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July 30, 1946

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Cleveland, Ohio. Sept. 3, 1946.

Answering memo

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

Dear Sir:

From your speech yesterday, it looks as though you are "catching on" as to what is going on in this government. It also looks as though Mr. Truman was just kidding the Jews along when he promised that he would help 100,000 Jews to enter Palestine. I have read articles in all the large cities of the U. S. in the editorial section where they can't understand why Truman and this Government are making a lot of excuses and not offering any help whatsoever. If you can read between the lines as I have - and you ought to by this time, you will come to the conclusion that Mr. Truman is a Jew-hater---not the only Jew-hater but just one of them.

When Mr. Truman fired Mr. Harry Morgenthau, jr. from the White House, he didn't do it because he was very much in love with Jews but on the contrary because he was against them. I have followed this Palestine problem very closely and with all the terrible things that are happening there, the only time I read in the newspapers where Mr. Truman thought it was an outrage, is when the Jews blew up the Hotel King David.

As cruel as the British seem to be at the present time, they are a better friend to the Jews than Mr. Truman. They at least do not promise things that they never will fulfill but let you know where you stand. Well there are many, many reasons why Mr. Truman is being diplomatic as to this subject. There must be many, many Jews in the U. S. Perhaps to every three persons in the U. S. one is Jewish. He does not want any violence in the U. S. and he would rather have their good will and kid them along. You and other leading Jews in the U. S. have come to him and begged for help in Palestine - he loves it but does nothing. Then again there's another reason, the Jews have always been generous donators for every cause and he loves this too. Then again he may choose to run for another term- and he would want the Jewish votes.

All I can say to you is, work something out among yourselves and if you must go to someone for help, please go to someone besides Mr. Truman.

The fact that President Truman has done nothing in regards to the Jews in this Palestine problem will go down in history- but that will not do the Jews any good right now.

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10, February '17

Rabbi abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi:

Most americans would prefer to hear
Mr. Bernard M. Baruch on the Palestine
question on the occasion of your Washington
conference.

Only yesterday in the Sunday New
York Times in a speech he referred to
himself as the "son of a Polish Jew",

You may agree with me that the British
would pay more regard to him on this
issue than any other American Jew,
with great respect, I am

a well wisher

March 5, 1947

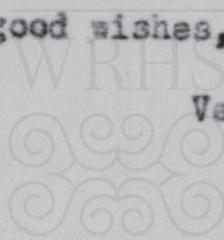
American Zionist Emergency Council Chapter
Social Service Employees Union
Local 18, U.O.P.W.A., CIO
30 East 29th St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Friends:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of February 25 which I read with close attention. I plan to leave for Palestine in the next few days, but I will take the matter up with Mr. Shapiro who, I am sure, is trying to be altogether fair and just in the matter.

With all good wishes, I remain
Very cordially yours,

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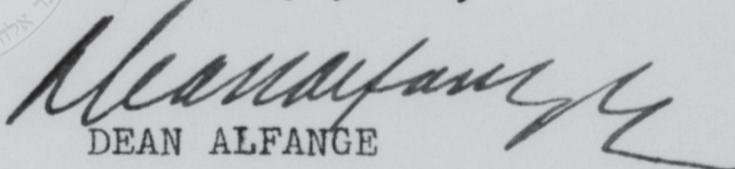
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
Chairman,
Emergency Zionist Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am sending you copy of a letter, the original of
which was forwarded to you in Cleveland.

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Sincerely yours,


DEAN ALFANGE

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June 12, 1947

American Christian Palestine Committee
41 E. 42nd Street
New York 17, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

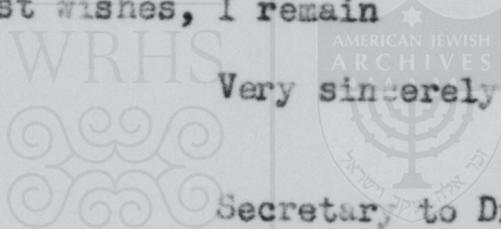
Dr. Silver would appreciate it if you would send him twenty-five copies of the pamphlet, "Answers on the Palestine Question," by Dr. Carl Hermann Voss.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver





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June 27, 1947

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

Dear Miss Kline:

With reference to your letter of June 26th in connection with our letter to Rabbi Dr. Silver, Dr. Bukspan asks me to call your attention, that in his letter requesting an appointment with Dr. Silver, he put forward that in case the Rabbi will not be in New York, he is ready to meet him in any other place.

Dr. Bukspan would very much appreciate if you would bring to Dr. Silver's attention that any other city, including Cleveland would be appropriate. An appointment for July 1st or 2nd would do.

With my best regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

FLORENCE WEINSTEIN
Secretary to Dr. Bukspan

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DIGEST OF MEMORANDUM

Submitted By The Council Of Private Jewish Agriculture in Palestine

To The World Confederation of General Zionists
(Translation From Hebrew)

The Council of Private Jewish Agriculture was founded by the Administrative body for private colonization (Mercaz Agra) and the small farmers' association with the purpose to foster and extend private agriculture in Palestine. At present the council serves 1500 agricultural farms. Its main activities are: representation before the Government and the Yishuv, professional guidance, providing for loans and, above all, encouraging further colonization which is of course, its main work.

The Council has recently forwarded to the World Confederation of General Zionists its plans for construction in the near future. Following are the plans briefly submitted:

1) The Setting Up of a Water System in Kfar Bnei Zion:

The digging of a well and the installing of the water system on the land in question (750 dunam) will amount to LP. 14,000.--. Of this sum the settlers will provide LP. 8,000.--. The World Confederation of General Zionists was asked to extend a loan of LP. 4,000.--. and a donation of LP. 2,000.--.

2) Establishment of a Training Farm for New Olim (Immigrants)

The purpose is to enable adult immigrants to get agricultural training before settling as farmers. For the purpose of training 50 persons, men and women, yearly, a lot of 50 dunam is required. An amount of 36,000.-- has to be provided for the establishment of the training farm. This amount includes the expenses for all the buildings and the necessary inventory for an agricultural farm, as well as maintenance and salaries for the workers during the first year. It does not include the costs of the land which are expected to be provided by the Keren Kayemet.

3) Establishment of an Additional Training Farm in Kiryat Shaul:

This farm is to serve as a training farm for 20 immigrants of Haoved Hazioni. 10 of them shall work on a lot of 20 dunam, and 10 are to be employed on the outside. The sum of LP. 2,450.-- will include all expenses for the establishment of this farm, excluding the costs of erecting the farm buildings which are expected to be paid for by the Jewish Agency.

4) Establishment of a Private Agriculture Fund:

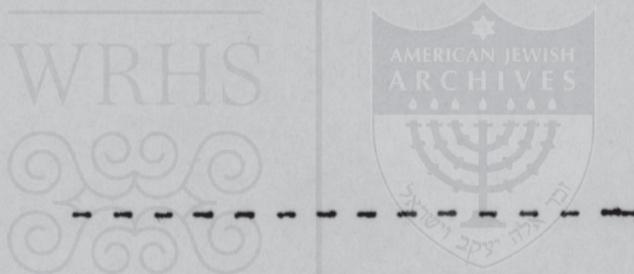
The fund is to be set up by the farmers of private enterprises and the agricultural associations of the private settlements which are affiliated with the Council of Private Jewish Agriculture. The purpose of the fund is to strengthen private agriculture by providing short-term loans to farmers, thus enabling them to overcome the difficulties of certain seasonal periods,

such as plowing, seeding, breeding, and long-term loans to farmers who intend to improve their farms by purchasing machines and modern equipment. The fund also provides loans to help farmers to further improve and modernize their farms by the introduction of such equipment as refrigeration plants and storage facilities, or to erect allied industrial processes in order to exploit fully side or waste products.

The fund shall be set up by an initial investment of LP. 17,000.--. Shares corresponding in value to this amount shall be issued and are to be purchased by the private settlers and private agricultural associations, the Jewish Agency and the World Confederation of General Zionists in the perspective amounts of LP. 2,500.--, LP. 10,000.-- and LP. 5,000.--.

The fund will cooperate with the Jewish Agency and other various national funds and institutions.

As yet only the last of these 4 proposals has come up for discussion. Because of the vital importance of all these above plans, the World Confederation of General Zionists was asked to exert its influence in order to expedite the discussions and realization of these plans.



The Council of Private Jewish Agriculture has asked for the reorganization of the Department of Private Agriculture of the Jewish Agency by adding one of the Council's members, Mr. Shatz, to the administrative board of this department. Mr. Kaplan, Head of the financial department of the Agency, opposed definitely the fulfillment of the Council's request. The Council claims that this discrimination which is constantly shown towards its members is due to the fact that they belong to the party. The Council does not see any other way to secure its rights in the department and to exert its due influence in the course of actions but in the admission of one of its members to the administration.