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Palestine and the November 5th Elections

Why the Party in Power Must Be Repudiated

The Palestine policy of the present Administration cannot be permitted to continue any longer. It must be stopped. And it can and, we hope, will be stopped by the reaction of American voters at the polls on November 5th.

The Palestine question is not a Jewish or Zionist question alone. It is, as President Truman admitted, "one of the major elements of America's foreign policy." If this major element is dealt with in an inept and short-sighted manner, our entire foreign policy is compromised and endangered.

A Muddled Foreign Policy

The establishment of Palestine as a Jewish State is vital to the stability of the vulnerable Middle East. *There will be no peace in that area until the Palestine problem is constructively solved.* Furthermore, the settlement of the world Jewish problem is a prerequisite to the establishment of a sound peace. *Should the destitute Jews of Europe be left prey to total despair, they will inevitably be driven to dangerous recourses which will lead to grave international complications.*

The Palestine policy of the present Administration utterly failed to realize all this. It was a muddled and short-sighted policy. Worst of all, it was a policy conspicuous for its evasiveness, double-talk, delaying tactics and inaction.

Obvious Duty Ignored

By the Anglo-American Convention on Palestine of 1924, our Government became a party to the Palestine Mandate. *It had both the right and duty to demand from Britain strict adherence to the provisions of the Mandate and to enforce the opening of the doors of Palestine to the Jews of Europe for whom the alternative was death.* But all the Administration did for the Jews throughout the terrible years of Hitler's slaughter was to issue meaningless expressions of sympathy. *It ignored both its rights and duties in this matter.* Nor was it moved by the constant clamor for action of American public opinion.

In July, 1944, the Democratic Party adopted a plank in its election platform which called for the "opening of Palestine to unrestricted immigration" and for the "establishment of a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth." On October 15 of the same year, President Roosevelt offi-

cially confirmed this policy and solemnly pledged that "if re-elected" he would "help to bring about its realization." What followed these definite and unqualified pledges is a *black chapter* in American political history.

Democratic Pledges and Reality

What followed was the persistent sabotage of Congressional measures proposed on the basis of both party platforms; the secret counter-assurances to the Arabs contained in President Roosevelt's letter to Ibn Saud of April 5; Secretary Byrnes' statement along the same lines, of October 18, 1945; President Truman's announcement on December 4 that he opposed the creation

Only four days have passed since Ibn Saud disclosed another secret assurance by the White House, given last August, just two months ago, according to which "the United States Government has no intention of coming forward with any suggestions for the solution of the Palestine question."

of a Jewish State; and the co-operation with Britain in every plan contrary to the policy dictated by Congress. Then came the farcical diplomatic game of "hide and seek" around the 100,000 proposal, and America's participation in the formulation of the notorious Palestine "Federation" plan which, if implemented, would only establish a virtual Jewish ghetto in Palestine.

New Promises Follow Old Pattern

On October 4, President Truman issued another statement in which he urged "substantial Jewish immigration" to Palestine and indicated "moral support" to Palestine's partition. We do not know what "substantial immigration" means, nor what "moral support" exactly implies. But we do know that the Palestine partition plan is as ruinous and deadly to Jewish hopes in Palestine as the Federation plan which it is supposed to replace. Mr. Truman was perfectly right when he said that the "gap between the two proposals is not too great." *He was utterly wrong, however, in claiming that American public opinion supports Palestine's partition.* Surely Mr. Truman and his State Department know that all Zionist factions in the United States have openly expressed their

determined opposition to the disastrous partition scheme.

The Palestine policy of this Democratic Administration is not an American policy. It is a policy inspired and maneuvered by Britain. In blindly following Britain's maneuvers, the Administration has manifested its chronic inability to execute an independent foreign policy. *But America requires a foreign policy of her own—one which would be worthy of her position in the world, worthy of America's great principles and traditions, and truly expressive of the people's will.*

What Is at Stake?

The British-guided Palestine policy of the Administration not only dooms the million and a half Jews who are still alive in Europe. It also — *we repeat and emphasize most strongly*—affects America's most vital interests. It is undermining America's prestige in the world as a champion for the cause of righteousness and freedom; it destroys all respect for international law; it encourages the rise of imperialistic appetites everywhere; it is harmful to the cause of world peace and detrimental to America's interests in the Middle East.

It is for these reasons that we feel impelled to call upon all Americans, irrespective of creed or race, who have the honor and interests of our country at heart, to repudiate by means of the ballot the party in power and support the candidates of the opposition.

Will Republicans Be Any Better?

The answer is: We do not know. We are not ready to underwrite in advance their future record. But we *do* know that the record of the present Democratic Administration is bad. This Administration had the duty and the power to implement a policy consistent with the Democratic Party plank on Palestine. The corresponding plank in the Republican Party platform is as outspoken as the Democratic. The Republicans, however, did not have a chance to implement it. The Democrats did have this chance. And they most dismally failed. By defeating their candidates, we will give a healthy warning to the Democratic Party bosses, and unmistakably impress them with the fact that *there are limits to the people's complacency and that party pledges must be kept under penalty of political repudiation.*

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Soviet Stops Trying To Gag Veto Case

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the meeting, which took four hours in all, was over. The Soviet dropped its objections to a Canadian resolution to limit speakers to 10 minutes each and also to South Africa's plan of annexing Southwest Africa, with Vishinsky's explanation: "After all, we are free to speak before the Assembly."

President Spaak ruled all the 50-odd items on the provisional agenda and its supplement would be placed before the Assembly for assignment to committees, where they would be threshed out. All in all, the agreement that finally was reached after the fighting marked one of the greatest days in United Nations history.

At issue principally, of course, were the Australian resolution to consider modifying the veto and the Cuban resolutions which call for a general conference to eliminate the veto and revise the

charter.

Vishinsky led off in the battle of the veto with a demand that the steering committee eliminate the Australian and Cuban resolutions, warning that if these questions were taken up it would be a "terrible blow to a very young organization charged with responsibility for peace and security."

Australia's Paul Hasluck and Cuba's Guillermo Belt stoutly defended their proposals when they were invited to the conference table, but Shawcross and Austin carried the brunt of the fight.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO MR. LEHMAN DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE for U. S. SENATOR

Dear Mr. Lehman:

The United Zionists-Revisionists of America have launched an earnest appeal to all freedom-loving and open-minded Americans to vote in the forthcoming elections against candidates of the Democratic Party and to support the ticket of the opposition.

You, Mr. Lehman, are one of the Democratic nominees whom we most energetically oppose. We do so primarily because you figure prominently on the list of a party which is fully responsible for the disgraceful attitude of the Administration towards the Palestine question, for its cynical double-talk and systematic betrayal of solemn pledges made on this issue. But, as far as your particular candidacy is concerned, there are additional powerful reasons for our firm opposition to your election as United States Senator.

It is common knowledge that the Democratic Party nominated you because it is fully aware of the indignant revolt of the Jewish masses—including avowed Democrats of long standing—against the Democratic Administration. Unwilling, or unable, to change the Administration's Palestine policy, they attempt to appease Jewish voters by presenting a Jew as a senatorial nominee from the State of New York. Their hope is that Jews will not have the spiritual courage to vote against a Jewish candidate and that the Democratic ticket will thus be saved from a pitiful defeat.

Every straightforward and decent American—Jew and Gentile alike—should resent and reject this obvious electoral maneuver. Every friend of Jewish Palestine should realize that your election as United States Senator would be not helpful, but detrimental to the Palestine cause. Your election would amount to a vindication of a party whose record on the Palestine question is disastrous and unforgivable; it would encourage those responsible for this record to continue in their utter disregard for the interests and wishes of the American people.

All those who have followed your personal political career know that there is no reason whatsoever to expect from you any energetic attempt to force a radical change in the Administration's Palestine policy. You have never been a partisan of Jewish Palestine aspirations. You always belonged to the opposite camp. You never devoted your efforts to the Jewish cause. Only quite recently, on the eve of the election campaign, have you suddenly discovered your "good Jewish heart" and given lukewarm support to Jewish immigration into Palestine. You did not find a word of blame for the ignominious British policy in Palestine. You favored the American loan to Britain, even though it was clear that part of that loan would go to strengthen the tyrannical and anti-Jewish regime in Palestine. Many Gentile political leaders acted much more courageously than you, a Jew. They fought for what they believed to be just without consideration of party allegiance. You, in contrast, subserviently aligned yourself with your party's attitude, and nobody can expect you to combat it in the Senate.

Your record as Director General of the UNRRA is no less distressing. There was neither determination nor dignity in your handling of the notorious affair of General Morgan. That British general, who served as Chief of the UNRRA operations in Germany, slandered the Jewish refugees in the best Hitler-Goebbels fashion. His utterances brought forth a world-wide storm of indignation. You, Mr. Lehman, as the supreme UNRRA chief, first "withheld comment" on this anti-Semitic outburst; then, after investigation, demanded Morgan's resignation; and then, when Mr. Morgan refused to resign, you cravenly capitulated and reinstated him in his position. Not until you left the UNRRA and Fiorello H. LaGuardia succeeded you, was the Jew-baiter Morgan finally dismissed.

As far as firmness of conviction, courage, dignity and straightforwardness are concerned, American Jews have no reason to be proud of your political record. You therefore cannot expect any self-respecting Jew to give you his ballot.

Sincerely Yours,

MAJOR WILLIAM R. FRIEDMAN,
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ONE FRONT: ERITREA—NEW YORK

"The voting for the Zionist Congress, which has already been held among Palestine deportees in the British concentration camp in Eritrea, *showed the Revisionists leading*. The Palestine Labor Party and other groups also received votes, indicating that Revisionists were not the only prisoners there."

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
dispatch from Jerusalem, October 20, 1946.

British Reign of Terror

120,000 British troops, together with thousands of Arab and British policemen, are powerless to suppress the heroic Jewish Resistance in Palestine. Incensed by their pitiful failure, the British resorted to indiscriminate mass arrests. Thousands of Jewish men and women have been rounded up—and imprisoned for weeks, months and even years—solely because they were "suspected" of supporting the Resistance. No articulate charges were ever brought against them. No charges *could* be brought. But the British need no proof of their "guilt." The mere fact that the arrested men are known to be brave and dauntless patriots is sufficient evidence for the British that they are potential rebels. Being detained in a British concentration camp is therefore a badge of honor for every Palestinian Jew.

Patriots Behind Iron Bars

The most hated, the most feared and the most persecuted among the thousands of detainees are those whom the British Administrators deem too "dangerous" to keep in the country. Since October, 1944, they have systematically deported hundreds of Jewish elect patriots to Africa; to the blazing, barren desert of Sudan or to the disease-infested wilderness of Eritrea. It is in Eritrea—in the now notorious Army Detention Camp—where the staunchest sons of fighting Jewry are being concentrated. Some of them died from privations and exhaustion; some were killed, and many more wounded, by ruthless guards who gave vent to their sadism against the proud, unarmed prisoners. Others made brave attempts for freedom. Indeed, the Eritrea concentration camp is the most striking symbol of the unbroken and unconquerable spirit of the heroic Jewish Resistance.

Revisionists in the Lead

Now, elections for the forthcoming Zionist Congress have been held at the Eritrea camp. According to a JTA dispatch, they "showed the Revisionists leading." Other parties "also received votes." But the Revisionist lead was overwhelming. Among the foremost warriors for Jewish freedom, the elite of fighting Palestine, the Revisionists, are greatly predominant. Theirs is the voice of Jewish Resistance.

We, Revisionists of America, are proud of the outcome of the Eritrea elections. We consider ourselves an organic part of the Jewish fighting front which extends from Palestine via Eritrea to New York. We are determined to keep faith with other sectors of this front. Our brethren are fighting in the British police state of Palestine and are suffering in the British detention camps in Eritrea. Here, in free America, it is our duty to back their struggle by dynamic political action.

We Shall Persevere

In this duty, we shall not default. We shall continue to present the case of fighting Jewry before the bar of American public opinion. We shall continue to expose the dastardly cruelties of the British oppressors and persecutors. We shall endeavor to enlist the fullest support of all freedom-loving people for the cause of Jewish freedom—the cause for which the Eritrea men are suffering, fighting and dying.

For this cause we ask your cooperation. It is vital, essential for the success of our endeavors. Take a hint from the patriots in Eritrea. They voted overwhelmingly Revisionist! It is now your duty to act Revisionist. Do not stand aloof while we are engaged in this difficult uphill struggle. Lend a hand to the vanguard of Jewish freedom! Support the Jewish War Front!

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This is What Americans Think of You, Mr. Bevin!

New York Remembers Your Slur . . .

A Laborite John Bull Arrives

Mr. Ernest Bevin, Foreign Minister of His Majesty's Labor Government, has arrived in the United States. In his own country he succeeded in subduing the British press and in silencing every criticism of his Palestine policy. The United States of America is, thank God, still a free country, with a free, independent public opinion. We want Mr. Bevin to know what many Americans, irrespective of race and creed, and above all, the overwhelming majority of American Jews, think of him and how they feel towards the Palestine policy of Great Britain for which he is responsible.

Apostle of Reaction and Oppression

Mr. Bevin's ominous and offensive remarks on the Jewish question have repeatedly betrayed his anti-Jewish feelings and his reactionary mental makeup. He could not understand why the United States has given support to the cause of Jewish Palestine. He could not understand that there can be a country which embraces the cause of liberty unselfishly. He failed to see that America, which extends its sympathy for the struggle on behalf of Jewish freedom, is still the same America that supported the liberation of Hungary in the days of Kossuth, of Italy in the days of Garibaldi, of Poland in the days of Paderewski, of Czechoslovakia in the days of Masaryk, and of Ireland in the days of de Valera.

Anti-Semitic Mouthings

No, in the determined support of American public opinion for the Jewish cause in Palestine, *Mr. Bevin cannot see the love for freedom and justice which is inherent in the American people.* All he can see are hidden, ugly anti-Jewish intentions. And so he comes to the British annual Labor Conference in Bournemouth and makes the vulgar, demagogic insinuation that the agitation in the United States for large scale Jewish immigration to Palestine is the result of that country "not wanting any more Jews in New York."

In his crude, open and persistent attempts to appeal to the anti-Semitic bias, Mr. Bevin made another statement, and this one in the House of Commons. "If the Jews with all their sufferings," he said, "want to get too much at the head of the queue, they face the danger of another anti-Semitic reaction through it all."

Intimidation Will Fail

The purpose of this cynical anti-Semitic utterance was to intimidate the remnants of European Jewry and to keep them where they are—at the very end of the queue. Evidently Mr. Bevin wants them to remain eternally the step-children of the world, to abide meekly by every British injustice, to take it and like it. It seems that decades of official Zionist servility led him to believe that he could work his will upon the Jewish people. He obviously failed to realize that there has grown up a new generation in Israel—a proud, determined and fierce generation of fighters and patriots—which is not represented by British dominated Zionist "leaders." And they have nothing but scorn for Mr. Bevin's and like threats. They religiously believe in the truth and justice of the Jewish Palestine cause, and none will succeed to swerve them from their objective. Certainly Mr. Bevin cannot expect us, Jews of free America, to feel anything but anger and contempt for his spiritual affinity with those whose abusive anti-Jewish vocabulary he so readily inherited.

Murderous Hypocrisy

Mr. Bevin's Palestine policy is in full accord with his anti-Semitic tactics and expressions. It is a policy aimed at destroying the work of two generations of pioneers in Palestine and at annihilating the remnants of European Jewry. We say "annihilating"—because by constantly stymying every attempt to bring about a constructive solution of the Palestine and Jewish prob-

lems, by continuing their devious delaying tactics, Mr. Bevin and his colleagues killed not only time, but Jews. Mr. Bevin may prattle on democracy, humanity and progress. He cannot conceal the plain fact that by his oily hypocrisy he completes the work begun by the forthright bestiality of Hitler.

Degrading England

We think that Mr. Bevin has done everything possible to degrade the Great Britain of Byron, Gladstone, Balfour, Lloyd George and Wedgwood to a symbol of oppression, perfidy and lawlessness; that he has succeeded in frustrating any vestige of hope that small nations still placed in his country and in destroying the confidence that millions of freedom-loving people all over the world had in a British Labor Government. It was his sad privilege to introduce in Palestine a regime of unprecedented terror, and to transform the Holy Land into a virtual police state, where the most elementary principles of civil rights—habeas corpus, freedom of speech, inviolability of domicile—are daily violated and ignored; where indoctrinated British soldiery bloodily beat Jews, abuse them, and loot their homes; where thousands of Jewish citizens have been imprisoned without trial for indefinite terms or deported to concentration camps in foreign lands. Indeed, under Mr. Bevin's policy, Palestine has become the most misruled, unhappy and explosive spot on God's earth.

Britain Cannot Win This Struggle

We want Mr. Bevin to realize that all this disgraceful display of British might and cruelty is futile. If he chooses for his country the path of Babylon, Assyria, Rome, Spain and the Third Reich, that will be Britain's disaster, not ours. The Jewish nation has outlived many persecutors and it shall weather this storm, too. The national resistance movements in Europe successfully dealt with the gauleiters and their gestapo in the Axis occupied countries of Europe. Similarly, occupied Palestine is resisting the blood-stained tyranny of anti-Semitic British generals and of reactionary British colonial administrations. And the victory will be *ours*, because we are fighting for the survival of a people, while Mr. Bevin and his associates are defending an obsolete, rotten and doomed imperialistic policy. *Britain has capitulated in similar conflicts with the American colonies, as well as with Ireland, South Africa, India. She will capitulate in her ignoble extermination campaign against the Jewish people.*

The Unvarnished Truth

Several months ago, when Mr. Bevin made his anti-Semitic insinuation with regard to the "unwanted Jews" in New York, the Mayor of this City, the Governor of this state, and many other leading Americans, indignantly condemned his utterance as an insult to this country. Now Mr. Bevin comes to our shores. We do not believe that he is entitled to the traditional hospitality of this great city. We believe he deserves to be told the plain truth: "*If anyone is not wanted here, thou art the man.*"

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January 16, 1947

Dr. A.H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Permit me to congratulate you, although a little belatedly - due to sickness which forced my absence from the office - on your election as head of the American section of the executive of the World Zionist Organization.

While I believe it is impossible to contend that the accomplishments of the Congress were commensurate with the tasks dictated by the grave problems which confront us, it is also impossible to deny that some progress was made and that at least two important gains can be definitely registered on its credit side, namely, the ousting of Weizmann, on the one hand, and the assumption of your present position in Zionism, on the other.

Wishing you the best of success in your forthcoming undertakings, and with kindest personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

B. Netanyahu
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Executive Director

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January 26, 1947

Mr. B. Netanyahu, Executive Director
United Zionists-Revisionists of America
55 West 42nd St.
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My dear Mr. Netanyahu:

Please pardon the delay in answering your kind letter. I have been away from the city a good deal of the time. I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing to me.

I am sorry that you were not at the Congress in Basel, but I had the pleasure of meeting many of your friends there. While the results of the Congress, as you say, are not all that we might have wished for, nevertheless they were very substantial and I believe that they will contribute to the strengthening of our movement.

I hope that I will have the opportunity of seeing you again in the near future. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL OF CHICAGO
1100 Hyde Park Boulevard
Chicago 15, Illinois

June 10, 1947

Mr. Joseph Teitelbaum
United Zionist Revisionists
123 West Madison Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Teitelbaum:

I was sorry that you were not able to be with us at yesterday's meeting of the Chicago Zionist Emergency Committee, particularly in light of the report that I was asked to make on a query that had been submitted to the American Zionist Emergency Council.

The query, as Mr. Cherak may have reported to you, had been put to the National Office at the direction of the local Committee. Its burden was to question whether individuals or officers of any party affiliated with the World Zionist Movement and with the American Zionist Emergency Council have the right to give public support to the work of the Irgun. The query had been motivated by reports made to our local Committee to the effect that individuals and officers of the local Revisionist organization have given that support.

I quote, in part, the reply to our query:

".....it should be quite evident to you that the American Zionist Emergency Council adheres to the position of the World Zionist Congress and the Jewish Agency for Palestine on this issue. We do not feel that either individuals or officers of any Party affiliated with the World Zionist Movement and with the American Zionist Emergency Council have the moral right to take a public position contrary to that indicated so clearly by the resolution adopted by the last Congress and by subsequent action of the Jewish Agency Executive. I am enclosing a copy of that resolution."

It is obvious that the local Emergency Committee has no other choice but to ask that the officers and members of the Revisionist Party in our community observe the letter and spirit of the ruling that binds us all to give our support only to the designated leadership of the World Zionist Movement and to those official agencies which fulfill its policies. I am confident that the Revisionist Party is not eager to permit anarchy and chaos to prevail in our movement. Such a situation must arise where discipline is broken down by one or another of the parties.

In this connection, it has been called to the attention of the local Emergency Committee that Mr. Seligman of Palestine is to address a number of meetings in the Chicago community. It has been reported to us that Mr. Seligman has been attacking the leadership of the World Zionist Movement, discrediting Haganah and urging support of the American League for a Free Palestine. The local Committee has requested me at yesterday's meeting to ask the Revisionist Organization of Chicago not to give its endorsement or sponsorship of the meetings arranged for Mr. Seligman if it is his intention to obstruct official Zionist work by making attacks of this nature in our community.

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I am sure that you agree with us that the best interests of our cause require the wholehearted cooperation of all Zionist groups in the furtherance of our officially accepted policy and program.

Very sincerely yours,

Morton M. Berman, Chairman
Zionist Emergency Council
of Chicago

copy to: Mr. Philip Cherak



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June 17, 1947

United Zionists-Revisionists
Mid-Western Division
123 West Madison Street
Chicago 2, Illinois

Dear Friends:

In the absence of Dr. Netanyahu, I am taking the liberty of replying to your letter of June 13th, received yesterday together with the copy of the letter from the Chicago Zionist Emergency Council addressed to Mr. Teitelbaum.

We are very much surprised at the entire contents of that letter, and wish to inform you that the Zionist Emergency Council in Chicago has absolutely no right to issue complaints on questions of policy to our branches. Such matters should be directed to the National Headquarters. Furthermore, no demands should be made on our organization via our branches. I believe that the best reply to the letter in question would be to tell the writer to refer the matter to the headquarters of the Zionist Emergency Council in New York.

However, if you care to reply unofficially, you may state that our world Zionist-Revisionist movement does not officially support any illegal organization. But, in keeping with our program, we favor activist methods and tactics in our political struggle. We therefore fully understand the reaction of Jewish youth in Palestine and without, both the heroic performances of Dov Gruner and his comrades, and the work of bringing Jews into Palestine.

Although we have no official connection with any of the above organizations, we feel that the conduct of the Jewish Agency and the Command of the Haganah in encouraging fratricidal war in Palestine can only precipitate a split in the Yishuv and will reduce the effectiveness of our political and military strength to zero.

Mr. Max Seligman is working for the Asirai Zion and is engaged in defending the interests of the families of those interned in concentration camps and detained in prison. He is therefore campaigning against British lawlessness, and in his speeches he naturally attacks the Jewish Agency and all other bodies which he feels are responsible for the present situation in Palestine. Never before have I heard of any such thing as prohibiting opposition or forbidding people who think differently to criticize their leadership. Such

a charge is ridiculous, and, in my opinion, not even worthwhile answering.

We will, of course, continue to discredit the leadership of the Haganah which is playing the role of police force of the British Administration.

The statement that Seligman is assisting or soliciting assistance for the American League for a Free Palestine is utterly false.

We therefore endorse and sponsor all meetings arranged for Seligman, and we shall continue to do so.

Sincerely yours,

DB:RL

Dr. David Buksan

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June 18, 1947

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of a letter which our Mid-Western office received from the Chicago Zionist Emergency Council, as well as excerpts of a letter which we received from a representative of our organization now in Montreal. We think that the contents of both letters will be of direct concern to you. It is clear from the latter that the General Zionists in Montreal display an unhealthy attitude towards our organization.

I am sure, of course, that in the interest of Zionism, you will want to use your influence to rectify matters, and I hope that when you will be in Montreal on June 24th you will try to arrange to discuss the situation with your representative there, since personal contact will undoubtedly be more effective than correspondence.

Trusting that we can count on your wholehearted cooperation, and looking forward to hearing from you soon, I am, with kindest personal regards

Sincerely yours,

B. Netanyahu

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The following are excerpts of a letter received from a representative of our organization in Montreal.

"I must inform you that the nature of the opposition from so-called Zionist leaders is both formidable and unscrupulous. It is well organized. Such community leaders as Bronfman, Sever and Jaspee have even resorted to blackmail to prevent some important people from working on behalf of Asirai Zion. I was reliably informed that they threatened to put one of our potential workers and supporters "out of business" unless he ceased his activities on our behalf! That is the type of opposition with which we must contend.

The situation might be improved somewhat if the Zionist Organization of Canada and their director, one Rabbi Jesse Schwartz, could be prevailed upon to stop their campaign of slander and calumny against the Revisionists and recognize us as a political party operating within the framework of the World Zionist Organization.

Before I return to New York I shall try to do what I can to improve conditions here, but as long as the Zionist Organization's leaders here persist in labelling us "fascist" and "terrorist," our work within the Jewish community here is greatly handicapped.

We here feel that if Silver, Neumann and/or the Zionist Emergency Council in New York would advise the Z.O. in Canada to stop internal strife and cooperate as far as possible with other factions, including the Revisionists, it might go far toward helping patch up the rift, which seems to me to be growing wider with each passing day.

I suggest, therefore, that you consider taking up the whole matter with the Emergency Council or with Silver and Neumann at the earliest possible moment. Silver, I understand, is going to be in Montreal on June 24th to attend a rabbinical conference - and he might be able to take up the matter personally with Jesse Schwartz, if you pave the way. If the Canadian Organization were made to realize that they are only provoking a harmful cleavage within the ranks of Zionism by their vicious attitude toward the Revisionists, it might serve to stop their attacks. So much for that."