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Ben Horim

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February 18, 1947

Judge Sidney L. Herold
Slattery Bldg., P. O. Box 1467
Shreveport, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Herold:

As I already mentioned in my last letter to you, we feel that it is time now to again convene an oil conference along the lines of the St. Louis conference of last year. I am not sure, however, whether it wouldn't be better to first have a meeting of the Oil Committee before we assemble the larger group. Indeed, it seems to me that this course would be more advisable. If you are of the same opinion, kindly set the time and place for the meeting of the Oil Committee at your earliest convenience.

I discussed this matter with Mr. Fohs, who was in New York a couple of days ago, and he suggested that the best place would be Dallas, Texas, but he would also come to Shreveport should you prefer to have it in your home town because of your state of health or for any other reason.

As for myself, I have no preferences and will come to any place you designate. I feel sure that Mr. Taubman, too, would have no difficulty in joining us at the meeting of the Oil Committee.

I shall expect an early reply. With my kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

EBH:MF

Eliahu Ben-Horin

CC: Mr. F. Julius Fohs
Mr. Herman P. Taubman

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN MRS. JUDITH EPSTEIN
and ELIAHU BEN-HORIN

HADASSAH
1819 Broadway - New York 23, N.Y.

March 25, 1947

Mr. Ben Horin
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Horin:

We have been very much distressed to learn from authentic sources that you have launched attacks against Hadassah gratuitously in at least two communities - Minneapolis and Dallas. I don't know what your purpose is, but the effect is negative and certainly not in the best interest of our joint work on the Emergency Council.

In Minneapolis, the men expressed resentment that anyone speaking on behalf of the Emergency Council should take advantage of this position to attack one of the participating bodies.

In Dallas, it was reported that you made a presentation of Hadassah as a social service group without political orientation or competence.

I assume that now that this matter has been brought to your attention you will desist from this kind of attack. In view of the enormous problems which we are all facing together, it is particularly inappropriate for a representative of the AZEC to sow the seeds of divisiveness and confusion.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Judith Epstein

Mrs. Moses P. Epstein
National President

March 31, 1947

Mrs. Moses P. Epstein
National President Hadassah
1819 Broadway
New York 23, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Epstein:

I am in receipt of your letter of March 25, 1947, and I was very sorry to hear that you were distressed by a report of my "attacks" on Hadassah.

I am unaware of having launched any attacks against Hadassah or any other Zionist group in Minneapolis, Dallas or elsewhere. What is true is that when I address Zionist gatherings, I speak my mind freely. I do not restrict my criticism to Britain and British policy in Palestine, but I also criticize our own errors and failings. This I consider the privilege and duty of any conscientious Zionist speaker who values his own intellectual honesty.

Still you might have had a case against me if I would have appeared on this or similar occasions as official spokesman of the American Zionist Emergency Council, speaking on its behalf. The fact of the matter is that in Minneapolis, Dallas and in other places where I spoke to inner Zionist circles, I prefaced my talk with a clear statement that "Whereas I work at the American Zionist Emergency Council, I do not speak for the Emergency Council, and the views which I will express will be strictly my own". I am rather surprised that "the authentic sources", from which you received your information, failed to apprise you of this statement of mine.

With regard to what you say about Dallas and my allegedly having characterized Hadassah as "a social service group without political orientation or competence", all I can say is that my utterance on this subject was either misunderstood or misrepresented. I did say that at its beginning there were many members in Hadassah who were attracted by the social aspect rather than by Zionist ideology. I specifically quoted a story told to me by a District leader of Hadassah that a couple of years after having been a member in your organization she felt badly offended when one of her friends called her a "Zionist". She simply did not know at that time that enlisting in Hadassah meant Zionist affiliation. I recounted this episode very goodhumoredly, I believe, while speaking on the importance of Zionist political education.

I most emphatically reject any accusation of "sowing the seeds of divisiveness and confusion". In my writings and lecturing, I strive to make a contribution towards better understanding of Zionist realities and problems, and to combat the confusion existing in many Zionist minds. Whether, and to what extent, I am successful in these efforts, is not for me to say. I am sure, however, that I spread neither divisiveness nor confusion.

Sincerely yours,

Eliahu Ben-Horin

P.S. My name is not "Horin" as you erroneously address me, but "Ben-Horin".

HADASSAH

April 3, 1947.

Mr. Eliahu Ben-Horin,
80-09 35th Ave.,
Jackson Heights,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Ben-Horin:

The letter which Mrs. Epstein wrote to you was dictated but not signed, which accounts for my unfortunate mistake in wrongly addressing you. Since Mrs. Epstein knows your full name very well, she would not have over-looked such an error.

I much regret this unintended slight.

Sincerely yours,

Betty Spector
Secretary to Mrs. Epstein

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April 10, 1947

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I was sorry to have missed the meeting with the staff which you held on Tuesday. However, it could not be helped as I was in Washington at that time. Separately, you will receive an account of the talks I had while in Washington.

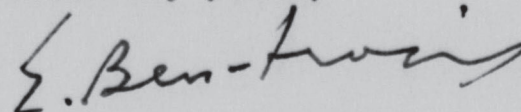
I am herewith enclosing a copy of a prospectus of the "Institute of Semito-African Studies" with a view to discussing with you at a later date this project and what should be done about it in the interest of our cause.

If you can spare the time to read this prospectus, it seems to me that you will find it interesting. You will probably arrive at the same conclusion that I did, namely that if this project can be made to work properly, we would have a new avenue for influencing public opinion. Approaching the problem from a scientific angle, the Institute will promote the same views which we try to spread by way of public relations and propaganda.

There is a long story behind this undertaking in which, at some stage, the Bergsonites, too, appear. It is also bound up with the question of non-Arab minorities in the Middle-East. In short, it is, in my opinion, a matter which merits consideration by you and action by us. In fact, this was one of the matters I had intended to discuss with you, but you were busy with meetings all day Monday and I had to leave for Washington on the same night.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



Eliahu Ben-Horin

EBH:mh
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April 10, 1947

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Yesterday evening I had a talk with Professor Emil Lengyel of New York University in connection with a Middle East Conference which is being planned by New York University. Unlike the Middle East Conference of Harvard University last year, this one is meant to be a much more serious gathering, open to the public and to publicity. As a result of our conversation, an effort will be made to have this Conference by the middle of May. You will surely agree with me that a conference held under the auspices of New York University at the time when the United Nations will debate the Palestine problem also in New York can be of great importance.

Professor Lengyel invited me to take part in the Conference and to lecture on Palestine. However, I thought that it would be more advisable if I take a general subject for my lecture and leave the Palestine problem for an American Christian of proper stature.

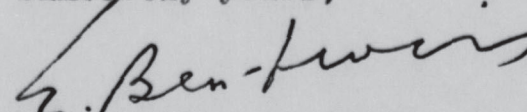
The enclosed copy of my letter of today to Lengyel, written after consultation with Shapiro, Tuvim, and Blanche Shepard, will give you an idea of the suggestions made at this early stage.

I saw Lengyel again today and as far as he is concerned, and he is the moving power in this matter, he is willing to work in closest cooperation with us on this entire affair.

I should appreciate having any suggestions you may think of and also your reaction to this proposition.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



Eliahu Ben-Horin

EBH:mh
encl.

HADASSAH

April 14, 1947

Mr. Eliahu Ben-Horin
80-09 35th Avenue
Jackson Heights
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Ben-Horin:

I am sorry to have to take issue with your letter, which makes several statements on which I must make comment.

First - I must point out to you that it is impossible for you to disassociate yourself from the American Zionist Emergency Council when you speak since you are invited by the local Emergency Councils and as one who is associated with the National Council. That is true of anyone - volunteer or staff member alike. Certainly, you have a personal right to express your own views, but you do not have the same right to launch criticisms against a constituent member of the Emergency Council - that, too, holds true of anyone - volunteer or staff member alike - who speaks on behalf of the Emergency Council.

I am very much surprised that you should use such an unimportant and frivolous instance as a story repeated to you by a district leader of Hadassah as a basis for a serious criticism of Hadassah. I could recount hundreds of like instances of men who joined the Zionist Organization of America without the slightest concept of its ideological base. I should never, on that ground, accuse the ZOA of lack of ideology, or cast any aspersions which would lessen its importance in the eyes of the public.

I trust that from this point on we will not be disturbed with stories of criticisms which are interpreted as being ill-natured, unfriendly and irrelevant, which do nothing to clarify the Zionist situation and which fail to create that spirit of oneness and cooperative effort which, I assume, is your purpose as a representative of the American Zionist Emergency Council.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Judith G. Epstein

Mrs. Moses P. Epstein
National President

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April 17, 1947

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

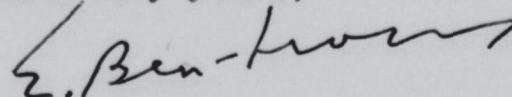
Sorry to bother you in such troubled days with a matter which I cannot consider very serious. However, if and when you can spare the time to read the attached correspondence between Mrs. Judith Epstein and myself, I would very much appreciate it if you could give me guidance as to how I should react to Mrs. Epstein's last letter.

If, in your judgment, I am in the wrong in this matter, I am ready to act accordingly. That I don't think so, goes without saying. It seems to me that anyone of us, whether paid official of the Emergency Council or not, is entitled to his opinions and freedom of expression with regard to various Zionist issues.

Please let me know what you think of it.

With my kindest regards, I am,

Cordially yours,



Eliahu Ben-Horin

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May 15, 1947

Mr. Eliahu Ben-Horin
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, N.Y.

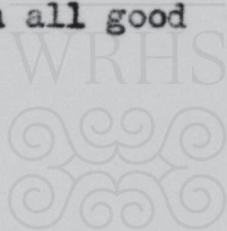
My dear Mr. Ben-Horin:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a letter
which I received from Mr. Waldo Frank.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

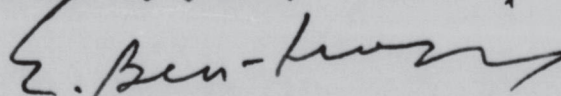
Dear Dr. Silver:

After our talk yesterday, I thought of one thing which could and should be done, and when I voiced my idea in the ears of my colleagues they all wholeheartedly approved of it. I mentioned it also to Emanuel Neumann yesterday on the phone.

As Yugoslavia is a member of the Palestine Committee, I think we should try to get Louis Adamic to go to Yugoslavia together with one of our people in order to do a job for us. Kindly let me know what you think of it, and if you and the Agency will approve of the idea and will want me to take up the matter with Adamic, I am at your disposal.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



Eliahu Ben-Horin

EBH/lb

May 16, 1947

Mr. Eliahu Ben-Horin
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Ben-Horin:

Thank you so much for sending me a copy
of the letter to the Editor of the Christian
Science Monitor. It is an excellent reply.

With regard to the other matter about
Yugoslavia -- I am taking the matter up at once
with the Executive.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AH:BK

MEMORANDUM

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

Date May 21, 1947

From Eliahu Ben-Horin

SUBJECT: "MIDDLE EAST TRENDS"

Introductory Remarks

Yesterday, when I outlined to you in a few words my idea of a Weekly devoted to news from the Middle East and to comments on Middle Eastern events and problems, you naturally said that you wanted to give the matter some thought. I believe that a memo on this subject, in which I would present the project to you in more detail, is therefore in order.

Let me state at the outset that during the last few days I discussed this idea with a number of colleagues and friends. Some of them were very enthusiastic about it, and all of them agreed that should we be able to bring about the materialization of the project, it would have all the chances to become a major instrument in our work of propaganda, enlightenment of public opinion, internal Zionist political education as well as a great help in the various political negotiations in which we are constantly engaged.

As to the last point, I wish to bring out one illustration from the sphere of work with which I am intimately acquainted. I refer to the American Oil Industry. At present, we can reach the Oil people once or twice a year, when the representatives of our Oil Committee come to New York to "work" on them. If we have the right kind of Middle Eastern Weekly, we shall be reaching them 52 times per year. Each issue will soften them up for the moment when our representatives will come to talk to them officially. Furthermore, Messrs. Herold, Taubman and Fohs can go and talk only to one or two men at the top level of the big companies, whereas Middle East Trends (or whatever other name we give to our Weekly) will be read by every executive in the Oil business. I have not the slightest doubt that all the Oil companies as well as all the American business concerns with interest in the Middle East will have to subscribe to and closely follow such a Weekly.

The Character of the Weekly

What I have in mind is a weekly publication along the lines of The Nation, namely a magazine which offers intelligent editorial comment and articles both by local contributors and foreign correspondents, and which covers every sphere of interest, starting with politics and ending with business, books and music. The main difference between our Weekly and The Nation will be that we shall restrict ourselves to the Middle East. Another difference which I

would advocate would be to devote more space than in The Nation to news stories, short news items, and reprints from the press.

Our Weekly would cover the following countries: Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, Palestine and Trans-Jordan, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Sudan, Cyprus, and to a lesser extent: India, on the one hand, and the lands of Northern Africa and Abyssinia, on the other.

Suggested Name

Middle East Trends seems to me to be the right name, but I am sure that many other suitable names could be suggested.

Political Line

The Weekly should be honestly devoted to the advancement of democracy and civilization in the Middle East; should defend the interests of the common man; and should fight for an American policy in that area which would be consistent with the principles of democracy and Americanism, and which at the same time would be best capable of taking care of America's political and trade interests in the Middle East. In my opinion, such a line of policy of the Weekly would best serve the interests of Zionism in America, and would immeasurably strengthen the Zionist position vis-a-vis both the American Government and people.

To illustrate the above, when we report on rural medicine in Middle Eastern countries or discuss this problem, Palestine will naturally come to the forefront as the only country in the Middle East which has an advanced system of rural medicine. When we shall write about the cooperative movement in the Middle East, the same will occur. Whatever subject we discuss from the viewpoint of progressive and constructive democracy, Palestine and Zionism will win in the eyes of the reader. This seems to me a much safer and better way of pro-Zionist propaganda than naming Palestine in so many words each time or appealing always to humanitarian feelings or on behalf of past pledges and commitments.

Editorial and Literary Forces

Is there enough literary and editorial talent at our disposal to enable us to produce a weekly publication of this kind, to maintain it on a suitable level and to develop it eventually into the leading publication on the Middle East in the United States?

Five years ago, I would have answered this question in the negative. Now I emphatically say "yes". We have now in our midst and on our periphery a considerable number of writers, journalists and editors--Jews and non-Jews--who offer us all we need. They possess a good knowledge of the Middle East with its peoples and problems, an insight into the

political issues, ability to present the issues to the American readers, and reputations of experts on the Middle East. We could without difficulty compose a very impressive Editorial Board, have first-rate writers as regular contributors, and top-notch journalists as full-time or part-time correspondents in the various lands of the Middle East. It would be premature at this stage to present here a full list of the people I have in mind. Let me just mention a few names, Jewish and non-Jewish.

Jews: I. F. Stone, Hal Lehrman, Ruth Gruber, David L. Cohn, Saul K. Padover, Marvin Lowenthal, Max Lerner, Robert Nathan, Meyer Levin, Charles Rollo, Waldo Frank, Gerold Frank, and myself.

Non-Jews: Edgar Ansel Mowrer, Richard Mowrer, George L. Cassidy, Homer Bigart, Frank W. Buxton, James G. McDonald, Frank Gervasi, Alvarez del Vayo, Summer Welles.

As you probably noticed, I listed exclusively professional writers and journalists. But we may count on many contributions from people who can write interestingly and with expert knowledge on various aspects of the Middle East and who would undoubtedly do so if there is the right kind of publication to offer them hospitality. Thinking of this category of contributors to our Weekly, innumerable names come to my mind, but let me mention just a few:

Dr. Walter Clay Lowdermilk, F. Julius Fohs, Herbert Feis, Herbert Hoover, Prof Emil Lengyel, Prof Jean Gottesman, Dr. Milton Steinberg, William Bullitt, Reinhold Niebuhr, Prof Carl Friedrich, Paul Hanna, Benjamin Akzin, Prof A. S. Yahuda.

What the Weekly can achieve for us

1. I have already mentioned of what great service such a Weekly would be in our political negotiations, quoting the Oil example. The same would apply to any other aspect of our political work. Let us take the Brewster Investigation of the Senate. It would be easy to visualize how we could play up this investigation, if we had our Weekly. Another illustration would be the United Nations deliberations on Palestine. A Middle East Weekly would reach every delegate of the United Nations and would convey a good influence.

2. The Weekly would become the natural center for all the intellectual forces, Jewish and non-Jewish, at our disposal. At present, when we gain the sympathy of someone who wasn't in our ranks previously, in many cases we don't know what to do with him. We get out of him an article or a pamphlet or throw his way a couple of lectures, and then in many cases we lose sight of the man for we have nothing to offer him by way of regular collaboration on his part with the movement. The moment we have a weekly publication, an intellectual group will concentrate itself around the Weekly.

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3. You know that we have thus far failed to utilize the national and religious minorities of the Middle East in a proper manner and to align them with us in America. In fact, Bergson made better progress in this field than we did. However, the minorities are represented in America and a great deal could be done by consolidating a united front with them. There are Lebanon Christians, the Assyrians, and other groups. Also in this respect, Middle East Trends will offer us a most promising opening.

4. At present, when we read something good from our viewpoint in any newspaper or magazine, all we can do is to make a reprint of the piece and circulate it. We spend considerable money and effort on such reprints. How much easier and more effective it would be to reprint such pieces in our Weekly.

5. The Arabs in America and their friends in the Oil Industry and in the Department of State circles have entrenched themselves in certain quarters and have at their disposal the Middle East Institute and the Middle East Journal, a Quarterly of that Institute. If we have our Weekly we shall steal a march on them and shall have a much more effective weapon in our hands. Events not only in Palestine but in the Middle East as a whole, and in the world at large, move now with such rapidity that neither a Quarterly nor a Monthly can be effective.

Financing of the Project

The matter hasn't reached the stage of preparing elaborate calculations as to the financial aspect of the project. In my estimation, shared by Harry L. Shapiro, an amount of from \$100,000 to \$150,000 will be required to start the Weekly and to secure its existence for the next two to three years. In Shapiro's estimation, we should count on a loss of \$1,000 per issue, which would make a total of \$50,000 per year. It seems to me and also to the friends with whom I discussed this matter that this would be not only a fully justifiable expenditure but also a very sound one from the viewpoint of our political and public relations work in America. However, as Middle East Trends, by its very nature, must not be an official or semi-official publication of any Zionist body, I do not suggest that the financing of the Weekly should come from any of the Zionist treasuries. AZEC or the Agency may assist the Weekly on its way, but we must find a private group of people who would undertake the original financing of the project and who would form the company which would publish the magazine. I believe that with endorsement on your part--if you approve of the idea and share my evaluation as to its potential importance--it should be possible to find such a group among the Zionists

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

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of America. Indeed, as soon as you give me the green light I am ready to approach a few people with the view of getting them interested in the project. I shall now await hearing from you.

Best regards.

E. B. H.

EBH/lb



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WALDO FRANK

May 26 47

Dear Mr. Ben-Horin,

I was glad to hear from you, and I am sure that I would profit greatly by a talk with you. Unfortunately, I am almost unbearably overburdened with work, for the coming months; and I'm not even sure that I shall be able to do the article which I have promised to the Jewish Frontier. I have to be in New York, this coming weekend; conferences will keep me busy Friday, Saturday and Sunday; Monday I have a lunch engagement with my Publishers and other commitments; but perhaps I can arrange for a talk before taking the night train on Monday to Boston. I will try to phone you, Monday morning about 9:30 -- perhaps I will be free that evening for dinner. I'll try to arrange something. There are many many questions I am eager to ask you.

Fraternally yours,

(signature)

Waldo Frank

P. S. Will Dr. Silver be in town Monday? If so, perhaps we three could meet?

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May 28, 1947

AIR MAIL

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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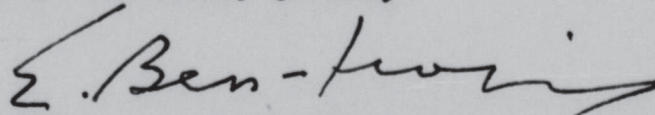
Dear Dr. Silver:

I enclose a copy of the answer I received from Waldo Frank to my letter, a copy of which I sent you at the time. With reference to Frank's post scriptum, will you be in New York next Monday, and if so, would you like to have dinner with Waldo Frank and me?

If you have time to drop me a line on the subject of my memorandum on "Middle East Trends", I would appreciate it very much.

My very best regards.

Very sincerely yours,



Eliahu Ben-Horin

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To ELIAHU BEN HORIN

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Street and No. 342 MADISON AVENUE

Place NEW YORK N.Y.

I WILL BE IN WASHINGTON MOND Y EVENING. IT WILL THEREFORE NOT BE POSSIBLE

FOR ME TO HAVE DINNER WITH YOU AND FRANK. REGARDS.

SILVER

Sender's name and address
(For reference only)

Sender's telephone
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MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, The Temple, Date June 4, 1947
Cleveland, Ohio

From Eliahu Ben-Horin

Thanks for your wire informing me that you wouldn't be able to partake in the dinner with Waldo Frank. We met and had a very satisfactory talk. He told me that back in 1925 or 1926 he went to Palestine at the suggestion of Dr. Weizmann, who was sure that Frank would return a Zionist from there. This, however, did not happen, although he was greatly impressed by what he saw. It was only in the last year or so that he came to realize that Palestine Jewry represents a new nation, and he would like to do his bit. But he is aware of his total ignorance of the subject, and this precludes him from doing anything effectively. Feeling very strongly for the resistance in Palestine, he, at one stage, lent his name to the Bergson group which is supposedly representing here the resistance and trying to help it. He totally disagrees with some of his friends of the Jewish Frontier who attack the Irgun and the others, without finding anything positive in the Irgun's activities or achievements.

Waldo Frank feels that before trying to write anything on the subject or to do anything, he would have to go to Palestine again and see things with his own eyes. This, unfortunately, he cannot do at the moment because of his literary engagements. He hopes that next year he will be able to go. I mentioned to him how important and helpful it could be if he would write a piece for the Saturday Evening Post on his present conception of Zionism. Maybe he will do that, if and when he finds the time to read up on the subject sufficiently.

Best regards.

E. B.-H.

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June 6, 1947

Mr. Eliahu Ben Horin
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Ben Horin:

Thank you for sending me a copy of the letter which appeared in the Christian Science Monitor. I was glad of your visit to Washington to Mrs. Knowlas. I am eager to know how the Institute at the New York University was.

It would be very helpful if we could get an editorial into the New York Herald Tribune calling upon the American Government to speak up at this time and indicate to the Committee of Inquiry that the U. S. Government would be prepared to assume its full share of responsibility in implementing a solution of the Palestine question in conformity with the traditional position of the American Government. The Committee will not wish to bring in any recommendations unless it knows that they have a chance of being accepted by the United States Government. To take the position that the American Government must wait until the Committee has brought in its report may be formally correct, but is both illogical and disingenuous. That is not how things work.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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June 17, 1947

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

This morning I received a letter from Waldo Frank, the first since we met in New York. As it shows that I succeeded in establishing a good and friendly contact with him which may be put to good use in the future, you may be interested in excerpts from it.

Mr. Frank writes: "That is indeed a superb statement, your Atlantic article; and the Harper's one is as excellent as it is concise. Your book also is here, but it may be some time before I can get to it.

"...With the main lines of your Zionist argument, I find myself in agreement; with one or two points subsidiary to the specific question of Palestine and not really relevant to Jewish rights, in theory and by accomplishment, there, I may possibly not concur: for instance the point of Jewish destiny in the Diaspora. But of all this, I hope we may have another occasion to talk. For the moment, I want only to thank you."

Best regards

Sincerely yours,

E. Ben-Horin

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June 23, 1947

Mr. Eliahu Ben-Horin
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Ben-Horin:

You may have heard of Dr. Joseph Dunner, whose letter I am enclosing herewith, and also a clipping from the Des Moines "Register." Dr. Dunner is a good speaker. I have a vague recollection that he spoke for the Zionist cause some years ago. You may wish to communicate with him and find out what services he is prepared to render. He may wish to do some lecturing. In that case Mrs. Shepard may wish to contact him.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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June 25, 1947

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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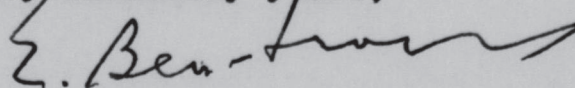
Dear Dr. Silver:

Thanks for your letter of June 23, 1947, attaching Dr. Joseph Dunner's letter to you and his letter to the editor of the Des Moines Register. You do not mention it in your letter, but I take it that you answered Dr. Dunner directly.

I discussed this matter with Abe Tuvim and Blanche Shepard, and have written both to Dr. Dunner and to the chairman of the Emergency Committee in Des Moines, Iowa, as per enclosed copies. After hearing from Dr. Dunner and Mr. Zox, we shall be in a better position to know how to use Dr. Dunner.

With my kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



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C O P Y

June 25, 1947

Prof. Joseph Dunner
Grinnell College
Grinnell, Iowa.

Dear Prof Dunner:

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver has shown me your letter to him of June 18, 1947. Judging by this letter and by what Dr. Silver told me about you, I have no doubt that you could do a great deal of good for the Zionist cause. We would like to know, however, in what field your talents could be used best in the interests of Zionism: writing, lecturing, or both?

I discussed your letter with Mrs. Blanche Shepard, who heads the Club Program Service, a lecture bureau associated with the American Christian Palestine Committee. She asked me to inquire of you as to the possibilities for Zionist educational work in Grinnell College. We are greatly interested in the campuses of the various universities, both on general principles and also because of Arab propaganda which is lately active in many colleges. A man in your position could help us a great deal, both on the campus of his own college as well as on others.

After I hear from you, I am sure that Mrs. Shepard will want to contact you directly in order to discuss with you in a practical way the possibilities of your lecturing on Palestine and Zionism in your part of the country.

Sincerely yours,

Eliahu Ben-Horin

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June 25, 1947

Mr. Joseph Zox, Chairman
Emergency Committee
321 Walnut Street
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Mr. Zox:

Kindly treat the following as a strictly confidential inquiry. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver received a letter a few days ago from Prof. Joseph Dunner, Chairman of the Department of Political Science of Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa, in which Dr. Dunner expresses his Zionist sentiments. Naturally, we would like to use in the best way possible Prof. Dunner's talents and knowledge in the interests of the Zionist cause. I am writing today to Prof. Dunner, but at the same time I would appreciate it very much if you could give me confidential information as to the standing of Prof. Dunner and anything you know about him and his abilities.

Hoping that this will not cause you too much trouble,
I am

Sincerely yours,

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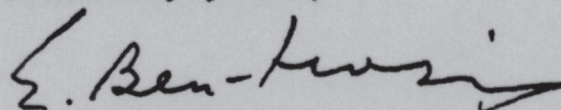
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I first planned to ask you for letters addressed to Benes and Churchill, in which you would state that I am empowered to speak on your behalf. On second thought, however, I suggest that it would be safer for you not to issue such letters, but instead to write me a letter along the lines of the enclosed draft. It is a rough draft, and I would welcome your rewriting it in your own style and saying in it as much or as little as you feel proper. I may not require this letter at all, but, on the other hand, it may come in handy on some occasion during my trip.

With my very best regards.

Sincerely yours,



Eliahu Ben-Horin

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Mr. Eliahu Ben-Horin
254 West 82 Street
New York 24, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Ben-Horin;

On the eve of your departure to Europe and the Near
East, I feel that it is only right for me to tell you that
in your work on behalf of the Zionist cause you enjoy
my fullest confidence.

I shall ^{equally} ~~hopefully~~ expect ^{to hear} ~~reports~~ from you about the
various political conversations that you may have in the
course of your trip. ~~Although you will conduct these con-~~

versations with European statesmen on a personal basis, as
a writer on Middle Eastern affairs, I wish to assure you
not only of our good wishes but also of my personal backing
as well as that of American Zionism, and we shall follow them
with ~~active interest~~.

Wishing you God's speed, and looking forward to our
future ~~collaboration~~ for the good of our people, I remain

Very ~~sincerely~~ yours,

Abba Hillel Silver
President, Zionist Org. of America

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