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September 13, 1947

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

Your wire of September 12th to Governor Dewey has arrived in his absence from the city and on his behalf I want to thank you for it.

When the Governor sees your wire on his return to the office he will deeply appreciate your thoughtful courtesy in expressing your feeling about his message issued on the occasion of the Jewish New Year and will be happy indeed to know that you approve his statement.

With many thanks and with kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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COUNTRY'S REPEATED PLEDGES AND COMMITMENTS

THE CLEVELAND ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL SAUL S DANACEAU CHAIRMAN.

December 19, 1947 Mr. Saul S. Danaceau, Ass't Prosecutor County of Cuyahoga Office of the Prosecutor 1560 E. 21st and Payne Ave. Cleveland, Ohio Dear Mr. Danaceau: Dr. Silver requested me to find out fr m you whether you had obtained the complete address of Mrs. Bolton which she delivered before the Council on World Affairs at the Md-Day Club. With best wishes, I remain Very sincerely yours, BJK Secretary to Dr. Silver

SOL. A. DANN

My dear Rabbi Silver:

December 24, 1947

Please permit me to congratulate you on the success of your efforts in behalf of Zionism. Historians have made an indelible record of those who aided Zionism to live long after their other achievements were forgotten.

The New York Times of December 13th criticised the failure of the five-nation Palestine Commission to begin its functions immediately as was intended by the UN Ad Hoc Palestine Committee.

I refer to their article on page 6 which says:

"Speaking for the Secretariat, the top official said that 'our hands are tied' when it came to the job of recruiting most of the staff members that may be needed to service the Palestine Commission, for the wishes of the commission's members must be taken into consideration before the accompanying staff can be appointed.***

The unexpected lag has been compounded even more. . . . by a surprise announcement from London that Britain does not want the Palestine Commission to visit the Holy Land until just shortly before the Mandate terminates, probably May 15th.

***Despite the Secretariat's desire to get things moving quickly, the British feel that the Commission would only prove 'Embarrassing' during the delicate period prior to the administration exchange."

Let's look at the record for the reason why Britain would be 'embarrassed' if the U.N. Commission were in Palestine now, and recite a few facts; because some people entertain the mistaken notion that Britain is opposed to partition.

Partition, at the outset, is a British invention. She has resorted to partition schemes for centuries; more recently in South Africa, India, Ireland, et al by direct partition and elsewhere by many of her indirect forms of partition. "Divide and Rule."

The 1922 Trans-Jordan memorandum was a British partition scheme.

In 1937 Britain's Peel Commission recommended the further partition of Palestine.

The 1939 "White" Paper was a partition scheme that Britain did not hesitate to illegally "impose with force."

In 1946 Britain's Mr. Bevin recommended partition of Palestine through Mr. Morrison.

Without exception each and every British colony and dominion voted in favor of UNSCOP'S partition scheme. England herself merely abstained from openly registering her vote.

No, "a thousand times no", Britain is not opposed to the partition of Palestine or any other continent she seeks to dominate.

But there are provisions in the final Palestine Partition Plan that she is definitely opposed to.

She is opposed to a workable "economic union." This partition precedent was included by the UNSCOP to enable the divided areas to exist from an economic and military standpoint - free of British domination. Britain fears that if economic union works in Palestine it may be adopted elsewhere.

Britain has always been ready to impose - by force - any partition scheme that would enable her to retain dominion of the partitioned areas or divided peoples, as a whole.

The success of Britain's partition scheme depends upon two main essentials:

- (1) The area must be divided and sub-divided, into anomalies with impractical and ridiculous boundaries;
- (2) The peoples in these uncomfortable areas must be again sub-divided by injecting them with hate and fear of each other.

The terrestrial and personal partition of the land and peoples of Palestine is almost complete.

Part 1 - the crazy-quilt boundaries - has now been imposed upon Palestine.

Part 2 - Operation Mufti - is succeeding according to British plan. They are injecting hate and murder to divide the Jews and the Arabs.

Jerusalem is "forsaken" and completely surrounded for miles in depth by the Arab State of Palestine.

Palestine Arabs living in any parts of their State are able to reach Jerusalem without passing through a Jewish tentacle.

BUT Jews living in any of their corridor-connected pendants must pass through at least one of the Arab provinces of Palestine to reach Jerusalem.

This course would still be tolerable if a working economic union would enable Jews to overcome these almost insurmountable obstacles.

The "economic union" as proposed by the UNSCOP'S original partition plan was meaningless. As were many of their other vague and indefinite recommendations. Neither state was bound by the suggestions of the committee on union but on the contrary, were given a veto power.

But-- to the dismay of Britain -- the Ad Hoc Committee closed many of these loopholes and removed some of the pitfalls.

They provided that an Interim Committee of 5 countries be immediately appointed to carry out the plan for the establishment of a Jewish State. No country opposed to the plan was considered eligible on this committee.

The Ad Hoc Committee selected Guatemala, Uruguay, Holland, Norway and Iceland because they had honestly and conscientiously fought for the establishment of a Jewish State.

The UN recognized the necessity for this Committee to go to Palestine immediately after the partition plan was adopted in order to prevent further strife and bloodshed in the Holy Land.

This Committee was also empowered to correct any boundary lines that proved to be inequitable or too unfair.

The Jewish Agency made many concessions as to boundary, etc. in order not to delay the approval of any plan which would hurry this Committee on its way to Palestine.

The Ad Hoc Committee said it was important for a Committee, such as this to promptly go to Palestine and gather the information necessary to establish the Jewish and Arab States so that they will be ready to receive the State powers to be transferred to them when the mandatory leaves.

Two of the countries, Guatemala and Uruguay, had served on the UNSCOP Committee. They had months of advance study of Palestine's problems.

BUT -- at the last moment, the Moslem State of Pakistan made what appeared to be a harmless amendment. In spite of her vicious opposition to the establishment of a Jewish State, she succeeded in having the names of the Committee deleted and their appointment was left for selection by the chairman of the UN.

Immediately after the partition plan was adopted by the UN, the Chairman read a picked slate for membership to the Committee, to wit, Bolivia, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Panama and the Philippines.

Not a single one of the original members recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee were appointed.

On the contrary, with the exception of Czechoslovakia, the countries appointed were either lukewarm or had opposed, until the last minute, the establishment of a Jewish State.

Instead of going to Palestine immediately as the Ad Hoc Committee had recommended, they do not intend to go to Palestine until May, 1948 because Britain does not want them there during the time she is completing her sabotage plans.

Bevin is attempting to outdo Pontius Pilate and succeed where Hitler failed.

Bevin believes that the new seeds of Anti-Semitism he is injecting will divide the Jews and Arabs in the Middle East equally as well and long as it has divided the Jews and Christians throughout the rest of the world. He aims to destroy "Economic Union" and thereby liquidate Zionism.

Just as explanations and appeals to reason have done little to remove rooted Anti-Semitism so to a lesser extent will it never remove this new form of hatred between Jews and Arabs because of the high illiteracy rate among the Arabs.

By the year 3947, the Jews may exhaust their ink-wells to fill libraries with explanations as to why Arabs unfortunately met their death in Palestine in December, 1947 but this will never remove the re-heated passions inflamed every Friday when they visit their Mosques.

Like the crusaders of old, they will go forth with the Koran in one hand and a gun in the other because they will be led to believe that it is a sin not to kill the "Wandering" Jew.

You may recall that the British returned the Mufti to Palestine hoping that some Jew would murder him. Then they planned to murder him themselves and place the blame upon the Jews (as the Romans did) but they abandoned these plans when they were exposed.

In its place and to accomplish the same purpose, they succeeded in having an Arab Holy War declared against the Jews.

Appeals to the (intelligence) of Arabs in the future will be futile in the face of a Jihad unless we expose Britain's scheme; before the Jihad is taught to children and becomes rooted in the Arab minds like the Crucifixion story.

We must not be guilty of failing to do that which our ancestors might have done 2000 years ago.

The "Bevin-Arab-Mufti" scheme gives civilization the opportunity to prove how and why the Gucifixion story was invented and kept alive.

If the foregoing and surrounding facts are adequately publicized, public opinion may be aroused to prevent Britain from aborting the "viable" Jewish State before it is born. Exposure will abort the plan of the knaves and compel them to release their quarry. Only thereby can we prevent the continued bloodshed in Palestine.

I trust you will help expose the foregoing and thereby "pull the British wool off the eyes of world opinion."

Forgive me for imposing upon your time and patience.

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