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American Zionist Emergency Council, boycott, 1948.

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL
342 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date September 9, 1948

From Harry L. Shapiro

Attached are the letters which Mr. L.A. Novins of Paramount Pictures suggested with reference to the boycott. I told Mr. Novins that I would submit the letters to you and you will decide for yourself the course you wish to pursue. It is my personal opinion that your suggested reply is not a bad one. You will note that it does not condemn the boycott.

Please let me know what you wish to do about this.

Kindest regards.

HLS:RB

Harry

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SONS OF LIBERTY BOYCOTT COMMITTEE

106 West 70th St. New York 23, N.Y.

August 17, 1948

Mr. N. J. Blumberg
Universal International Films, Inc.
Universal City
Hollywood, Calif.

Gentlemen:

Our attention has been called to the fact that a substantial interest of Universal International is owned or controlled by British interests. In light of this, it will be necessary for us to boycott all the films of Universal International whether produced in this country or in England.

The enclosed copy of the Boycott Bulletin will explain in detail the reasons why we have undertaken this unpleasant task.

If you have any information contradicting that which we already have, we would be most happy to receive it.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Milton Eisenberg
Milton Eisenberg
Research Director

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cc: To Mr. J. J. O'Connor

September 21, 1948

Mr. Harry Shapiro
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Harry:

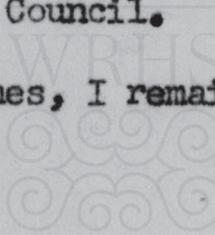
I am enclosing herewith a draft of a letter which is to be sent in reply to Mr. Blumberg who, by the way, addressed me at The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio, instead of as Chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Enc.



Dear Mr. Blumberg:

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Universal Pictures Company, Inc.

445 PARK AVENUE

NEW YORK 22, N. Y.

N. J. BLUMBERG
PRESIDENT

September 27, 1948

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman
American Zionist Emergency Council
c/o Ansel Road & East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

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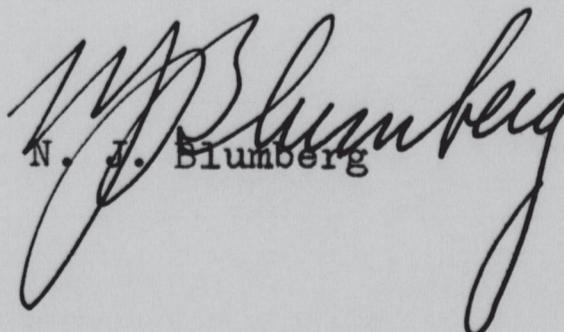
I am enclosing a copy of a pamphlet published by the "Sons of Liberty Boycott Committee" together with a communication dated August 17, 1948 addressed to me by the "Sons of Liberty Boycott Committee".

The Bulletin and the communication indicate a proposed boycott of British films released in this country and a specific boycott against Universal Pictures Company, Inc. The language of the Bulletin and the communication speaks for itself.

As one who has been interested in many of the causes with which you are in the leadership, I am compelled to communicate with you for the purpose of determining whether such activities on the part of the "Sons of Liberty Boycott Committee" represent an official Zionist point of view. I can hardly believe that such irresponsible acts are consistent with the high degree of statesmanship which has been in evidence since the formation of the State of Israel.

I should very much appreciate your reply to this letter.

Sincerely yours,


N. J. Blumberg

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SONS OF LIBERTY BOYCOTT COMMITTEE

106 West 70th Street New York 23, N.Y. Tr. 3.2600

Office of the Chairman

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Boycott Bulletin



DEDICATED TO HITTING
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HURTS — IN THE
POCKETBOOK

PUBLISHED BY

SONS OF LIBERTY BOYCOTT COMMITTEE

Room 302, 106 West 70th Street, New York 23, N. Y.

Vol. I

No. I

A CALL TO AMERICANS

Boycott—An American Institution

IN 1768, *Sons of Liberty* committees were established throughout Colonial America to boycott British goods as a means of stopping British tyranny and oppression.

Now, in 1948, a *Sons of Liberty* committee is being formed for the same purpose. We invite you to join. A number of distinguished Americans have already signified their desire to participate in the formation of this organization. The list is growing. Let us add your name.

Why the Boycott?

At a time when the American tax-payer is contributing billions of dollars to stop war and international aggression, the British Government is guilty of the most flagrant and cynical aggression against peace and justice. Although this aggression is directed against Palestine, its greatest victims are not the Jewish people to whose martyrdom of twenty centuries Britain now seeks to add the *coup de grace*. The chief victims are international law, the Four Freedoms, and the United Nations.

For Palestine is a test of our future. If Great Britain succeeds in achieving her ends in Palestine, we shall again be playing the game of power politics that leads inevitably to world war.

The most outrageous aspect of this situation is that Great Britain is able to carry out her imperialist policy solely through the aid she gets from the United States. With the money collected from the American taxpayer, with millions of dollars contributed by the American purchaser of British goods and services, Great Britain is now subsidizing her imperialist

war in Palestine. With these funds Britain arms the Arabs, trains their Legions, and pays them to fight.

The Last Effort

The war against Israel—and the British-made “truce” as well—represents the last, desperate effort of British imperialists to win possession of Palestine. Violating the solemn treaty by which Great Britain and fifty-one other nations recognized the right of the Jewish people to their ancient homeland, these men negated and sabotaged every provision of the League of Nations Mandate for the establishment of an independent Jewish State.

When the United Nations authorized the establishment of an independent Jewish State in a small segment of the territory originally allotted to the Jewish people, the British Government formulated the scheme of an Arab invasion of Palestine at conferences held in the British War Office. There, the “concentric attack” by Arab armies was planned on April 21 and May 5, and was approved by Field Marshal Montgomery. Arab forces, armed, trained, commanded, and paid by the British, were brought into action.

Today, thousands of Jews and Arabs are dying in Palestine to serve the interests of British imperialism. The new-born State of Israel is threatened with destruction. The Arab masses of Palestine and of the Near East are also facing the threat of a return to that Oriental feudalism which enslaved them and desolated “the land flowing with milk and honey.”

Action Now

This outrage can be stopped. We have the means in the United States with which to defeat British imperialism. We can do so by having the American Government withhold the millions of dollars of ERP funds upon

which Great Britain is counting to re-establish her national life but which her Foreign Office is using to destroy lives in Israel. We can do it also by a nationwide boycott of British goods and services.

Decent men and women of Great Britain have been outraged and disgusted by the imperialist policy of their Government. Their efforts to change this policy have been defeated by the imperialist interests that control the Foreign Office. In Great Britain, as elsewhere, justice and decency lose out in the struggle against greed and lust for power.

But, if the United States Government makes it clearly understood that no ERP funds will be allocated to Great Britain until the British Foreign Office abandons its piratical adventure in Palestine, if Americans adopt an immediate and effective boycott, they will add the powerful element of economic self-interest to the force of morality. They will strengthen the hands of the British people who oppose the iniquity of their Government.

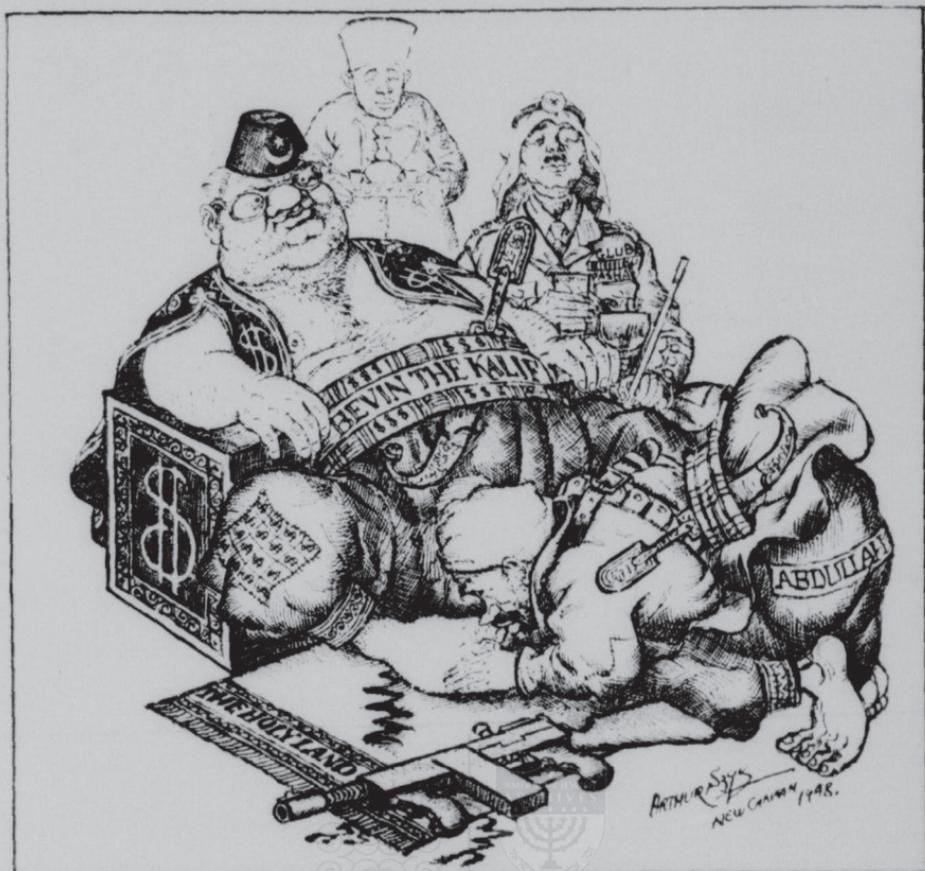
Great Britain needs American dollars. Her very life depends upon it. If the Government of Great Britain finds that its losses in the United States more than outweigh its expected gains in Palestine, it will call off the invasion of Israel in twenty-four hours.

Profits and Politics

To cite one example of the importance of boycotting a British-owned company in America, let us take the case of Lever Brothers. The annual sales of this firm in the United States in 1937 were \$64,000,000; in 1946, \$180,000,000. In 1944, the American company sent back to the British parent organization, Lever Brothers and Unilever Ltd., £13,827,546. This was more profit than the British company had earned in that year from its 500 subsidiaries in Great Britain, the British Dominions, and in other countries.

But even more important than the fifty million dollars which Americans thus contributed to England is the fact that the British Board of Directors of this company has two members in the House of Lords, Viscount Leverhulme and the Marquess of

"As for you, Abdullah, my faithful servant, as soon as I get some more dollars out of those Americans, I will regain for you Saudi Arabia and make you King — I will just keep the oil fields for myself . . .



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Carisbrooke. It also has three members in the House of Commons including Clement Davis, the leader of the Liberal Party. Judge for yourself what effect a boycott of Lever Brothers' goods will have on the political opinions of these men in regards to the British Palestine policy.

This is not an isolated example. Most British firms have members of Parliament on their Boards of Directors. All of them will begin to think of British aggression in Palestine in terms of losses rather than in terms of profits if a successful boycott affects their business.

Lever Brothers' products include Lifebuoy Soap, Lux Soap and Lux Flakes, Gold Dust, Hedy Home Permanent, Rayve Shampoo, Lipton's Tea, Continental Soup Mixes, Harriet Hubbard Ayer Cosmetics, Pepsodent tooth paste, tooth powder and mouth wash, Rinso, Spry, and Swan Soap. All of these are popular items bought unwittingly by many people who would be shocked to know that they are buying British goods.

George Washington advocated a boycott of British goods too, six years before the American Revolution. . . . Read these excerpts from a letter to his friend Colonel George Mason.

Mount Vernon, April 5, 1769

. . . At a time when our lordly Masters in Great Britain will be satisfied with nothing less than the depreciation of American freedom, it seems highly necessary that something should be done to avert the stroke and maintain the liberty which we derived from our Ancestors; but the manner of doing it to answer the purpose effectually is the point in question. . . .

Addresses to the Throne, and remonstrances to parliament, we have already, it is said, proved the inefficacy of; how far then their attention to our rights and privileges are to be awakened or alarmed by starving their Trade and manufactures, remained to be tried. The northern Colonies, it appears, are endeavouring to adopt this scheme. In my opinion it is a good one, and must be attended with salutary effects, provided it can be carried pretty generally into execution; . . .

That there will be difficulties attending the execution of it everywhere, from clashing interests, and selfish designing men (ever attentive to their own gain, and watchful of every turn that can assist their lucrative views, in preference to any other consideration) cannot be denied; . . .

The more I consider a Scheme of this sort, the more ardently I wish success to it. . . . And that a scheme of this sort will contribute more effectually than any other I can devise to immerge the Country from the distress it at present labours under, I do most firmly believe, if it can be generally adopted.

G. Washington

DON'T BUY THESE GOODS

Following is a list of products by brand name, manufactured either in Great Britain or by firms controlled by British interests. Also included is a list of services from which the British derive a substantial income. Buy where your dollars do not help spill Jewish blood. This list is incomplete. If you know of any British products not shown here, communicate with us giving brand name, description, name of the distributor, and source of information if possible.

FOOD PRODUCTS

(Partial Listing)

Black Magic Chocolates
C & H Herring
Continental Soup Mixes
Crosse & Blackwell Products
Dunhill's Pontefract Cakes
Earl Grey Tea
Frank Cooper's Marmalade
Gold Dust
Gold Dust Twins
Hedy Home Permanent
Huntley & Palmers—Biscuits
Jas. Keller & Sons—Marmalade
Lifebouy Soap
Lipton's Tea
Lipton's Soup Mixer
Lux Soap and Lux Flakes
Maconochie's Herrings
Marshall's Herrings
Pascall's Candies
Peek Frean Co., Ltd—Biscuits and Puddings
Pepsodent Tooth Paste, Tooth Powder and
Mouth Wash



Rayve Shampoo
Riley's English Toffee
Rinso
Robertson's Marmalade
Rose's Lime Juice
Silver Dust
Spry
Swan Soap
Tackler's Marmalade
Tyne Brand Herring

CIGARETTES AND TOBACCO

Kool
Life
My Mixture Pipe Tobacco
Raleigh
Sir Walter Raleigh Tobacco
Viceroy
Wings

PIPES

Barling
Comoy's
Dunhill
Parker
Peterson's
Sasieni

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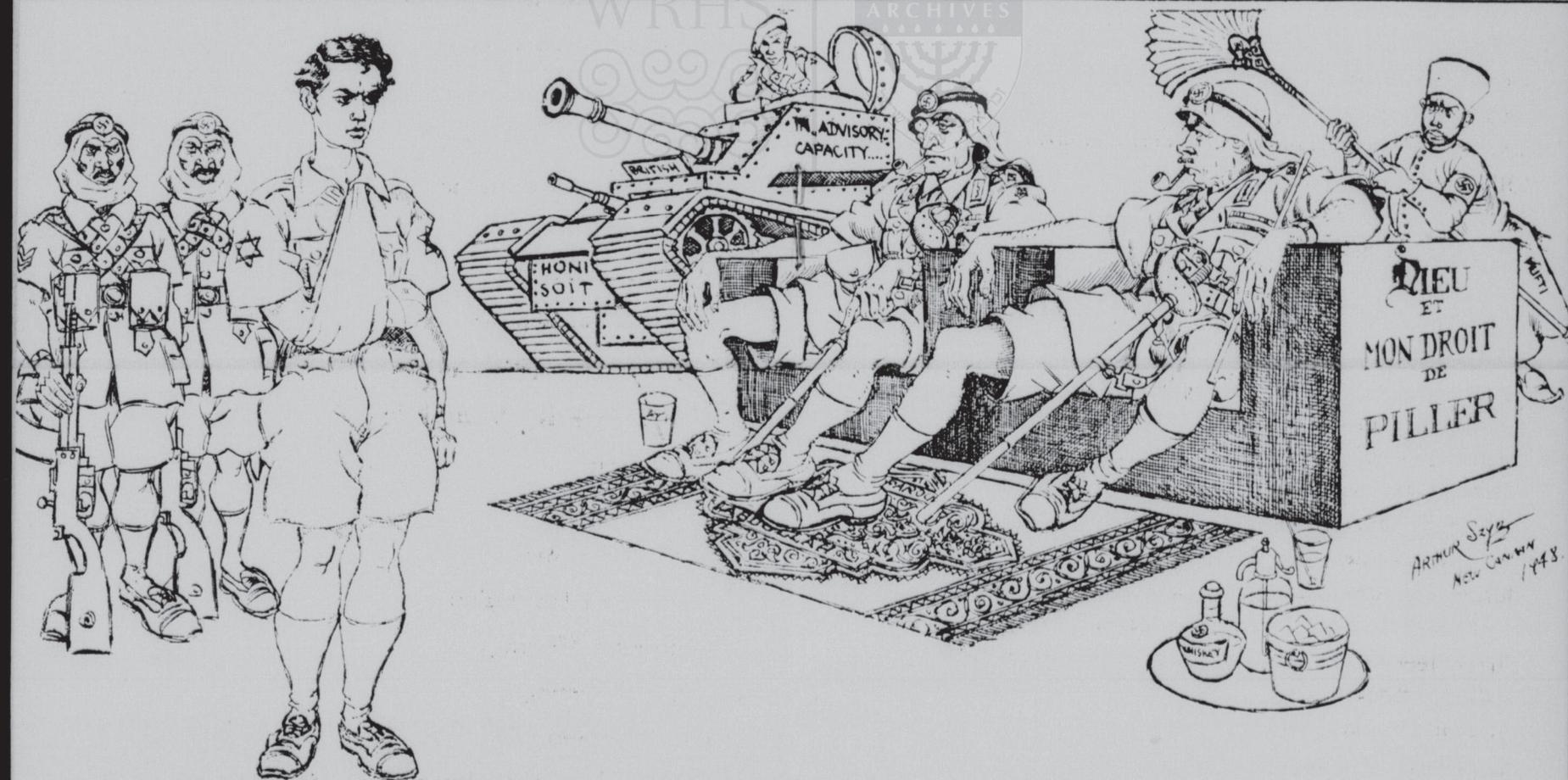
All Brands of Scotch Whiskey
Booth's House of Lords Gin
Harvey's Wines

AUTOMOBILES

Allard
Armstrong
Austin
Bentley
Ford's English Make Cars
Healey
Jaguar
Rolls Royce
Siddeley

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BICYCLES

Birmingham Small Arms
Humber
Raleigh
Rudge

CLOTHING

Alan McAfee Slippers
Aquascutum Raincoats
Chester Barrie—Overcoats, Topcoats, Suits
Glenthistle—Men's and Women's Socks
K Shoes (Men's)
Munrospun Sweaters
Morely Cotton Gloves
Sawbrooks, Ltd. of London—Neckwear, Mufflers

MISCELLANEOUS

Allure Hairbrush
Harriet Hubbard Ayer Cosmetics
Kent Hairbrushes, Shaving Brushes, Combs
Rolls Razor
Royal Brierly Glassware
Viceroy Non-Electric Dry Shaver

CHINA AND POTTERY

Adams—Titian Ware
Ambassador Ware—Earthenware, Dinnerware and
Fancy Pieces
Aynsley—China
Booth's—Dinnerware
Burleigh Ware—Dinnerware and Fancy Pieces
Carlton—Dinnerware, Fancy Pieces and coffee sets
Chanticleer Ware—Earthenware, Dinnerware and
Fancy Pieces
Coalport—China
Collingwood—China
Crown Ducal—Earthenware
Copeland's Grosvenor—China
Embassy—China, Tea and Breakfast Ware

Floral—Bone China
Foley—Bone China
Gladstone—China
Grafton—China
Grosvenor—China, Tea Ware
John Maddock & Sons—Hotelware and Earthenware
Mason's Ironstone—Earthenware
Myott—Earthenware
Mintons—China
Old Royal—Bone China
Old Staffordshire—China Figures
Paragon—Bone China
Pareek—Dinnerware
Ridgways—Earthenware, Dinnerware
Royal Albert—Bone China
Royal Coudon—Bone China and Earthenware
Royal Doulton—China, Earthenware and Figures
Royal Crown Derby—China
Royal Staffordshire—Dinnerware
Royal Winston China—Earthenware, Dinnerware,
Giftware
Royal Worcester—Bone China
Shelley—Bone China
Spode—China, Earthenware and Figures
Susie Cooper Ware—Earthenware
Swinerton's—Earthenware
Wood's Ware—Earthenware and Dinnerware
Wedgwood—China and Earthenware
Windsor Ware—Earthenware

BRITISH FILMS

Action for Slander
Amateur Gentleman
Anna Karenina
Bad Sister
Black Narcissus
Brief Encounter
Clouds Over Europe
Dead of Night
Farewell Again
Freida
Great Expectations
Green For Danger
Goodbye Mr. Chips
Hamlet
Holiday Camp
Hungry Hill
I Know Where I'm Going
I Met a Murderer
Journey Together
Love on the Dole
Madonna of the Seven Moons
Man in Grey
Men Are Not Gods
Mill on the Floss
Nortorious Gentleman
Odd Man Out
On Approval
Randolph Family
School for Danger
Seventh Veil
Stairway to Heaven
Tawny Pipit
This Happy Breed
The Brothers
The End of the River
The Upturned Glass
Wanted For Murder

British producer, J. Arthur Rank, owns a substantial interest in Universal-International Films, Inc. The Winter Garden Theatre and the Park Avenue Theatre are owned by Universal-International.

Boycott their films and theatres.



FIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY BRITISH INTERESTS

Of the total amount of premiums paid out in the United States in 1939, approximately 74 per cent, amounting to \$315,240,000, went to British units. Are you paying an annual subsidy to the British government? Look at the list below and see whether your policy is made out by one of these British firms.

(Partial Listing)

Alliance Assurance Insurance Co., Ltd.
American & Foreign Insurance Co.
American Union Insurance Co.
Atlas Assurance Co., Ltd.
British & Foreign Marine Insurance Co.
British General Insurance Co., Ltd.
Caledonian-American Insurance Co.
Caledonian Insurance Co.
Central Union Insurance Co.
Central Insurance Co., Ltd.
Columbia Insurance of N. Y.
Commercial Union Assurance Co., Ltd.
Commercial Union Fire Insurance Co.
Commonwealth Insurance of N. Y.
Eagle Star Insurance Co., Ltd.
Imperial Assurance Co.
Indemnity Marine Insurance Co., Ltd.
Law Union & Rock Insurance Co., Ltd.
Liverpool & London & Globe Insurance Co., Ltd.
London & Lancashire Insurance Co., Ltd.
London & Scottish Assurance Corp., Ltd.
London Assurance
Manhattan Fire & Marine Insurance Co.

Maritime Insurance Co., Ltd.
North British Mercantile Insurance Co., Ltd.
The Northern Assurance Co., Ltd.
Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society, Ltd.
Ocean Marine Insurance Co., Ltd.
Orient Insurance Co.
Palatine Insurance Co., Ltd.
Patriotic Insurance of America
The Potomac Insurance Co. of the District of
Columbia
Pearl Assurance Co., Ltd.
Phoenix Assurance Co., Ltd.
Royal Exchange Assurance
Royal Insurance Co., Ltd.
Safeguard Insurance Co.
Scottish Union and National Insurance Co.
The Sea Insurance Co., Ltd.
Seaboard Insurance Co.
Standard Marine Insurance Co., Ltd.
State Assurance Co., Ltd.
Sun Insurance Office, Ltd.
Thomas & Mersey Marine Insurance Co.
Union Assurance Society, Ltd.
Union Marine and General Insurance Co., Ltd.
The Yorkshire Insurance Co., Ltd.

TRANSPORTATION

Great Britain derives a large income from her steamship lines, airlines, and from American tourists in England.

Don't fly on B.O.A.C. Airlines.

Don't travel or send goods on the following British-controlled Steamship Lines:

Bank Line, Ltd.

Bristol City Line of Steamships, Ltd.

Cunard White Star Line

Lampport and Holt Line, Ltd.

Don't leave American dollars in England.

YOU can win Peace . . .

Our purpose is wholly non-political. We do not intend to take a stand on the ultimate character of Palestine, nor do we propose to align ourselves with any of the organizations that seek a specific solution for the Palestine problem. The sole objective of the SONS OF LIBERTY BOYCOTT COMMITTEE is the withdrawal of British instigation and support of the Arab invasion of Palestine.

Whether Great Britain acts or not depends upon you. Only your moral, physical and financial help can make this movement a success. We need this assistance in concrete terms. We need volunteers for research and propaganda. We need pickets. We need funds.

Your contribution will serve to mobilize American public opinion for the boycott by means of advertisements, letters and pamphlets. Your personal participation will influence and inspire your friends and neighbors to take immediate action.

We appeal to every American man and woman who believes in peace, justice, and fair play to join the SONS OF LIBERTY BOYCOTT COMMITTEE.

SONS OF LIBERTY BOYCOTT COMMITTEE
106 W. 70th St., Rm. 302, N. Y. 23, N. Y., TR. 3-2600

I enclose my contribution of \$ _____

I should like to volunteer my services to aid in your work.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Researcher | <input type="checkbox"/> Office Worker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Speaker | <input type="checkbox"/> Picketeer |

Name.....

Address.....

City..... Zone..... State.....

"It is impossible to exculpate a people that suffers its rulers to abuse and tyrannize over others."

—Alexander Hamilton

**EVERY DOLLAR WE
CONTRIBUTE TO
GREAT BRITAIN HELPS
SPILL JEWISH BLOOD . . .**

British Arms Kill Jews

British Spitfires Bomb Tel Aviv

British Diplomats Block UN Action

British Officers Command Arab Legion

British Generals Plotted Invasion of Palestine

**DON'T BE A PARTY
TO MURDER . . .
DON'T BUY BRITISH GOODS!**

DON'T see British films

DON'T fly in British planes

DON'T drink British liquor (Scotch)

DON'T do business with British firms

DON'T sail or send goods on British ships

*DON'T buy socks or clothes made of
British wool*

**DON'T PATRONIZE ANY STORE THAT
SELLS BRITISH GOODS**

PARAMOUNT PICTURES INC.

TIMES SQUARE
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NEW YORK, 18
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OFFICE OF
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

September 24, 1948

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman
American Zionist Emergency Council
c/o Ansel Road & E. 105th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Barney Balaban is in Chicago for a few days. He asked me to express to you his gratification concerning your proposed exchange of letters with Mr. Blumberg of Universal Pictures on the subject of the boycott of British films. When he returns he will want to do so personally.

This action on your part comes at a highly propitious moment. Mr. Balaban, as National Chairman of the Motion Picture Division of the United Jewish Appeal, is now engaged in soliciting contributions from the parent companies in the motion picture industry. These should amount to more than a quarter of a million dollars -- a most substantial sum when you realize that these companies are public corporations and that their Boards of Directors are essentially non-Jewish.

Apart from the clear merit of the position you take in your proposed letter, it helps us eliminate any reservations about the United Jewish Appeal which may be entertained because of the boycott.

There is but one minor deletion from your proposed letter which we would suggest. In no way does it alter the sense of your letter or detract from its validity. The deletion suggested is the phrase through which I have run a line on the enclosed copy as given to me by Harry Shapiro. Mr. Blumberg is concerned that this phrase might give added currency to the fact that some of the Universal stock is held by British interests. He feels that no purpose is served by its inclusion, and that some harm might result. We, therefore, urge that you give every consideration to concluding the pertinent sentence with the word "Company".

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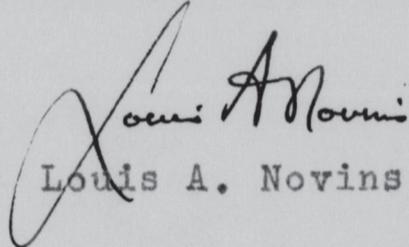
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September 24, 1948

As a former member of the Executive Committee of the New England Zionist Region and as the Past President of a Zionist District, may I take this opportunity to express my personal admiration for the magnificent job that you have done during this critical period. It has been thrilling to observe the manner in which our cause is being conducted.

With all best wishes, I am

Sincerely,


Louis A. Novins

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cc: Mr. Harry Shapiro



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Abba Hillel Silver
/s/ Abba Hillel Silver

Clearcopy Onion Skin

MADE IN U.S.A.

September 30, 1948

Mr. N. J. Blumberg
Universal Pictures Co., Inc.
445 Park Avenue
New York 22, New York

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