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MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date November 4, 1948

From Harry Steinberg

Subject: "PROJECT INDEPENDENCE"

Now that we know that it is Mr. Truman who will be in the White House for the next four years, I suggest for your earnest consideration a project which has been germinating in my mind for some weeks now, but which I had reluctance to propose in view of the general feeling that Dewey's election seemed certain.

We already know enough of Mr. Truman -- his ability, his personality, his temperament -- to know that while he is not a great statesman, he is basically an honest, simple, warm-hearted person who wants to do the right thing if he can and one who attaches great importance to old associations and friendships. He has hitherto, I feel, in the matters of foreign policy followed the dictates of his State Department advisors mainly for the reason that, being unsure of himself and unsure of the confidence of the people in himself as a capable president, he had no other choice but to accept the advice of his "experts".

The situation today is, of course, radically changed. The great vote of confidence which Mr. Truman received will, I believe, alter his way of going about things. This is particularly logical in view of the fact that his prime foreign affairs advisors (Marshall and Forrestal) did not raise a finger to assist Mr. Truman when he needed them most -- and Mr. Truman is one who attaches great importance to personal loyalty. In the future it may be reasonably assumed that Mr. Truman will in his foreign policy lean closer to a common-sense approach to "what seems right", to what the man-in-the-street thinks, to what his personal friends advise, rather than to the advice of the experts.

In view of the foregoing analysis, I now propose we proceed with mobilizing his close friends in his home town of INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI and in the surrounding area, to work on Mr. Truman in behalf of our cause. The strategy will have to be worked out carefully: either we might set up a unit in INDEPENDENCE of the AMERICAN CHRISTIAN PALESTINE COMMITTEE or, what seems preferable, an INDEPENDENCE FOR ISRAEL COMMITTEE -- (what title could be more appropriate?) -- composed of Jews as well as non-Jews. (You will recall that a start has already been made in this direction by enlisting the support of Mr. Jacobson of Kansas City. I believe that Rabbi Lelyveld was brought to see the President by Mr. Jacobson and Mr. Harry L. Shapiro has subsequently been in touch with Mr. Jacobson.)

What I now envision is not a mass organization but rather a group of 25 or 30 people, old friends of the President, that we should undertake to interest in our cause. (What I more precisely have in mind is a group of "Cronies of Truman for Israel".) This group, of course, will be composed of people who have access to the President. They should inform the President periodically, both in writing and orally (every once in a while, a sub-committee of this group should be sent to Washington) of their interest in Israel and guide him in specific issues. They should place advertisements in their home town newspaper.



Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

November 4, 1948

Considerable spade work will have to be done before such a Committee can be organized and made to function smoothly. Most important of all will be the composition of the Committee. It will be necessary for our organizer to spend some time in Independence to talk to people in all walks of life -- merchants, clerks, teachers, ministers, government employees -- to ascertain the nucleus of this proposed Committee -- people the President likes and will listen to.

I know that in the weeks to come, it will be necessary for us to work public-relationswise on many fronts and at varied levels but I feel that it would be a great mistake to overlook the Independence front.

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# **PRESS RELEASE from AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL**

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

AMERICAN ZIONISTS CALL UPON PRESIDENT TRUMAN

TO UNDO "GREAT INJUSTICE" PERPETRATED BY U.S. DELEGATION IN PARIS

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STATE DEPARTMENT'S ACTIONS ASSAILED

AS UNDERMINING DECLARED AMERICAN POLICY

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New York, Nov. 5 -- The American Zionist Emergency Council, speaking for all Zionist organizations in the United States, today called upon President Truman to undo the "great injustice" perpetrated by the American delegation to the United Nations which brought about passage by the Security Council of a British-conceived resolution aimed at the imposition of sanctions against Israel. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver is chairman of the Council.

"Today it is clear to the American people that our delegation in Paris is carrying forward a British-engineered program on Israel which is designed to undermine the declared American policy," the Council asserted, adding that President Truman "now has a great opportunity to establish once and for all that his declarations on Israel were sincerely meant and carefully considered. We hope he will seize that opportunity."

The text of the statement follows:

"Under pressure from the United States delegation, the Security Council has taken the astounding action of adopting a British-conceived resolution aimed at the imposition of sanctions against Israel in case Israel refuses to withdraw its troops in the Negev.

"State Department propagandists have sought to create the impression

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that the American amendment to the original British-Chinese resolution was in Israel's interest inasmuch as specific reference to the possibility of sanctions against either side had been removed. This is an entirely false interpretation by which the sponsors of this move hope to sugarcoat their sinister designs against Israel. Actually, the U.S.-amended resolution broadens the field of sanctions which the British have been seeking to impose on Israel.

"During the first weeks of October the Arab forces repeatedly violated the truce by attacking the Israeli line of communications which supplied the necessities of life to Jewish settlements in the Negev. Some of these attacks were carried out in the presence of United Nations observers. The fighting which then took place, and which resulted in a decisive Israeli victory, was caused by Arab attempts to secure military and political advantages by violations of the truce. The Arabs were encouraged to launch their attacks by the open secret that the British and our State Department proposed to award them the greater part of the territory of Israel. The Government of Israel had every right, under the terms of the truce, to resist the Arab attempt to cut off communications of the Negev. Nevertheless, today the Security Council -- the world guardian of peace and the integrity of nations -- is being called upon to penalize Israel for defending the territory assigned to it by the United Nations and, indeed, for upholding the will of the nations as expressed in the General Assembly's decision of November 29, 1947.

"The action of the American delegation in Paris is particularly shocking in view of the fact that it follows by a few days the declaration of policy on Israel made by the President of the United States -- and is in violent contradiction to it. In a sudden burst of speed, the American delegation has sought to confront the American people with a fait accompli. It rushed the British resolution through the Security Council immediately after the U.S.

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elections, without affording other delegations an opportunity for proper study or debate. Furthermore, the State Department evidently intends that yesterday's action shall serve merely as a prelude to an all-out anti-Israel offensive, both in the Security Council and in the General Assembly. It is apparently joining in the British attempt to apply the Security Council resolution not only to the Negev but to Galilee as well.

"How does one reconcile these actions with the policy statements of President Truman? Only yesterday the President declared: 'I'm going to do the very best I can to carry out the Democratic platform as I promised all over the country.' The plank on Israel is an important part of that platform.

"Today it is clear to the American people that our delegation in Paris is carrying forward a British-engineered program on Israel which is designed to undermine the declared American policy.

"We now look to President Truman not only to undo a great injustice, but to preserve our country's integrity, which cannot forever survive the repeated assaults upon it perpetrated by cynical international manipulators. The President now has a great opportunity to establish once and for all that his declarations on Israel were sincerely meant and carefully considered. We hope he will seize that opportunity."



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## ABE TUVIM APPOINTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

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New York, November 24 -- The appointment of Abe Tuvim as Executive Director of the American Zionist Emergency Council was announced today by the executive committee of the Council. Mr. Tuvim succeeds to the position previously held by Harry L. Shapiro, newly-elected Executive Vice-Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal.

The American Zionist Emergency Council, which is the public relations arm of the Zionist movement in the United States, is composed of representatives from the seven Zionist parties in this country.

Mr. Tuvim, whose appointment was unanimously approved by the executive committee of the Council, has been with the organization almost since its inception. During the past five years, he was Director of Special Events. In this capacity he coordinated all public demonstrations, mass meetings, conferences, radio and television events sponsored by the Council.

Prior to his affiliation with this body, Mr. Tuvim was with the Jewish National Fund and the Associated Musicians of Greater New York, Local 802, A. F. of M. For a number of years, he was Executive Director of the American ORT.

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Special Airmail Communication sent to Father Awad from Lebanon on November 29, 1948

#### THE CONFISCATION OF AL-HODA

The Lebanese Government has given an order to the post office to confiscate every issue of Al-Hoda which carries anything pertaining to the present campaign against the men of the Era. Many a time the paper reaches the subscribers with a few pieces cut out and some parts missing completely, because in these missing parts there was mention made of Al-Hoda's editor returning his decoration to the Government. This struck the men of the Government like a thunderbolt, and the articles in Father Awad's Free Forum keep them awake nights. As they have no other way to reach the author of the Free Forum, they avenge themselves by confiscating Al-Hoda. Still, in spite of all these measures, some news does reach the Lebanese press, and four papers (Al-Amal, Al-Ahrah, Al-Beyraq and Ad-Dabbour) have published long editorials on Al-Hoda's campaign against the men of the Government.



Dear Dr. Silver,

I think you will be interested in this translation of a letter which just reached Father Awad from Lebanon and which discloses the extent of the effect Al-Hoda's campaign is having in the Lebanon.

Very best regards,

*Salomon Schwartz*



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FOR RELEASE: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1948

DR. SILVER PAYS TRIBUTE TO COURAGE AND SACRIFICES OF ISRAEL

AND JEWISH PEOPLE IN STATEMENT MARKING

FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF U.N. PARTITION RESOLUTION

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CALLS FOR "WORK, SKILL AND UNFAILING SUPPORT"

OF NEW STATE BY JEWS OF THE WORLD

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New York, November 28 -- In a statement marking the first anniversary of the United Nations' partition resolution, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council, today asserted that the Jewish people must "remain mobilized and alerted" in support of the new State of Israel.

Declaring that it was certain that as a result of the courage and sacrifices on the part of the State of Israel and the Jewish people, "what has been established has been firmly established and what has been achieved is irrevocable," Dr. Silver expressed the hope that the coming year would see the admission of Israel into the United Nations and the establishment of peace and prosperity in the Holy Land.

The full statement, issued on behalf of all official Zionist bodies in the United States, represented in the American Zionist Emergency Council, follows:

"The year which has elapsed since November 29th has been one of the most momentous in Jewish history. Three unprecedented events give it its tremendous importance: the recognition by the United Nations of the right of the Jewish people to establish their state in Palestine, the proclamation of the State of

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Israel by the Yishuv, and the remarkable and successful military defense of this State by the people of Israel.

"This year was characterized by vacillation and indecision on the part of governments and of the United Nations itself but also by unshaken steadfastness and resolution on the part of the State of Israel and the Jewish people. It is certain that as a result of the courage and sacrifices, what has been established has been firmly established and what has been achieved is irrevocable. The great political hurdles have been manipulated. The organization of the State has been consolidated. Many serious problems still remain but none that cannot be solved by work, skill and unfailing support on the part of the Jews of the world. We must remain mobilized and alerted. One of the deepest satisfactions of this year has been the unprecedented flow of Jewish immigration into Israel. With increasing financial support from us the State of Israel will be able at the present rate quickly to empty the DP camps of Europe and offer a haven to many other endangered Jews in other parts of the world.

"This has been a year of struggle, achievement and victory. We must now tense ourselves for the long pull ahead. I trust that the coming year will see the admission of the State of Israel into the United Nations and the establishment of peace and prosperity in the Holy Land."



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Contract Clause Blocks Bus Line

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

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## ZIONISTS NAME PRESIDUM

### American Council Appoints Group to Head Body

The American Zionist Council announced yesterday the election of a preidium of four to head the organization for the next three months, after which permanent leadership of the Council will be decided.

The group will act in the place of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, who served as chairman of the council and declined re-election. He was elected honorary chairman and the council adopted a resolution expressing gratitude to him "for the eminent service rendered to the Zionist cause."

The presidium is composed of Benjamin G. Browdy, acting president of the Zionist Organization of America; Mrs. Judith Epstein, former president of Hadassah; Baruch Zuckerman, president of Poale Zion, the Labor Zionist Organization of America, and Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, professor at Yeshiva University and a leader of the Mizrahi Organization of America.

## DP BILLS ARE 'ANALYZED'

### But Senate Group Reaches No Decision on Measures

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

WASHINGTON, June 17—A Senate Judiciary subcommittee in charge of bills to liberalize the displaced persons law met inconclusively for two hours today.

Senator Pat McCarran of Nevada, committee chairman, said afterward that the conference had involved "an analysis" of the pending bills that was not completed. Another meeting will be held soon.

Before the subcommittee assembled, Senator Alexander Wiley of Wisconsin, senior Republican member of the full Judiciary Committee, made public a letter to Mr. McCarran urging that this session of Congress amend the law to open this country's doors wider to the dispossessed of Europe.

Otherwise, he asserted, there would be a "severe wave of regret and disappointment in the American people, and very justifiably so."

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on Seventh Avenue and that busy  
thoroughfare will get the first of  
the new installations, he added.  
Prevailing rates for laying under-  
ground piping is \$5 a linear foot.

Except for some modernization  
along Eighth Avenue after the  
elevated line structure was torn  
down, Harlem's traffic light sys-  
tem is about twenty years old.

Although traffic rules call for  
the motorist in Manhattan to stop  
back of the pedestrian crosswalk  
on the near side of any intersec-  
tion he is approaching when the  
light ahead of him shall turn red  
most drivers ignore the regulation  
and stop only when they reach a  
signal, generally placed three to  
four blocks apart.

Reflection of the sun on the un-  
shielded face of the lights on the  
tall masts and towering trees on  
the islands that separate north and  
south bound traffic on some of the  
longitudinal routes also contribute  
to accidents, studies showed. The  
new program will seek to remedy  
those failings.

Harlem is one of the few con-  
gested areas in the city without  
traffic light control at every in-  
teresection and its leaders have  
urged action for some months.  
They finally enlisted police sym-  
pathy after a series of fatal night  
accidents at important corners.

The Traffic Commission dis-  
cussed briefly proposed legislation  
for parking meters but decided  
that the subject required further  
study and would be taken up again  
at its next meeting on July 1.

## ASKS TELEPHONE INQUIRY

### CIO Union Urges Congress to Scan A. T. & T. Labor Policies

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

CHICAGO, June 17—The Com-  
munications Workers of America,  
an affiliate of the Congress of  
Industrial Organizations, today  
sought a Congressional investiga-  
tion of the American Telephone  
and Telegraph Company. The CWA  
holds contracts with a majority of  
the A. T. & T.'s twenty-three  
affiliates.

Joseph A. Beirne, the CWA's  
president, was directed in a resolu-  
tion approved by the organization's  
convention to ask the Senate and  
House to investigate the telephone  
company's labor practices and "its  
relations with associated com-  
panies."

The resolution also urged a Con-  
gressional inquiry on "the power  
and influence of A. T. & T. on the  
National Labor Relations Board's  
general counsel, Robert Denham."

"The telephone workers," the  
resolution read, "are without any  
speedy and adequate legal recourse  
and are, therefore, appealing to  
Congress."

## 876 DP'S ARRIVE HERE

### Army Transport Brings Poles, Latvians and Lithuanians

The United States Army trans-  
port General C. C. Ballou arrived  
here yesterday morning with 876  
displaced persons from Bremer-  
haven.

Mrs. Sarah Teig, aunt of Dr.  
Isidor I. Rabi, Professor of Physics  
at Columbia and 1944 winner of  
the Nobel award in physics, was  
greeted at the pier by two sons,  
a disabled United States vet-  
eran who served in the Pacific.  
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AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL  
342 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

## MEMORANDUM

**To** Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

**Date** December 6, 1948

**From** Harry Steinberg

Can you send to us -- or arrange to have sent to us -- the latest directory of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. We plan to select from this directory the names of the leading 25 or 30 Reform Rabbinical leaders of Zionist persuasion in our campaign to promote and publicize Ruth Gruber's DESTINATION PALESTINE.

Kindest regards and many thanks.

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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: All Food for Israel Chairmen  
and District Presidents

DATE: December 7, 1948

FROM: Manuel Posy, A.Z.F. Director

SUBJECT:

We are receiving large quantities of juices and soups for shipment to Israel. Juices and soups are not acceptable under any circumstances. It would be appreciated if you were to instruct all of the committees who are responsible for the Food for Israel Project in your district to avoid receiving gifts of this nature.

High priority commodities that are being sought at this time are as follows:

egg powder	canned vegetables
canned cheese	canned fruit
milk powder	vegetable fat
peas	canned milk
canned fish (tuna, salmon, sardines)	canned coffee
hard candy	tea
sugar, minimum 100 lb. lots	
vegetable oils	

Kindest regards.

*Manuel Posy*

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December 9, 1948

Mr. Harry Steinberg  
AmericanZionist Emergency Council  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Steinberg:

Under separate cover we are sending you a copy of the directory of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. Since it is our only copy and since we use it very frequently, I shall very much appreciate your returning it to us as quickly as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

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ZIONIST MEMORANDUM ON BRITISH ROLE IN WAR AGAINST ISRAEL  
CHARGES BRITISH GOVERNMENT IS ACTIVE ALLY OF ARAB STATES

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BRITISH THREAT OF UNILATERAL ACTION IN SUPPORT OF EGYPT IS DESIGNED TO INDUCE  
U.S. INTO JOINING SANCTIONS MOVE AGAINST ISRAEL, ZIONIST COUNCIL DECLARES

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New York, Jan. 6 -- The American Zionist Emergency Council today released the text of a memorandum charging that "the most recent actions of Great Britain with regard to Israel have established conclusively that the British Government is in fact an active ally of the Arab states in their war against Israel." The Council is headed by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman, and represents all Zionist organizations in the United States.

The memorandum, which is being submitted to members of Congress and other leaders of American public opinion, assails the British Government's threat of unilateral action in support of Egyptian warfare with Israel and declares: "Great Britain obviously hopes to induce the United States into joining a renewed British attempt to bring about the imposition of sanctions against Israel by the Security Council, and in order to achieve this, Britain warns that if she fails to bring about the international action she desires she will be 'compelled' to act unilaterally in support of Egypt."

Noting that Israeli accusations concerning British troop movements to the port of Aqaba in Transjordan have now been confirmed by British sources, the memorandum states: "Having committed itself to the support of Egyptian warfare against

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Israel, it would seem that the British Government is now concerned lest peace materialize between Transjordan and Israel. If the British-officered, British-supplied and British-financed Transjordan Arab Legion should re-enter the war at any time in the future, it will be generally understood that Great Britain alone will be responsible."

Declaring that "at this time the American Government and people would profit from a review of the British record in the war against Israel," the memorandum presents a six-point outline of that record, as follows:

"1. Immediately after the adoption of the partition resolution by the United Nations General Assembly on November 29, 1947, the British authorities in Palestine systematically and deliberately opened the frontiers of that country to armed Arab bands entering for the express purpose of engaging in a military struggle with the Jews in order to upset the decision of the United Nations by force of arms. At the same time, British representatives in Arab countries incited and encouraged the Arab states to greater efforts against the Jews and the United Nations resolution.

"2. Britain also actively participated in this aggression by supplying the Arab states with financial aid, by creating a stockpile of war supplies and equipment for the Arabs, by providing officers and administrative help to the invaders. Simultaneously, Britain made every effort to prevent the Jews from arming for their own defense.

"3. When - despite all of these British maneuvers - the Arab attacks did not succeed in overcoming Jewish resistance and the State of Israel was proclaimed on May 14, 1948, Great Britain encouraged the Arab governments to launch full-scale military invasions of Palestine with the declared aim of over-running and subjugating Israel. The attack was led by the Transjordan Arab Legion, a military force completely equipped, financed and officered by Great Britain.

"4. In the early days of the war, when the invaders were on the move, Great Britain did nothing to bring hostilities to a halt, but, on the contrary, maneuvered ceaselessly in the Security Council to keep the Arab states from being punished as aggressors. At that time Great Britain saw no violation of the United Nations Charter, although the action of the Arab states in invading Palestine was explicitly  
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denounced as international aggression by United States Delegate Warren Austin (May 22, 1948). Then the British worked indefatigably to induce the Security Council to refrain from taking the action which was clearly indicated.

"5. However, when the tide turned and the Israeli Army turned back the aggressors, there were immediate British moves for truces, Israeli troop withdrawals and --finally, the bitterest irony -- sanctions against Israel for successfully defending its own territory.

"6. Now that Israel has inflicted a series of decisive defeats on the Arab armies and has, in the course of one military engagement, attacked legitimate military objectives on Egyptian soil, Great Britain threatens unilateral military action against the Jewish state."

Pointing out that the United Nations truce "is being used by Egypt as a mere device to continue in occupation of territory outside the national boundaries of Egypt," the memorandum states: "In the circumstances, the Israeli Government is naturally concerned with the need to eliminate the aggression within its territory and the threat to its existence. Any military action undertaken by Israeli authorities and designed to expel the Egyptian invaders from its national territory and to eliminate this threat is a lawful and necessary exercise of sovereignty and is fully consonant with the fundamental right of self-defense accorded under international law to all sovereign States and referred to in Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations.

"As long as the necessity for such self-defense has not passed, it would be unjust and unfair to interfere with the conduct of military operations by one party only, permitting the Egyptian forces to occupy parts of Palestine but prohibiting Israel from taking action against the bases of the enemy's attack. If this attitude were sanctioned, it would amount to nothing less than assurance to the aggressor that he may indefinitely continue his attack in the knowledge that he will never suffer a counter-attack on his homegrounds.



"We cannot believe that the Government of the United States or the American people would for one moment sanction so biased and unfair an approach.

"It is generally understood today -- despite the distortions and misrepresentations of British propagandists -- that Israel has no designs on the territory of any of its neighbors and retains but one objective in its current defense of its political and territorial integrity: peace. The prolongation of the conflict, and the resulting strain on the young state's economy, has created an unendurable situation for Israel and its people -- a situation which cannot be further continued if Israel is to maintain itself economically. It has no alternative but to compel Egypt to negotiate peace -- and this all-important fact must be considered in connection with Israeli military operations in the Negev.

"Finally, it is respectfully suggested that the Government of the United States should refuse to lend itself, either directly or indirectly, either in its diplomatic relations with the parties to the Palestine controversy or as a member of the General Assembly, the Security Council, and the Palestine Conciliation Commission of the United Nations, to any attempt to restrict the freedom of Israel to eject the Egyptian invaders. Instead, it is respectfully suggested that the Government of the United States, both in its direct relations with the parties to the controversy and as a member of the United Nations, should pursue the aim of achieving an armistice and peace between Egypt and Israel on the basis of mutual respect of the respective territories of the two States."



January 7, 1949

Miss Shulamith Schwartz  
American Zionist Emergency Council  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York 17, New York

My dear Shulamith:

Are you making any progress on my volume of addresses? I should be interested to know how you are getting along.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL ANNOUNCES FULL MOBILIZATION

EFFORT TO HALT NEW BRITISH OFFENSIVE AGAINST ISRAEL

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DISCLOSES PLANS FOR NATIONWIDE ACTION

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New York, January 11 -- The American Zionist Emergency Council today announced that it is mobilizing all of its local committees throughout the United States -- which are organized in more than 400 communities -- in a campaign aimed at the current British military and political offensive against Israel. The Council, which speaks for the entire Zionist movement in this country, is headed by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

The first step in this direction was taken by the Council through a statement reproduced in large display advertisements appearing in a number of New York and Washington newspapers. Within a week it is expected that similar advertisements will appear in other large cities.

In its statement the Council declared: "The British Government is launching a new war against Israel -- even as direct armistice negotiations between Egypt and Israel are getting under way.

"The evidence is clear and unmistakable:

"Great Britain has admitted that British troops have been sent to the port of Aqaba in Transjordan. A long-standing truce has been in effect between Israel and Transjordan. It would seem that the British Government is concerned lest this truce eventuate into a permanent peace between the two countries. If the British-dominated Transjordan Arab Legion should re-enter the war at any time in the future, it will be clear that Great Britain alone will be responsible....

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"British propagandists are trying to make it appear as if current British military moves were 'provoked' by the shooting down of RAF planes by the Israelis. It should, therefore, be remembered that the aforementioned British troop movements to Aqaba were first disclosed by Israel almost two weeks ago.

"Great Britain has persisted in sending planes into the battlefront areas of the Palestine war, but assumes an air of righteous indignation when the inevitable happens and British aircraft are shot down. It will be recalled that both Winston Churchill and Anthony Eden recently arose in the House of Commons to question the necessity and propriety of sending Royal Air Force planes over such a 'dangerous and delicate' area. Nevertheless, Mr. Bevin continued to send British planes into this 'dangerous and delicate' area. Why?

"Great Britain has been forced into the open and stands revealed before world opinion in her true role — the real enemy of Israel. She can no longer cloak her own selfish ambitions behind the actions of the Arab states whom she had encouraged to make war on Israel. The Arab aggressors have been defeated, and Britain must either become reconciled to a settlement which will keep Israel's political independence and territorial integrity intact, or commit British arms and troops to a new war against Israel....

"American interest in peace in the Middle East can best be served by a firm warning to the British Government to desist from its present policy of war and intrigue against Israel."

In a memorandum sent today to its 400 local committees, the Council strongly urged unprecedented efforts to make American public opinion aware of the true facts of the present situation created by the latest British maneuvers against the Jewish State.

The national Zionist organizations affiliated with the Council include the following: Zionist Organization of America, Hadassah, Mizrahi Organization of America, Labor Zionist Organization of America-Poale Zion, United Zionists-Revisionists of America, Hashomer Hatzair, Achdut Havodah-Poale Zion (United Labor Zionist Party).



# **PRESS' RELEASE from AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL**

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NATIONAL EXTRAORDINARY CONFERENCE OF 80 JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS DRAWS  
UP JOINT PROGRAM OF ACTION TO SAFEGUARD ISRAEL FROM ANY ATTEMPTS  
TO INTERFERE WITH ITS "PEACE, PROGRESS AND TERRITORIAL STABILITY"

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DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER AND AUBREY S. EBAN ADDRESS 200 CONFERENCE DELEGATES

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New York, January 19 --- The extraordinary conference of 80 national Jewish organizations, called together at the invitation of the American Zionist Emergency Council, unanimously resolved last night at its unprecedented session at the Park Sheraton Hotel in New York City to sponsor a "joint effort to draw... American public opinion to the need of securing Israel against any further attempts to interfere with the attainment of peace, progress, and territorial stability in the Middle East."

Pointing at the recent "unwarranted military activities" aimed against Israel by the British Government, more than 200 delegates from the leading Jewish organizations in this country expressed their "earnest hope that all parties concerned will refrain from any action that might threaten the territorial integrity of Israel."

The historic national conference, in which Jewish groups of all affiliations participated -- Zionist, non-Zionist, social, religious, fraternal and labor -- had been convoked by the American Zionist Emergency Council for the purpose of formulating a united program of action to be undertaken by American Jewry to cope with the current Anglo-Israeli crisis. The principal speakers at last night's session were Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, head of the Council and chairman

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of the American Section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, and Mr. Aubrey S. Eban, chief Israeli delegate to the United Nations.

The conference also expressed its gratitude to President Harry S. Truman and the United States Government "for the just and unequivocal position taken by them in connection with recent British moves in the Middle East."

In his address, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver took note of yesterday's announcement from London that Jewish detainees on Cyprus would soon be permitted to leave for Israel. He termed this British decision as a "welcome, albeit very belated, step towards the rectification of a wrong which never should have been committed in the first place."

"The deportation of Jewish refugees and their internment on Cyprus was always illegal. Mr. Bevin insisted on maintaining this policy even after the British Mandate for Palestine expired, when Jewish immigration to Israel was not the concern of the British Government at all," Dr. Silver declared.

The distinguished Zionist leader then asked whether "this latest action of Mr. Bevin's (was) due to the rising storm of protest against his entire Palestine policy which threatens his control over British foreign affairs, or may we be permitted the hope that it represents the first step in a new -- a sane and just -- policy?"

Aubrey S. Eban, Israel's young delegate to the United Nations, presented a review of recent events in the Middle East. Commenting upon the recent peace efforts of the Jewish State, Mr. Eban declared: "The Government of Israel has consistently upheld the view that the conclusion of a peace settlement must arise as a direct consequence of the relations between Israel and the Arab states."

"Throughout the sessions of the General Assembly in Paris, our delegation tenaciously advocated the view that the points at issue between Israel and the Arab states could best respond to the processes of direct negotiation and should not be the subject of arbitrary solutions imposed from outside," he emphasized.

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"It is clear, therefore, that in negotiating on their differences under the auspices of the United Nations, the Governments of Israel and Egypt are conforming with the clearly expressed will of the international community. The very act of negotiation itself, irrespective of its outcome, marks an important stage in the development of normal Arab-Jewish relations. Deeply as it cherishes its ties of friendship with many great countries throughout the world, Israel must always regard as one of its major objectives the establishment of neighborly relations with the immediate world in which it lives," Mr. Eban told the assembly.

The full text of the Resolutions and the list of organizations participating in last night's conference are included on the following pages:





RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT THE EXTRAORDINARY CONFERENCE CONVENED  
AT THE HOTEL PARK SHERATON, IN NEW YORK CITY, JANUARY 18, 1949,  
BY THE AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

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1. The American Jewish organizations mentioned below, representing the vast majority of American Jewry, were shocked by the unwarranted military activities of the British Government on the borders of Israel. It is regrettable that these activities were responsible for the death of British pilots and tended to prejudice the pacification efforts of the United Nations and the establishment of friendly relations between Israel and its neighbors. It is our earnest hope that there will be no further activities of this nature and that all parties concerned will refrain from any action that might threaten the territorial integrity of Israel and the peace of the Middle East.

2. The Jewish organizations mentioned below express their gratitude to the President and Government of the United States for the unequivocal position taken by them in connection with recent British moves in the Middle East. By its insistence that nothing be allowed to interfere with the armistice negotiations at Rhodes and that peace between Israel and the Arab States must be based on mutual respect of their territories, the United States has enhanced its position as the leader in the fight for peace and justice in the world.

3. The Jewish organizations mentioned below send a message of solidarity and encouragement to the people and the Government of Israel. Israel can be assured that in the just struggle to maintain its independence and territorial integrity, no less than in the effort to absorb and rebuild the lives of all those to whom Israel offers the only hope for a productive life, and to consolidate the country on the basis of peace, justice and progress, it will have the unfailing support of the Jewish community in America.

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4. The Jewish organizations mentioned below call upon their affiliated groups and upon the American Jewish community in general to continue their joint efforts to draw the attention of American public opinion and of the leaders of the American people to the need of securing Israel against any further attempts to interfere with the attainment of peace, progress and territorial stability in the Middle East.

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The following organizations accepted the invitation of the American Zionist Emergency Council to the Conference:

Achdut Havodah - Poale Zion  
Agudas Israel World Organization  
Agudas Israel of America  
American Council of Jews from Austria  
American Federation for Lithuanian Jews  
American Federation of Jews from Central Europe  
American Federation of Polish Jews  
American Jewish Congress  
American Jewish Congress - Women's Division  
American Palestine Jewish Legion  
American Red Mogen Dovid for Palestine  
Anti-Defamation League - B'nai B'rith  
Assembly of Hebrew Orthodox Rabbis of America and Canada  
Bessarabian Federation of American Jews  
B'nai B'rith  
B'nai B'rith Women's Supreme Council  
B'nai Zion  
Brith Trumpeldor  
Central Sephardic Jewish Community of America  
Federated Council of Palestine Institutions  
Federation of Palestine Jews  
Free Sons of Israel  
Habonim  
Hadassah  
Hapoel Hamizrachi  
Hashomer Hadati  
Hashomer Hatzair  
Hechalutz  
Histradrut Ivrit  
Independent Order Brith Abraham  
Independent Order Brith Sholom  
Intercollegiate Zionist Federation of America  
Israel Corporation of America  
Jewish National Fund  
Jewish National Workers' Alliance  
Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.  
Jewish War Veterans - Ladies' Auxiliary

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Junior Hadassah  
Junior Mizrachi  
Masada  
Mizrachi Organization of America  
Mizrachi Women's Organization  
National Association of Jewish Center Workers  
National Committee for Labor Israel  
National Council of Jewish Women  
National Council of Young Israel  
National Federation of Hebrew Teachers  
National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs of the United  
Synagogue of America  
National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods  
National Federation of Temple Youth  
National Jewish Welfare Board  
National Women's League of United Synagogue of America  
Palestine Economic Corporation  
Palestine Foundation Fund  
Pioneer Women's Organization  
Poale Zion - Labor Zionist Organization of America  
Progressive Order of the West  
Rabbinical Assembly of America  
Rabbinical Council of America  
Sephardic Brotherhood of America  
Synagogue Council of America  
Union of American Hebrew Congregations  
Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations  
Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations - Women's Branch  
Union of Orthodox Rabbis  
Union of Sephardic Congregations  
United Galician Jews of America  
United Galician Jews of America - Women's Division  
United Hungarian Jews of America  
United Roumanian Jews of America  
United Synagogue of America  
United Zionists - Revisionists  
Women's League for Palestine  
Young Judaea  
Zionist Organization of America



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CITY OF NEW YORK  
DEPARTMENT OF WELFARE  
902 Broadway  
New York 10, N.Y.

January 27, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman  
Jewish Agency for Palestine  
16 East 66th Street  
New York 21, New York

Dear Dr. Silver:

I was glad to receive your letter of January 24, 1949 with reference to street solicitation by Jewish organizations.

The Department of Welfare is working closely with the Police Department in an effort to impose reasonable though effective regulation upon the use of sound trucks. We cannot, however, interfere with the freedom of public solicitation enjoyed by religious organizations and the activities of these groups can only be restrained by an appeal such as yours.

I shall be glad to cooperate with you in every way possible.

Very truly yours,

Philip Sokol  
Special Assistant Corporation Counsel



MRS. ARCHIBALD SILVERMAN  
210 BLACKSTONE BOULEVARD  
PROVIDENCE 6, RHODE ISLAND

Jan. 31, 1949.

Dr. Abba Hella Silver,  
% Jewish Agency,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Silver,

A speaking engagement prevents me from attending the farewell party to Dr. Jorge Garcia Granados on Feb. 2nd.

Nothing would have given me greater pleasure than to have been there, first, to extend my own felicitations, and, secondly, to thank him in Archie's name, for the letters of introduction he sent Archie, who is, at this



moment, enjoying the sun-  
shine and hospitality of  
Guatemala City.

Please convey my very  
best wishes to Dr. Brandeis.

Sincerely yours,  
Ida L. Eisenman.

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February 24, 1949

Miss Shulamith Schwartz  
American Zionist Emergency Council  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York 17, New York

My dear Miss Schwartz:

I wonder whether you could give me an idea of how much progress you are making with the book and how long you estimate it will take you to conclude it. I should like to see the book go to press within two months.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER CONGRATULATES ISRAEL  
FOR ITS ROLE IN ACHIEVEMENT OF EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI ARMISTICE

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LAUDS DR. BUNCHE AND BRIG. GENERAL RILEY FOR  
"NOTABLE PART" TAKEN BY THEM "IN THE CAUSE OF PEACE"

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New York, February 25 -- Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council, today expressed the congratulations of the American Zionist movement to the government of Israel for the successful completion of the negotiations at Rhodes culminating in the Egyptian-Israeli armistice.

In a wire sent to Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Shertok, Dr. Silver, in behalf of the Council, which represents all official Zionist bodies in the United States, lauded the "magnificent stand taken by Israel in pursuit of an honorable peace."

The Zionist leader expressed the hope that "this first armistice which consolidates the territorial position of Israel and stretches a hand of peace across Israel's borders presage similar agreements with the rest of Israel's neighbors and result in durable peace and friendship between them."

Dr. Silver also paid tribute to the role taken during the negotiations at Rhodes by the two leading American figures in the UN Mediation body -- Dr. Ralph Bunche and Brig. General William E. Riley -- "who labored so hard and so ably in the cause of peace."

The full text of Dr. Silver's wire follows:

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HON. MOSHE SHEROK  
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
KIRYA, TEL AVIV, ISRAEL

ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL AND ZIONISTS OF AMERICA  
I HAVE THE HONOR TO TRANSMIT TO YOU AND TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF ISRAEL  
OUR HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS ON THE HISTORIC ACHIEVEMENT OF THE EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI  
ARMISTICE.

WE ARE HAPPY OVER THE NOTABLE PART TAKEN IN THE ARMISTICE NEGOTIATIONS BY  
THE MEMBERS OF THE ISRAELI DELEGATION AT RHODES AND BY OUR TWO FELLOW CITIZENS  
ACTING UNITED NATIONS MEDIATOR DR. RALPH BUNCHE AND BRIGADIER GENERAL WILLIAM E.  
RILEY WHO HAVE LABORED SO HARD AND SO ABLY IN THE CAUSE OF PEACE.

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STRETCHES A HAND OF PEACE ACROSS ISRAEL'S BORDERS PRESAGE SIMILAR AGREEMENTS  
WITH THE REST OF ISRAEL'S NEIGHBORS AND RESULT IN DURABLE PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP  
BETWEEN THEM.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER, CHAIRMAN  
AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL



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DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER CHAIRMAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

342 MADISON AVENUE NEWYORKCITY

LS/192 DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS ON  
OCCASION OF CONCLUSION OF ARMISTICE WITH EGYPT STOP YOUR  
APPRAISAL OF ITS FARREACHING SIGNIFICANCE HAS CAUSED US ALL  
GREAT SATISFACTION STOP CORDIAL GREETINGS

MOSHE SHERTOK



March 4, 1949

CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Harry Steinberg  
American Zionist Emergency Council  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York 17, New York

My dear Friend:

Thank you so much for the memorandum which you sent me. I agree with your reasoning and I would suggest that you explore the situation further. I should like to have some more information about the group of women - how many are there, who are its leaders, what have they been doing and what are they interested in doing, and to what extent are they prepared to become a real fighting unit?

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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MEMORANDUM

TO: DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

FROM: HARRY STEINBERG

In view of the present internal difficulties which seem to have beset American Zionism and have had repercussions on the world scene, (or vice versa) I should like to offer the following observation and suggestion:

It is obviously a coalition of Mapai-JDC-Zionist Malcontents-Hadassah forces which is trying to embarrass and unseat the present Zionist leadership, each for reasons of its own. Equally apparent is the fact that at this stage of the game it is exceedingly difficult if not impossible for us to change the thinking of Mapai, JDC, and the malcontents within. As far as the latter is concerned, I know that our leadership will do what it can to trounce them properly at the proper time, and I, for one, have every confidence that this can be done.

However, a victory for the ZOA administration at its next convention, no matter how overwhelming, will not suffice. The world aspects of the struggle, particularly as they affect fund-raising, will not be changed by such a victory alone.

For some time now I have been persuaded that Hadassah holds the key to the solution to many of our major problems. Had Hadassah not sabotaged the ZOA, had it not given encouragement and support to your enemies, we would today not be in the position we find ourselves. Much talk has been bruited about as to how to deal with Hadassah, but to the best of my knowledge no action of any kind has been taken which would make Hadassah think twice before actively joining the opposition.

Hadassah remains free to pursue its present course as long as it can suffer no reprisals, as long as its position cannot be threatened. Its nonsense would immediately come to an end, however, once its leaders were convinced that the ZOA can do harm to it to the same extent, (if not greater) that it is harming the ZOA. Talk of setting up a rival group to Hadassah should immediately be translated into action. It is long overdue.

This new group - (call it JEWISH WOMEN FOR ISRAEL, or WOMEN'S DIVISION, ZOA) should be provided with funds until it gets on its feet so that it can take the limelight away from Hadassah. It should sponsor all sorts of drives which will give it publicity - and its program in Israel should also be along lines of social welfare. It should become an integral part of the Zionist Movement.

I feel confident that the proper leadership can be found which will take over such an organization and make it tick. Once such an organization shows evidences of making strides, I believe the present Hadassah leadership will sing a different tune.



M E M O R A N D U M

TO: DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

FROM: HARRY STEINBERG

March 9, 1949.

Following our talk of yesterday, I send this as a clarification of some aspects of the project under discussion including whatever differences of opinion which seem to exist as to procedure and strategy.

At the outset I should like to state that I was not a part of any of the previous discussions or attempts to organize either a Women's Division or an opposition group within Hadassah, and am therefore perhaps not as well acquainted with the background of this undertaking as I should be. Also, in submitting to you the original memo on this subject I did not visualize this as a project for myself, for obvious reasons. I shall continue to explore the matter for as long as you deem desirable, but I feel we will be soon reaching the stage where we will need the services of a professional woman director on a full-time basis. (Indeed, two names have already been suggested for the post.)

My statement that a nucleus existed for the new organization - people opposed to the present Hadassah leadership - was based on information I received from the Torczyner brothers, and Joe Greenleaf. In my talks with these men they have mentioned such names as Mrs. Dora Inselbuch, Mrs. Birnbaum of Newark, Mrs. Sol Collins of Portchester, Mrs. Milton Lukashok of New York City, Mrs. Rose Bender of Philadelphia, Mrs. Louis Schwefel (at present in Israel), and possibly Mrs. Rose Jacobs. Several other names were also mentioned but more significant than the names is the conviction on the part of these men that there is a substantial latent opposition within the ranks which has not come to the surface and that once some sort of organized opposition is formed literally hundreds of women will flock to the new banner.

As to the formula for proceeding - while my memo dealt only with the subject of a rival organization, I did not mean to dismiss the possibility of an opposition within Hadassah, such as a Committee To Democratize Hadassah. Our main objective as I see it - and as I pointed out in my memo - is to bring the Hadassah leadership into line so as to support the ZOA leadership in both Zionist and Jewish affairs generally. Whether this can best be done by the creation of a rival group or by an internal opposition - or by a combination of such groups working in close cooperation - is a matter for serious thought and one on which we should have the benefit of your views. None of us here is prepared to assume the responsibility for such a decision.

I must add that I was quite impressed with some of the arguments of the Torczyner boys who feel that an opposition group is preferable, for several reasons: (1) Hadassah is already a large working group with considerable prestige in the U.S. and votes in the Congress. To neutralize or win over this group, even partially, would constitute a major victory. (2) Hadassah has many vulnerable chapters which can be "cracked". (3) The time element: intensive work within Hadassah will produce results quicker than can be gotten by building up a rival setup



which of necessity entails a long-range operation. (4) Assuming our objective is attained, what do we do with the new group which has been created? (Point 2, of course, remains to be proven.)

I should like to add a personal observation which in the final analysis will determine the success or failure of this entire project, as well as it will, indeed, determine the future course of the ZOA itself. I speak of the obvious lack of enthusiasm and the gradual deterioration of morale which is besetting our people, even those who are closest to the administration. As one of them put it: "I don't mind fighting but I want to know just what it is I am fighting for. I want to know what is going to happen to the ZOA itself. And I want to know whether our leaders are going to fight with us." ..... "There is no point in doing much with Hadassah unless we are going to fight and win inside the ZOA." Such an attitude is becoming quite common among the ZOA personnel itself and I cannot overemphasize the importance of correcting this attitude.

My suggestion at this point is that on your next trip East you meet with the Torczyner brothers, Joe Greenleaf and with Sidney Marks for a thorough talk on this matter. If you wish, I shall be glad to arrange such a meeting. I am confident that from this meeting there can emerge renewed optimism and a better fighting spirit without which no victories can be won on any fronts. For it is these men and several others like them who are in the position to make the initial contacts with the women leaders before these women know precisely what their tasks are to be so that they may carry on on their own.

Meanwhile, I am scheduled to meet again with Jacques Torczyner and Joe Greenleaf on Friday at 4:00 to discuss this matter further.

Kindest personal regards.



AMERICAN CHRISTIAN PALESTINE COMMITTEE  
41 EAST 42nd STREET, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

## MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date March 11, 1949.

From Harry Steinberg

Harry Shapiro informs me that Mrs. Hannah Kirschner of Nashville, Tennessee, former president of the Southeast Region of Hadassah, and one who still enjoys a considerable following, is 100% with us. Mrs. Kirschner is a friend of Mortimer May. Then, of course, there is Mrs. Abe Goodman of Miami Beach Hadassah.

Jacques Torczyner has just phoned to postpone the meeting which had been scheduled for today with him and Greenleaf.

Kindest regards.



MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date March 11, 1949.

From Harry Steinberg

In the event you have not seen it, I call your attention to the article in the Jewish Chronicle, of London, England, dated March 4.

The article which appears on page 13, as a Letter from New York, under the heading THE U.S. FUND-RAISING CONTROVERSY, authored by "Americanus", gives a resume of the controversy which is completely biased against you.

Particularly invidious is the following: "One weird rumour, evidently considered to have some plausibility, as it came up at an official Zionist conference, was that Dr. Silver had devoted \$3,000,000 of U.P.A. money to the buying up of shekalim (necessary for Zionist Congress voting) in order to pack the Zionist Congress with his supporters."





March 14, 1949

Mr. Harry Steinberg  
American Christian Palestine Committee  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York 17, New York

My dear Friend:

Thank you for your note of March 11th and for the information about the article in the Jewish Chronicle of London. I would suggest that you have someone in the office immediately send a reply by air mail. Please let me know whether this has been attended to.

Please let me know also when you will hold the meeting with Torczyner and Greenleaf and what comes out of it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM

TO: DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

March 16, 1949.

FROM: HARRY STEINBERG

Regarding the matter under discussion, upon receipt of your note I contacted both Torczyner and Greenleaf for the purpose of setting a date to explore the matter further.

Both of these men - as you already know - are at this point gravely concerned over the situation within the ZOA and are very reluctant to become involved in a peripheral struggle, vital though they recognize it to be, unless the future of the ZOA itself is first resolved. To summarize their views: unless Dr. Silver is prepared to become a candidate for the presidency they feel they would be embarking on a project which may become abortive. This apprehension, they feel, is particularly valid in connection with the women's project because it is the kind of struggle which will have to be waged over a period lasting many months.

Both Torczyner and Greenleaf - who are working hard at the moment to ensure the success of the Monday night affair - are anxious for the opportunity to discuss this matter with you on your next trip to New York.

Assuming that we shall be forced, at least temporarily, to discount the assistance of these men, and perhaps others who are similarly minded, it might be well to give consideration to the hiring of a woman professional worker acquainted with the workings of Hadassah to look fully into the matter for us on a sub rosa basis. I understand from Sidney Marks that there is a young woman who may be available for such a project, and, also, that the matter of funds for her can be worked out. This professional worker could more freely follow up any "leads" we may have for her as well as dig up others on her own. She might also look into the matter of an alliance with the Women's League for Palestine, should you consider that strategy more feasible.

Kindest regards.



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BRONX ZIONIST REGION  
OF THE  
ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

40 West Burnside Avenue  
The Bronx 53, New York

March 16, 1949

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Chairman American Zionist Emergency Council  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I respectfully attach herewith resolutions passed by the members of the Executive Committee of the Bronx Zionist Region which represents a community of Jews numbering over 600,000 and which has played a significant role in the political battle for Israel.

As Zionists, it is our intention to go forward with all our activities, and to redouble our efforts in behalf of the State of Israel.

Very respectfully yours,

/s/ David Moskowitz  
President

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The Executive Committee of the Bronx Zionist Region at its regular meeting held March 14, 1949, having given earnest consideration to recent developments in the Zionist Movement in this country adopted the following resolution:

1. We wholeheartedly and unqualifiedly endorse the resolution adopted at the extraordinary Z.O.A. Conference held on February 13, 1949 at the Astor Hotel in New York expressing full confidence in and support of Dr. Emanuel Neumann, President of the Z.O.A. and Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council and of the policies they have pursued in relation to the controversy involving the United Palestine Appeal and the United Jewish Appeal.
2. We support the stand taken by Dr. Neumann and Dr. Silver at the recent meeting of the Executive of the Jewish Agency and approve their resignations therefrom.
3. We express our solidarity with the people of Israel and particularly with those of our brothers and sisters who are yet to come there. We realize that they must have the fullest financial support of the American Jewish community which can best manifest itself through a successful United Jewish Appeal. Accordingly, in their interests and in the interest of the welfare of Israel we pledge ourselves and urge our entire Region membership to exert their best endeavors to make the United Jewish Appeal of 1949 an unprecedented success.
4. Copies of these resolutions are to be forwarded to Dr. Neumann, Dr. Silver, Mr. Berle Locker of the Jewish Agency Executive, to Judge Morris Rothenberg, Acting Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, to Prime Minister Ben Gurion, and Foreign Minister Moshe Sharet of Israel.



MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date March 23, 1949

From Harry Steinberg

The enclosed material, which I assume you have already seen, came to my attention today. Not having noticed any publicity on this resolution, I telephoned Mr. Barbarash to inquire as to what had been done. He informed me that the resolution was to be printed in the forthcoming issue of the "New Palestine". I then suggested that as a minimum it should also appear in the Yiddish press and Mr. Barbarash said that he would take care of the matter. I also called David Moskowitz to find out why greater publicity has not been given to this action in the Bronx. He replied that he assumed that the Bronx region personnel would handle the matter properly, that "someone missed the ball" and that he would telephone the Bronx office to rectify matters. I also suggested to Mr. Moskowitz that copies be mailed to all of the members of the American Section and he said that this would be done.

It is my suggestion that the Z.O.A. personnel be alerted for such matters so that proper publicity can be given similar action at the time of their occurrence.

Kindest regards.

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April 11, 1949

Mr. Harry Steinberg  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Steinberg:

I believe that it was you who brought to my attention the article which appeared in the London Jewish Chronicle, which was so grossly distortional of the facts in connection with the recent UJA controversy. Rabbi Feuer sent a reply. Do you know whether that reply has appeared in the Chronicle?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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April 12, 1949

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

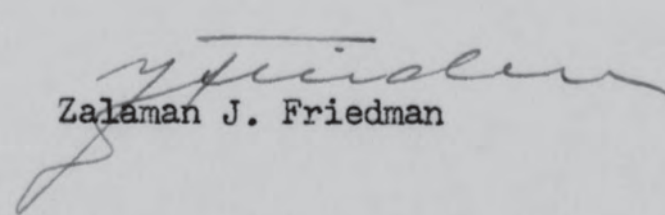
It gives me pleasure to enclose a copy of the first issue of the RED MOGEN DOVID NEWS, which has just come off the press.

I am sure that, as a member of our National Board of Sponsors, you will be interested in seeing this publication, which reflects the expanding activities of our organization here and of our parent body in Israel, the Magen David Adom.

The paper is being mailed to more than 200,000 throughout the United States, including our members, key leaders and executives in national and local organizations, editors, news and radio commentators, libraries, etc.

With warm appreciation for your interest in our cause, and with kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
Zalaman J. Friedman

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Encl.



## **PRESS RELEASE from AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL**

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

AMERICAN ZIONISTS WILL CELEBRATE FIRST ANNIVERSARY  
OF ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE ON MAY 4

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CELEBRATION WILL FEATURE MUSICAL AND SPEAKERS PROGRAM  
AT CARNEGIE HALL; MEMBERS OF NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA  
WILL BE LED BY IZLER SOLOMON, GUEST CONDUCTOR OF ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

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New York -- The American Zionist Emergency Council announced today that the first anniversary of Israel's statehood will be celebrated in the United States on May 4th. The date -- corresponding to the 5th day of the month Iyar on the Hebrew calendar -- has been designated by the Israeli Government as the official time of the anniversary celebration.

The Council, which is the public relations spokesman for all official Zionist parties in the United States, will stage a number of events of celebration on that day. Chief among them will be a musical program and meeting at Carnegie Hall on the evening of May 4th.

It has been announced that 75 members of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra will perform a program, suitable to the celebration, under the baton of Izler Solomon, conductor of the Columbus Philharmonic Orchestra. Mr. Solomon, who will leave for Israel on the following day, was the guest conductor of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra last summer at the time when the Jewish State proclaimed its independence. During the eleven weeks he spent in Israel, Mr. Solomon conducted thirty-three concerts. He took his orchestra to army camps and played

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for combat troops in the field, within earshot of enemy lines.

The Vinaver Chorus, well-known New York choral group, will sing a number of traditional Hebrew melodies. The chorus will be led by Chemjo Vinaver, its director.

In addition to the musical portion of the program, there will be featured several important addresses by American, Israeli and United Nations leaders. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the Council, will deliver one of the main addresses of the evening.

It has been disclosed that officials of the Israeli Government and members of all United Nations delegations have been invited to be present as guests of the Council.

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"Un hogar simpático"

# El Paso

May 3-1949.

Dr. Abba H. Silver.

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*"Overlooking the Plaza"*

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BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA  
HOTEL ADMIRAL SEMMES  
MOBILE, ALABAMA  
HOTEL WASHINGTON  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
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HOTEL JUNG  
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GALVESTON, TEXAS

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GALVESTON, TEXAS  
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GALVESTON, TEXAS  
HOTEL PLAZA  
LAREDO, TEXAS  
HOTEL LUBBOCK  
LUBBOCK, TEXAS

HOTEL FALLS  
MARLIN, TEXAS  
HOTEL CACTUS  
SAN ANGELO, TEXAS  
HOTEL MENDER  
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS  
ANGELES COURTS  
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS  
HOTEL MOUNTAIN LAKE  
MOUNTAIN LAKE, VIRGINIA



May 11, 1949

Mr. Harry Steinberg  
American Zionist Emergency Council  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York 17, New York

My dear Mr. Steinberg:

I would appreciate very much if you would have all the issues of "Palestine Affairs" bound for me, as well as the issues of "Palestine". I would like to keep them in a permanent form in my library.

I would also appreciate if you would collect all the important publications issued by the American Zionist Emergency Council and have them bound in some form. I realize that these brochures and pamphlets were of different sizes. Nevertheless, you may devise some form whereby they may be bound together.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Press Release from:  
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER HAILS ADMISSION OF ISRAEL  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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EXPRESSES GRATITUDE OF AMERICAN ZIONIST MOVEMENT  
TO 37 NATIONS WHO VOTED FOR ISRAEL'S ENTRY IN WORLD BODY

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New York, May 12 -- Greeting the admission of Israel to membership in the United Nations, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the American Zionist Council, today hailed this event as "the fulfillment of an historic chapter in international justice."

In a statement issued in behalf of the American Zionist Council, which is the political spokesman for all official Zionist groups in this country, the distinguished Zionist leader expressed the gratitude of the Council to the "thirty-seven member nations who voted in favor of Israel's admission to UN membership."

Paying special tribute to Israel on its election as the 59th member of the United Nations, Dr. Silver stated: "Having established their Government in accordance with a decision of the General Assembly of the United Nations, the heroic people of Israel endured the most bitter sacrifices to preserve their state and endow it with the full meaning of their ideals. The present victory, consummated under terms of peace and honor, is a tribute to the loyalty, fortitude and strength of the revitalized Jewish nation."

The full text of Dr. Silver's statement follows:

"With the admission of Israel to membership in the United Nations, the  
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world has witnessed the fulfillment of an historic chapter in international justice. Having established the right to self-government through its own strength and high moral precepts, Israel will now assume its rightful place as a member of that great international organization.

"The Zionist movement in the United States, which has played a significant role in the fulfillment of Zionist hopes and longings, expresses its gratitude to the thirty-seven member nations who voted in favor of Israel's admission to UN membership. It is especially gratifying to know that it was the unanimity of the nations of the West and the East on this issue that assured Israel's entry in the world body. Their decision represents a concrete achievement which will forever redound to the good name of the United Nations organization.

"It is not inappropriate, at this time, to recall the long and bitter struggle undertaken by the Jewish people to win for themselves the right to a free and independent statehood. Having established their Government in accordance with a decision of the General Assembly of the United Nations, the heroic people of Israel endured the most bitter sacrifices to preserve their state and endow it with the full meaning of their ideals. The present victory, consummated under terms of peace and honor, is a tribute to the loyalty, fortitude and strength of the revitalized Jewish nation.

"At this moment, the Zionist movement in the United States sends its most heartfelt felicitations to the people of Israel and their representatives in the Government of Israel. In this -- their hour of triumph -- we join with them in their celebration and thanksgiving. We wish them the fullest measure of success and accomplishment in their new position as an equal member in the world tribunal of nations.

"The United Nations, by this climactic stroke of history, has committed an act of justice, long overdue, which will forever enhance its prestige and advance its cause. Israel's admission to equal membership in this international body will, we feel, now pave the way for the attainment of peace, security and stability in the Middle East."



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### MEMORANDUM FROM: ABE TUVIM

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

This Council formally announces that in accordance with a decision adopted at a recent meeting of its plenum the name of this organization has been changed to AMERICAN ZIONIST COUNCIL.

Adopting a report by a special Scope Committee, whose function it was to re-define the future work and scope of the Council, the plenum accordingly announced the following decisions:

1. That the Council would continue to be the political and public relations spokesman for the official Zionist movement in the United States.

2. That it would be constituted by proportional representation from all of the American Zionist parties. These are: Zionist Organization of America; Hadassah; Mizrachi Organization of America; Labor Zionist Organization of America-Poale Zion; United Zionists-Revisionists of America; Hashomer Hatzair; United Labor Zionist Party (Achdut Avodah-Poale Zion).

3. That the Council's name henceforth will be AMERICAN ZIONIST COUNCIL.

4. That the permanent officers of the Council will be: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

5. That elections of these officers will be held annually at its May meeting. The nomination of candidates for office will be made through the instrumentality of a Nominations Committee, composed of members of each of the constituent parties.

The Council further disclosed that a Nominations Committee was appointed by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, its chairman, and that the election of officers would be held at the next session of the plenum scheduled at the end of this month.



# PRESS RELEASE

## from AMERICAN ZIONIST COUNCIL

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ZIONIST BODY ANNOUNCES ELECTION OF PRAESIDIUM OF FOUR TO SUCCEED  
DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER AS CHAIRMAN OF AMERICAN ZIONIST COUNCIL

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DR. SILVER UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED HONORARY CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL

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New York, June 17 -- The American Zionist Council announced today that a praesidium of four has been elected to succeed Dr. Abba Hillel Silver as chairman of the Council. The praesidium - which is composed of Benjamin G. Browdy, acting president of the Zionist Organization of America; Mrs. Judith Epstein, former president of Hadassah, Women's Zionist Organization of America; Baruch Zuckerman, president of the Labor Zionist Organization of America - Poale Zion; and Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, professor at Yeshiva University and leader of the Mizrachi Organization of America - will serve until September of the current year, at which time the permanent leadership of the Council will be chosen.

Dr. Silver was elected honorary chairman by a unanimous vote, and a resolution expressing the gratitude of the Council for "the eminent service rendered to the Zionist cause" by the distinguished Zionist leader was unanimously adopted by the Council.

The selection of a praesidium had been recommended by the Nominations Committee of the Council, which, in accordance with the new constitution of that body, had convened to nominate a slate of new officers for the forthcoming twelve months. Dr. Silver had previously declined to be a candidate for the chairmanship during the next term.

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In its report, the Nominations Committee recommended that a praesidium be instituted for the next three months; at the expiration of this period the permanent leadership of the Council will be determined.

The American Zionist Council, which is the official spokesman for all Zionist groups in the United States, is composed of: Zionist Organization of America; Hadassah, Women's Zionist Organization of America; Labor Zionist Organization of America - Poale Zion; Mizrachi Organization of America; United Zionist Labor Party (Achdut Avodah-Poale Zion); Hashomer Hatzair; and Zionists-Revisionists of America.

The full text of the Nominations Committee's report follows:

"RESOLVED that a praesidium consisting of four individuals with equal status and joint authority be designated for a period of three months, at the expiration of which the permanent leadership of the Council will be determined. The four individuals nominated by the Nominations Committee are: Mr. Benjamin G. Browdy, Mrs. Judith Epstein, Mr. Baruch Zuckerman and Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein.

"In recognition and appreciation of the eminent service rendered to the Zionist cause by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver as Chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council, the Nominations Committee unanimously resolves that Dr. Abba Hillel Silver be elected Honorary Chairman of the American Zionist Council."



# MR. TRUMAN:

## WHERE DO YOU STAND ON THIS ISSUE?



**1917**

*Area originally designated as the Jewish National Home in Palestine.*  
**45,000 square miles**



**1922**

*Area of Palestine following the amputation of Transjordan by Great Britain.*  
**10,000 square miles**



**1947**

*Area of the State of Israel as set up by the partition decision of the United Nations.*  
**5,678 square miles**



**1948**

*Area of the State of Israel under the proposed Bernadotte plan.*  
**2,180 square miles**

**The** 1948 platform of the Democratic Party states: "We approve the claims of the State of Israel to the boundaries set forth in the United Nations Resolution of November 29 and consider that modification thereof should be made only if fully acceptable to the State of Israel."

There was every reason to believe that this declaration—and our Government's leadership in bringing about the United Nations partition decision of November 29, 1947—represented American policy on Israel. Nevertheless, Secretary of State Marshall has urged acceptance "in their entirety" of the unjust territorial changes proposed in the Bernadotte report. No justification of this sudden and unwarranted reversal of policy has been offered by the Administration.

A glance at the last of these maps, depicting Israel's size under the proposed Bernadotte plan, makes it obvious that this pitifully small territory cannot absorb the hundreds of thousands of Jewish refugees who must emigrate there; nor can it provide for Israel's normal growth and development.

Is this what you had in mind, Mr. President?

If this is *not* what you had in mind, we respectfully submit that you should say so now, since the Bernadotte proposals are at this very moment under discussion by the United Nations General Assembly and its decision will be largely determined by the attitude of the American Government.

Which is it, Mr. President? The policy which you have stated in the past, which determined our Government's stand in November, 1947 and which is also the declared policy of your party—or the policy most recently expressed by Mr. Marshall, which is in violent contradiction to it?

We respectfully await your answer.

**AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL**  
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## Justice Oliver Decries City's Wire Tapping

'Man's Home Not His Castle,'  
He Tells Inquiry Resulting  
From the Chorem Case

Indiscriminate tapping of telephone wires by police in New York City was decried Monday by witnesses testifying before a hearing called by a special committee of the New York County Criminal Courts Bar Association.

Branding the practice as an invasion of privacy, Special Sessions Justice Frank Oliver charged that "a man's home is not his castle in New York; it is just an uncovered garbage can for the police to pick over."

Other witnesses at the hearing on wire-tapping practices agreed the tactic was proper in felony cases, but not in misdemeanors; insisted that police exceed their authority in wire-tapping, and condemned legal rules that admit wire-tapped transcripts as evidence whether they are obtained legally or not.

The hearing was held in the trial room of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, 36 West Forty-fourth Street. Herman Hoffman, president of the Criminal Courts Bar Association, presided, with Robert Daru as special counsel. Sitting with Mr. Hoffman were Leroy Campbell, Meyer Halpern, Abraham V. Kaplan and Martin Jarvis Sand.

The hearing was called as a result of complaints registered in the recent Nancy Chorem case, where wire-tapped evidence was used to obtain a conviction.

Witnesses testifying included Justice Oliver, District Attorney Miles F. McDonald of Kings County, City Magistrate Arthur Markewich; Herbert E. Rosenberg, of 233 Broadway, counsel for Mrs. Chorem; Emil K. Ellis, of 1270 Avenue of the Americas, chairman of the Bill of Rights Committee of the Federal Bar Association; and Louis Bender of the American Civil Liberties Union legal staff.

Justice Oliver said the search-and-seizure provisions of the state constitution bar searches without a warrant or wire-tapping without a court order. But he added:

"The mere mention of a warrant breaks judicial ribs with laughter. If you want to see a policeman roll on the floor, just mention the search-and-seizure provisions of the constitution."

Justice Oliver complained that court rulings have established the admissibility of wire-tapped evidence, even when that evidence has been obtained illegally. "That rule of evidence," he said, "is a halting ram for some of the worst tyranny I have ever seen."

Mr. McDonald told the committee that except for minor changes he believed the state procedures on wire tapping are proper. He said he did not believe wire tapping was being conducted indiscriminately, but he admitted that right now he himself did not know what wires are being tapped.

Referring to United States Supreme Court rulings that have barred wire-tapped evidence from the federal courts, Mr. McDonald asked, "Is there anything so sacrosanct about a telephone conversation that a man can plot a murder by phone and then his conversation cannot be used as evidence?"

## Burlingham Out For Frankenthaler

Fusion Democrat Is Head  
of Citizens Committee

Charles C. Burlingham, independent Democrat and leader in the municipal reform drive which produced the successful fusion movement of 1933, assumed the chairmanship Monday of the Citizens Committee for the Election of George Frankenthaler, Republican-Liberal candidate for Surrogate of New York County.

Mr. Frankenthaler, a former Justice of the Supreme Court, is in a three-corner race for the \$28,000 post with Judge John A. Mullen of General Sessions, the Democratic nominee, and O. John Zogge, candidate of the American Labor party.

Acceptance by Mr. Burlingham of the helm of the Frankenthaler committee was announced by Samuel Falk, the Republican's campaign manager at his headquarters, 100 East Forty-second Street. Mr. Burlingham is a former president of the Association of Bar of the City of New York, Welfare Council and the Council of Education.

Frankenthaler committee includes a number of prominent independent Democrats, according to Mr. Falk, has as its executive director Walter Hoving, department executive and director of United Negro College Fund. Secretary is Charles H. Tuttle, United States Attorney and an candidate for Governor.

As vice-chairman are Judge Edward R. Finch, Court of Appeals; former Philip J. McCook, of the Court; Adolf A. Berle Jr., Assistant Secretary of General party chairman; Stanley Isaacs; Al Folio, former City Clerk; Nathan D. Perlman; John F. X. Finn, University Law School; Robert C. Lawson, Refugee Temple, at 124th Street.

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# NO THIRD PARTITION OF PALESTINE

IN a sudden burst of speed, the British Government and our Administration are seeking to bring about the earliest adoption of the last Bernadotte proposals on Palestine by the General Assembly of the United Nations. The Bernadotte report recommends that the Negev, consisting of two-thirds of the State of Israel as set up by the United Nations Resolution of November 29, 1947, should be torn away from Israel and handed over to the Arab invaders, preferably Transjordan. It also proposes that Jerusalem be placed under United Nations control, without any corridor connecting it with Israel.

These proposals were put forward by Count Bernadotte merely as a basis for discussion, as his report makes clear. However, both Foreign Secretary Bevin and Secretary of State Marshall have chosen to ignore that fact and have urged acceptance of the Bernadotte plan *in toto*. The reason for this blanket endorsement and for their haste in trying to achieve the immediate adoption of the plan is transparent. It would seem that the British Foreign Office, whose longstanding hostility to the Jewish state has produced a lamentable record of deceit, is currently trying to make capital out of the assassination of Count Bernadotte—and our State Department is collaborating. They are attempting to railroad Count Bernadotte's plan through the General Assembly—as a monument to his memory—while his tragic death is still fresh in the public mind.

Such exploitation of a criminal act, committed by outlaws whom the State of Israel is trying to hunt down and root out, is what we have come to expect of Mr. Bevin's Foreign Office. But it is unworthy of our country and its traditions of justice. We do not think we are asking too much when we call upon the United States Government to deal with the Bernadotte proposals solely on their merits and quite apart from the tragedy of September 17.

## An Unjust, Unworkable Plan

When viewed objectively and dispassionately, we believe that the Bernadotte plan is manifestly unjust and unworkable. By cutting away the Negev from Israel, the plan would reduce the Jewish state in size by no less than 3,800 square miles, while a mere 420 square miles of rocky and hilly western Galilee would be added to it "in compensation." Thus, the entire State of Israel would consist of approximately 2,400 square miles—a tiny area incapable of absorbing and supporting the hundreds of thousands of Jewish refugees who are desperately seeking migration to Israel.

Moreover, if it were removed from Israel the Negev would be doomed to remain a desert wasteland; for the Jews alone are prepared to make it habitable by costly and extensive irrigation projects—something which is not to be expected from King Abdullah, whose 35,000 square miles are largely underpopulated and uncultivated.

Not to be overlooked also is the fact that cutting away the Negev would deprive Israel of the waters and minerals of the Dead Sea and thereby seal off an important avenue for economic development which the new state sorely needs. It would also deprive Israel of access to the Red Sea and render it extremely difficult for Israel to engage in commerce with the Far East and with Africa.

Perhaps one of the real reasons why it is now proposed to take the Negev from Israel and hand it over to Britain's puppet, Abdullah, is to be found in recent reports of oil deposits in that area. Surely the industry of Israel could use such a fuel reserve without remaining forever at the mercy of British-Arab production in Iraq.

Last year our State Department argued in the United Nations that the Negev should be removed from the Jewish state area. After the Jewish Agency agreed to the transfer of sizable portions of the Negev to the Arab state, the State Department ceased its agitation. On November 22, 1947, Herschel V. Johnson, our delegate to the United Nations, declared: "We think that the Jewish Agency has made, from its point of view, an equitable and fair proposal, and whatever reservation the United States delegation maintains with respect to this area (the Negev) is withdrawn."

Has anything happened since November 22, 1947, to warrant a change of this clearly-expressed attitude on the question of the Negev? Why, then, should our Government be a party to the latest British attempt to cripple Israel?

## The Jerusalem Proposal

The Bernadotte proposal regarding Jerusalem is surely the most unrealistic of statements when viewed against the background of recent events in the Holy City. After having repulsed the wanton attacks of the British-led, British-supplied Arab Legion and after having endured months of siege and privation, the Jews of Jerusalem will hardly consent to leave their city unprotected in the midst of hostile Arab surroundings, unconnected with the State of Israel, and with no greater security for life and property than would be forthcoming from the nominal "control" of the United Nations. The Jews of Jerusalem and of Israel know only too well what it means to be dependent on Arab respect for United Nations authority. The almost daily flaunting of that authority by the Arabs has not served to reassure them that a better attitude will be demonstrated in the future. The Jews know that it was their own strength—their fight on the battlefields against overwhelming odds—rather than United Nations "control" which saved New Jerusalem and its inhabitants from destruction. They are not prepared to expose themselves to such murderous attacks again.

## Israel Cannot Submit

For all of these reasons—and there are many more—Count Bernadotte's proposals

must be rejected. It should be added that the British and American officials who are now working for the adoption of this plan are incredibly naive if they expect Israel to submit to it. No self-respecting nation would passively accept its own dismemberment—and Israel is a self-respecting nation. Having successfully defended their political independence, having spilled their blood in expelling the invaders from their territory, the citizens of Israel will surely not permit any part of their land to be presented to an Arab potentate. They had accepted the United Nations partition decision of November 29, 1947—at great sacrifice to their legitimate rights and aspirations—because they believed that this was a final compromise solution. But they will not accept a *third* partition of Palestine.

The United Nations should consider well the full implications of the proposals which Mr. Bevin and Mr. Marshall have endorsed so heartily. What is being suggested is that military aggressors receive in a gift package what they failed to win by force of arms, and that a nation which successfully defended its territory against international gangsterism be penalized for its efforts. That, in effect, is what Mr. Bevin and Mr. Marshall are advocating. We fervently hope that the United Nations will refuse to become a party to this scheme.

The Bernadotte recommendations do not even possess the virtue of Arab agreement to commend them to the serious attention of the United Nations. The Arabs have already rejected the proposals. The Bernadotte report and Mr. Bevin's statement make it clear that the plan would have to be imposed. If a solution is to be imposed in Palestine, why not that solution which has the backing of world opinion—the United Nations decision of November 29, 1947? Why does Mr. Marshall seemingly prefer to impose a new, unjust, unworkable plan rather than a just, workable compromise which has received the overwhelming approval of the nations of the world, including the United States?

## The Latest Pledge And The Latest Performance

Mr. Marshall's unequivocal endorsement of the Bernadotte report can only be regarded as another unwarranted reversal of United States policy, such as took place on March 19, when the Administration suddenly attempted to scuttle the partition decision and proposed a trusteeship for Palestine.

President Truman is seeking re-election on a platform which declares: "We approve the claims of the State of Israel to the boundaries set forth in the United Nations Resolution of November 29 and consider that modification thereof should be made only if fully acceptable to the State of Israel."

How does President Truman reconcile this plainly-stated pledge with the position taken by his Secretary of State?

The American people have a right to know.

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL  
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New York 17, N. Y.



## 59 FINED \$2 TO \$20 IN THE LITTER DRIVE

Magistrate Byrne Says Anyone  
Guilty Can Expect Little  
Mercy in Her Court

Filthy streets represent a serious menace to the city's health and anyone contributing to such "vile" conditions need expect little mercy in her court, Magistrate Doris I. Byrne declared yesterday in Upper Manhattan Court as she imposed fines ranging from \$2 to \$20 on fifty-nine persons.

Magistrate Byrne said the drive started by the Department of Sanitation ten days ago to improve the filthy conditions in the streets of Harlem was proving successful. She emphasized the need for continued vigilance against violators of the city's sanitary code and promised her cooperation with the city's campaign by imposing heavy fines on those brought into her court.

"We can and ought to have clean streets," she pointed out. "Those guilty of violating our sanitary regulations are going to be dealt with severely. I believe such punishment is proving a strong deterrent against similar violations."

True to her word, Magistrate Byrne imposed the \$2-to-\$20 fines on persons accused of contributing to the unsightliness of some parts of Harlem by littering of streets. The heaviest fine was levied against a defendant who had left eighteen garbage cans uncovered.

"Uncovered garbage cans are a major source of litter in the streets," Chief Inspector James V. Pettit of the Department of Sanitation told the court. "They permit the wind to blow refuse anywhere. We are putting the heat on everyone to keep disposal cans covered."

Mr. Pettit said that 600 summonses had been issued as a result of the clean-up drive and that the department intended to keep on with its campaign until still more improvement was achieved. He explained that a major difficulty facing his department was that many janitors in Harlem serviced several buildings in the area and were hard to find.

He complained that many tenants were not cooperating with the department. He pointed out that some tenants, questioned as to the whereabouts of their "traveling janitors and superintendents," merely shrugged their shoulders and professed ignorance. He charged that some tenants violated the sanitary code themselves by throwing household refuse into the streets and hurling empty beer cans and whisky bottles into the gutter.

Anyone found indulging in such practices would receive a summons, he warned.

### MAY STRIKE NEWSSTANDS

Union Seeks Salary Increase  
and Shorter Work Hours

Unless members of Local 906 of the News Distribution Employees Union receive salary increases and shorter working hours than are called for in the present contract with the Union News Company, which operates newsstands in railroad terminals and subways, they will consider the possibility of a strike at a membership meeting today in the Capitol Hotel.

In the announcement issued yesterday from the union's headquarters at 30 East Twenty-ninth Street, Murray Lisak, business agent of this branch of the United Office and Professional Workers, CIO, said that negotiations with the company have been "completely unproductive" with relation to the present contract, which expires tomorrow.

The new demands of the union, according to the agent's statement, include \$1.20 an hour minimum for clerks, a \$15 weekly increase for agents and a forty-hour week for all operations of those employed in newsstands, drug stores and milk-bars in Pennsylvania Station, Grand Central Terminal, Radio City and terminals in New Jersey, Westchester, Connecticut and Long Island railroad stations and terminals.

### CANADA'S PLAN IS BACKED

Transit Expert Gives Views on  
Pay Stabilization in a Crisis

Special to The New York Times.  
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Sept. 29 — Stabilization of wages throughout the nation in the event of another national emergency could be achieved to a large extent, the American Transit Association was told today by E. D. Merrill, president of the Capital Transit Company of Washington, at the closing session of the group's convention.

He suggested adoption of Canada's World War II plan of cost-of-living bonuses for basic necessities.

Warren R. Pollard, president of the Virginia Transit Company, Richmond, was elected president of the association to succeed Harry Reif of Indianapolis. Morris Edwards, president, Cincinnati Street Railway Company, Cincinnati, was named vice president, and J. E. Heberle, vice president and controller, Capital Transit Company, Washington, was elected treasurer.

### Artists Aid ALP Campaign

Contributions from twenty New York artists working for the election of Henry A. Wallace and other American Labor party candidates, transformed yesterday the clubrooms of the party's third Assembly District, 313 Eighth Avenue, into a picture gallery. The more than eighty oils, water colors and silk screen prints donated will remain on exhibition there until Saturday evening when they will be moved to the Cornish Arms Hotel, 311 West Twenty-third Street, for sale at auction on Sunday at 2 P. M.

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# ANOTHER REVERSAL- ANOTHER BETRAYAL

In a sudden burst of speed, the British Government and our Administration are seeking to bring about the earliest adoption of the last Bernadotte proposals on Palestine by the General Assembly of the United Nations. The Bernadotte report recommends that the Negev, consisting of two-thirds of the State of Israel as set up by the United Nations Resolution of November 29, 1947, should be torn away from Israel and handed over to the Arab invaders, preferably Transjordan. It also proposes that Jerusalem be placed under United Nations control, without any corridor connecting it with Israel.

These proposals were put forward by Count Bernadotte merely as a basis for discussion, as his report makes clear. However, both Foreign Secretary Bevin and Secretary of State Marshall have chosen to ignore that fact and have urged acceptance of the Bernadotte plan *in toto*. The reason for this blanket endorsement and for their haste in trying to achieve the immediate adoption of the plan is transparent. It would seem that the British Foreign Office is currently trying to make capital out of the assassination of Count Bernadotte—and our State Department is collaborating. We believe that they are attempting to railroad Count Bernadotte's plan through the General Assembly—as a monument to his memory—while his tragic death is still fresh in the public mind.

Such cynical exploitation of a criminal act, committed by outlaws whom the State of Israel is trying to hunt down and root out, is what we have come to expect of Mr. Bevin's Foreign Office. But it is unworthy of our country and its traditions of justice. We do not think we are asking too much when we call upon the United States Government to deal with the Bernadotte proposals solely on their merits and quite apart from the tragedy of September 17.

### An Unjust, Unworkable Plan

When viewed objectively and dispassionately, the Bernadotte plan is manifestly unjust and unworkable. By cutting away the Negev from Israel, the plan would reduce the Jewish state in size by no less than 3800 square miles, while a mere 420 square miles of rocky and hilly western Galilee would be added to it "in compensation." Thus, the entire State of Israel would consist of approximately 2400 square miles—a tiny area incapable of absorbing and supporting the hundreds of thousands of Jewish refugees who are desperately seeking emigration to Israel.

Moreover, if it were removed from Israel the Negev would be doomed to remain a desert wasteland; for the Jews alone are prepared to make it habitable by costly and extensive irrigation projects—something which is not to be expected from King Abdullah, whose 35,000 square miles are largely underpopulated and uncultivated.

Not to be overlooked also is the fact that cutting away the Negev would deprive Israel of the waters and minerals of the Dead Sea and

thereby seal off an important avenue for economic development which the new state sorely needs. It would also deprive Israel of access to the Red Sea and render it extremely difficult for Israel to engage in commerce with the Far East and with Africa.

Perhaps one of the real reasons why it is now proposed to take the Negev from Israel and hand it over to Abdullah, is to be found in recent reports of oil deposits in that area. Surely the industry of Israel could use such a fuel reserve without remaining forever at the mercy of British-Arab production in Iraq.

Last year the British induced our State Department to argue in the United Nations that the Negev should be removed from the Jewish state area. After the Jewish Agency agreed to the transfer of sizable portions of the Negev to the Arab state, the State Department ceased its agitation. On November 22, 1947, Herschel V. Johnson, our delegate to the United Nations, declared: "We think that the Jewish Agency has made, from its point of view, an equitable and fair proposal, and whatever reservation the United States delegation maintains with respect to this area (the Negev) is withdrawn."

Has anything happened since November 22, 1947 to warrant a change of this clearly-expressed attitude on the question of the Negev? Why, then, should our Government be a party to the latest British attempt to cripple Israel?

### The Jerusalem Proposal

The Bernadotte proposal regarding Jerusalem is surely the most unrealistic of statements when viewed against the background of recent events in the Holy City. After having repulsed the wanton attacks of the British-led, British-supplied Arab Legion and after having endured months of siege and privation, the Jews of Jerusalem will hardly consent to leave their city unprotected in the midst of hostile Arab surroundings, unconnected with the State of Israel, and with no greater security for life and property than would be forthcoming from the nominal "control" of the United Nations. The Jews of Jerusalem and of Israel know only too well what it means to be dependent on Arab respect for United Nations authority. The almost daily flaunting of that authority by the Arabs has not served to reassure them that a better attitude will be demonstrated in the future. The Jews know that it was their own strength—their fight on the battlefields against overwhelming odds—rather than United Nations "control" which saved New Jerusalem and its inhabitants from destruction. They are not prepared to expose themselves to such murderous attacks again.

### Israel Cannot Submit

For all of these reasons—and there are many more—Count Bernadotte's proposals must be rejected. It should be added that the

British and American officials who are now working for the adoption of this plan are incredibly naive if they expect Israel to submit to it. No self-respecting nation would passively accept its own dismemberment—and Israel is a self-respecting nation. Having successfully defended their political independence, having spilled their blood in expelling the invaders from their territory, the citizens of Israel will surely not permit any part of their land to be presented to an Arab potentate. They had accepted the United Nations partition decision of November 29, 1947—at great sacrifice to their legitimate rights and aspirations—because they believed that this was a final compromise solution. But they will not accept a third partition of Palestine.

The United Nations should consider well the full implications of the proposals which Mr. Bevin and Mr. Marshall have endorsed so heartily. What they are suggesting is that military aggressors receive in a gift package what they failed to win by force of arms, and that a nation which successfully defended its territory against international gangsterism be penalized for its efforts. That, in effect, is what Mr. Bevin and Mr. Marshall are advocating. We fervently hope that the United Nations will refuse to become a party to this immoral scheme.

The Bernadotte recommendations do not even possess the virtue of Arab agreement to commend them to the serious attention of the United Nations. The Arabs have already rejected the proposals. The Bernadotte report and Mr. Bevin's statement make it clear that the plan would have to be imposed. If a solution is to be imposed in Palestine, why not that solution which has the backing of world opinion—the United Nations decision of November 29, 1947? Why does Mr. Marshall seemingly prefer to impose a new, unjust, unworkable plan rather than a just, workable compromise which has received the overwhelming approval of the nations of the world, including the United States?

### The Latest Pledge And The Latest Performance

Mr. Marshall's unequivocal endorsement of the Bernadotte report can only be regarded as another unwarranted reversal of United States policy, such as took place on March 19, when the Administration suddenly attempted to scuttle the partition decision and proposed a trusteeship for Palestine.

President Truman is seeking re-election on a platform which declares: "We approve the claims of the State of Israel to the boundaries set forth in the United Nations Resolution of November 29 and consider that modification thereof should be made only if fully acceptable to the State of Israel."

How does President Truman reconcile this plainly-stated pledge with the position taken by his Secretary of State?

The American people have a right to know.

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