבת את מה שכותבת בסוד גמור, אבל עם קראי את הקטע בעתון "פארוערסט" וראוהי כי סוד זה חדל כבר מהמות סוד, ערכתי מכתב ארוך למר בן גוריון, שהעתק ממנו אני מצרף לך בזה. ממנו תראי ותודעי את עמדתי בכל פענין זה.

ואם תאמרי, כי להבא יתחרטו נציגי הקונגרס על מעשיהם ויחזרו בתשובה, אינך אלא טועה.

קודם כל להוי ידוע לך כי הקרא שנתהווה בעבודת העזרה לטובת נגועי המלחמה והפליטים, הולך הולך וגדול. הג'וינט מצד אחד והקונגרס מהצד השני מתאמצים לרכוש את אחדת הישוב הארצי והמחנה מתחלק לשנים, והתנועה הציונית, כלומר אנו העומדים כאן בראשה, נתונים במבוכה גדולה, מבלי יכולת, מטעמים ידועים, להכריע את הכף לא לצד האחד ולא לצד שכנגד, כי בשני המחנות גם יחד ישנם תורמים בעלו ערך ומשקל לטובת הקרנות. אין לשער את הנזק הרב הנגרם על ידי קרע זה לעבודתנו כאן.

ומה שמפחידנו ביותר הוא הכינוס לטובת העזרה לפליטים ולנגועי המלחמה, שיתקיים כאן בקרוב שהתפתחו של דר. נחום גלדמן, שיבא במיוחד בתור בא כוחו של הקונגרס היהודי העולמי. עובדה זו שדר. גולדמן תופס עסדה חשובה גם בתנועה הציונית וגם בקונגרס היהודי העולמי, אם אמנם יש בה משום תועלת ידועה לעניני הקונגרס, גדול ממנו לאי ערוך, ההפסד לעניני הציונית בכלל ובראש וראשונה לעבודתנו בארץ זו והא-רצות השכנות, כמו שהטבת לעמוד על מעצמך ומן הנסיון.

כמו שכתבתי לבן גוריון, אין אני רואה אפשרות כלשהי לנצח בכוחות עצמנו במלחמה גלויה נגד השפעת נציגי הקונגרס כאן, המסתמכים בעיקר על המנהיגים הציונים העומדים בראשו, אלא נזקקים אנו לעזרה מצד המנהיגים הציונים בארץ ישראל. כדאי וכדאי שחפנו גם את בלי אחור למר בן גוריון בענין זה ותמלאי אחרי דברי.

אשר למשרד מרכזי בבואינוס אירס שיהיה תלוי אך ורק בירושלים, ידוע לך למדי כי דעתי כדעתך וגם נתן ביסטריצקי, השוחה גם תומך בהצעה זו. בשבוע הבא תחקים ישיבה מיוחדת עם באי כח כל המפלגות הציוניות ויודן על זה בכבוד ראש, ואין כל ספק כי יוקלם על המשרד בחיוב גמור. כמובן שנפנה מכאן, תיכף ומיד, לירושלים ונבאר להם את כל העניין, אבל טוב, טוב, שגם את מצדך תפני לירושלים במכתב מיוחד ותחזי להם את דעתך בנידון זה.

מאוד מאוד, אודה לך אם תעמדי אחי בקשר במכתבים מתמיד הן ביחס לצעדים שיאחז בהם, כדי לעצור בעד הרעה הנשקפת לעבודתנו כאן ובארצות השכנות מצד עבודת הקונגרס המזקת, והן אשר ליסוד המשרד המרכזי בבואינוס אירס והבטחתי נתונה לך בזה, כי גם אני מצדי אעמידך על כל וכל בנוגע להעניינים הנזכרים.

בברכת כתיבה וחתימה טובה והתגשמות כל תקוותינו
ושאיפותינו הלאומיות,

בהוקרה רבה

שמואל רבינוביץ



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Mr.D. Ben Gurion
Jerusalem, Palestine

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BUENOS AIRES
Sept.5,1945

Dear Chaver:

The Zionist movement here has been contending for many years with difficult problems in organizational and naturally also in fund raising work. The situation has so deteriorated that we cannot remedy it with our own efforts. We are in need of urgent help from the leadership of the movement.

The source of the increased difficulties is the World Jewish Congress. You no doubt know that for the last few years the above organization has been running here a branch office. We would see no wrong in its collecting funds for war victims and refugees if it did not cause great harm directly to our national funds and also otherwise. Let us speak clearly and openly. Due to the work of the Congress here and the manner in which it is conducted, the distinguishing marks of the Congress and the Zionist movement are being gradually obliterated. Things have reached the point where Jews and good Zionists do not know anymore what's what, and small wonder. The fact that two famous Zionist leaders as Dr. Wise and Dr. Goldmann are at the head of the World Jewish Congress gives rise to the spread of confusion by its emissaries here and in the neighboring countries. They avail themselves of the Zionist cloak of the W.J.C. to violate the priority of Zionist funds and push everywhere to the forefront. This is as far as the direct harm is concerned.

The indirect harm stems from the rift that the World Jewish Congress has caused within Zionist ranks. Basing itself on the Congress branch office existing here, the "Joint" also opened an office, and with this there started a rivalry between the two. The Zionist movement found itself between the devil and the deep sea, i.e., between these two rivals, without being able to choose one or the other side, since important Zionist contributors are active in both camps. But while there is among the supporters of the "JOINT" a tendency to peace and conciliation, the supporters of the World Jewish Congress drive ever deeper the abyss which separates between Zionists and Zionists, and who can foresee the result?

Woe unto those Zionists who dare to criticize the deeds of the World Jewish Congress. They shall never be cleared of that guilt and the representatives of the World Jewish Congress will remove them from the Zionist and national collectivity.

But the harmful work of the World Jewish Congress is not limited only to Argentina. It has spread to all the Latin American countries - witness the case of Brazil. Ever since Zionist work and raising money for our funds had been forbidden in that country, we sought ways and means to have that ban lifted, but all our attempts failed. The answers we received from our leaders there discouraged us. We could not, however, reconcile ourselves to the idea, and we suspected that there was some mysterious hand behind it. Now came the fact which struck us squarely in the face and confirmed our suspicion. We received a confidential letter from Mrs. Rachelle Sephardi Yarden who participated in the Latin American Zionist Convention in Montevideo and left from there for Brazil to try something in order to have the ban (on Zionism) removed. From her letter it became clear to us that that ^{same} mysterious hand is taking care that the Zionist movement should not strike any roots in this continent, or, more exactly stated, that the World Jewish Congress should be built up at its (Zionist movement's) expense, and the thing is very simple: the representatives of the World Jewish Congress found the way to appeal to nationalistically minded com-

munity leaders and instilled in them the belief that the Congress, led by Zionist leaders like Wise and Goldmann, takes care both of the needs of the Diaspora and of Eretz Israel, and hence there was no need for making any effort to have the ban on Zionism removed.....

Mrs. Yarden revealed* to us the matter (of Brazil) in strict secrecy, but the truth of the situation is that the secret has been published in the newspaper "The Forward" of New York (see enclosed clipping). We are the more surprised since until today no information of such rivalry between the "Joint" and the Congress in other countries (outside Latin America) has reached us. And as to the "Joint" and its relations with the Jewish Agency, even though the former is not Zionist, they carry on, for some time now, harmonious work for the transfer of refugees to Palestine and their settlement there, and this work will continue to expand.

You no doubt know that the Nineteenth Zionist Convention of Argentina adopted the resolution to demand that leading members of the Jewish Agency should not be permitted to be at the head of any other institution no matter how important. We were glad to receive at first the news that Dr. Nahum Goldmann had not been elected to the Zionist Executive, but our joy did not last, for we received a later news report that Dr. Goldmann had been appointed political representative of the Jewish Agency in Washington.....

This letter is already longer than I intended it to be, and I shall only add the fact which motivated it. Unless proper action is taken before it is too late, Zionist work - difficult as it is here in general and for the funds in particular - is facing here grave danger because of the ways and propaganda of the World Jewish Congress on this continent.

We here can not take the necessary action for the simple reason that the World Jewish Congress representatives speak in the name of the two Zionist leaders who are at its head. It is up to you and to your associates who are at the head of the Zionist movement to take interest in this matter and to intervene as soon as possible.

Hoping that you will give this matter proper consideration, I thank you in advance.

With best wishes for a happy New Year and the realization of our national aspirations, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) Samuel Rabinowitz

TRANSLATOR'S NOTE: Since I have been constantly urged by Argentine Zionists, even long before meeting them personally, to do something about the Brazilian situation, I felt fully justified in communicating to them some of the findings. The article referred to was an interview I granted Mr. M.Z. Frank, American correspondent of Haaretz, and it was his deduction as to whose was the mysterious hand that hampered the growth and development of Zionism on the Latin American continent.

R.S. Yarden

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MEMORANDUM

Sept. 7, 1945

To: Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Mr. E. Epstein, Mr. A. Lourie

From: R.S. Yarden

Re: Vist to Mexico (Aug. 24 to Sept. 2, 1945)

Note: Although on a two weeks' vacation from the Latin American Dept. and visiting Mexico on a Jewish National Fund assignment, I dedicated some of the time of my brief stay there to political work.

The contacts with the President of the Spanish Government in Exile and with other Spanish political leaders were secured on the suggestion of Mr. Arthur Lourie.

INTERVIEW WITH SR. DIEGO MARTINEZ BARRIO

Sr. Diego Martinez Barrio, president of the Spanish Government in Exile, received me at his residence on Aug. 28, 1945. I was accompanied by Sr. Lazaro Penhas, president of the Sephardic Zionist Organization; Sr. Victor Mitrani, KKL chairman for the Sephardim, and Prof. M. Coriat, a personal friend of Sr. Diego Martinez Barrio.

Sr. Dr. Martinez Barrio seemed to be fairly well posted on Zionist current events and evinced particular interest in the following three points:

a. "How strong was Jewish opposition to Zionism."

He seemed to have been impressed by someone that such opposition was very considerable, but he accepted as trustworthy the information and facts and figures presented to him during the interview.

b. "How much justice was there in Arab opposition to Zionism."

After a factual presentation of Jewish achievements in Palestine and their effect on the local Arab population, he conceded that "Zionism was not prejudicial to the interests of the Arab masses." He also wished to know what the Jews have done to acquaint the Arab world with the "true facts of the situation" in order to win over the Arabs.

- c. "Would Zionists accept any plan of partition as suggested by the Manchester Guardian."

At the conclusion of the interview, Sr. Diego Martinez Barrio promised to lend his support to the Zionist cause "whenever and wherever it will be possible."

NOTE:

Sr. D. Martinez Barrio is chairman of the Spanish Chamber of Deputies and has the support of one hundred of its one hundred and thirty members. He is also president of the major political party the UNION REPUBLICANA. THE C.N.T., Confederacion Nacional del Trabajo (National Federation of Labor- 3,000,000 members) supports the recently constituted Spanish Government in Exile of which Sr. D. Martinez Barrio has been elected president.

INTERVIEW WITH SR. GARCIA OLIVER

Sr. Garcia Oliver, ex-minister of Justice and foremost leader of the C.N.T. (see note above) is being considered for a post in the Cabinet of the Spanish Government in Exile.

The interview took place at a luncheon in the Basque Restaurant on Aug. 28, in the presence of the same individuals who accompanied me to the home of Sr. Diego Martinez Barrio.

The discussion lasted more than two hours and centered almost exclusively on Arab-Jewish relations. Sr. Garcia Oliver spoke of "the deep-seated attachment the Spanish people felt for the Arabs", and he expressed the view that "there was nothing he or the Spanish labor party could do for Zionism." "During the Spanish-Moroccan war of 1909, fully 90 percent of the Spanish people were in sympathy with the Arabs and not with their own government's action", he asserted.

As the friendly conversation continued and facts and figures were adduced to prove that Jewish achievements in Palestine were highly beneficial to the Arab masses in that country and that the life and work of the restored Jewish nation in the Near East could become a most potent factor in the economic and cultural regeneration of the Arab world, the resistance of Sr. Garcia Oliver broke down. He gradually became conscious of a singular mission for Spain. "Spain, he thought, was highly qualified to become the mediator par excellence between the Arabs and the Jews in order to bring about the mutual understanding and respect which could lead to fine cooperation between the two ancient peoples who cooperated so gloriously in the past on the soil of Spain."

He asked for material relevant to the Arab-Jewish question and promised to do all in his power to help the Jewish people to whom "Spain is also greatly indebted." He suggested that Spanish Morocco could be a favorable milieu where to start enlightenment work among the Arabs with regard to Zionist aims.

ARABS IN MEXICO

Leading Sephardim and Arab speaking Jews in Mexico maintain friendly relations with some of the local Arabs. Eighty per cent of the depositors of the Arab bank of ABUMRAD are Jews, among them also the

WIZO of Mexico. The owner-director of the Bank, ALFREDO ABUMRAD, a Libanese educated in New York City, exerts a powerful influence on local Arab community. When the Syrian-Arab review TEMPESTAD started publishing a series of anti-Jewish and anti-Zionist articles some three months ago, Alfredo Abumrad intervened and put a complete stop to the propaganda campaign.

According to the statement of the local Zionists, Abumrad contributes regularly to Zionist funds, buys 'lots of tickets, not just one or two, for Zionist functions' and offered his services 'to be on the alert and to communicate to the Jews all information concerning any attempt to introduce anti-Zionist activities into Mexico.' He assured the Jews who called on him at my suggestion that he had at his disposal the services of "ten of the foremost local Arabs to run out of the country any visitor who would attempt to stir up ill-will between Jews and Arabs."

As there was no time for careful exploratory work to ascertain the character of our would-be-helpers, I refrained from personally meeting with a group of Arabs, lest it may serve as a pretext for starting an anti-Zionist campaign. But the existing friendly relations between the Sephardim and the Arabs in Mexico could serve perhaps as a testing ground for initiating an Arab pro-Zionist movement in these regions.

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NOTE:

It may/be of any significance, but it is nevertheless noteworthy that the newspaper EXCELSIOR of Mexico city, Aug. 31, 1945, Section Three, page one, column one, carried an article entitled: "WHOLESALE ARAB DIVORCES, Sidi Arabia calls her Scattered Sons."

The article relates that "young Arabs are divorcing their Mexican wives, often leaving them and their children without any means of subsistence, and doing so in order to answer the call of their country and their leader; they have to obey and they leave." (See newspaper on file in the Latin American Department.)

THE MEXICAN PRO PALESTINE COMMITTEE

Deputy Antonio Manero, president of the Mexican Pro Palestine Committee, received me on Aug. 25, accepted the invitation of the American Palestine Committee to be one of the sponsors of the World Christian Conference for Palestine to be held in Washington, Nov. 1 and 2, 1945, and discussed plans for the participation of a Mexican delegation.

THE ZIONIST POLITICAL COMMITTEE

The Zionist Political Committee of Mexico met with me and discussed the possibilities for widespread political action in that country in favor of Zionism. They requested that I submit to the Jewish Agency their views regarding the need of a rational budget for the Zionist political activities in that country and that the Agency allot the necessary funds "as it has done in the case of the American Zionist Emergency Council."

R.S.Yarden

MEMORANDUM

NEW YORK,
Sept. 7, 1945

To: Mr. Mendel N. Fisher

From: R.S. Yerden

Re: Visit to Mexico in behalf of the JNF

Note: Complying with the request of the Jewish National Fund, I agreed to dedicate some of my vacation time to the services of the Keren Kayemeth in Mexico City.

Activities During my Stay in Mexico

During my stay in Mexico from August 24 to September 2, I addressed the following groups:

1. The general KKL Council of Mexico;
2. The KKL Youth Council;
3. The Executive of the Zionist Organization (Ashkenazic);
4. The Sephardic Zionist Organization;
5. The Hungarian Jewish Society EMUNA;
6. Hashomer Hatzair Organization;
7. The Executive of the Pioneer Women's Organization;
8. Damascan Ladies' Society;
9. Sephardic Women's Organization;
10. The WIZO of Mexico;
11. The pupils and teachers of the Ashkenazic and of the Sephardic Tarbut schools;
12. The Hatzuzim group on Hachashra Farm MOLEDET;
13. The Zionist Political Committee;
14. The KKL Dinner of the Arabic speaking Jewish Community;
15. The KKL Dinner of the Sephardic Zionist Organization.

I also interviewed a number of leading non-Jewish political leaders.

The Sephardic KKL Dinner

The KKL Dinner of the Sephardic Zionist Organization was held at the Chapultepec Restaurant on August 30, 1945. More than one hundred persons attended this opening event of the KKL campaign, and the sum of 34,850 pesos (4.85 pesos equal \$1.00) were pledged and / or contributed. This amount represents an increase of 16,000 pesos over last year's KKL Dinner.

Sephardic KKL teams will visit 350 of the 600 Sephardic families of Mexico City in the coming few weeks and the KKL leaders expect a considerable increase over last year's income despite the somewhat disturbed economic conditions resulting from the cancelation of war contracts.

The KKL Dinner of the Arabic Speaking Jews

This function was held also at the Chapultepec Restaurant, on Aug. 29, 1945 and was attended by some 80 persons.

The Arabic speaking Jewish community consists of some 500 families and counts in its midst some of the wealthiest Jews of Mexico. This was the first time that the leaders of this community agreed to have a KKL Dinner "just to acquaint the people with Zionist achievements in Palestine and JNF work." Any attempt to make an appeal or to prepare individuals to respond to a possible appeal was considered tantamount to eliminating the possibilities for any future KKL work among the Arabic speaking Jews.

Nevertheless, one of the spokesman of this group was prevailed upon by the Sephardic leaders to mention the fact that such "KKL Dinners have as their purpose the raising of funds for the redemption of the soil of Eretz Israel." The speaker stressed that the "matter is absolutely voluntary and only those who choose to do so may contribute and even the smallest sum will be welcome." When a few Jews came out with one thousand pesos contributions, the speaker quickly put an end to this attempt. Thus only 5,000 pesos were pledged. The Sephardic Zionists remarked: "Only a few years ago Sephardi acted in the same manner. We know better now and we shall educate the Arabic Jews too."

The Special Meeting with the Women Organizations

The meetings with the Arabic and with the Sephardic women preceded the KKL dinners and were planned for the express purpose of enlisting the cooperation of the women for KKL work.

The Damuscan Ladies' Society surprised itself by deciding there and then to inscribe the KKL emissary in the Golden book and raised immediately a sum exceeding by far the amount needed.

The Sephardic Jewish women of Mexico are unusually active in Zionist work and availed themselves of the visit of the KKL emissary to seek enlightenment not only on JNF achievements and aspirations but also on general Zionist and world Jewish problems.

General Comments

One of the most frequently asked questions at all the meetings with Sephardic and Oriental Jews referred to the attitude of Zionist leaders and world Jewry toward Sephardim and Oriental Jews everywhere and in Palestine in particular. Somehow, the idea has spread that Sephardim and Oriental Jews are very much slighted in Palestine and do not benefit from the national funds or receive any adequate attention from national institutions. Needless to say, I tried to dispel this notion to the best of my ability and personal experience in Palestine. But the latter, although very valuable, is very unsatisfactory because it is very far from being up-to-date.

The Hungarian Jews, who are generally considered the most assimilated Jewish element in Mexico, pleaded "for lecturers rather than orators." "We know nothing. We must start from ABC. We need teachers of Zionism to tell us how did others, for instance, come to Zionism."

All the Zionist leaders, Ashkenazim as well as Sephardim, stressed the necessity of a full time director to initiate and stimulate all Zionist activities.

As an expression of its "gratitude to the Jewish National Fund of America for having sent the emissary" the Sephardic Zionist Organization sent Mr. Mendel N. Fisher a beautiful hand wrought leather brief case with his initials stamped on it.

People who should Receive Letters of Thanks.

Mr. Teodoro Resnikoff, (Apartado 2700, Mexico D.F.) chairman KKL for Mexico and Central America, an excellent organizer and hard worker, gave me the most generous assistance in all matters from the first to the last day of my visit in Mexico. He also arranged a farewell luncheon in honor of your emissary.

Mr. Victor Mitrani, (Apartado 9988) chairman of the Sephardic KKL Council, was especially helpful in the work with the Sephardim and with the Oriental Jews and also for securing contacts with non-Jews. He is an ardent Zionist and very energetic. He should be encouraged to dedicate more of his energy and speaking ability to Zionist work.

Mr. Leon Alazraki, (Apartado 9988) chairman of the Sephardic KKL campaign, a noted millionaire but rather shy and retiring (pledged 8,000 pesos) set a good example to his fellow Sephardim. His wife pledged a considerable sum (by Mexican Standards) in her own right and set thereby an example that was followed by many women.

Mr. Lazaro Penhas, Reforma 319, Lomas de Chapultepec, Mexico, D.F.) president of the Sephardic Zionist Organization, and very active in KKL work, devoted almost all his time to my KKL activities in Mexico placing his automobile at my disposal and accompanying me on the many official calls to non-Jews. (By the way, his only child, daughter of 18, was taken suddenly very ill on the day before my departure. It would be kind to inquire about her health when writing to him.

Mrs. L. Palacci, [Av. Madero 55 Mexico D.F.] placed her home and hospitality at the disposal of the KKL for a very large gathering of Sephardic women.

There are many other individuals who should receive letters of thanks and encouragement. Mr. T. Resnikoff should be asked for the list of names and addresses. He will certainly consult with the Sephardic and with the Damascun Jewish leaders to make sure that no one feels slighted or overlooked.

Expenses Incurred

The local KKL council insisted on paying the Hotel bill. Incidentals to the roundtrip and the stay in Mexico amounted to \$18.32, as itemized in separate account already submitted to the JNF of America.

September 9, 1945

Professor Abraham S. Yahuda
162 Bishop Street
New Haven, Connecticut

My dear Professor Yahuda:

I am indeed very grateful to you for the cable and letters which you sent to me, both here and in London. I brought their contents to the attention of the Political Commission of the Conference and to others. I do not know what the Zionist Executive will finally decide to do about the matter. I urged strongly that they should proceed along the lines of your communications.

I trust that I may have the pleasure of seeing you in the near future, and of talking things over with you. Do you come to New York often? Our New York Office would let you know the dates when I am in New York.

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

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Professor A.B. Yahuda
162 Bishop Street
New Haven, Conn.

September 18, 1945

Abba Hillel Silver, D.D., Rabbi,
The Temple,
East 105th St. & Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My Dear Rabbi Silver;

I have received your letter of the 9th inst. and am very glad to hear that you have urged the political commission of the London conference to act in the matter of the Mufti. I have just received a letter from Mr. Masaryk, from London, that he has asked ~~the~~ his Embassy in London to submit the material I sent to him about the Mufti to the War Criminals Commission. As the Arabs are moving heaven and earth to save the Mufti, it is necessary to do everything possible to counteract their ~~agitation~~ agitation. I suppose that you have read in the press about Celler's letter to the State Department, and I think that ~~the~~ your Emergency Council must take the matter in hand there too, and endorse his steps.

I shall most probably be in New York towards the end of the month, when I ~~shall~~ shall have an opportunity to go over matters with you.

Looking forward to meeting you,

I am,

With best wishes for a Happy New Year,

Very cordially yours,

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לשמחה

A. B. Yahuda

P.D.

I think that it is urgent:

- 1) to approach the Yugoslav Embassy in Washington.
- 2) to ask Herriot and Leon Blum, to protest against the attitude of French Officials in favour of the Mufti. I gave all the necessary material to the Chairman of the French Deleg. in San Francisco, Em. Premier Boncour, and his assistant took it with him to the Foreign Office in Paris.

I have asked Masaryk again to submit to the War-Crim. Com. evidence for the Mufti's criminal activity in Czechoslovakia. Zionist Representative in Prague must be

asked to see Masaryk in Prague and to urge him to do so.
If the Mufti is not brought to trial, he will be the most dangerous tool in the hands of our Arab enemies.

September 21, 1941

Professor A. S. Yahuda
162 Bishop Street
New Haven, Conn.

My dear Professor Yahuda:

Thank you for your kind letter of September 18 and for the information which it contained. I have gotten in touch with our representatives in Washington and conveyed to them the thoughts contained in your letter. I am also writing to London.

You will be interested to know that in a few days the public press will carry a telegram which the Mufti sent in July of 1942 congratulating Hitler ~~on~~ his victory over the Allies in Northern Africa and pledging the support of the Arab people against "the common foe."

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. I am returning herewith copy of the letter addressed to Mr. Masaryk.

9-20-45

Shmuel Ben Zvi

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CITY COLLEGE
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HUNTER COLLEGE
QUEENS COLLEGE

September 21, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Mr. Shapiro suggested to us that we should bring to your attention the attached memorandum which we circulated among the National Zionist Youth Organizations. We are certain that you share our conviction that the present crisis of our movement necessitates the maximum mobilization of all available forces.

Coordination and intensification of all Youth activity by creating an over-all Zionist Youth Federation modeled after the Young Zionist Actions Committee, which has been cooperating with the Emergency Council since early in 1944, is considered essential for the fulfillment of this goal. We are pleased to know that Mr. Lamm, of the staff of the Emergency Council, submitted to you a few weeks ago suggestions of a similar nature.

We should be delighted indeed to have your reaction to the proposal contained in the attached memorandum and would be most happy to have an opportunity to discuss this matter with you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur Talmadge

Arthur Talmadge
Chairman

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Presidents of national Zionist youth organizations

FROM: Arthur Talmadge, Chairman pro-tem

We are enclosing a memorandum regarding the projected expansion of YZAC into a nationwide framework. This memorandum has emerged from a series of discussions conducted by the YZAC which have pointed up the need for such a nation-wide body.

In view of the necessity for immediate action may we respectfully urge that the proposals embodied in this memorandum be referred to your executive committee at its very next meeting for discussion and prompt action.

You will notice that the memorandum has been couched in broad and flexible terminology. We have done this deliberately to provide an opportunity for the individual groups to suggest detailed and specific proposals. This, however, should not preclude the acceptance of the project in principle and participation by national representatives in its consummation.

Simultaneous with the distribution of this memorandum to the national organizations, we are undertaking discussions with the American Zionist Emergency Council regarding their support.

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Act Now For A Jewish Palestine!

PROPOSALS FOR ORGANIZATION OF NATIONAL YOUNG ZIONIST ACTIONS COMMITTEE

I. INTRODUCTION

The Young Zionist Actions Committee of New York submits the following memorandum to the national organizations for earnest consideration and prompt decision!

It is impossible to tell off with accurate prediction the impending schedule of events affecting a decision with regard to a Jewish State. Surely though, out of the welter of reports of all parts of the world emerges a clear picture of diplomatic concern and consideration over the situation in the Middle East. The meeting of British Middle Eastern diplomatic representatives in London which was summoned to coincide with the meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers is only one indication of this concern. Whatever will occur and in whatever manner, there is one thing that is urgent -- all branches of our movement must be mobilized and working.

One of the as yet unexplored and unfurrowed but potentially fertile fields of activity is that somewhat amorphous yet volatile body of American citizenry known as YOUTH. Youth enjoys an unusual position in this country. It is responsive to stimuli, and when aroused can generate discussion. We must stimulate them. We must awaken them and make them conscious of Zionism. Then we must sell them Zionism.

In the competitive scramble for the unaffiliated young Jew the non-Zionist and anti-Zionist have become organizationally belligerent and aggressive. Youth departments, subsidized by extremely heavy budgets, are being created by these aforementioned negative organizations. Their ideology and appeal is superficially plausible and acceptable to the uninformed minds of the young American. They are making inroads.

Through parlor meetings and radio programs, through rallies and

pamphlets, through exhibitions and musicales, we must reach American youth, Jewish and Christian, and sell Zionism. The college and office, the union and church, the serviceman, the laborer -- all young people must be made to grasp the validity of the Jewish claim to Palestine.

This can be done only by a nation-wide coordinating body of the young Zionist organizations. It cannot be done by any single one. It must be done by all.

It must be done now.

II. PURPOSES

1. To conduct youth activities of a political nature.
2. To develop propoganda among Jewish and Christian youth alike for the establishment of Zionist aims.
3. To coordinate and initiate the common political and educational programs of the existing organizations with regard to the unaffiliated.
4. To represent the constituent organizations in those spheres of activity which shall be designated through approved procedure by the said organizations.
5. To facilitate inter-organizational activity and cooperation through the provision of opportunities for meeting, acquaintanceship and friendship of the leaders and membership of the constituent organizations.

III. PRINCIPLES

1. The National Young Zionist Actions Committee will consist of national and local Jewish youth organizations whose programs in their entirety or partially envisage the realization of Zionist aims as laid down by the discipline of the World Zionist Organization.
2. The membership in the NYZAC is based on the principle of equality of

constituents.

3. It is understood that membership in the NYZAC implies the assumption of those obligations which are created by the Committee's directing bodies through approved procedure.
4. With the initiation of an activity or policy decided upon through accepted procedure, it shall be incumbent upon the constituent organizations to refrain from pursuing individual activity along the same lines. However, a constituent group will not be compelled to participate in said activity.
5. It is understood, of course, that the national organizations shall make available physical facilities and information to the NYZAC to the fullest extent.
6. It is further understood that there shall be no infringement upon the domestic jurisdiction of any of the constituent organizations.
7. All of the principles and proposals which have been noted heretofore in the memorandum and which shall be outlined hereafter shall be subject to the discretion of the officially constituted organs as they are created by NYZAC.

IV. STRUCTURE AND MEMBERSHIP

A. National

1. On the national scale, the Committee will consist of representatives of national Jewish youth organizations whose programs envisage the realization of Zionist aims as laid down by the discipline of the World Zionist Organization.
2. If any organization decides to withdraw, such withdrawal should be effected after due notice to the Committee.
3. The details regarding financial obligations to be assumed by the constituent groups will be effected by common agreement of the organizations.

B. Local

1. Local community YZACs shall be created consisting of:

- a - representatives of local chapters of the participating national organizations
- b - representatives of other groups whose national bodies are not represented on NYZAC
- c - representatives of local groups of a Zionist character.

Note: All other aspects regarding membership and structure will be decided upon by NYZAC through approved procedure.

V. ORGANS

A. Executive Board

1. Membership

- a.- representatives of national organizations either on an equal or numerical basis as will be decided upon
- b - additional members shall be coopted, but who shall not possess any voting power.

2. Functions and powers

- a - The Executive Board shall elect the national officers.
- b - It shall initiate and decide policy.
- c - It shall set up appropriate committees.
- d - It shall fulfill all other functions and powers which shall be decided upon.
- e - It shall determine its own rules of procedure.

B. National Committee

1. Membership

The National Committee shall consist of representatives of local YZACs in the proportion that shall be decided upon.

2. Functions and powers

a - to transmit and implement policy

b - it shall meet regularly

c - it shall be vested with other powers and functions as will be decided upon

VI. RELATIONS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

1. National YZAC will be under the discipline of decisions and policies of the American Zionist Emergency Council.
2. It will have representation on the AZEC.
3. A suitable financial arrangement shall be undertaken with AZEC.
4. Relations with other bodies shall be considered and decided upon by the policy-making organ of NYZAC.

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YOUNG ZIONIST ACTIONS COMMITTEE OF NEW YORK
342 Madison Avenue, New York 17, N.Y.

Bulletin #32

October 5, 1945

YOUR Y.Z.A.C. IN ACTION ...

- (I) After Professor Laski's recent broadcast for Republican Spain, YZAC sent him the following cable:

Accept hearty congratulations splendid message for
Republican Spain; cheered freedomloving people everywhere.
Jewish people's tragedy and danger of adverse decision by
Attlee Government make it imperative you again speak
courageously for unrestricted fulfillment Balfour Declaration.

- (II) The Special Meeting of the YZAC membership on September 26. among other things decided to send the following wire to President Truman, carrying the signatures of over 100 people who were present at the meeting:

The undersigned youth leaders representing twenty-thousand members of New York Zionist youth organizations tender to you hearty congratulations on the occasion of your forceful rebuke of Arab false claims concerning late President Roosevelt's conversation with Ibn Saud.

Have been cheered by your demand for 100,000 emergency certificates to Palestine and respectfully submit the following two requests to you:

(1) Please make public Mr. Harrison's report which will demonstrate to world public opinion imperative need of opening Palestine to unrestricted Jewish immigration without delay;

(2) Please impress forcefully on Attlee Government that America is determined to insist on fulfillment of Britain's solemn obligation toward Jewish people.

Only establishment of Jewish Commonwealth will solve tragic age-old problem.

- (III) In conjunction with the Madison Square Garden Meeting of the American Zionist Emergency Council, the member organizations of YZAC cooperated in many ways, e.g., by inserting ads in the newspapers, distributing leaflets, making phone calls, and doing errands and office work.

We received the following letter from Mr. Harry L. Shapiro, Executive Director of the American Zionist Emergency Council:

Dear Mr. Talmadge:

Mr. Lamm reported to me in detail and I have observed how devotedly and efficiently the membership of your affiliated organizations has cooperated with us in preparing the Madison Square Garden Meeting. A great job was done speedily and well, and we are sincerely grateful to the many who helped us and who contributed so much to make the meeting a full success. It is good to know that in every emergency the Young Zionist Actions Committee can be counted on to give intelligent and faithful service to our common cause.

Please transmit our heartfelt thanks to your entire membership.

Kindest personal regards.

Very sincerely yours,

(signed) HARRY L. SHAPIRO
Executive Director

- (IV) Several leaders of our affiliated organizations joined in picketing the British Consulate and the British Empire Building. Almost all metropolitan newspapers reported on this action, which, we understand, will be continued indefinitely.

MESSAGES to LORD HALIFAX

Since not all people who attended the Madison Square Garden Meeting received a large enough number of postal cards, we reprint its wording and address, and suggest that you and your friends mail such messages immediately to Lord Halifax, if you have not done so yet:

His Excellency
His Britannic Majesty's Ambassador
The Right Honorable Lord Halifax
The British Embassy
Washington, D. C.

Your Excellency:

For years we waited patiently for the fulfillment of Great Britain's pledges to the Jewish people. We waited in vain. In the meantime, six million Jews were killed in Europe, while you and your colleagues gave us promises and meaningless words of sympathy. The British Government bears a great share of the responsibility for the Jewish tragedy in Europe!

Our patience is at an end! We shall not continue to suffer British injustices silently. As Jews and as American citizens, we will fight back relentlessly until the legitimate rights of the Jewish people are recognized -- until Palestine is opened wide to free Jewish immigration and a Jewish State is re-established.

Signature _____

Address _____

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

Men in public life, particularly elected officials, are always glad to receive letters commending them on action taken by them.

(A) Therefore, it seems only fitting that

Hon. Thomas E. Dewey
Executive Mansion
Albany, N. Y.

and

Hon. Fiorello H. LaGuardia
City Hall
New York, N. Y.

should receive a number of letters expressing appreciation of the courageous and forceful addresses they delivered at Madison Square Garden.

(B) Ten members of the U. S. Senate, spoke Tuesday, October 2, on the floor of the Senate against the British failure to fulfill its obligations in regard to Palestine. It is suggested to you to read the reports about their performance in the press, and to send subsequently letters of commendation to one, some or all of the following:

Hon. Alben W. Barkley
Hon. Owen Brewster
Hon. Homer Ferguson
Hon. Joseph F. Guffey
Hon. Edwin C. Johnson

Hon. Brien McMahon
Hon. James E. Murray
Hon. Leverett Saltonstall
Hon. H. Alexander Smith
Hon. Robert A. Taft

all at the Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

On Wednesday, October 3, Senator Robert F. Wagner and James M. Mead made similar pro-Zionist pronouncements, and they, too should receive from you notes of appreciation.

Incidentally, if you desire the full text of these historic debates on Palestine, write to one of the above mentioned Senators and ask them to send you a copy of the Congressional Record of those days.

(more)

THE IMPORTANCE OF LETTER-WRITING

On August 22, Mr. Lamm sent to all Unit leaders a detailed Memorandum on the subject of letter-writing. If you are interested in receiving a copy, please request it from us.

There is no more effective way for us to influence public opinion than to write letters to editors and commentators whenever an occasion offers itself. Such letters are the best means to reach a wide public, to interpret our position intelligently and to rebuke our opponents forcefully.

Be vigilant, seek opportunities for writing such letters -- and do not forget to mail us a carbon!

AN ARTICLE YOU WANT TO READ:

"The Plight of the Jews," by I. F. Stone, in THE NATION of October 6, 1945

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Due to the increase of our activities and in expectation of even more intensive activities in the weeks to come, our office urgently needs volunteers at any time: in the mornings, afternoons or evenings.

Please make a serious effort to assist us a few hours a week, and call Miss Sheba Cogan or Mr. Hans Lamm, Murray Hill 2-1160, to make the necessary arrangements. Thanks!

ESSAY CONTEST

The Essay Contest for Youth sponsored by the American Zionist Emergency Council and all national Zionist youth organizations will close in less than eight weeks. See to it that the members of your groups begin working on it without delay.

Excellent reading lists for the Contest can be obtained from the office.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

The American Zionist Emergency Council will continue its aggressive and relentless campaign for the speedy accomplishments of our goals in the near future.

Details will be announced soon, and shall be discussed at our
Plenary Session which will be held
Sunday, October 21, at 1:30 P.M.
at the West Side Jewish Center
347 West 34 Street, New York City

We shall have a prominent Zionist leader to address us at that occasion.

MARCH OF TIME, "THE PALESTINE PROBLEM"

An excellent "March of Time," THE PALESTINE PROBLEM is now being shown at the Roxy Theatre in New York City. A folder about it is attached.

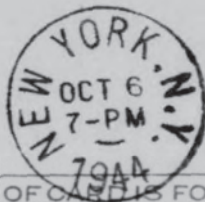
Write to your neighborhood theatre -- and have your friends do so too -- expressing your eagerness to this "March of Time" soon! This is important!
Do not delay.

A NEW SPLENDID PAMPHLET -- BY VICTORY GOLLANCZ

Victor Gollancz' most recent pamphlet, "Nowhere to lay Their Heads". (Praised by Max Lerner in an editorial, PM, October 2). Can be obtained from our office.

YOUTH SESSION OF CHRISTIAN PALESTINE COMMITTEE

As a part of the American Christian Palestine Conference, October 14-16, a special Sessions for Youth will be held to which Christian youth leaders have been invited. Speakers will include Repr. Helen Gahagan Douglas (Cal.), Rabbi Aharon Opher and Dr. Carl Hermann Voss.



GRAND CENTRAL
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Dr. A. H. Silver
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, N. Y.

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ZIONIST ARCHIVES & LIBRARY

41 E. 42nd St., N. Y. C.

Oct. 5, 1944

Will you kindly return to the ZIONIST ARCHIVES & LIBRARY the following book (s) which you have borrowed:

Jewish Agency for Palestine. Documents relating to the Balfour declaration.

U. S. Dept. of State. Mandate for Palestine.

✓ 2-20-45

Sophie A. Udin
Director & Librarian

YOUNG ZIONIST ACTIONS COMMITTEE OF NEW YORK
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Bulletin #33

October 17, 1945

MASS MEETING AND MARCH OF YOUTH

The American Zionist Emergency Council has called a gigantic Mass Demonstration to take place on Wednesday, October 24 at 4:30 P.M. in Madison Square Park. It will demonstrate to the world the solidarity of American Jewry with the Yishuv in its fight for Jewish rights and a Jewish future. It is essential that you spread speedily the message about this rally to as many people as possible. You will receive a number of postal cards which you should mail to your friends, preferably those who are not on the mailing lists of any Jewish organization, in order to arouse their interest and to urge them to participate. We expect between three and five hundred thousand people to attend the meeting and you will understand that it requires the concentrated effort of each and every one of us to mobilize such a large crowd in one week's time.

The Young Zionist Actions Committee has been given the responsibility of organizing a MARCH OF YOUTH to Madison Square Park and the details are at present being worked out and will be given to you as soon as possible. In the meantime, make sure that you, the members of your group, and all your friends, keep the afternoon of next Wednesday open and impress all young Jews with the necessity of participating not only in the Demonstration but also in this MARCH OF YOUTH. Only if at least 10,000 young people will join in the March can it be as impressive as we desire it to be.

PLENARY SESSION

Our Committee is holding its Plenary Session this coming Sunday, October 21st, at 2:30 sharp at the West Side Jewish Center, 347 West 34 Street, New York City. The main speaker will be Chaplain Samson M. Goldstein. We also shall hear reports about past activities and discuss future plans of the Young Zionist Actions Committee. Each unit is authorized to have three delegates who may vote and elect the new officers. In addition to them, any individual who is interested is urged to attend the session as an observer. We will begin promptly at 2:30 P.M. and hope to have a large representation of our member organizations.

ATTENTION : IMPORTANT DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Yesterday, Tuesday, October 16, not less than 17 members of the House of Representatives demanded on the floor of the House the fulfillment of the solemn pledges which Great Britain has given to the Jewish people in regard to Palestine, and urged our own Government to be firm in its support of the just demands of our movement. The debate was lead by the House Majority Leader, the Hon. John W. MacCormack of Massachusetts, and he should receive immediately a large number of letters of appreciation for his splendid work on behalf of a noble and just cause. The other Congressmen who participated in that debate were

Hon. George H. Bender of Ohio
Hon. Emanuel Celler of New York
Hon. John M. Goffee of Washington
Hon. Thomas D'Allesandro, Jr. of Maryland
Hon. Hugh De Lacy of Washington
Hon. Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois
Hon. Herman P. Eberharter of Pennsylvania
Hon. Angier L. Goodwin of Massachusetts
(more)

(cont'd) Hon. Charles A. Halleck of Indiana
 Hon. Chet Holifield of California
 Hon. Thomas J. Lane of Massachusetts
 Hon. Earl R. Lewis of Ohio
 Hon. Donald L. O'Toole of New York
 Hon. Philip J. Philbin of Massachusetts
 Hon. Richard J. Welch of California
 Hon. (Mrs.) Chase G. Woodhouse of Connecticut.

They should also receive letters of commendation and thanks for their efforts which have reaffirmed the great humanitarian tradition of America. Letters should be addressed to them at the House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

IMPORTANT READING MATTER

In the New York Herald-Tribune of wednesday, October 17, Major George Fielding Elliot devotes his column to the discussion of our problem. His article is entitled, "Aid to Europe's Homeless Jews Core of Palestine Problem". Major Elliot should receive a number of notes expressing gratitude for his fine and sympathetic approach to the refugee problem, but it should be pointed out to him, in an intelligent and friendly manner, why the creation of a Jewish State cannot be postponed any longer and is fundamentally interlocked with the refugee problem.

The Editor of PM, John P. Lewis, 164 Duane Street, New York City, in PM of October 17, has published his address delivered at the American Christian Palestine Committee Conference entitled, "Human Decency -- And Palestine". Please write him notes of commendation and encouragement since his article is undoubtedly one of the most pertinent appeals in support of Zionism.

Read in the NATION of October 20th, the penetrating study by Eliahu Ben-Horin, "Have the Arabs a Case?".

"BRITISH LABOUR AND ZIONISM"

The very timely and appealing 24 page pamphlet, "British Labour and Zionism", containing documents showing the traditional pro-Zionist policy of the British Labor Party just came off the press. It will prove most effective in our effort to convince the Attlee Government that it must follow the just and logical course advocated by the British Labour Party since 1917. Please order your copies of this pamphlet in single copies or in quantities without delay from our office. There is no charge for this publication.

LETTERS WHICH MADE YOUR EDITOR BLUSH

The following two letters were received last week:

"My dear Mr. Lamm:

Thank you for your kindness in sending me the bi-weekly Bulletin of the Young Zionist Actions Committee. It is good.

Please carry on. You may not hear from me often, but I am following your work with great interest.

Very cordially yours,

(signed) Abba Hillel Silver "

"Dear Sir:

This is the second time I have had occasion to write you having seen your Bulletin as many times. I find your Bulletins interesting, well-organized, and your work well to the point. Unfortunately, however, I know nothing of your organization, who composes it, when it came into existence, and by what happy chance I came to get on your mailing list. Don't misunderstand my interest -- I appreciate your work greatly and would like to know to whom I am indebted.

Hoping to hear from you soon, and thanking you for your help, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Hebrew Union College
Cincinnati, Ohio

(signed) Eugene Borowitz,
President, Masada

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Recent disturbing press reports indicate that the broadcasts of William S. Gailmor will be dropped. William Gailmor who broadcasts nightly over the American Broadcasting System (WJZ) has proven to be a tried and tested friend of Zionism. He has repeatedly attacked the Palestine policy of the British Colonial Office and within the past ten days delivered two strongly pro-Zionist addresses over his network in the form of "An Open Letter to Prime Minister Attlee".

It is imperative that both the station and his sponsor should within the next few days receive numerous letters requesting that his broadcasts be continued. Write at once indicating your amazement and disapproval of the action taken, and of your desire to have Gailmor's broadcasts continued. We have reason to believe that both the station and the sponsor will react favorably to public opinion in this matter if registered in sufficient number.

Address your letters to: Electronic Corp. of America
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By sending a carbon of your original letter you will save the trouble of writing two letters.

MEMORANDUM

FROM R. S. Yarden and P. Pierce

DATE: November 14, 1945

TO: Mr. Joseph Wexstein

SUBJECT: Contacts with Senator Tom Connally
Time of Interview: November 14, 1945, 4:30 - 5:45 P.M., Mayflower Hotel.

Persons mentioned

MR. J. PARIS - Noted Texan lawyer and politician connected with oil interests.

MR. BOY MILLER - Business man (Sulphur) and politician, close friend of Senator Connally.

MR. FAIR GILLOCK - Oil man and friend of Senator Tom Connally.

Although Mr. Paris had arrived in Washington only a few hours prior to this interview, he knew that the introduction of the Palestine Resolution had been postponed for Monday, November 19th, and he expressed the view that the postponement was in our interest, for "it could never make the grade at this time." He also surmised that "the Resolution may be postponed again on Monday."

Mr. Paris expressed the opinion that "Bevin's statement was deliberately timed to coincide with Attlee's stay in Washington. After all, you wouldn't hurt the feelings of a guest."

By speaking in the same breath of the postponement of the Resolution and of the timing of Bevin's statement, he seemed to imply that the latter was a well-planned political move on the part of the British to forestall any vigorous pro-Zionist reaction on the part of United States government circles.

In the course of the conversation, Mr. Boy Miller phoned to inform Mr. Paris that he had arranged for him to have lunch with Senator Connally. Mr. Fair Gillock and himself on the following day, November 15th. Thereupon, Mr. Paris remarked to Miss Pierce and Mrs. Yarden that Mr. Boy Miller was responsible for the improved attitude of Senator Connally toward the Palestine issue. He remarked that he came to Washington (upon the request of Mr. J. Wexstein) to confer with Senator Connally.

Mr. Paris expressed the view that not enough of the "right kind" of pressure was being applied, but he carefully avoided making any clear statement as to what he considered the "right kind". It was quite obvious that he had some definite plan in mind.

After the first half hour, he began to show increased interest, asked many relevant questions and took notes, especially on data regarding Palestine.

He informed, in the end, that he wanted to get in touch with Miss Pierce and Mrs. Yarden "tomorrow, immediately after the luncheon with Senator Connally," and before his own departure for New York to meet with Mr. Wexstein.

RSY/mmp

CC: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,

Mr. Harry Shapiro

Dr. Benjamin Akstin

Dean Howard M. LeSourd

R.S. Y.
P.S. Y.

November 21, 1945

Professor A. S. Yahuda
162 Bishop Street
New Haven, Conn.

My dear Professor Yahuda:

Thank you very much for permitting me to read the enclosed articles which I am returning to you and which I read with great interest. I shall speak to Mr. Epstein tomorrow about the committee.

I plan to leave for Palestine in the next few days.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ARS:BK
Enc.

SOLOMON YAHUDA

ADVOCATE

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ת.ד. 1206 - ת.ל. 1369

Haifa, 2nd December 1945.

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Personal + Secret.

The Very Reverend
Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Behavia, Jerusalem.

Very reverend Rabbi,

Suffer me, without having the honour of your acquaintance, to address you on the subject of Palestine, as a member of the public at large. From the report of your Press conference, I feel glad, if I may say so with respect, to congratulate you on *your* firm and noble attitude and the keen judicious touch which it discloses, especially your decision to boycott the proposed Commission.

I feel encouraged, therefore, to submit for your perusal, a few remarks on the above subject, hoping that they will not altogether constitute a mere intrusion on your valuable time.

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And first, a few words about myself. My family has been established in Palestine for over a century. I do not belong to any of the political parties and this is chiefly due to the fact I have long since realised Zionism ~~is~~ an aim and an end in itself, not a policy, so far as the Jews are concerned. Political parties may be useful where the issue involves the carrying out of a policy, but not where an identical aim - the re-settlement of Jews in Palestine - binds or ought to bind every person concerned in the movement. Parties could be formed after that aim is accomplished. It hasn't yet.

I shall begin with the Balfour Declaration. It has always meant to me as being a clog on Zionism. Apart from its proviso in favour of the Arabs, its second proviso in favour of preserving the rights and political status of the Jews in any country other than Palestine, assumes the perpetuation of the dispersion. Both these provisos support the contention that the Declaration was not intended to establish a Jewish State in Palestine.

To my mind, the second proviso lends itself to a further interpretation: It is clear that both provisos are intended to limit the obligations of Great Britain towards the Jewish People. The second may be read to mean this: That the obligation under the Declaration would last only until the rights and political status of the Jews in any country would be prejudiced. This has taken place in Germany, and the British Government may well consider itself exonerated from all obligation under the Declaration.

It seems to me that this interpretation has prevailed at

the Evian Conference in 1938, for none of the Governments represented thereon recommended immigration into Palestine. The same may be said of the Bermuda Conference.

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The question obviously arises as to why the British Government does not invoke this interpretation in order once and for all to relieve itself of further obligation towards the Jewish People. The answer is that imperial interests require the staging of a conflict between Arabs and Jews. That is why the Royal Commission made it appear contrary to the necessary implications of the Declaration that the intention was the establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine.

It will be remembered that Nazism was openly supported by British aristocracy before the War, and it is by no means obvious that it has not encouraged Jewish persecution in Germany in order to provide an excuse for setting aside the Balfour Declaration on the strength of the second proviso. It must have been secretly invoked in both the above mentioned conferences, as otherwise the abstention of all the delegates thereto from pointing to Palestine as an obvious place of refuge would remain a mystery.

As for the Mandate, it, too, contains ambiguities imbedded right into those provisions believed to embody the most favourable terms on our behalf. It is not, however, as vaguely drafted as the Declaration. Article 2 is decidedly in our favour, though no effort seems to have been exerted on our behalf to carry its influence over to the other provisions of the Mandate. Under Article 2 the Mandatory is enjoined to place the country under such political administrative and economic conditions as would secure the establishment of the national Home and the development of self-governing institutions. This can only mean that the development of self-governing institutions depends on conditions favourable to the establishment of the national home. In other words, the same conditions must prevail to secure both the latter and the former. I have mentioned this point in a pamphlet entitled "The proposed Legislative Council and the Mandate for Palestine" (Haifa, 1936 - see Page 12), a copy of which I enclose. The prevention of a Jewish majority in Palestine as the declared policy of the Mandatory appears to be a clear violation of the Mandate. And it seems to me that it is due to the fact that this Article is pregnant with favourable implications to the Jews that the Mandate was declared unworkable by the Royal Commission.

Circumstances have changed since, and in my view the Jewish People need not invoke the Mandate or the Balfour Declaration except to show that in administering them the British Government has not acted in good faith.

Yet if Nazism has provided the British Government the means to relieve itself from its obligations under the Declaration, the dark forces it has released against the Jews throughout the world arm the Jews with the best means for their re-settlement in Palestine as a Nation.

Three points must be borne in mind in this connection:-

- a- that the Jews were forcibly thrown out of their country about two thousand years ago, and are now forcibly kept out of it by British arms;
- b- that they have gone into exile as strangers lived in the dispersion as strangers and at longer or shorter intervals of time were looted and murdered as strangers;
- c- that to fight anti-semitism in an effort to make Jewish life tolerable in foreign parts (i.e., outside Palestine) is to perpetuate the dispersion and the precarious position of the Jews everywhere.

There is no difference between Zionists and Jews. Mr Bevin's attempt to establish it is inept. Zionism is the articulate expression of the only solution for the Jewish Problem to which the Jews throughout the world can aspire and hope for. Antisemitism is not religious intolerance; it is the expression of the attitude of the Gentiles towards the fact that the Jews are and have always been strangers. In the Dark Ages religious intolerance was a pretext. The Gentiles then knew, as their descendants now know, that the Jews are inveterate strangers: if they are all rounded up and literally killed none of the Gentiles will heave so much as a sigh. Six Million Jews, more or less have been murdered as a matter of policy by enemy but not a voice was heard at San Francisco decrying that policy or evincing sympathy towards the remnant or a sincere wish to help them out of their plight. We do not realise that two thousand years have not advanced us a single inch towards effective integration with the various peoples with whom we have coalesced. Then as now we refuse to mingle with them socially, racially, religiously. Let us not be lured by the fact that each of us possesses a passport either "by birth" or by "naturalisation, into believing that/"nationals"of those countries whose passports we carry. Hitler was right in considering the Jews as strangers in Germany; so did and still do other nations big or small, civilised or uncivilised. We should not forget that the Germans have learnt their lesson from the Evian Conference. It is the obvious lesson of what to do with an undesirable person when you cannot chase him out because he is not wanted elsewhere either.

I look upon the different passports we carry as as many forgeries by each of the foreign ministries of the countries concerned. They pretend to confer on us a right of citizenship; but it is not true. At all crucial moments the protection it affords others has completely failed us and most definitely in the countries which have issued them to us. We have always been the scape-goat, the easy game because when molested, tortured, looted and murdered as Jews no one claims us as kith or kin. I hope the Jews of America have learnt ~~have learnt~~ the lesson from the Jews - the late Jews of Central Europe. We are facing utter annihilation, because in country after country we are being murdered by our own so-called countrymen, and the affray is always treated by the other nations as an internal matter, concerning exclusively the country in which it has happened.

My view is that if we accustom the various countries to this sort of proceeding, we have only to await our turn. It may be that Hitler and the Poles have given the world the example of how to get rid of the Jews as a whole. Jewish numbers and influence were done away with first in Russia, then in the whole of the European continent, and if, which God Forbid, American Jews fail or fall, then all what has been done in Palestine, and the fate of all the Jews in the East is sealed. We shall be thrown overnight into the sea.

Let the Jews beware! History is repeating itself. Bevin wants the Jews to reconstruct the Europe which is smeared with their blood in the same way as the Pharaohs of 4,000 years ago wanted us to build for them Pythom and Ra'amses. We have had enough in building other peoples' palaces. We are entitled to build our own. And we need a second Moses to tell every Government under the sun to let us free to worship our own God in our own land.

We must not rely as we have hitherto done, on friends. We should never again allow our rights to be metamorphosed into charity at the hands of so-called friends, who, whenever in power, have failed and betrayed us. We should never expect others to do the Job for us. If we will not do it, no one will endanger himself to do it for us.

I see danger ahead. I do not think it is pessimism. Probably the whole race will not be exterminated. But the remnant will have to begin again a long period of captivity, dispersion and humiliation. We must rise to the occasion. I doubt if a thousand years hence there will remain englishmen to pride in their forbears of the Churchill period. But I am sure there will still be Jews who will look back upon us and upon Herzl's memory so vividly alive in our consciousness. Let us not disappoint them.

All obstacles and obstructions must be cleared and overcome. At least half the Yishuv looks to you for better days, apart from the thousands in the new Continent. Let us also mobilise an intelligence service for our own benefit. We only need determination and courage. For the rest God will help us if we do not cringe to those who defeat His promise to us, by taking or mistaking them as our friends, be they Attlees Bevin or Trumans.

I hope I have not presumed too much on your attention. I may be one of many who at this grave hour of our people's existence, exercise their minds in addressing you. All I can say is that thousands of Jews like myself both here and abroad are dissatisfied with the present leadership. Not without reason.

And the most important obstacle to remove is dissension in our own ranks. A relentless propaganda must be set in motion to explain the true position of the Jews everywhere so as to unite our wills to the supreme purpose. We shall meet renegades and defeatists - we shall have to overcome them and denounce them as traitors. Once we have done this, we shall have gone a long way to reach our goal. As you have stated, the British have carried the battle to our own stronghold in America. Let us

meet them there. They are there conniving at and conspiring to confuse our minds and frustrate God's promise to us, rob us of our heavenly gift on Earth. We, who wish to see that promise fulfilled, will surely win with His help and support.

There is surely more than this to be done. It is a great and noble task; not a moment must be lost. I leave it all to your vast experience and better judgment.

I am, Sir,

Very respectfully yours,

Manus

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These excerpts are submitted as evidence of the early start the World Committee made to stimulate the Jewish Agency office in London with regard to the work to be done in connection with the UNO. It was suddenly nipped in the bud. (not the UNO, I hope)

EXCERPTS OF CORRESPONDENCE

(London Office of the Jewish Agency for Palestine)

London, W.C.1, 10th December, 1945

Dear Mrs. Yarden,

Thank you very much for your letters of 3rd and 4th December, together with all the material enclosed.

I am writing today to Dr. Hurtado in the sense indicated in your letter of 4th December.

Please continue to keep in touch with me in connection with these matters, and we for our part will do our best under the somewhat inauspicious conditions outlined above.

Yours sincerely,

W.G. Ettinghausen

London, W.C.1, 20th December, 1945

Dear Mrs. Yarden:

Thank you very much for your letter of 14th December and for list.

I should like to tell you in a few sentences what we have done here to establish contacts with these South American Delegates.

I wrote to Dr. Echandia and Dr. Hurtado -----

Secondly, I spoke to the secretary of the Palestine House about organizing a reception for these delegates, and I am pleased to be able to tell you that this is being done.

Thirdly, we have here at present Major Wellesley Aron, a British Jew ---- ; he has a liking for social contacts and also a very good basis of knowledge of Palestine. ----- we decided to ask him to undertake the job of approaching the South American delegates. ----- He has made a start by getting together with Palestine House in the matter of the reception, and this afternoon he has gone to see the Public Relations Officer of the UNO Preparatory Conference ----- The list of delegates which you have sent me will be invaluable for him, and I shall suggest to him that he should report to you ---

It is, of course, understood that Maj. Aron's assignment is of limited duration, probably only for the next three weeks. You will doubtless have heard that the Executive, at their recent meeting in Jerusalem, decided to set up a special department to maintain relations with the UNO, and that Dr. Goldmann, who fulfilled a similar function vis-a-vis the League of Nations, has been put in charge of this new department.

Yours sincerely,

W.G. Ettinghausen

EXCERPTS OF CORRESPONDENCE
(Continued)

London, W.C.1, December 31st, 1945

Dear Mrs. Yarden;

Thank you for your letter of December 21st, with the information about the ---- and --- representatives. ----- The necessary steps will be taken.

I had a letter this morning from Dr. --- inviting me to come to see him. --- Mr. Locker, who has now returned to London, has promised to accompany me.

The situation as far as UNO is concerned, has changed here somewhat. ----- Both Dr. Goldmann and his deputy Mr. M. Kahany, are at present in London, and making plans for their activities in connection with the UNO ---- This naturally puts Major Aron's more limited efforts into the shade, and I am about to arrange a consultation between Dr. Goldmann, Mr. Kahany and Major Aron to ensure proper coordination.

London, W.C.1, January 11, 1946

Dear Mrs. Yarden,

With regard to the specific UNO affairs about which you and I have been corresponding, I believe I have already informed you that these will be the responsibility of Dr. Nahum Goldmann.

This is, therefore my swan-song, but before I expire I should like to tell you that I have seen both Dr. X and Dr. Y. -----

----- Berl Locker ---- was able to give the --a firsthand account ---
Of all the points touched on, the one which interested Dr. X most was that of the present Arab boycott ----- He was apparently interested in this from the UNO angle.

Finally, I should like to express to you my thanks for the helpful guidance you have given to me during recent weeks ---

Yours sincerely,

Walter Ettinghausen

Washington, D.C., January 24, 1946

Dear Mr. Linton;

(see copy attached - places marked by red pencil)
No answer ever came --- then came THE PALESTINE REVIEW
see copy attached)

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am enclosing here for your consideration a memorandum regarding the necessity for enlisting Latin American Zionist forces for the forthcoming Zionist Congress. Latin American Jewry has been kept at arm's length from real participation in Zionist efforts and plans.

Although I know how busy you must be, I dare hope that you will give this matter your attention.

Sincerely yours,

Rachelle Sephardi Yarden
Rachelle Sephardi Yarden

World Committee
1706 G St NW
Washington, D.C.

COPY

Please return

January 24, 1946

Mr. Joseph Linton
Jewish Agency for Palestine
77 Great Russell Street
London, W.C.1
England.

Dear Mr. Linton:

Mr. Ettinghausen was kind enough to inform me that you have returned to your post, and I avail myself of this opportunity to burden you outright with some of the problems needing your especial assistance.

BRITISH PROPAGANDA: You are no doubt aware of the fact that while the Zionist authorities have not yet inaugurated any news service to the Latin American continent, the British embassies in those countries are very active in this respect. Disposing of ample means, they have no difficulty in securing space in the local press. I received inquiries and complaints again and again from local Zionists who have neither the material nor the experience to cope with such matters. Right now it is Uruguay that is writing us with regard to this matter. British propaganda is very subtle, of course, and never makes any direct attack. It merely presents "facts" to discredit not only the Zionists and their work, but the Jews in general. The enclosed translation of the article reveals the line they follow. The Uruguayan correspondent, Dr. Jacobo Hazan, Liaison Officer of the Uruguayan pro-Palestine Committee, Calle Buenos Aires 691, Montevideo, Uruguay, pleads that we provide an authentic answer by an authority that cannot be doubted. Since the whole discussion took place in London, I feel certain you would have the material for an adequate answer that could be published in the Uruguayan press.

BRAZIL: I received a letter dated January 7 and signed by Dr. L. Lauterbach pleading with me that I find a solution to the problem afflicting and dwarfing Latin American Zionism and asking me to suggest "suitable candidates" for sending to those countries. Needless to say, that with all my devotion to the work and with all my intimate knowledge of the field, I am not in a position to do anything for the Zionist movement in those countries. Dr. Goldmann gladly accepted my resignation rather than analyze the situation there and try to remedy it, a situation which has been created not without his knowledge. It is perfectly comprehensible to me that the Zionists from everywhere should continue turning to me, but it is utterly beyond my comprehension that an experienced civil servant of Dr. Lauterbach standing should turn to me: "Can you help us by your concrete suggestions?" and this after I have been ignored and stifled, after my work in Brazil had been deliberately destroyed from above, and after I never was permitted to present a report upon my return from Latin America and last, but not least, ~~the~~ after my memoranda on the work in and for Latin America have been completely and utterly suppressed.

WORLD COMMITTEE FOR PALESTINE: The World Committee should have had by now at least one competent representative where he is needed. Unfortunately, the promises made us were never even remembered, let alone fulfilled. The Agency official who assumed the responsibility of presenting the work and budget of the World Committee before the Zionist Executive in Palestine in December, found no time to do so. Our work is therefore greatly hampered and hamstrung on all sides. However, pro-Palestine committees are in the process of formation in several countries and those in existence are supplied with informational material and instructions to the best of our ability. A hundred copies of each of the pamphlets we issued in Spanish during the last few weeks were sent to your office by air-express for distribution among the Spanish speaking members of the General Assembly of the UNO.

In my letters to Mr. Ettinghausen I mentioned the names of certain individuals with whom your office should establish contacts. I hope this was done, and I should naturally like to have some information in this respect.

Mr. Lichtheim of the Geneva office informs me that Dr. Rappard is in London. Dr. LeSourd wrote him and wired him requesting that he represent Switzerland on the Executive Council of the World Committee. Dr. LeSourd's letters failed to reach him apparently, and so I dare request that you have someone locate him and discuss with him the matter. Mr. Lichtheim writes also that there is no pro-Palestine committee in Switzerland and that the local Zionists do not seem to be well equipped for the task of creating one, but if Dr. Rappard would consent to be the head of such committee, something could be done.

THE ANGLO-AMERICAN COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY: I made it my business to attend those hearings religiously so that I did not miss one minute in seven days. By the time this letter will reach you, the hearings in London will probably have terminated, and you ~~may~~ will have gained your own impressions, so that mine will be superfluous. Nevertheless, I take the liberty to make a few brief comments. Having carefully listened and, what is more, well heard all what was said in those seven days, and having studied since the utterances of the "investigators", I must frankly say that both chairmen are dead set against the Jewish Commonwealth even as an idea, let alone as a reality; that both chairman and some members of the Committee cannot encompass the full meaning of the word Jewish not only in its relation to us as a people, but even in its significance and bearing as applied to our religion. To them as to Mr. Rosenwald it is just a "faith". I shall allow myself to state that none of the witnesses, i.e., of the witnesses given an opportunity to comment on this aspect of the "Inquiry", took enough thought and preparation to give a simple, clear and comprehensive statement that would once for all clarify those issues. Not even when Judge H₁ tcheson tried to "shame" an ace witness by stating: "Once or twice you~~x~~ spoke of Jews in the best sense of internationalists. --- Now I am asking you, isn't the insistence at this time on naming this place a Jewish state or colony, putting the adjective in, quite an anachronism, particularly in view of the general internationalism which the world is trying to take hold of and of the evolutionary forces of government and society which are rejecting those narrow adjectival descriptions? Isn't the thing a little of an anachronism to be demanding a Jewish state, and if not, why not?" This was on Thursday morning, Jan. 10. The witness failed to answer the question, but Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr

who did try five days later to explain the inherent necessity of the Jewish people for a national home of their own, attained no better results. Although he too failed to tackle this thoughtless approach to the concept of "INTERNATIONALISM" and to explain that its very name implies the existence of NATIONS, but nations which would cooperate with each other rather than war on each other, he nevertheless presented a profound and poignant analysis of the Jewish need for a homeland. The closing shot of the American chairman was: "Is it a matter of pride that the Jews want to have a state, just to puff themselves up a little? Why was it essential to call it a Jewish State?" And the parting shot of Sir John Singleton (mind you after "hearing" witnesses for seven days) was: "I don't see why that which you (Niebuhr) describe as the price to the Jews (in their struggle for survival) would be any less by reason of the fact that a piece of land, not very big, was assigned to them and called the Jewish state."

And Judge Hitchens again: "I am not arguing about the Jews going to Palestine, but why do you have to have a Jewish state? I can't see why they have to have it." These are practically the last few minutes of the seven days of "hearings". So, you see how much they learnt, how much they understood and what you can expect from them, not that the Colonial Office would fall for their recommendations, were they even heaven inspired, or that the State Department would give them any more attention than it did to the Earl G. Harrison report, but there remains the essential threat of our relaxing in view of the fact that an "INQUIRY" is going on. The interim silence on our part and on the part of those who can clamor along with us for justice to our people is, to my mind, a grave danger at this time. If anything, we should redouble our efforts and line up the United Nations, disseminate widely information and through personal contact enlighten delegates and win them over before our enemies fill their minds to capacity so that there will remain no more room even for a single new thought of justice to us.

Forgive the lengthy letter, but you are there on the scene, and I feel that it is my duty to appeal to you that your office, that the local Zionists, that the English gentile Zionists should do their duty now. I wrote about this several times to Mr. Ettinghausen, and he informed me that Major W. Aron was engaged to do something in this field. He later on wrote that Dr. Goldmann and his deputy Mr. Kahany were now on the scene. I do not know Dr. Kahany, but I do know how little is being done by people who believe that "the less a man does the greater he is, and Hakadosh Boruch Hu does nothing."

I hope you will not consider me presumptuous in my insistence on these matters. Frankly, I believe this is in my line of duty as employee of the World Committee for Palestine. I have been too long squeamish in my ways, thinking that it was not according to my dignity and self-respect to engage in the task of "pestering" and "plaguing" people even for the cause. Somehow, the work and experiences of my last two years with the Jewish Agency taught me the absurdity of such attitude on my part. Where the survival and the honor of our nation are concerned, no individual has a right to hearken too closely to his own delicate feelings and sensitivity.

Looking forward to hearing from you before long, I beg to remain,

Cordially yours,

Rachelle S. Yarden

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letter from Weiss
Castellanos
Camerini
British Article

Washington, D.C. March 16, 1946

Dear Sir:

I am informed that Mr. Kahany (M.), mentioned in Mr. Ettinghausen's letter, sent in an urgent request to be allowed to come here now and to begin the preparatory work. He, too, apparently is aware that the time for SHTADLANUTH is over and that we must enlighten people long before the critical moment. The reply sent Mr. M. Kahany by the head of the Agency department for the UNO was that there was no hurry, that the matter could wait till later, in the summer.

There seems to be a strange lack of understanding of the changed conditions in the new set-up where Arabs are inside and we completely outside, and where they can speak and say all they want while we must depend entirely on someone to be able to answer them there and then because we ourselves will not even hear all the time what they say or engineer. Moreover, the attitude of the British is altogether different from what it was after the first world war. In addition to that, there will be no doubt enough delegates who have been well impregnated with Nazi hatred for us.

How can the Zionist movement leave now the task of meeting with the delegates to enlighten them and converting them to defenders of our cause to someone who does not realize the importance of the task? Are we going to the delegates the last minute and beg on our knees: "Please, Mr. vote for me, for mercy's sake? We may come even then too late."

Frankly, I believe that the New York Zionist movement and the American Palestine Chapter should be mobilized for the task. Moreover, it should begin right now. As the delegates begin to come for one session or another, we should establish contact with them, invite them along with members of the consular staffs to small gatherings of a social character where we can gradually acquaint them with Jews and Jewish aspirations, etc. You cannot do such things in a last minute rush. The consular corps in New York City may have a very decisive influence on delegates, and therefore there should be right now an effort to reach them somehow through mutual friends, invite them to the 'better' homes, cultivate their friendship, etc. Something like we did in Washington in anticipation to the World Christian Conference for Palestine.

And, perhaps, as the very first step, there should be organized now, without any delay, groups to study all the aspects of Zionism and especially all the objections of the opposition. From what I have seen and heard, it seems to me there is a marked deficiency in this respect. It takes much more than personal conviction and enthusiasm to convert a thinking person, especially an honest opponent. Small discussion groups, with a well organized and comprehensive program, under the guidance of well informed and competent individuals, are a necessity now, if we want to prepare people who are not only convinced Zionists, but Zionists capable also of convincing others, gentiles especially.

I am in a great hurry and therefore unable to give the time necessary to actually present a plan, but I believe that is hardly required of me. I also feel that I should perhaps apologize for taking up your time for things that are already worked out somewhere on the highest plane but of which I have no knowledge. But then I could not be blamed for doing it, since my work is intimately connected with the task for the UNO, yet I never know what is being planned or even whether anything is being planned.

Respectfully yours,

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London, March 23, 1946

"I have been following with keen interest the Palestine problem during the UNO General Assembly sessions as well as after the closing. I shall communicate to you a few things regarding this matter.

"As you may remember, Bevin, in his first address to the UNO, said that the Palestine problem could not be considered until the Anglo-American Committee, which is at present studying all its aspects, will submit its report. Because of this logically easily acceptable reason, the UNO Assembly did not include the Palestine problem in its agenda for the first part of the first meeting. It is, therefore, necessary to prepare now everything in order to secure its being included in the agenda of the second part of the first meeting of the General Assembly which will open September 3, 1946. Will the report of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry be ready by then?

"I also wish to give you, confidentially, the impressions I gathered here until now, regarding the Palestine problem, in order to enable you to make of my findings whatever discreet use you may deem advisable.

"For England, the whole subject seems to be very delicate because, she says, many diverse and conflicting factors, interests and viewpoints are involved. The Arab states, five until now, and six since yesterday -- a treaty has been signed(?) recognizing the independence of Transjordan -- oppose most strenuously and decisively the Jewish State in Palestine. Since the San Francisco Conference, the Arab states have come to an understanding with the Latin American republics 'for the purpose of defending the rights of the small states'. Since then, there has been a complete coordination between the Arab and the Latin American votes for elections, important resolutions, etc. Together they cast a total of some 24 to 25 votes, a rather very important figure in a set of 51 votes. In the first part of the first meeting of the General Assembly, we saw that with this combination of forces it was possible for the Latin American countries and the Arab states to secure seats in the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council and in the International Court of Justice.

"Your office must take into full consideration this fact. It is not enough that requests and petitions in favor of the creation of the Jewish State in Palestine, in agreement with existing international obligations, come from this or that country. It is necessary to insure that the Latin American Governments give their respective delegations express instructions for the purpose.

"It will interest you to know that President "X" sent a cable instructing us that we should receive a certain Dr. Goldman or Guldman, or something like it, and that we should in general support the petitions of the Jewish people for justice in accordance with the legal principles which are being invoked in our days and in accordance with the declarations of individual, political and international rights which are also being invoked today.

"The cable was couched in general terms, without reference to any determined concrete project or issue. It was, frankly, favorable toward the Jews but no adequate opportunity presented itself for carrying out such instructions, since we were told to wait for the final report of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry which is still in Palestine.

TRANSLATION (Continued)

"I must tell you directly that no Jewish leader who works for the restoration of the Jewish State called either on me or on "X", whereas the Arabs lost no opportunity to present their point of view and to make propaganda against any and all things which are not aimed at the recognition of the 'Arab State of Palestine'.

"You may make discreet use of all I told you, as you may deem fit and beneficial for the work which will have to be done before September and during September and October while the sessions of the General Assembly of the UNO will be going on."

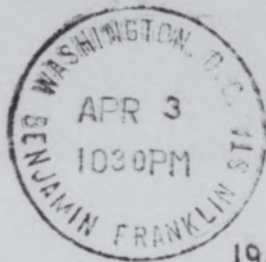


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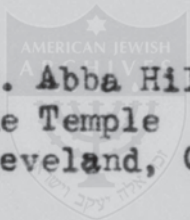
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April 11, 1946

Dear Mr. Weisgal:

Please forgive my using alien stationery; there is a reason and purpose for this departure.

I hope you know by now who wrote the London letter of March 23, and I also indulge in the wishfulness that its contents may have some stimulating effect on the Zionist Sublime Porte. I nevertheless take the liberty to do a little goading even at the risk of exposing before your savoir faire, wit and wisdom some of the meanderings of a puny female noddle (forgive the slang, but you can't really use the honorable term "brain" for the female replica of the male's noble organ of reflective thinking).

I shall not go back to my honeymoon missives to the Agency when I pleaded for a little "social life" around the Latin American Department right in New York where the Latins were being weaned away from Zionism. But permit me to quote from my memorandum ON THE WORK OF THE LATIN AMERICAN DEPARTMENT, dated July 10, 1945 (four pages and an appendix). Under the subtitle ARABS IN LATIN AMERICA (p.2) I analyzed briefly the elements common to Latins and Arabs and I wrote:

"Mutual understanding is not too difficult, especially between the ruling classes of these two blocks of peoples and between their representatives at international conferences." (p.2 paragraph 7)

Not one of my superiors on the Latin American Committee deemed it worthwhile to discuss the matter. (Oh - there is always enough time to think of what the enemy is going to do when he will have done it)

On November 25, 1945 I sent a one page memorandum on the UNITED NATIONS "PRECOM" MEETING. I outlined in terse little paragraphs some of the things that should be done in preparation for the United Nations General Assembly (even though "Palestine was not on the agenda") and I also added, in the three paragraph REMARK attached to the one page memorandum, "All in all, there is ample ground for friendship between these two blocks of nations."

The Zionist powers that be, God bless them, probably could not find the time to peruse the few brief paragraphs. (After all, consider the source of that delicate insistence!

I prodded London and the capitals of Latin America and got some response from both ends; then there came a sudden shock of silence from London. The poor subordinate who responded was pleasantly paralyzed by superior powers and wrote me a swan song, from the London office of the Agency, of course. Then came the PALESTINE REVIEW of January 1946, p117 and explained the silence, in part. And finally came the very enlightening letter of the man on account of whom the wires buzzed to Argentina and all the wayside centers all the way to London to instruct him to receive a Zionist leader who never showed up in all the weeks and sent no one else. It so happens that this man is good enough to have had both Byrnes and Connolly dust his quiet and firm back.

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By the way, this man, a rare specimen of a career diplomat, never wrote a word to me directly and will continue to inform and advise me as long as he is not made to suffer by some genius of ours.

Zionist provincialism and inactivity in San Francisco and London have left just that much more mud and sticky slime around us. A real effort must be made now to drain dry the quagmire.

The Arabs had something to offer the Latins in return for their favors. (Five votes are not a chicken gizzard when they can get you or lose you seats on the Security Council and all the other councils and committees.) Yet the Arabs did not depend on their bargaining power alone and threw parties to charm their chums in San Francisco. Had the Scandinavian and the other European small nations bestowed their social graces on the Latins, the Arabs would not have had half the chance they did have, and I happen to know whereof I speak.

I understand the Zionist Sublime Porte has finally acquiesced to the idea of making an attempt at social amenities. I take the liberty to suggest that wherever Latins are invited, there should be also some Danes, Belgians, Norwegians, Netherlands, etc., vedáy lehakíma bir'nizá.

(May I remind you that thanks to the representatives of the last three mentioned nations, who joined Prof. Rappard of Switzerland in the Permanent Mandates Commission to denounce the White Paper "as contrary to legal procedure" and a "violation of the Mandate", could we point to the illegality of the White Paper, ever since. If one of these had joined the British, French and Portuguese hirelings on that Commission, the White Paper would have had today international sanction in addition to its enforcement by destroyers.)

Since I forgive your never answering any of my letters, I dare hope that you will forgive my writing to you.

Most cordially yours,

Rachelle Sephardi Yarden

(Translation)

Buenos Aires, May 1, 1946

Dr. Vicente Donoso Torres
20 de Octubre 885
La Paz, Bolivia

My dear and distinguished friend:

You can hardly imagine my pleasure at writing this letter to you. I have been eager to do it for quite a while, but I really could not find the time. I must tell you that my greatest anxiety now is about this scarcity of time.

I have to carry out my journalistic obligations as weekly contributor to the "Excelsior" of Mexico and "El Globo" of Ecuador; I have to finish my book "Bolivia, the Locked-In Sister" which has already 235 pages and is lacking only the last chapter; I have to attend to my History Chair; and finally, as if it were a small matter, I have to take care now of the American League for Jewish Liberation (Argentine branch), of which I have been unanimously elected Secretary General, due to my work about the Hebrews, with which you are familiar, "What America Thinks About the Jewish Problem".

All this has delayed my correspondence with you whom I hold in such high esteem, not only because of the high values your person represents, but also because of your many kindnesses to me during my stay in La Paz.

I wish to speak to you now, esteemed Dr. Donoso Torres, about your launching in your country the idea of creating the Bolivian chapter of the American League for Jewish Liberation. This would lend considerable strength to the organization originally constituted in Washington and whose Secretary General (no chapter of the League has a president) is Senator Gillette who, as you know, is a great friend of the Jews.

I take the liberty to enclose the declaration which we published and which is the first one to appear in Latin America. It was published also under the auspices of the Uruguayan chapter, which I created less than two weeks ago in a "blitz" trip to Montevideo. In order to enlighten you on the functioning of local chapters, or how they should function, I shall tell you how we are doing it here in Buenos Aires.

We enlisted here nine non-Jewish personalities, all of them Argentines, and sympathizers of the noble cause of Palestine's independence. Eight of them constitute the Advisory Committee which, in reality, sets its seal of approval on the work done by the Secretary General who, naturally, keeps in touch with this Committee, but carries out everything dynamically.

The "American League for Jewish Liberation" works in harmony with a Committee, or rather with a number of outstanding Jewish personalities who contribute all they can, especially materially since we, the Christians, are contributing our work, our voice and our time in order to see to it that Palestine, the ancient land of the Jewish people, should, once and for all, return to its legitimate owners. In one word, the Committee of the League or, rather the Secretary General, to whom all the Executive powers have been delegated, carries out Press Conferences, sends releases to the Press, arranges public meetings in theatres and moving picture houses and intercedes wherever the humanitarian American sentiment can be reaffirmed with regard to the right of Jewry to have its Promised Land -- Palestine.

If this Committee or League were simply Jewish, it would lose a great deal of its value, because Jews are under obligation to plead whereas, being Gentile, it gains strength, because the American Christian world asks the same thing as a duty.

It seems to me that if your proved ability for organization would launch this idea, it would be magnificently received by the Gentiles of your country, and it would be sufficient if some of the personalities of your Committee (Bolivian Pro-Palestine Committee -- Translator's note) would form the Advisory Committee. I believe, for many reasons, that you could be the Secretary General and thus, with me in Buenos Aires and with Cesar Giacosa Carvajal in Montevideo, we could form an immediate united bloc which would carry out a great work in Latin America. I am planning to tour the continent as a special emissary of the League in order to accelerate the formation of chapters.

The United States Chapter, headed by Gillette, thinks that Buenos Aires should be something like the nerve center of this crusade which, even with little effort, would achieve great importance. This is easily understood, since Argentina is the second country of the hemisphere and the first of Latin America with regard to its Jewish potential in numbers and wealth.

Thus, my dear Dr. Vicente, I hope to find that you are inspired as ever to defend the noble ideals which we have sponsored. As soon as you will have resolved to take action, be kind enough to inform me.

As a mere simple suggestion, I take the liberty to tell you that the following people could form the Advisory Committee:

Abel Reyes Ortiz, Rodolfo Salamanca, Juan Cabrera Garcia, Moises Alcazar, Roberto Guzman Tellez, Alberto Trujillo, Humberto Frias, and some other outstanding personalities whom I do not remember, but whom your judgment could select.

We established the offices of the American League for Hebrew Liberation (Argentine chapter) calle Humberto 1, numero 641 Buenos Aires, where I shall, needless to say, be very happy to receive your letter informing me that you have set your hand to the task. This chapter will then be in permanent contact with you and with Montevideo. We could then plan together a Convention of the Latin American chapters in Lima (Peru) which is centrally located on this continent. I believe I shall have to start out within two or three weeks for Chile and later on, for Brazil. About the first half of July, I expect to go to Asuncion, and from there, I would skip over to La Paz. What do you think of it?

I am awaiting impatiently your communication for its contents as well as because of my desire to hear from you whom I so highly esteem.

Your devoted and affectionate friend,

(Signed) Rufino Marin

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Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed please find translation of a letter addressed by an Argentine author, Senor Rufino Marin, to Dr. Vicente Donoso Torres, Chairman of the Bolivian Pro Palestine Committee.

The contents of this letter are self explanatory, but it is relevant to point out that the situation in Latin American countries is quite different from that which obtains in the United States.

Sincerely yours,

Rachelle S. Yarden
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CC: Members of Committee of Eight



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ATLANTIC CITY

Sunday night.

Dear Rabbi Silver;

As I could not see you at the Casino, I am writing to tell you that I am at your disposal tomorrow, Monday, morning, as arranged.

I am staying at Brokers Hotel ~~and~~ and shall be glad to hear from you. My room (331) has no telephone, but I hope that a message from you will reach me. Cordially yours

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