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

My dear Dr. Silver:

Last year the Friends in Ohio released Mr. Rufus Kersey to cooperate with us in the organizing of an Ohio Committee on Militarism in Education. It has not been possible for Mr. Kersey to complete the work because of the Friends' program. Consequently, Reverend Donald Timerman, Methodist Student Pastor at Ohio State University, working under the King Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, is going to cooperate with us in completing the state committee.

You will be hearing from Mr. Timerman very soon with regard to our immediate plans and requesting you to assist him in calling together a local group for a meeting in Cleveland some time in the near future.

Inasmuch as you and Joel Hayden are both members of our National Committee and both signified to Mr. Kersey your willingness to help with an Ohio committee, I suggested to Mr. Timerman that you might sign the letter calling the Cleveland group together. We hope that you can do this.

Because of the distance between large cities in Ohio, we have thought it best to hold four regional meetings and to let those meetings discuss with Mr. Timerman the plans for the State Committee and to elect two to the executive board of the State Committee. Such regional meetings are to be held in Cincinnati, Dayton, Columbus and Cleveland, - Akron to be included in the Cleveland meeting. Mr. Timerman will be in attendance at all these meetings to set things up.

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I hope that Ohio will soon be one of those states in which our forces are organized.

Very cordially yours,

Russell A. Barnes,

RPB-DD



December 14th, 1927.

Dr. Joel B. Hayden,
2360 Delamere,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Doctor Hayden:-

I am enclosing herewith a letter received from Mr. Timerman of Columbus. He spoke to me in Columbus last Monday night about the contents of this letter.

He would like to have a regional conference called here in Cleveland within the next few weeks. What do you think of it?

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

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Dec. 11th, 1927

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple,
Cleveland,

Dear Dr. Silver:-

You have doubtless heard from Mr. Roswell P. Barnes of the national Committee on Militarism in Education concerning the plans for calling the Ohio committee together in four regional meetings to elect an executive committee and to authorize certain operations for the winter. He has asked me to help organize this work and has suggested that you and Dr. Hayden might call together the other members of our committee living in and near Cleveland.

The enclosed letter is just a suggestion. If you and Dr. Hayden could send such a letter to the members and arrange a luncheon, supper or other meeting, I could probably arrange to meet with you. I would suggest Dec. 19, January 2d, or 3d as possible dates.

Several suggested actions of this regional meeting are: elect two representatives to an executive committee, as will the groups at Columbus, Dayton and Cincinnati; authorize some sort of brief survey of the work to be done in Ohio, and form some tentative plan of operation; discuss or suggest a tentative budget, etc.

If you wish me to have the letters written and sent to you and Dr. Hayden for signature, I will be glad to do that.

I am adding a list of the people in and around Cleveland who have accepted service on the Ohio Committee.

Very cordially

Donald Timerman
Sec'y.

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Rabbi A. H. Silver,
1485 E. 106th Street, (The Temple)
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You will recall a visit some months ago from Mr. Rufus Kersey who extended and received your acceptance of an invitation to membership on an Ohio Committee on Militarism in Education. Mr. Kersey attempted to find a time and place where this committee could meet to organize, but distance and other items worked against it. Now Mr. Kersey and the National Committee have asked me to help convene this group in four regional meetings, to organize, adopt some program, and select an executive committee. The four gatherings will be called in Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton and Cincinnati.

Inasmuch as Mr. John Nevin Sayre, vice-chairman of the National Committee is to be coming through Ohio the last of this month, I am presuming to call a meeting with him at the Hollenden Hotel, Cleveland, for luncheon on Tuesday, February 28th at noon. Just ask for the Sayre group.

A splendid committee was recently organized in Illinois with Professor Paul Douglas as Chairman and Dr. Alfred Palmer as vice-chairman. The investigating committee is composed of Paul Hutchinson, Professor Frank O. Beck of Garrett and Professor R. Worth Frank of McCormick. They have already secured the services of an investigator.

In the face of the continued efforts of "big navy" and "big army" men to militarize the minds and action of America, we of this committee surely ought to get some real work under way. I am enclosing a list of the members of this group who live in and around your city.

Trusting that Mr. Sayre and I will meet you at the time and place suggested, I am

Cordially yours,

Donald Timerman

Secy. pro tem, Ohio C. M. E.

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My dear Rabbi Silver:

Last week the Cleveland Plain Dealer carried a full story of the organization of the Ohio Committee on Militarism in Education, printing the pictures of the Chairman, Justice John H. Clarke, and three other prominent local members. The Committee now lists 47 leading citizens: educators, bishops, prominent rabbis, lawyers, labor leaders, leaders of women's organizations, etc. They are ready for action.

Our Illinois Committee, under Professor Paul Douglas, has just completed a comprehensive survey of that state, and he is about to publish and distribute a 50 or 60 page pamphlet on military training in the state. . Ohio is the fifth strategic state in which we have organized committees, and two more are in process of organization.

As a member of the National Committee you will be interested to know that we are thus increasing the effectiveness of our campaign.

The enclosed sheet of gleanings from two consecutive mails coming to my desk will give you another view of the work we are doing. I am sending you also another copy of "Militarizing Our Youth". Do you want more to distribute? What suggestions can you offer for improving our work?

We are in urgent need now of finding financial support. At its last meeting the Executive Board instructed me to send an appeal to every member of the entire committee, calling your attention to our need and asking you to take the matter up with several persons who might be interested; or if you cannot do this, you might send me the names and tell me whether or not I may use your name in soliciting support.

You have not had many appeals of this kind from the office, have you?

Loyally yours,

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Dear Friend:

When you have read the enclosed mimeographed page, please note the following points about the work of the Committee on Militarism in Education:

1. It limits its activity to one specific field, - civil educational institutions.
2. It is doing a work which no other existing organization seems willing and able to undertake.
3. Its field is most strategic. As long as our colleges pour into public leadership thousands of men educated to a huge armament point of view, we shall have emergency crises such as movements for a "big navy."
4. It is concerned with those institutions which are now determining America's foreign policy for tomorrow.
5. It is promoting school and university instruction in the causes of war and the methods of international cooperation.
6. It is leading a movement that is making progress against great odds.

The budget of the Committee is \$15,000 raised entirely from those who believe in the work. It has no endowment or big foundation's support. It needs \$5 and \$10 contributions as well as larger amounts. Even \$1 helps and gives evidence that you are still interested and that you desire to have your name kept on its lists.

What support will you give it for the current year?

Very truly yours,

Thomas Guthrie Speers.

Roswell P. Barnes.

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2241 Prospect Ave.

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Justice John H. Blawie
Wade Park Manor

(For organization
meeting.

Dr. Nicholas VanderPyl
Oberlin, O.

(Suggested letter to the other members of the committee)

Dear -----:

You will recall a visit last winter from Mr. Rufus Kersey, representing the national Committee on Militarism in Education and seeking to recruit and organize such a committee in Ohio. While Mr. Kersey is no longer able to actively help us, the national committee has asked Donald Timerman, University Pastor with King Ave. Church, Columbus, to assist.

It is suggested that the members of this committee meet in four regional meetings at Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton and Cincinnati. Discussion of plans for the operations against militarism, election of two persons to a central executive committee, and the suggestions for a budget if and as necessary, could be taken up by such regional meetings.

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Therefore ---- and I are asking you to meet us at lunch --- noon --- at the ---. Will you please let us know at once that you can be present?

Cordially,