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June 11, 1946

To the Members of the American Zionist Emergency Council

Enclosed are the Minutes of the Meeting of the
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Yours sincerely,

Arthur Lourie
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To the Members of the American Zionist Emergency Council:

Enclosed are the Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive
Committee, of June 21, 1946.

Yours sincerely,

Arthur Lourie

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 1946 4:00 P. M.

LOUIS LIPSKY
HOTEL GRANDE MONCEAU
PARIS

UNDERSTAND NAHUM RETURNING IMPERATIVE EXECUTIVE INSTRUCT HIM TO WORK WITH
AND THROUGH EMERGENCY COUNCIL ON MATTERS CONNECTED WITH NEGOTIATIONS OR
THERE WILL BE CHAOS. HAVE CABLED DAVID FOR DEFINITE LINE FROM EXECUTIVE
TO GUIDE OUR FRIENDS. REGARDS

SILVER



DAY LETTER

8-4-46

Rabbi Arthur Lelyveld
New York, N.Y.

I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD SEND ME A COPY OF THE DRAFTED
MESSAGE WHICH YOU ARE PLANNING TO SEND TO RABBIS BEFORE YOU
RELEASE IT. PLEASE CONSULT MR. SHAPIRO. KINDEST REGARDS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

HERBERT H. LEHMAN
41 EAST 57TH STREET
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August 4, 1947

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

May I congratulate you very heartily on
your declaration of policy regarding events in
Palestine which appeared in the press on August
2nd. It was a splendid and statesmanlike state-
ment.

With kind personal regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

Herbert H. Lehman

Dear Harry:-

F. W. tells me that
Silver is going to have a visit
w-2 the Ambassador. Perhaps
the enclosed account if my
tuck will interest Silver,
so, if you wish, forward it
to him —



Marvin



Lowenthal

A Talk With Lord Inverchapel, British Ambassador
To the United States. Washington, Aug. 23, 1946.

On the 23rd of August I called upon Lord Inverchapel, British Ambassador to the United States. My purpose was to leave a flea in the ear of His Excellency to the effect that the Jews of America were reluctantly but desperately on the verge of boycotting British goods in retaliation for Britain's present policy toward Palestine in general, and in particular the British government's apparent Antisemitism as witnessed by its failure to rebuke or remove General Evelyn Barker who instigated "punishing the Jews in a way the race dislikes as much as any - by striking at their pockets."

Another flea I proposed to leave was to the effect that the Zionists were being urged by angry and impatient Jews as well as by outraged Gentiles to engage in an general campaign against the British government.

I was glad to undertake this mission because I am an admirer and friend of the British people, their culture, and ideals. It was of little consequence what personal impression I might make on the Ambassador or to what extent I might win him to my views: in any case I could have reason to believe that something of what I said would be relayed back to London.....I have not heard the results of my visit, but I doubt if the Ambassador was charmed in the least.

He received me courteously and at once poured me a Scotch-and-soda. I spent about three-quarters of an hour with him.

With almost no preliminaries I told him I had come to discuss the situation in Palestine as a Zionist who was a warm friend of Britain and who looked on the present strife with dismay. He said, this was a subject which merited a lengthy talk, a few hours at least;

and he added that for his part he was a friend of the Jews and sympathetic to their accomplishments in Palestine.

I need not record the information I gave him or the position I took; I am more interested in noting down his remarks and his own attitude.

On the whole he never thawed to the point~~x~~ of relinquishing an official demeanor and the official "line" of the British government. He talked to me as though I were, at best, a newspaper reporter before whom he must justify the British stand; and, at worst, as though I were an official spokesman of the Jews against whom he must conduct an offensive and upon whom should be placed the blame and responsibility for the present situation.

One of his few human and, as it were, unofficial admissions was made almost at the outset. "The British," he said in effect, "are a slow people; they need prodding and kicking - but they must not be shot!" More than once he repeated the phrase, "British tommies must not be shot."

It was only after I left the Embassy that the historic irony of this phrase dawned on me. It was a curious remark on the part of a British ambassador sitting at his embassy's desk in Washington, for Lord Inverchapel would not be His Majesty's ambassador to the United States if some 175 years ago no Tommies had been shot. The British, I agreed, are a slow people: some of them have not yet heard of 1776.

The talk quickly turned to the acts of violence committed by the Jews. I sincerely deplored them - for I believe that nobody, British or Jews, should be "shot" - except in declared warfare. The Ambassador, in grim accents, laid the responsibility for these acts on the Jewish Agency's failure to suppress them. I protested that the Agency had neither the authority nor the power to control the violence. My protest broke down His Excellency's grim diplomatic calm: it was my one remark in the long interview that visibly penetrated him. He assumed an angry tone, and said that our talk could not proceed unless I withdrew my statement. (Obviously, if he had allowed it to pass unchallenged, he would have tacitly admitted that the British arrests of the Agency officials were unwarranted acts of aggression.) I said, of course I withdrew my statement but, I added, the facts remain unchanged. So the talk continued.

I recall that on this topic Lord Inverchapel spoke bitterly of Moshe Shertok, as though he were the head and fount of all the violence.

Early in the conversation I dwelt on the centuries of friendship that have prevailed between the British and the Jews, and the tragedy a rupture would bring to both peoples. In a struggle between Britain and Jewry, I said, neither side could win in the long run, and both parties, together with civilization, would suffer in the end. He agreed with me - I thought politely.

To avert such a struggle, I continued, was not an impossible task. I told him I believed a decent compromise could be peaceably achieved if Great Britain earnestly desired it; if the parties to the issue -

British, Jews, and Arabs - could meet together in seclusion and in good faith, and not be compelled by so-called open diplomacy (which by definition is not diplomacy at all) to be speaking to their publics instead of to one another. The Ambassador assured me that just such private talks were under way. In this connection he spoke approvingly of Dr. Wise and Nahum Goldman, enthusiastically of Dr. Weizmann (his dear friend and first mentor in Zionist affairs), and of Ben Gurion not at all.

Then came one of those ~~remarks~~ calculated to exonerate Britain and put me, as a Jewish spokesman, on the defensive. "The Jews," he said, "are like the Poles. They are always ~~selling~~ ^{spoiling} their own case and snarling up any negotiations with them." (I have been told on good authority that Lord Inverchapel is bitterly anti-Soviet, and it may be that he once had some hand in the British efforts and subsequent failure to establish a pro-British government in Poland.) "I know nothing about the Poles," I replied; "the Jews, I think, are like the Irish." I hope, though I am not sure, he got my point.

Apropos of Poland - though this was later in the talk - he asked me, with what I took to be an air of annoyance, where all the Jews in the American zone were streaming from. "No doubt," I answered, "from Poland and Rumania in order to escape massacre." "Not Rumania," he said quickly, "they are not allowed to leave Rumania." "Some escape from Rumania eastward by way of the Black Sea," I continued, "but the majority probably come from Poland." I recalled his anti-Soviet bias and I chimed in with it. "I have no doubt," I said, "that the Soviets are encouraging the flight of the Jews from Poland. They welcome any chance to make trouble for Britain, and are only too glad if, by permitting large-scale Jewish immigration, they can embroil the Jews and the English; it is therefore unwise of the latter to allow themselves to become embroiled and thus cater to the Soviet game." The Ambassador made no comment on this, but I think he felt satisfied that at least I was anti-Communist.

When I discussed the threatened boycott and anti-British campaign throughout America, ~~he~~ and sincerely deplored the thought of it, and foresaw the unhappy consequences for both the British and the Jews, he gave me to understand that he looked upon such a threat as merely the work of "New York Jews" - the phrase was spoken with contempt.

I told him, without any specific details, of how Dean Alfange was urging the Zionists to this action, and remarked that Alfange was a "New York Greek." I then described a newsreel I had seen the night before at a Trans-lux theater. It was taken by Movie-Tone; it presented some heart-rending scenes of the forcible re-embarkation of the refugees in Haifa; and I quoted the concluding line of the commentator: "Scenes like this should not be taking place in 1946". The film, I said, will be shown all over America.

The ambassador immediately said, "Of course the Jews control the movies."

"Still," I replied, "the events depicted on the screen were not staged on a Hollywood lot - but by the British in Haifa itself."

"The British," he said, "had to do it."

We turned again to the boycott and the anti-British campaign. He told me: "The present course taken by the Jews will be disastrous for them." He put as much threat in this words as he could - real Ribbentrop stuff.

I agreed. But what message could a man like myself, who travels throughout the country, give the Jews that would constrain them from engaging in an anti-British course? I would be as eager to avert such a disaster as anyone. "Tell them," he said, "they must have patience - they must wait."

It was at this point that he relaxed.

"I'll make a bet with you," he said, and before I could edge in a word, he continued, "I'm a Scotchman - so tell me just how much you will bet."

"Money..." I began, confused, not knowing what he was driving at.

"I'll tell you what...." he spoke genially, "I'll bet you a box of cigars."

"Good," I said, "but what's the bet to be about? And, if I win, would you mind paying me in cigarettes, for I don't smoke cigars."

"Neither do I," he went on, and indeed his desk was littered with pipes, "but my friends do....well, I'll bet you that your 100,000 Jews will get into Palestine."

"Agreed," I said. And then I asked him, "When?"

"Oh, it may take a year," he replied. "It is impossible to get anything done quickly when we deal with Orientals."

For a second time he repeated his conciliatory remark, "We British are a very slow-moving people; we need to be prodded or spurred." And again he added, "But Tommies mustn't be killed."

I took up the concession. "The best way, I said, "of prodding the British is, I think, to remind them of how they failed in the one thing they most pride themselves upon - which is keeping their word." And I attacked the White Paper as a breach of faith.

At once he defended the British course by remarking that when people refer to the Mandate and the Balfour Declaration they always forget to mention the qualifying clause. Naturally I replied - as I had done two nights before in my discussion with Sir Edward Grigg over the CBS network - that if the subordinate clause, guaranteeing that nothing would be done prejudicial to the civil rights of the Arabs, meant that Arab civil rights included the right to bar Jewish immigration, then it meant that Jews never had a right to enter Palestine, that the Mandate was in effect an instrument to prevent the establishment of a Jewish National Home, and therefore from the very outset the British government had hoaxed the Jews and the world. This course, I concluded, I would not admit to be true - nor, I suggested, "would you admit such a thing" in a manner that left him no recourse but to nod.

"Still," he persisted, "put yourself in the place of the Arabs - imagine how they feel!"

"Which Arabs?" I inquired, "the effendis? No doubt they feel that their feudal regime will be undermined by the Jews. But the ordinary fellah - the presence of the Jews has benefited him enormously; and if I were to put myself in his baboches I'd find myself eager to welcome more and more Jews." The Ambassador conceded that this distinction between effendis and fellahim was justified.

My impression, though I may be mistaken, was that His Excellency did not relish making these concessions. I sensed no feeling of warmth or goodwill in his manner. (What the hell, there are pleasanter things to be talking about than the Jews!) He was happier, indeed cordial in a professional way, when he talked about "a fine man like Bevin" or dismissed the victims of the Struma and Patria as "suicides."

In discussing the present course taken by the Jews of Palestine I took occasion to recall what I considered "a fine man." I told him of the great British defenders of Zionism I had once known, as though I were looking today for more like them - in vain. And I mentioned Josiah Wedgwood. I spoke of our friendship which began in San Francisco in 1917 and continued for many years in London. "You know, I presume," I said, "that in his speech denouncing the White Paper before the House in 1939, Wedgwood laid out the entire program of resistance to it which the Jews now appear to have adopted - a program which, Wedgwood said in his speech, would appeal to all liberty-loving Englishmen."

Lord Inverchapel's reply was a question: "Wedgwood, isn't he dead?"

Upon the conclusion of our talk we reverted to the bet and the cigars, and I assured him - as I did again in a letter of thanks for the interview - how delighted I would be to buy Coronaa Coronas, or did his friends prefer Romeo and Juliettes?

When I left I felt as though I had been riding for three-quarters of an hour in a model-T Ford on a corduroy road back home among the Pennsylvania hills. I had been told that Lord Inverchapel was a friend of the Jews and the Zionist cause, and I said to myself, "If this is a friend...."

Marvin L.

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August 12, 1946

To Members of the American Zionist Emergency Council:

Enclosed are the Minutes of the Meetings of the
Executive Committee of the American Zionist Emergency
Council, of July 15 and July 25, 1946.

Yours sincerely,

Arthur Lourie

Arthur Lourie

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September 9, 1946

To the Members of the American Zionist Emergency Council:

Enclosed is the following material:

1. Addendum to Minutes of Meeting of Executive Committee, of August 1, 1946.
2. Minutes of Meetings of Executive Committee, of August 7 and 26, 1946.

Yours sincerely,

Arthur Lourie
Arthur Lourie

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SAMUEL LANDMAN,

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17th September, 1946.

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Dr. A.H. Silver,
19810 Shaker Boulevard,
Cleveland,
Ohio, U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Silver,

I was very glad to hear from Mr. W.E. Hart of your interest in the work he is doing and the work he could do to help our cause.

Since Mr. James Malcolm introduced him to me some years ago, both of us have found that he can be very helpful indeed to our cause through the excellent contacts he has made as an authoritative writer on military strategy.

You may not be aware of the fact that during the last few years several remarkable opportunities of enlisting the help of influential non-Jewish friends to our cause to help us unofficially, have been missed, chiefly because our friends here are not prepared to admit of the possibility that the cause can benefit except through themselves. Mr. Shertok, for example, when informed about the lecture tour of Mr. Hart in Canada, took up a hostile attitude on the ground that Mr. Hart was not going out under Jewish Agency auspices. Mr. Malcolm and I did our best to explain to him that such auspices would militate against his work and influence, but Mr. Shertok either could not or would not see the point. I am glad that you are not likely to make the same mistake, and I hope to hear that you have been able to arrange very valuable work to be done by Mr. Hart.

P.T.O.

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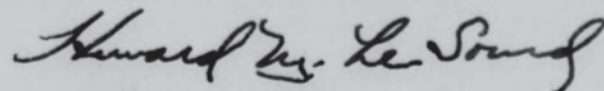
Dear Dr. Silver:

We deeply appreciate your willingness to add your signature to the message to President Truman concerning the execution, since commuted to life imprisonment, of the eighteen Palestinian youths.

The commutation of the death sentence proves beyond doubt that our standpoint was a justifiable one.

With kindest greetings,

Most cordially yours,



Howard M. LeSourd
Director

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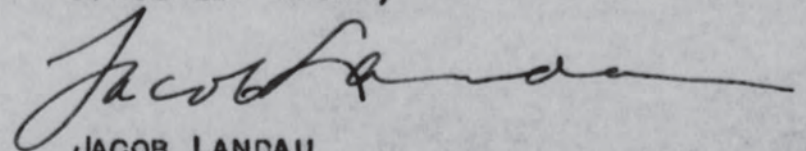
DEAR DR. SILVER:

WHEN I SPOKE TO YOU THE LAST TIME, I MENTIONED THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION. I AM HERE- WITH ENCLOSING A MEMORANDUM SETTING FORTH THE PURPOSES OF THE INSTITUTE, AS WELL AS THE FIRST OPUS WE HAVE TURNED OUT.

WE ARE HAVING A LUNCHEON MEETING THIS MONDAY TO DIS- CUSS PREPARATIONS FOR A LARGE DINNER MEETING WHICH WE WANT TO CALL FOR THE PURPOSES OF RAISING FUNDS FOR OUR AGENCY AND THE INSTITUTE. WE WOULD ALL GREATLY APPRECIATE IF YOU COULD POSSIBLY ATTEND THIS MEETING. I HAVE TOLD MR. SWOPE, AS WELL AS MR. ROGOSIN, WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, OF YOUR WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE, AND INVITE TEN OR TWELVE OF YOUR FRIENDS TO THE DINNER MEETING.

MAY I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND TO YOU MY WARMEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

SINCERELY YOURS,



JACOB LANDAU
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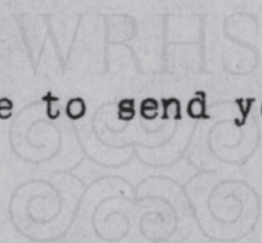
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To: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

October 8, 1946

FROM: Mrs. R. B. Gumpert

Mr. Lipsky asked me to send you enclosed copies of cables



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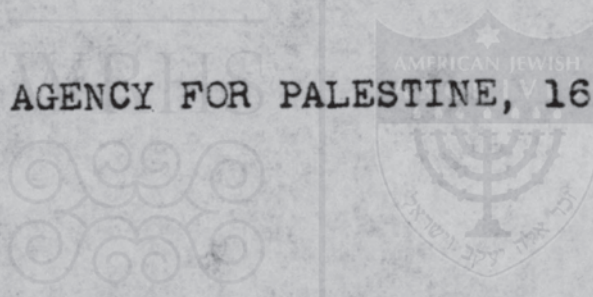
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October 17, 1946

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

I am enclosing clipping from The New York Times of today reporting Bernard Baruch's speech at last night's Smith Dinner meeting.

I can tell you that Swope very strongly urged Baruch to make these remarks. May I suggest that you write to both Baruch and Swope.

Very sincerely yours,

Jacob Landau

Jacob Landau
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, President
Central Conference of American Rabbis
Ansel Road at East 105th Street
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Dear Dr. Silver:

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the American Jewish Conference held on October 3rd, attention was given to the problem of the relation of the American Jewish Conference to its affiliated bodies.

This question was given consideration because within recent weeks a number of the organizations affiliated with the Conference have taken independent action in relation to matters within the Conference sphere of activities.

The Executive Committee deems it desirable that the attention of all the affiliated organizations be called to the text of a resolution which was adopted by the Interim Committee of the American Jewish Conference on February 25, 1945. This resolution reads as follows:

- "(a) In the furtherance of the program of the American Jewish Conference in the fields of Rescue, Palestine and Post-War, it shall be the duty of all organizations affiliated with the Conference to abide by the principle that formal or public representations on these matters to this government or other governments be made through and in the name of the Conference.
- "(b) All affiliated national organizations shall be guided by the policies of the Conference as determined by its Plenary Sessions, the Interim Committee and the Executive Committee.
- "(c) When about to launch a project which falls within the accepted sphere of activities of the Conference, national organizations shall present it to the Executive Committee of the Conference. The national organization may proceed to implement the task providing the Conference approves the project as desirable and feasible."

We are certain that in this critical period all the national organizations which adhere loyally to the program and authority of the American Jewish Conference will agree that it is of utmost importance that any public representations and activity, made on behalf of Jewish interests at this time, should carry with them the full weight and authority of the American-Jewish community. We would therefore urge all organizations to re-examine their program of activities in the light of the resolution adopted by the Interim Committee.

Sincerely yours,

Louis Lipsky

Louis Lipsky, Chairman
Executive Committee

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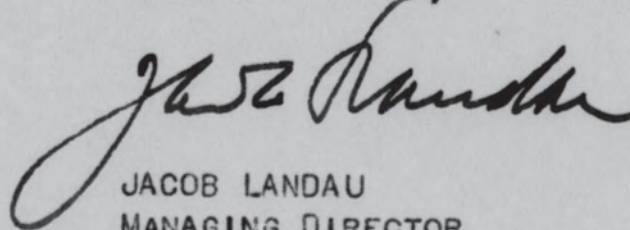
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DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER
THE TEMPLE
105TH STREET AND ANSEL RD.
CLEVELAND, OHIO

DEAR DR. SILVER:

I WANT TO THANK YOU WARMLY FOR YOUR KIND PROMISE TO PREVAIL UPON TWENTY (20) FRIENDS OF YOURS TO ATTEND OUR DINNER. AS THE TIME IS VERY SHORT, I AM WONDERING WHETHER YOU WOULD NOT WANT TO LET US HAVE THE LIST OF THOSE WHOM YOU ARE WRITING TO FOR ANY FOLLOW UP WE SHOULD PERHAPS DO. MAY I ALSO THANK YOU FOR YOUR PROMISE TO SPEAK TO MR. MARK SUGARMAN.

SINCERELY YOURS,


JACOB LANDAU
MANAGING DIRECTOR

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January 8, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

All your many Christian friends rejoice in the leadership which you have given to the world Zionist program, and have confidence in a more speedy solution of the Palestinian problem. We congratulate you on the recognition which has been given to you and congratulate the Zionists on having you as their leader.

We would like to express personally our feelings and discuss with you our continuing activities. With this in view I would like to call together as many members of our executive as can come, to meet with you at some early convenient time. If you will give us a date, either for luncheon or dinner, I will send out the call immediately. Such a gathering would not only be the means of giving all our leaders a better understanding of events and strategy, but would also be a great inspiration to carry on in the most effective way possible.

We hope that this can be arranged at your earliest convenience.

With kindest regards,

Most cordially yours,

Howard M. LeSourd

Howard M. LeSourd
Director

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January 13, 1947

Mr. Louis Lipsky
302 West 86th St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Lipsky:

Mr. Barbarash phoned me this morning about a communication which you sent for publication in the Palestine News Reporter about the Basle Congress. I requested him to defer a decision on it until I will have had a chance to talk to you. I had hoped to be in New York this week but I have been unable to shake off a bad cold which I brought back with me from Europe. I am wondering whether it will be possible for you to come to Cleveland for a day because there are many things that I should like to talk over with you. I hope that it is not asking too much because I do not hesitate to come to New York very frequently on Zionist matters.

I believe that Zionist affairs both here and abroad would be benefited if we could think through some of the problems and, if possible, arrive at some basic agreements. Will you not let me know by wire when you can come?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

CC - Mrs. Dorothy S. Loos

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A.H.S

January 14, 1947

Mrs. Lorna Wingate
93 Hamilton Place
Aberdeen., Scotland

Dear Lorna:

It was a joy to receive your recent letter.

I appreciated greatly your analysis of the newspaper situation in England. It was very illuminating.

We are now distributing here in the United States motion pictures on Palestine. We have only a limited number, but they are not of theater quality. I have written several memorandums asking for a major production on the Palestine situation but that has never been implemented. If you and Nancy MacKinnon could work out an adequate plan of distribution of motion pictures in England I am sure that the Agency there will provide you with prints which they must have available.

If you have no film subject available for general distribution, I feel quite sure that through the World Committee we could send you at least one print of the following four subjects which we are using here: "Land of Promise", "A Pass To Tomorrow", "A Day in Dagania" and "Home Are the Hunted".

In view of the location of the United Nations in New York the headquarters of the World Committee have been moved to this city, and we are at present located at the same address as the American Christian Palestine Committee. I therefore suggest that future letters be written here. We are still maintaining our office in Washington and I am there frequently, but the direct route is to our New York office. As a matter of fact, I am having this letter transcribed on the new stationery which has just been printed, but I am sure you have had other communications on it.

I would love to come to England and it would be a great pleasure to see you but I have no plans at the present for such a trip. Kindest regards,

Very cordially yours,

HML:LM

Howard M. LeSourd, Secretary-Treasurer

93 Hamilton Place
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15th November, 1946.
(rec'd in APC office 1/13/47)

Dean Howard LeSourd
World Committee for Palestine
1706 G. Street N. W.,
Washington,
D. C.,
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Dear Howard,

Thanks for your last letter. You are right in all you say and we here are doing what we can to inform the Press and the public, but it is an uphill task. The Press in this country is no longer free, because for one thing, great blocks of newspapers in the provinces are controlled by two or three large proprietors, all of whom are not only hostile to the Jewish achievement in Palestine but also to the Jewish people wherever they may be found; and again, because seven years of absolutely water-tight war censorship, a necessary evil, was used as an excuse to keep any mention of Jews, except a hostile one, out of the Press in general, and this has had its effect on the mind of the public, which is now conditioned to receive only what it wants to hear, and this to such an extent that any newspaper which ran a series of stories giving all the facts about Palestine would find itself very unpopular, not only with the Government, but with its readers. This is a dreadful state of affairs and could be a prelude to things even worse. One or two papers print free news for its own sake, notably the "Manchester Guardian" with its tradition which is no doubt known to you, and the more modern and widely read "Picture Post," a weekly which specialises in first-class photographs and a great range of interest. There may, in fact, there must be, others which hold to the liberal principle, but I have not seen them. Lastly, the British Press is still working on short commons of paper. All this means that, in order to tell people about what goes on in Palestine and how they themselves will be affected in time to come, one must rely on the spoken word or books and pamphlets. Pamphlets simply are not read, and as a means of getting at the public I consider they are a flop. They should be issued only as a sort of ammunition to those who can use them in another way. Pictures and novels are about the only thing the public can stomach, and that is why a first-class film about Palestine, which combines both, would do more in this way than anything else. There remains private lobbying and influence, which is employed by all parties with success which varies according to the trend of matters of true significance and really great scope, such as the Jewish re-settlement of the Middle East, destiny does not turn on private influence in the sense that we use the term. For this reason I am less cast down by the present horrible state of affairs than I would be if I thought that any Government Conference or ambassadorial report was going to make or break the Jews.

Congratulations to you and Rachelle Yarden on organising Dr. Gutierrez' tour. I read his speech with the greatest possible interest, and thought it excellent. I had some copies made here and passed them round. Are you in touch with James Parkes? His knowledge of the background of Judaism is really profound and he looks into the future as well as the past. He is working over here in the service of the cause, and is sometimes seen and heard at Palestine House.

When are you going to visit us?

With every good wish,

Lorna Wingate



January 16, 1946

Mr. Howard M. LeSourd, Director
American Christian Palestine Committee
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N. Y.

My dear Dr. LeSourd:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of January 8
and for your good wishes.

I should like very much to meet with the members of
the Executive of the American Christian Palestine
Committee at an early date. Unfortunately, I cannot
at the moment indicate when I can come to New York
for such a meeting. I will be in New York next Monday
with a crowded day of urgent meetings and I must
return to Cleveland on Tuesday. I shall, however,
keep your suggestion in mind and when I next plan to
be in New York, which I am sure will not be far off,
I will communicate with you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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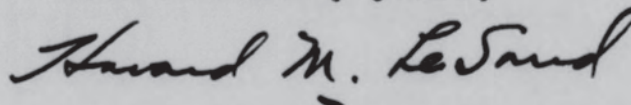
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Your letter of January 16 concerning a meeting in New York attended by Christian leaders, with you as their guest, was received.

We all hope that we can get together at an early date, and would appreciate it if you would let us know as soon as possible when that might be arranged. Dr. Voss, who is the chairman of our Executive Council, will then send out the invitations.

Most cordially yours,



Howard M. LeSourd
Director

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Dr. Abba Hillel, Silver.
41 East 42nd St.,
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Silver;

As a conscientious Jew and a long standing Zionist. I am very much concerned over the fate the Jews in Europe and over the situation in Palestine. I am aware that you and other Jewish leaders have done everything possible to make the christian world understand the tragic condition of our people, and the unjust policy of Great Britain in Palestine. But it seems that the christian world had shut its ears to your pleas and closed its eyes as not to see what is going on.

Now, permit me to offer a suggestion perhaps it may be of some help. I would propose that you try to get the pro Palestine chrisyian committee to arrange protest meeting throughout the country and let their leaders appeal to the christian world and to the leaders of the worl governments to deal justly with our people. Perhaps the christian world and the leaders of the govern-ments will listen to their pleas. of course the Zionist Organiza-will have to offer to pay all expenses incurred.

Do you remember the passage in the Talmud where our Sages advise not to take lightly the blessings of a simple man? I would therefore ask you not to take my suggestion lightly.

Very sincerely yours.

Dr. Abraham Lebow.

AL/ SH

38 West 87th Street
New York, N Y

Feb. 26, 1947

Rabbi A.H. Silver
c/o The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Friend Dr Silver:

I have been in America since a few months. Prior to coming here I was in a concentration camp in Germany.

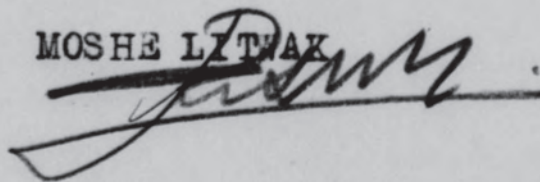
I was a leader of the underground movement in Poland, and was active in the General Zionist movement in Poland, and here in New York too.

Enclosed I am sending you a clipping from the paper about Prof. Einstein and myself, as well as a clipping in regard to my fight in the underground movement.

I would appreciate very much if you could arrange to give me an appointment when you return to New York.

Very truly yours,

MOSHE LITWAK

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Moshe Litwak', written over a horizontal line.

March 5, 1947

Mr. Moshe Litwak
38 W. 87th St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Litwak:

Thank you for your kind letter of February 26. I do not know when I will be in New York next. I may be leaving for Palestine in the next few days. When I return it will give me great pleasure indeed to see you. Please contact the office of the American Zionist Emergency Council, 342 Madison Avenue in a few weeks — that is, if I do go to Palestine. If not, I may be able to see you sooner.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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March 7, 1947

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road at E. 106th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

A National Committee of Zionist leaders is joining with the B'nai Zion in sponsoring a tribute to Mr. Bartley C. Crum in connection with our annual dinner to be held on Sunday evening, April 20th, at the Hotel Commodore, New York, N.Y. and which will be devoted, as in the past, to the Jewish National Fund.

It is my great pleasure to inform you that the Committee has invited you to serve as Honorary Chairman of this function and it is our hope to make it a noteworthy and outstanding event.

Sincerely yours,

Harris J. Levine
Chairman.

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March 6, 1947

Honorable James G. Fulton
House of Representatives

This memorandum relates to yesterday's discussion of the Palestine situation, as follows:

- 1 - There are enclosed drafts of Concurrent Resolution and Bill for the establishment of a U. S. - Palestine Settlement Commission submitted by Mr. Javits as a basis for discussion. It is understood that these drafts will be held confidential at this time.
- 2 - It is understood that you will suggest the names of two or three of our colleagues on the Republican side who can attend our next discussion and in this respect it is suggested that you talk with these gentlemen in advance so that they will know what it is all about when we communicate with them.
- 3 - We are endeavoring to secure for you a copy of a book which incorporates all papers pertinent to the Palestine situation. We hope to have these in a few days and will send one to you with references to important sections.
- 4 - It is generally understood that the enclosures and other pertinent papers referred to above will be studied by you and that we are planning to get together again toward the end of next week or very early in the following week.

Respectfully submitted

Robert J. Twyman, M.C.
Jacob K. Javits, M.C.

March 11, 1947

Mr. Harris J. Levine
Jewish National Fund
41 E. 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Levine:

Your letter of March 7 arrived after Dr. Silver's
departure from Cleveland for Palestine. I shall be
pleased to refer it to his attention when he returns to
the city.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver

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2 April 1947

Mr. Alex Lowenthal, President
Pittsburgh Zionist District
901 Keystone Building
Pittsburgh 22, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Lowenthal:

I am writing to thank you for your letter of 17 March 1947.
I have read the clippings which you enclosed and appreciate the
publicity given to these statements.

Dean Acheson, Acting Secretary of State, under date of
14 March 1947, has written me a reply and I am enclosing the
original for your records.

With sincere regards,

JGF:rdi

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

March 14, 1947

My dear Mr. Fulton:

I appreciate the expression of your views with regard to the Palestine problem, as set forth in your letter of February 24, 1947, and wish to assure you that the United States Government is keeping in close touch with all developments relating to the Palestine problem. The British Government has been kept fully and currently informed regarding the attitude of the United States Government on the various aspects of this problem.

Since the conclusion of the Second World War the United States Government has been concerned with regard to the plight of displaced Jews in Europe and has been endeavoring to find places of refuge for them in other parts of the world, including Palestine, where they may begin again to lead peaceful and useful lives. As the mandatory for Palestine, the British Government has taken the position that the question of the immigration of displaced Jews into that territory has political as well as humanitarian significance and should be resolved in the framework of a general settlement of the Palestine problem.

It may be recalled that the United States Government took part in the work of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry and in ensuing conversations with the British Government in London. However, neither the recommendations of this Committee nor the proposals which were drawn up during the conversations in London proved acceptable in their entirety to both the United States Government and the British Government. The British Government subsequently made arrangements for a conference on Palestine to which representatives of both the Arabs and the Jews were invited.

Representatives

The Honorable
James G. Fulton,
House of Representatives

Representatives of the Arabs attended the conference but representatives of the Jews did not participate.

During the second session of the Palestine conference in London the British Government presented its own proposals as a basis for discussion. The Arab delegates also presented their proposals to the conference and representatives of the Jewish Agency made known their views during informal conversations with the British Government. None of these proposals or views was found to be mutually acceptable. The British Government has, therefore, indicated that the only course now open to it may be to submit the Palestine problem to the United Nations.

Pending the submission of the Palestine question to the United Nations it is understood that the British Government is giving further consideration to the matter of immigration into Palestine.

Sincerely yours,

Dean Acheson

Acting Secretary

April 3, 1947

Mrs. W. U. Lowdermilk
331 - 5th St. S.E.
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mrs. Lowdermilk:

Upon my return from Palestine, I found your gracious note and your suggestion for a call to prayer. I was deeply moved by your proposal. I shall discuss it with some of our friends.

I have returned from Palestine greatly heartened by the strength and confidence of the Yishuv in spite of the tribulations through which it is passing.

With all good wishes to you and Dr. Lowdermilk, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

(HANDWRITTEN)

7 April'47

Alex-

Let me hear how you feel on this. Incidentally, Sol Bloom wouldn't cooperate on the other approach, so from here on I question his enthusiasm, beyond speechmaking.

Jim Fulton

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ALEXANDER LOWENTHAL

April 9, 1947

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

Dear Harry:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation of today, I am enclosing documents from Jim Fulton. Advise at once what action you want me to take.

Please keep this information confidential and return these papers to me as soon as you are finished with them.

Sincerely yours,

ALEX LOWENTHAL

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MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date April 10, 1947

From Harry L. Shapiro

Enclosed material from Alex Lowenthal of Pittsburgh

There is:

1. Letter from Lowenthal to Shapiro
2. Letter from Cong. Fulton to Lowenthal
3. Letter from Acheson to Fulton
4. Handwritten note from Fulton to Lowenthal
5. Memo from Javits and Twyman to Fulton
6. Proposed Resolution on instructing UN delegates
7. Proposed Bill on setting up American Palestine Commission.

Lowenthal requests that I advise him as to what should be contained in his reply to Fulton.

Regards.

HLS:RB

April 20, 1947

Dr. Abraham Lebow
128 Newark Avenue
Jersey City, N.J.

My dear Dr. Lebow:

Please pardon the delay in answering your kind letter. I have been away from the country most of the time. I was very pleased to read the contents of your letter and your very valuable suggestions. The American Palestine Committee which represents the Christians of America, is cooperating fully with the American Zionist Emergency Council and has been arranging quite a number of national conferences for Christians throughout the United States. It will, in the next few months, have many more such meetings, some of them on a national scale.

Thanking you for your thoughtfulness in writing to me, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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I DEEPLY APPRECIATED YOUR TELEGRAM. I TRIED TO REACH YOU YESTERDAY BY
TELEPHONE. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.
KINDEST REGARDS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

Sender's name and address
(For reference only)

Sender's telephone
number

May 12, 1947

Dr. Howard M. LeSourd
American Christian Palestine Committee
41 E. 42nd St.
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Dr. LeSourd:

Dr. Silver has requested me to return
the enclosed letters to you.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver

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EARLY FRIDAY SINCE ALL MAILING MUST BE COMPLETED BY FRIDAY EVENING. HOPE
YOU WILL BE ABLE TO CLEAR THURSDAY EVENING MAY 29 YOUR PRESENCE INVALUABLE.

HOWARD LE SOURD

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To

AMERICAN CHRISTIAN PALESTINE COMMITTEE

Care of or Apt. No.

41 E. 42nd St.

Street and No.

Place NEW YORK, N.Y.

HAVE TRIED TO CLEAR MY CALENDAR BUT FIND IT IMPOSSIBLE TO ACCEPT

YOUR KIND INVITATION. I WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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LOUIS E. LEVINthal
606 CITY HALL
PHILADELPHIA

June 13, 1947.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am herewith enclosing copy of
letter I have just sent to Mr. Harry Shapiro
of the Emergency Council with reference to
Jewish refugees in Italy, and which is self-
explanatory.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours

Louis E. Levinthal

[Candated]

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British Prime Minister Clement Attlee and Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin are resorting to tactics as bad as those practices by Hitler and Goebbels in their furtherance of terroristic activities in Palestine, declared Abraham Felder, President and Founder of the League for National Unity at a meeting of the League held Tuesday, July 2, at the Broadway Central Hotel.

"The United States House and Senate should not grant one penny of loans to Great Britain as long as these men are in power," continued Mr. Felder. "They cannot be trusted. Their policies are shamelessly contrary to all democratic principles. If their actions in Palestine are not curbed immediately democracy everywhere must suffer. We Americans who love liberty and equality cannot stand idly by and watch the inhuman, barbaric treatment being inflicted upon the Jews in their national homeland, Eretz Israel, that land which God himself promised the Jews. We must join with citizens of all the liberal countries of the world and raise our voices in strong protest. The conscience of Christian peoples everywhere must be awakened to the tyranny which

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which lies in store for the Jews if they do not recover their homeland.

" Britain has surely sunk to degrading depths when it can countenance such actions. It is shameful indeed to see a country which claims to be a democracy, a country which has produced such great men as Lloyd George, Lord Balfour, Bieckensfield and Israel Zangwill, so outrage the principles for which those men fought."

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, President of the Zionist Organization of America, who has been conferring with President Truman in Washington, reported to the League that the President of the United States wished to be put on record as completely repudiating Britain's shameless efforts to implicate the United States government in its recent military activities in Palestine.

"The President wishes it to be known," said Dr. Silver, "that such activities were undertaken without his knowledge or consent. We must conclude that the situation in Palestine is the result exclusively and unilaterally of British acts of aggression. The President has promised that recent events in Palestine shall in no way interfere with the transfer of some 100,000 Jewish immigrants from Europe as rapidly as is ~~practicable~~ practicable. For the President's immediate concern and interest in expediting this entry we are deeply grateful."

[undated]

Wolf Leslau
144-44 Sanford Avenue
Flushing, L.I., N.Y.

Dear Dr. Silver,

I am taking the liberty of writing you at the suggestion of Professor S. Baron.

I am Professor of Semitic Languages at the Ecole Libre des Hautes Etudes (New School for Social Research), and devote my research work especially to the study of the Ethiopic languages, and, at present, to the cultural and historical problems of the Falashas. In fact, I am preparing a "Falasha Anthology" for the Collection "Yale Judaica Research" under the editorship of Professor J.J. Obermann.

Last April I was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship for a study of the Languages, Folklore and Traditional History of Ethiopia, and hope to go to Ethiopia next fall. This Fellowship is insufficient to cover all the expenses involved in the Expedition, and to allow me a prolonged stay in the country so as to study thoroughly all the phases of the Falasha life. I should, therefore, greatly appreciate if the Central Conference of American Rabbis would be interested to grant me a partial financial support which would give me the means of carrying on my research work in the domain of the linguistic, cultural and social aspects of the Falashas.

For more information on my scientific activity I am enclosing a Bibliography of my writings.

Respectfully yours,

For three years I was a Research Fellow of the American Academy for Jewish Research. If necessary, I shall of course, be glad to give you a list of references.

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A BILL

To designate a United States-Palestine Settlement Commission with power to make studies of immigration, land settlement, and measures for social and economic improvement of Arabs and Jews in Palestine, to aid improvement in Arab standards of living and education, and to encourage the large scale settlement and the agricultural and industrial development of Palestine.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the policy of the United States is that Palestine shall be opened for the free entry of Jews into that country to the maximum of its agricultural and economic potentialities, and that there shall be full opportunity for colonization and development, so that they may freely proceed with the upbuilding of Palestine as the Jewish national home and, in association with all elements of the population, establish Palestine as a democratic commonwealth in which all men, regardless of race or creed, shall have equal rights.

Sec. 1. The term(a) "displaced person" as used in this Act means an alien

(1) who is separated voluntarily or involuntarily from his country of last allegiance, and (2) who has received care in, or aid from, an assembly center, or who is eligible for such care or aid, or who, whether or not eligible for such care or aid, cannot be repatriated without subjection to prosecution or persecution for

political or religious convictions; and (b) "assembly center" means any camp, community, or settlement under the jurisdiction of any authority, administration, agency, or organization of the United States, or of any ally or allies of the United States in World War II, or of the United States and any such ally or allies or of the United Nations, now or hereafter created to accomplish the repatriation or resettlement of aliens separated voluntarily or involuntarily from their country of last allegiance; and (c) "persecutee" means any person not a displaced person as defined above residing in a country of Europe which was an enemy of the United States in World War II or of a country occupied by such enemies' military forces during World War II, who has been persecuted during such war by discriminatory measures not applied to the local population generally, due to the political or religious convictions of such person.

Sec. 2. A commission to be known as the United States-Palestine Settlement Commission is hereby created for the purpose of carrying out the policy of the United States with respect to Palestine.

Sec. 3. (a) The President of the United States, within thirty days from the passage of this Act, shall appoint, and he hereby is empowered to appoint, with the advice and consent of the Senate, the Commission which shall be composed of

five members. Each member of the Commission shall be a citizen of the United States and shall receive a salary at the rate of \$12,000 a year. One of such members shall be designated by the President as Chairman of the Commission. Two members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Any vacancy that may occur in the membership of the Commission shall be filled in the same manner as in the case of the original appointment.

(b) The Commission may, without regard to the Civil Service laws, employ a secretary and such legal, clerical and technical assistants as may be necessary to carry out its functions under this Act without reference to the Classification Act of 1923, as amended.

(c) The Commission is authorized to make such rules and regulations as may be necessary or desirable to carry out its functions under this Act.

(d) The Commission shall transmit to the Congress the first report of its operations under this Act within ninety days after the date of its organization, and shall report thereafter on the third day of January and on the first day of July in each year during its existence; provided, however, that the Commission is authorized to report to the Congress at any time that the Congress is in session, the recommendations of the Commission under Section 5 of this Act, and, provided further, that when the Congress is not in session reports shall be

filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate.

(e) The Commission shall have the same privilege of free transportation of official mail matter as is granted by law to officers of the United States Government.

(f) The authority of the Commission to carry out its functions under this Act shall terminate at the expiration of five years after the date of the enactment of this Act or sooner upon the passage of a concurrent resolution by the two Houses; except that such authority may continue to be exercised after the expiration of said period of five years to the extent necessary to carry out contracts or agreements made before the passage of such concurrent resolution. Upon termination of work of the Commission, all books, records, documents and other papers in the possession of the Commission, shall be deposited in the Archives of the United States.

Sec. 4. The Commission shall subject to Subsection (a) of Section 6 of this Act make studies, reports and plans relating to (a) the immigration of Jewish displaced persons and persecutees into Palestine and land settlement by

such persons, (b) the improvement of Arab standards of living, and of Arab social services and educational opportunities in Palestine, and (c) the initiation, development and establishment of long range agricultural and industrial projects for the development of Palestine.

Sec. 5. The Commission shall subject to Subsection (A) of Section 6 of this Act formulate, recommend and execute programs which by the effective use of governmental and private facilities will further (a) the lawful immigration and close settlement of Jewish displaced persons and persecutees on the land of Palestine as expeditiously as possible and the lawful acquisition of said land by or for such persons to the extent of the maximum economic absorptive capacity of Palestine, and consistently with the social, economic and political conditions found to exist by the Commission in Palestine, or in the part thereof to be settled; (b) the improvement of Arab standards of living; (c) the greater development of Palestine in the agricultural, commercial and economic fields provided that such development shall, insofar as practicable, benefit as well neighboring Arab countries; and (d) the improvement of Arab primary and secondary education and of Arab opportunities for technical and university education so as to bring about greater parity between Arab and Jewish educational standards in Palestine.

Sec. 6. (a). The Commission is authorized to cooperate with the government of Great Britain in carrying out measures to promote the objectives in Palestine specified in the foregoing Sections 4 and 5, provided, however, that the government of Great Britain shall be responsible for all authority necessary to carry out such measures in Palestine so long as it remains in occupation and control under the Palestine Mandate and for such other facilities and means as in the discretion of the Commission are necessary. The measure and character of cooperation carried out under this Act on the part of the Commission and on the part of the government of Great Britain in Palestine, including the expenditure or use of funds appropriated pursuant to this Act, shall be such as may be prescribed by the Commission. Arrangements for the cooperation authorized by this Act shall be made by the Commission through and in consultation with the Department of State.

(b) In the study of problems and the execution of programs it shall be the policy of the Commission to cooperate with the Department of State, and to utilize the facilities of existing departments and agencies which perform functions and activities affecting the work of the Commission, and the Department of State and such other departments and agencies shall cooperate with the

Commission and afford to it their facilities as may be agreed.

Sec. 7. The Commission is authorized within the limits of funds appropriated to contract with and transfer funds to existing governmental agencies and institutions; and to enter into contracts and agreements with individuals, educational, informational, commercial, scientific and cultural institutions, associations, agencies and industrial organizations, firms and corporations; and to cause corporations to be created, under the laws of the District of Columbia, or any state of the United States or any foreign country to assist in carrying out the Commission's studies and programs and to capitalize such corporations; provided, that corporations hereafter created or caused to be created by the Commission, primarily for operation outside the continental United States, shall determine and prescribe the manner in which their obligations shall be incurred and their expenses allowed and paid without regard to the provisions of law regulating the expenditure, accounting for and audit of Government funds, and may, in their discretion, employ and fix the compensation of officers and employees outside the continental limits of the United States without regard to the provisions of law applicable to the employment and compensation of officers and employees of the United States.

Sec. 8. The Commission may appoint such Advisory Committees and provide for the operation thereof, may utilize voluntary and uncompensated-for services, and may provide for actual travel and subsistence expenses (not exceeding \$15 for subsistence expense for any one person for any one calendar day) of persons so engaged, as are necessary for the efficient execution of the functions, powers and duties of the Commission under this Act.

Sec. 9. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of \$5,000,000 for the purposes of this Act, and from time to time such other amounts as may be necessary to carry out the provisions and accomplish the purposes of this Act.

Sec. 10. This Act may be cited as the "United States-Palestine Commission Act of 1947."

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