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DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

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LEGION PROCEEDINGS NATIONALLY BROADCAST BUT OUR FRIENDS BELIEVE THAT OFFICIALS WILL PERMIT YOU FIFTEEN MINUTES. ALL PROCEEDINGS NATIONALLY CIRCULATED. RABBI MANN INVITED FOR INVOCATION ONLY.

SEVERAL IMPORTANT CHICAGO LEADERS CONVINCED YOU CAN PERFORM MAGNIFICENT JOB IN FIFTEEN MINUTES. MANUSCRIPTS MUST BE SUBMITTED PROGRAM COMMITTEE TEN DAYS ADVANCE NAMELY SEPTEMBER 17TH. MUST ADVISE CHICAGO PROGRAM AUTHORITIES MONDAY. PLEASE THEREFORE WIRE ME HERE MONDAY MORNING. REGARDS=

=DICK GUTSTADT ROOM 803 122 EAST 42 ND ST NEWYORKCITY.



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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

September 7, 1939

Mr. Richard Gutstadt  
Chanin Building  
New York, N.Y.

AM FREE ON THE 27TH BUT DO NOT FEEL JUSTIFIED TO GO TO NEW YORK FOR A TEN TO FIFTEEN MINUTE ADDRESS. KINDEST REGARDS

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ADDRESS SCHEDULED MORNING BETWEEN TEN AND TWELVE NATIONAL  
BROADCAST DEFINITE FORMAL INVITATION ISSUING PLEASE WIRE  
ME ACCEPTANCE CHANIN BLDG OFFICE  
=DICK GUTSTADT.



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September 10, 1939

Richard Gutstadt  
Room 803  
122 East 42nd St.  
New York, N.Y.

BEFORE I ACAN DECIDE MUST KNOW WHAT HOUR I AM TO SPEAK AND WHETHER FORMAL INVITATION ~~WIKKX~~ FROM LEGION WILL BE SENT TO ME. KINDEST REGARDS

SILVER

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September 12, 1939

Mr. Richard Gutstadt  
Anti-Defamation League  
Chanin Building  
New York, N.Y.

WILL ACCEPT INVITATION OF AMERICAN LEGION

SILVER

Collect)



EXECUTIVE OFFICES  
**ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE**  
OF B'NAI B'RITH  
130 N. WELLS ST. SUITE 1602  
PHONE FRANKLIN 2221

SIGMUND LIVINGSTON,  
CHAIRMAN  
RICHARD E. GUTSTADT,  
DIRECTOR AND SECRETARY

CHICAGO

September 13, 1939

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
105th Street at Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Pursuant to a telegram received today from Mr. Gutstadt, I have been in touch with the persons here who are acting for the National Commander of the American Legion in the arrangements of program for the national convention. I have advised them of your acceptance of the invitation, which was extended to you to address the convention on the morning of September 27.

You will receive from the Legion a formal letter of invitation. You will also be advised of the exact time for your address. I think that Mr. Gutstadt has already advised you of the requirement occasioned by the fact that the program will be broadcast nationally, for submission of your manuscript by the 17th of the month.

I have seen a copy of your postal telegraph message of September 7 to Mr. Gutstadt, in which you make reference to New York as the place for your address. I presume that this reference was an inadvertence, and that you understand that the National Convention of the Legion will take place in Chicago, but I take the liberty of calling this point to your attention for the sake of safety.

Cordially yours,

*Max N. Krolloff*

Max N. Krolloff  
Assistant Secretary

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September 15, 1939

Mr. Richard Gutstadt  
Chanin Bldg.  
New York, N.Y.

MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM GROUP OF NEIGHBORING CITIES WILL BE HELD IN CLEVELAND SUNDAY EVENING REFERENCE COLE BROADCASTS. WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING FROM YOU IN TIME FOR MEETING ATTITUDE OF LEAGUE. PERHAPS YOU CAN YOURSELF BE PRESENT. PLEASE WIRE OR PHONE

SILVER

WESTERN UNION MESSENGERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE DELIVERY OF NOTES AND PACKAGES

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September 15, 1939

Max N. Kroloff, Ass't Secretary  
Anti-Defamation League  
130 N. Wells St.  
Chicago, Ill.

HAVE RECEIVED INVITATION FROM MR. COLLINS OF AMERICAN LEGION STATING THAT BECAUSE PRESSURE OF BUSINESS TEN MINUTES HAS BEEN FIXED FOR MY ADDRESS. I HAD WIRED GUTSTADT A FEW DAYS AGO THAT FIFTEEN MINUTES WOULD BE THE MINIMUM I HAVE SO INFORMED MR. COLLINS TODAY. KINDEST REGARDS

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

WESTERN UNION MESSENGERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE DELIVERY OF NOTES AND PACKAGES



September 18, 1 39

Mr. Richard Gutstadt  
Anti-Defamation League  
Chanin Building  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Gutstadt:

The enclosed letter came to me during my absence abroad. I wonder whether you are acquainted with this Paper from Buffalo and its anti-Semitic addresses. You might be interested in following it up.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



cc: Rabbi A. Silver

September 19th, 1939

PERSONAL

Mr. Saul Fineberg  
822 Main Street  
Buffalo, New York

My dear Mr. Fineberg:

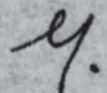
Rabbi Silver transmitted to me your July 31st letter to him. As you perhaps know, Rabbi Silver was abroad during the summer and this accounts for the delay in your securing a response.

However, the matter of the unfortunate editorial in the Buffalo Catholic Union did come to our attention from other sources. We had taken the matter up by correspondence with Bishop Duffy both directly and through two very eminent Catholic lay leaders. Both of these had written letters to Bishop Duffy deploring the fact that so ill-considered an editorial should have appeared in the Diocesan paper.

While we have had no answer from Bishop Duffy, we are advised that the Catholic Union as a paper has ceased to publish. It has merged into the Catholic Echo of Buffalo. Our Catholic friends advise us that they are watching this latter paper very carefully and until now have seemingly discerned no objectionable material. This may mean that from this point on the attitude of the paper will be improved, or it may indicate just a lull. In any event, you may be certain that we will watch the paper closely and should any unseemly material appear, we will deem it our responsibility to take such corrective steps as are available to us.

Thanking you for the concern which led you to correspond with Rabbi Silver regarding the matter, I am

Very sincerely yours,



RICHARD E. GUTSTADT  
Director

REG:EP



Synopsis of Religious News Service, September 19, 1939.

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The Directors of the Detroit Council of Churches, at their first Fall meeting, passed resolutions that strict neutrality be observed, and that genuine support of the neutral policies of the government be given.

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Social Action Committee of Cleveland Presbytery published letter to President Roosevelt, urging strict neutrality so that there remain on earth's surface forces for peace.

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Dr. Ivan Lee Holt, former Bishop Methodist Episcopal Church, South, former President of Federal Council of Churches of Christ, published a letter stating that we should avoid entering the war.

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Central Pennsylvania Conference of Methodist Youth wrote a letter to President Roosevelt, approved by the Board of Education of Methodist Church for Central Pennsylvania, to the effect that we should keep out of war, as otherwise the same might be prolonged.

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Twenty-first annual convention of the Women's Union, New York District of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, adopted resolutions opposing entrance of this country into the European War.

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Sixty-five priests of Protestant Episcopal diocese of Michigan adopted strong peace resolutions.

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Social Service Commission of Ohio Annual Conference of the Methodist Church passed resolutions that America stay out of this war, and that neither its munitions, its men, nor its mind must be entered into this conflict.

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Women's Missionary Society of the Mid-West Synod, Evangelical and Reformed Church, passed resolution, and sent message to the President "to keep our nation from active participation in any war".

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Indiana Methodist Conference meeting passed resolutions.

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The Cabinet of the Alabama Methodist Conference passed resolutions.



The Catholic Youth Organization of Cleveland, and Cleveland Council of the Knights of Columbus launched a drive to secure 300,000 names to petition the President.

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The Archbishop of Cincinnati, in a letter to all priests, stated that we can keep out of war, and further ordered special prayers in all Catholic Churches.

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Archbishop Mooney of Detroit instructed the priests of the Archdiocese to include a prayer for peace in all masses.

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A Lutheran "encyclical" was issued, directed to 1,600,000 ministers by its President, Dr. Knubel, urging that we remain neutral and stay out of the war.

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The only Jewish opinion cited is from a sermon by Dr. Louis L. Mann, urging America to remain neutral.

There are, of course, many civic organizations which cannot be classed as religious organizations, which have likewise acted upon the subject.

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CHAIRMAN  
RICHARD E. GUTSTADT,  
DIRECTOR AND SECRETARY

CHICAGO

September 20, 1939

Dear Sir:

Efforts are now being made by the same unscrupulous propagandists who charged that the Jews were or are responsible for Communism, to circulate the false impression that the Jews are trying to get this country into war. The danger of such propaganda may be greater, even, than that heretofore employed concerning the Jew and Communism.

It is of extreme importance that the true and correct attitude of the Jew in this regard be made known to the public, and as speedily as possible. We believe that the attitude of the Jew is that he owes his first duty to this country, in which he enjoys liberty and security; that he has sanguine hopes, in common with all loyal Americans, that this country may be kept out of war; that in fact it may develop in the future that America, by keeping out of war, can be of greater service to the free institutions of men and democracies than by being a party to the war.

It is important that this attitude be brought to the attention of the public, although not as a direct pronouncement, because there is no occasion for a direct pronouncement upon the subject, as it may be taken for granted that Jewish citizens will act no different from the general citizenry.

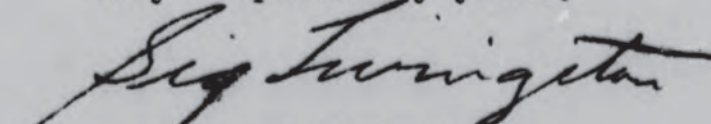
The National Advisory Council deemed it important that the rabbis, in their Yom Kippur service, should speak of this attitude, and that the same be given some publicity in your newspapers.

The question of whether the embargo law should be repealed is a controversial issue in American politics, and the Jew as such, should not be partisan one way or the other. The rabbi is considered the spokesman of Jewry by the great public, therefore whatever he says calls for the greatest caution.

We urge you, therefore, to contact the rabbis of your city at once, and to give them the above message. We appreciate to the full that in the great majority, this cautionary message is not needed. There may, however, be instances where it may be of service. Expressions as outlined in the above message, when uttered by the rabbi, should receive publicity in your newspapers, and you can be of assistance in this regard. You are at liberty to show this communication to the rabbis of your city.

We will be grateful for your report.

Very respectfully yours,

  
Sigmund Livingston  
Chairman

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September 21, 1939

To Members of the Executive Committee,  
A.D.L. Advisory Council, and their confreres:

Dear Sirs:

The opinions expressed at the conference yesterday were divided. Certain of the confreres, whose judgment I hold in high esteem, expressed the opinion that no action be taken, particularly at this time, to offset the impression of certain of the public which will be made use of by propagandists, that Jews of this country, prompted by their natural interests in fighting Naziism, are urging that this country enter into the war.

Others expressed strong opinion that the Jewish organizations and leaders, in common with other general organizations of other groups, express themselves upon this subject, in that the public may be advised that they are in full accord with the President in the hope and endeavor to keep this country out of the war, and that this country assume the policy of strict neutrality, that we are, above all, Americans.

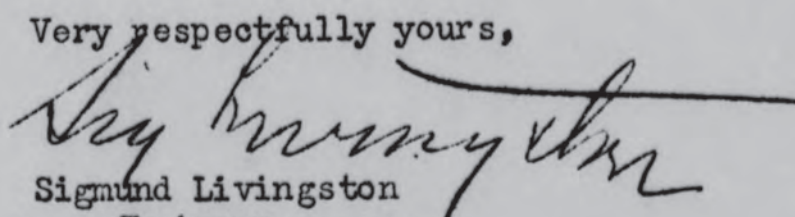
The subject is of such importance that I deemed it advisable to transmit to you an abstract of "The Religious News Service", which was just received.

I also enclose herewith a copy of an item which appeared in many newspapers of this country, being a syndicated article issued by the McClure Newspaper Syndicate. We have received this service in our office for the past three years, and its articles are published in many hundreds of papers throughout the United States. It is one of the most important syndicate services. This article was written by James McMullin, an eminent correspondent. I just received word from our New York office that Mr. McMullin was contacted, and that he regretted the injudicious wording which he employed.

In view of the near approach of Yom Kippur services, I have transmitted to all representatives of the League a letter, copy of which is also enclosed.

Be assured that your further consideration of the matter involved, and your further advice will be greatly appreciated.

Very respectfully yours,

  
Sigmund Livingston  
Chairman

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THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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IF YOU DIDNT SEND US COPY MANUSCRIPT PLEASE DO SO AIR MAIL  
SPECIAL EARLY TUESDAY MORNING. HAVE COMMITMENTS FOR ADVANCE  
NEWS RELEASES WHERE RADIO STATIONS DONT PLAN TO CARRY PROGRAM  
LOCALLY, INCLUDING ASSOCIATED PRESS WIRES FOR NORTHWEST.  
WE FEAR PRESSURE OF LEGION ACTIVITIES MAY PREVENT OUR GETTING  
COPY FROM THEM=

MAX N KROLOFF

THERE IS NO DEPENDABLE SUBSTITUTE FOR WESTERN UNION TIME



September 26, 1939

Mr. Max N. Kroloff  
Anti-Defamation League  
130 N. Wells St.  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Kroloff:

Enclosed please find a copy of the  
address which I am to deliver before the America  
Legion on Wednesday morning.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



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CHICAGO

September 28, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

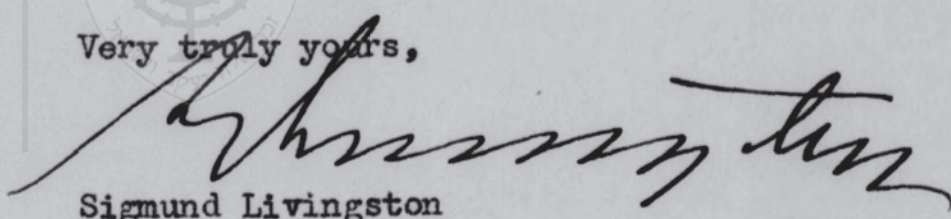
Dear Dr. Silver:

I have read the address you delivered at the Legion Convention three times. I think you have done a wonderful job. It reflects our attitude on the question discussed.

We have already started the machinery for a wide publicity of same, and I am going to take the liberty of having it transmitted to President Roosevelt.

Accept my sincere thanks.

Very truly yours,

  
Sigmund Livingston  
Chairman

SL:EF



September 29, 1939

Mr. Sigmund Livingston, Chairman  
Anti-Defamation League  
130 N. Wells St.  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Livingston:

I wish to thank you for your kind note of September 28. I enjoyed being in Chicago for the Legion Convention and also for the meeting of the Anti-Defamation League in your office.

I charged up my expenses at the Standard Club to the Anti-Defamation League. My train expenses and incidentals were \$25.

I trust that you will not delay informing us of your contribution to the series of broadcasts. Arrangements are being completed, and financial commitments are being made. It would help us greatly if we knew exactly your contribution which I hope will be no less than \$5,000.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



September 29, 1939

Mr. Max N. Kroloff  
Anti-Defamation League  
130 N. Wells St.  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Kroloff:

I wonder if you would be kind enough to send us the copy of the address which Rabbi Silver delivered before the American Legion special delivery so that we may have it by Monday? Rabbi Silver left his copy, which is the only copy we had, with the American Legion office. It seems that the copy which was sent to them from this office was lost and Rabbi Silver was requested to leave his with them. We would like to have a copy of the address here by Monday, *for our Bulletin*

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS: BK



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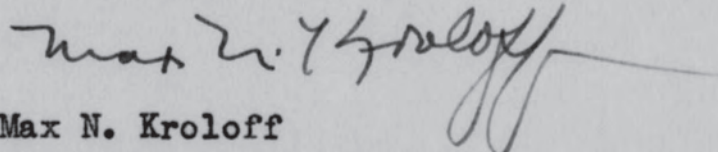
September 30, 1939

Miss Bessie Kline  
c/o The Temple  
East 105th St. at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Kline:

Pursuant to your request of September 29th,  
we enclose herewith a copy of the address which Rabbi Silver  
delivered to the American Legion Convention on Wednesday,  
September 27, 1939.

Sincerely yours,

  
Max N. Kroloff

MNK:RR  
Enc.



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CHICAGO

October 2, 1939

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed herewith please find our check for \$25.00 to reimburse you for train expenses and incidentals in connection with the trip to Chicago last week.

It was good to see you again and hope that the next time you are in Chicago you will pay us a visit.

With kind personal greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Miles M. Goldberg*

MMG:AC  
Encl.

Miles M. Goldberg





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CHICAGO

October 5th,  
1939

Dear Sir:

We enclose for your convenience and information the following:

1. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver's Address at the National Convention of the American Legion.
2. "Look" reprint, issue of September 26th, 1939, entitled "Coughlin and the Nazi Bund."
3. October 10th issue of Look Magazine entitled, "Hitler Speaks and the Bund Obeys."

You will recall that these items have been called to your attention in previous correspondence.

Sincerely yours,

*Sydney B. Lavine*  
Sydney B. Lavine

SBL:RF

enc. 3



October 6, 1939

Mr. Richard Gutstadt  
Anti-Defamation League  
130 N. Wells St.  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Gutstadt:

A very prominent Catholic in this city, who has recently become a strong anti-Coughlinite, is anxious to establish here a Catholic branch of the organization which is publishing "The Voice" in the East. He would like to know how and whom to contact in the East and how to go about it. Can you supply me with the information?

This prominent Catholic a few years ago was chairman of the large mass meeting which was addressed by Coughlin.

I am interested in knowing what the reaction has been to the announcement of the new radio code.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



cc: Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
cc: William Friedman  
cc: Aaron Broock  
cc: George Furth

October 13th,  
1939

Judge James I. Ellmann  
Penobscot Bldg.  
Detroit, Michigan

My dear Judge Ellmann:

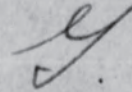
Pursuant to the statement made in my recent letter to you, I am forwarding herewith, our check for \$1400, which discharges in full, any commitment which we may have had.

I regret the delay in the matter, but you know that there were some involvements on which we had to be informed.

Pursuant to our understanding, would you be good enough to give us a copy of the statement of all receipts and disbursements in connection with this matter, so that I may convey to my Council all the information in connection with the transaction.

With personal regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,



Richard E. Cutstadt

Director

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Encl:ch

P. S. We have transmitted the check for \$1400 to Mr. Aaron Broock.



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CHICAGO

October 16, 1939

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
105th and Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

As you undoubtedly know, we have remitted to Judge Ellman of Detroit \$1400 which is what the community asked us for in connection with the first series of broadcasts. The status of the second series is, of course, questionable in the light of recent information emanating from the Broadcasters' Association.

It is my understanding, Rabbi Silver, that when you conferred with our Executive Committee, you mentioned the fact that of the \$15,000 which had been allocated for the American Jewish Committee, \$7500 would be withheld for purposes of the then contemplated radio series. Since it is altogether likely that this will not be projected, it leaves this amount of money unallocated.

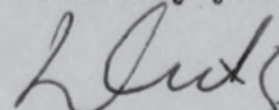
I have not the slightest desire to derogate the work of any other agency. I do believe, however, that Cleveland is in a position very definitely to evaluate the services rendered by the several agencies. George Furth and Miss Meyette, amongst others, can advise you of the amount of material, the value of the information, and the type of cooperation which we have extended. I think it but fair and intelligent to secure this information with respect to the several agencies which claim Cleveland's financial support, and to have allocations predicated upon the measure of service which Cleveland receives, since Cleveland is but one of the many communities which are given some consideration.

Now all of this aid to local communities is apart from the larger national work which we project, and measured by such considerations, I think financial support should be accorded to the several agencies.

We shall be very grateful for your consideration of our requests as compared with those of other agencies.

With warmest personal regards, I am

Very cordially yours,



Richard E. Gutstadt  
Director

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October 23, 1939

Mr. Richard Gutstadt  
Anti-Defamation League  
130 N. Wells St.  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dick:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of October 16. At the last meeting of the Board of the Jewish Welfare Fund and Federation of Cleveland, held last Thursday, the Board unanimously voted the sum of \$7500 to help defray the expenses of the broadcasts. It was felt that particularly at this time it was important to serve notice that we mean to stay on the air and be on the watch. The Big Thorn of the Little Flower may succeed in circumventing the radio code. Some independent stations may break away from the code. Young Roosevelt has already indicated his determination not to abide by the code. We all felt that during the next few critical months, it was highly desirable that these broadcasts should go on.

The \$25,000 fund which the local Jewish Welfare Fund earmarked for defense funds was thus allocated as follows:

\$7500 for our local broadcast needs  
\$7500 for the American Jewish Committee  
\$5000 for the Anti-Defamation League  
\$4000 for the American Jewish Congress  
\$1000 for the World Jewish Congress

I am anxious that the Anti-Defamation League make a contribution to the forthcoming broadcasts as it has to the past not only because it is the kind of work which the League would wish to carry on, but also because it will strengthen the hands of the League in this region, and it would be reflected, I am sure, in larger allocations to the League next year. The fact that the League contributed to the broadcasts was stressed by me and two or three other speakers at the meeting of the Board and was very favorably received.

With all good wishes, I remain

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Most cordially,



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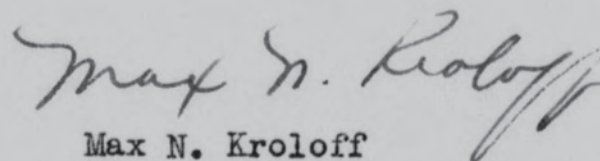
October 27th,  
1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Upon my return from Cleveland, I found your letter of October 23rd addressed to Dick, who has also been away. He is now in the East but should be back at his desk early next week. Naturally, your letter will receive his immediate attention.

Very sincerely yours,

  
Max N. Kroloff

Assistant Secretary

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February 15, 1940

Mr. Richard E. Gutstadt  
Anti-Defamation League  
130 N. Wells Street  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Gutstadt:

I have been receiving considerable anti-Semitic mail from a fellow who signs his name N. W. Rogers. His address is Tompkins Corners, New York City. Have you any information about him.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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February 19th, 1940 (Dict. 1/16)

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I hasten to reply to your note requesting information on N. W. Robers of Tompkins Corners, New York City. Our information on Rogers goes back quite a while. In January 1938, he issued, over his own signature, a letter to Chester Morrill, Secretary of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, D. C., in which he declared: "Hordes of Jews Have Swarmed Into Government Posts in Positions of Control..." It is a seven-page circular, the last page of which prints a segment of the poem by Lord Byron which, as you will recall, satirized many different peoples. Of course, he robbed the context so as to make it appear that Byron disliked only the Jews. The title of the circular was, "What Price Federal Reserve?" and the cartoon on the front cover, except for the wording, exactly duplicated one on a German circular sent from the Nazi propaganda agency in Berlin.

He likewise circularized a leaflet entitled, "Open Letter to Hon. Herbert Lehman," which was read at different anti-Semitic meetings.

On April, 1939, he had a full-page article entitled, "Jewish Finance and Communism" in Winrod's "Defender." This was in the form of an open letter to Lewis L. Straus of Kuhn, Loeb and Company.

His material is generally distributed by the Nationalist Press Association, 148 East 116th Street, New York City. This agency prints the "National American," former publication of the American National Socialist Party, headed by Peter Hoverden-Stahrenberg. This latter party is closely tied up with the Nazi Party in this country and is also definitely aligned with the active membership of the Christian Mobilizers which is headed by Joseph McWilliams.

This same press association issued a twenty-four page pamphlet entitled, "Abolish Private Money Or Drown In Debt," with a horrible caricature of a Jew on the front cover. On the back cover appears the by-line, "Latter Pages Compiled by N. W. Rogers." Of course, we have copies of all the documents herein referred to. Rogers has also distributed some of the literature released by the German Library of Information in New York which is the propaganda agency here for Nazi Germany, in addition to which he has issued, "Thus Speaks the Talmud," a forty-four page pamphlet of extracts from Professors Eisenmenger, Roehling and Ecker. We have a number of other leaflets which he has issued and also copies of certain letters sent out by him.



Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

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February 19, 1940

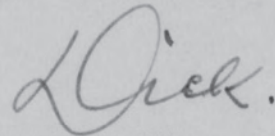
By those who know him, he is considered a crackpot, though this affords but little solace in these times.

His tie-ups are being investigated by the F.B.I. which has a very substantial file on him.

Should you desire any further information of which we are in possession, do not hesitate to write.

With personal regards, I am

Very cordially,



Richard E. Gutstadt  
Director

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March 26, 1940

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You will recall our conversation of last Saturday morning. At that time I suggested the value of having some brief report from representative Jews of the several communities affected by the Cole broadcasts. I believe that these reports might prove an important factor in the development of a future program which would permit of complete and direct answer to demagogues, as occasion might require.

Because of your deep personal interest in the Cole project, I take the liberty of reminding you of our conversation, and expressing the hope that you will suggest to your confreres who have the matter in charge, that they give this their immediate attention.

You shall hear from me on the other matter at once.

With personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*Richard E. Gutstadt*

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April 1, 1940

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Ansel Road Temple  
East 105th and Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Friend:

Mr. Sigmund Livingston is in the office, and he suggested that I send you the enclosed affidavit regarding Congressman Martin Sweeney's statement about our people in a Washington restaurant. A copy of this affidavit has also been sent to our Chicago Anti-Defamation League office.

Miriam and I have been looking forward toward your visit to Washington, when we trust you can spend a few quiet days with us in the country. I am also anxious to have you look over the books and the scholarly material of the late Julian Leavitt, whose library and files are now in my possession. We earnestly trust that that may be our pleasure very shortly.

Faithfully yours,

PAUL RICHMAN

PR:H  
Encl.



C O P Y

A F F I D A V I T

City of Washington )  
District of Columbia) ss.

I, ERNEST CUNEO, being duly sworn, on oath depose and say that on May 17, 1939, Lowell Limpus, of the New York Daily News, and I were dining in Harvey's Restaurant. We were accompanied by Miss Sophie Nack, an attorney in the Securities and Exchange Commission, and Miss Peggy Dowd, employed in the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

Toward closing time of the restaurant Martin Sweeney, Congressman from Cleveland, Ohio, passed by our table and became loud and abusive. He was berating the National Labor Relations Board and declared he had evidence that "Harvard Jews had made prostitutes out of good Catholic girls" and that "these God-damned Jews were running the National Labor Relations Board". He added that they had also made prostitutes out of good Episcopalian girls.

Asked in a joking tone if the National Labor Relations Board made prostitutes out of Jewish girls also, Congressman Sweeney said: "No. They are whores naturally."

We were all most shocked by the remarks and Mr. Limpus later remarked to me that he was of a mind to call upon the Congressman the next day and ask him to verify his statements. It was the most shocking performance I have ever witnessed on the part of a supposedly responsible citizen.

ERNEST CUNEO

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of October, 1939.

Margaret Devers  
Notary Public in and for the City  
of Washington, District of Columbia.

My Commission Expires February 1, 1944.

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April 2, 1940

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

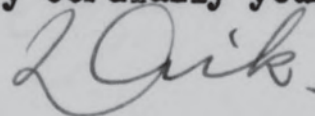
I should like to know whether you have developed any plans with reference to the Toledo gentleman. He was recently in Detroit, requesting that upon expiration of this series he be continued for another thirteen weeks.

It appears that a check-up has been made of the Detroit community, which reveals that very few listeners tuned in on the program at present. The "Detroit News", which formerly carried good publicity, has not carried a story in weeks. There is a minimum of public interest, apparently, and I am advised that insofar as the Detroit group is concerned, they will not endeavor to secure further financing.

Will you be good enough to let me know your ideas with respect to this, because we will undoubtedly be asked some questions.

With personal regards, I am

Very cordially yours,



Richard E. Gutstadt  
Director

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P. S. Have you reached any conclusions on the other matter which we recently discussed?



April 8, 1940

Mr. Richard Gutstadt, Director  
Anti-Defamation League  
130 No. Wells Street  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dick:

At your request I am enclosing herewith letters from three representative men of our community touching Rev. Cole's lectures. You probably know all three of these people.

I believe that Cole's lectures should be continued at least up to the summer so that it will not appear that he has dropped out of the picture for lack of support and approval. This would be a feather in the cap of our good friend in Detroit.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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SIGMUND LIVINGSTON

GEORGE FURTH

JUNE 3, 1940

Letter to Cuyahoga County Bar Ass'n. refuting statements of A.C.Jones.

On May 18th, Mr. Alfred C. Jones, an attorney, by invitation delivered an address at the meeting of the Association in which he made several statements, in effect charging Jewish influence in the creation of the Soviet government and other statements to the effect that Jews were the controlling factor in the Russian Communistic government. These statements were immediately challenged by the members. We deem it of prime importance, particularly at this time, that any accusation against any group or sect which may reflect upon the standing of any group of our citizenry, should only be made with the greatest of accuracy and in the interest of truth. We all know that a fiction, if sufficiently repeated, is accepted by most people as a fact and that many misconceptions and wholly unwarranted beliefs are thus thrown into being, founded purely upon fiction.

We do not in the least question the sincerity of Mr. Jones. We do not believe that he would wilfully lend himself to the spread of pernicious propaganda invented for ulterior motives. We do believe that Mr. Jones did not exercise sufficient care in verifying the truth of the statements which he made concerning these matters and adopted the statements of others and believed these statements to be reliable.

Hitler, in order to gain power, declared himself the eternal enemy of Communism and the Russian government. In order that his slogans might more readily be adopted, he described Bolshevism as Jewish Bolshevism and Communism as Jewish Communism, and the Russian government as Jewish. It is a technique well recognized, by placing the epithet of Jewish to that which is criticized.

In the interests of truth and so that this fiction may not gain a further foothold as a fact, to the injury or discomfort of a very respectable part of the American people, we have deemed it advisable to thoroughly investigate the matter and we herewith give the conclusions of our investigation.

1. The Supreme directing body of Russia is the Polit-bureau, consisting of nine members and four candidates. In 1938 they were:

- Stalin - a Georgian
- Molotov - a Great Russian
- Kaganovitch - a Jew
- Voroshilov - a Great Russian
- Kalinin - a Great Russian
- Andreyev - a Great Russian
- Kassior - a Pole
- Mikoyan - an Armenian
- Tchubar - nationality unknown, -not a Jew.



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## Candidates:

Postishov - a Great Russian  
Petrovsky - a Ukrainian  
Shadanov - a Great Russian  
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Of the 19 Commissars, 14 were Great Russian and Ukrainians, one was an Armenian and four were Jews. Several of these have been liquidated since.

Mr. Jones has stated that he took his material from the book by Francis Yeats-Brown, entitled, "European Jungle." The statements contained in this book are mere repetition of propaganda material, much of which is found in "The Rulers of Russia" by Dennis Pahey, known Irish anti-Semite, exploited in America by Father Coughlin, which material is not factual. The statement contained in the book, relied upon by Mr. Jones, is that in 1935, out of 59 members of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, 56 were Jews. In the "Statesman's Year Book" of 1935, (McMillan and Company, London), which is a standard reference book, gives the correct names of the heads of the departments of the Russian government of which only six were Jews. Yeats-Brown also states that Alexander Kerensky, the Chancellor of the Provisional Government of Russia, was a Jew. This is false. Kerensky is a Russian and his forebears have occupied prominent positions for several hundred years in the Russian Catholic Orthodox Church. What is the more reliable authority, "The Statesman's Year Book" or Yeats-Brown?

Among the other statements which are clearly false in the Yeats-Brown book is the following: "Among the ambassadors and ministers of the U.S.S.R. in 1935, the following were believed to be Jews--" (There follow twelve names). This is entirely unsupported by fact and a reliable factual authority does not make statements under guise of a belief.

It is a fact that Mr. Trotsky, who partially shared leadership with Lenin in the Bolshevik revolution, was a Jew, but he was an Apostate. In 1922, he was excommunicated by the Jewish community of Ekaterine-Slav, his birthplace, at the instance of his aged father, Moses Bronstein, because of the fact that he was "an enemy of Judaism and a curse to humanity." The excommunication was accompanied with the rites of the orthodox Jewish faith (B'nai B'rith News, January issue, 1922).

During the Communistic Revolution, the great majority of Jews were supporters of the Provisional government, or the Social Democratic government. The fact was that the three great Jewish workers' organizations, namely, the Serz, the Zionist (Poale Zion) and the League of Jewish Workers, openly declared opposition to Bolshevism. That there can be no question concerning the attitude of the great majority of the Jews, it is significant that on March 15, 1918, Lenin's government issued a manifesto attacking the Jewish workers for their anti-Bolshevist attitude.

It is a known fact that as a result of the establishment of Bolshevism, 35% of the Russian Jews became the declassé, while the non-Jewish Russian population of this class was only five or six percent. The declassé received no bread cards and had no right to hold office, to be engaged as workmen in factories, or to send their children to industrial schools. The Bolshevik government



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has dealt severe blows upon Jewry. Synagogues were converted into Workmen's clubs; Jewish religious philanthropic organizations were liquidated, Hebrew Schools were forbidden, and the teaching of the Hebrew language proscribed.

Many other facts could be enumerated, showing the great fallacy of adopting as true, mere generalities of the nature of the one complained of. We, as lawyers, know the evidenciary value of mere conclusions without basic facts. We, as lawyers, also know how to value reliable authority.

With the assurance to Mr. Jones that the purpose of this communication does not in the least impugn his motives, but is issued only so that truth may prevail, I remain

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cc: Rabbi Silver  
cc: Alfred Benesch





June 3, 1940  
(Dict'd 5-31-40)

Mr. George W. Furth  
Fenway Hall  
107th & Euclid  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear George:

I have before me your letter in regard to the address delivered before the Cuyahoga County Bar Association. This presented a number of false conceptions concerning the alleged Jewish domination of Communist Russia.

An immediate reference to the book from which this gentleman quoted revealed on one page mentioned by him the statement that Alexander Krensky was a Jew. Some other statements being on a parity with this insofar as authenticity is concerned, his whole thesis can be rendered invalid and his entire argument repudiated.

I discussed this with Mr. Livingston today. He agreed with my thought that it would be unwise to make this the subject of a debate before the Bar Association. Such incidents may easily lead to an impassioned controversy, which conceivably may prejudice the minds of some listeners for reasons entirely extraneous to the merits of the contention itself. A better technique, in our judgment is for us to prepare a draft of a letter, citing indisputable facts to indicate how utterly unreliable were the assertions of Mr. Jones. The Bar Association, being a fair organization, should have no objection to issuing a letter containing evidence of the misrepresentative character of the speech delivered before its body. Such a letter would have a permanent value. Many men would keep it for reference. It would perhaps be discussed by its recipients. Whereas the effect of a single speaker or an open discussion might be ephemeral, the effect of circularization of such a letter might have much more lasting character.

Mr. Livingston, therefore, is preparing an answer, since I leave for New York almost immediately. This will be forwarded to you. Should the Bar Association so decide, there should be no objection to the appointment of a committee to check the authority for the statements which the letter will contain, and thus we would have an official denial on Mr. Jones' statements.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Rabbi Silver and to Alfred Benesch, and I trust that you will all agree with our position.

With personal regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

*R. E. G.*

Richard E. Gutstadt  
Director

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cc-Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver ✓  
-Alfred Benesch



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NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS by  
James McMullin  
Special New York Correspondent

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THORN - The outcome of the war is of vital importance to Jewish leaders all over the world. For clear and understandable reasons, they have been waging an unofficial war of their own on Nazi Germany ever since Hitler came to power.

This "war" has been carried on in the economic and propaganda fields. It has taken the form of informal but effective Jewish boycotts of German products in the United States and other countries. It has also embraced economic action against Germany from various European bases.

When Hitler inaugurated his anti-Semitic campaign, the Jews first took refuge in Austria and combined with Roman Catholic interests in that country to try to block the spread of Hitlerism. When Hitler seized Austria, in the Spring of 1938, Jewish chiefs transferred the headquarters of their opposition to Hitler to Czecho-Slovakia, which was already a very sharp thorn in Germany's side.

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ENEMY - The French had arranged matters after the World War so that Czecho-Slovakia should serve as an economic as well as a military barrier to the revival of a "greater Germany." Czech industries were established on a basis that enabled them to undersell German competition in world markets. Jewish interests played a prominent part in this, especially after the Nazis took over Germany. Members of the race functioned as efficient middlemen in distributing Czech products all over the world.

Ruinous Czech pressure on German industry was a primary backstage reason for Hitler's occupation of that country. The same factor had helped to inspire the kaiser's invasion of Belgium 25 years ago. At that time Belgian factories, aided by hidden British subsidies, were undercutting the Germans. The British were secretly absorbing substantial losses on Belgian industrial operations in order to throttle Germany's growing commercial rivalry with England.

After Hitler had grabbed Czecho-Slovakia, Jewish strategists launched a large-scale campaign of harrassment from Poland. Here again their motives were understandable. Hitler was the one great enemy who had to be destroyed, and every possible means was employed to that end. The result was vigorous anti-German activity in Poland not dissimilar to the anti-American drive in Mexico--with which there was no Jewish connection--which preceded Gen. Pershing's disciplinary expedition to that country in 1913. And here again Hitler is seeking to crush his most relentless foes by smashing Poland. This angle should not be overlooked in appraising the causes of the war.

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STRONG - Now matters have come to the acid showdown. The armed forces of Britain and France represent the final Jewish hope of wrecking Hitler and all that he stands for.

Jewish interests are in a strong strategic position in both England



and France. The French government is heavily dependent upon them for its necessary financing. There is nobody else to whom it can turn. The mass of its citizens have absorbed about all the government bonds they can. France certainly can't raise money in the United States, and England has troubles of its own. The same interests are also powerful in the French munitions industry.

As for England, proven friends and defenders of the Jews now occupy key positions in the cabinet. From the Jewish standpoint, England and France simply must win the war. It would make assurance doubly sure if the United States could be induced to enter it also.

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