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A VERY IMPORTANT LUNCHEON MEETING IS BEING CALLED AT THE UNION CLUB AT 12:15 MONDAY NOON JANUARY 12 YOU ARE REQUESTED TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE. YOUR PRESENCE IS URGENTLY REQUESTED. THE COMMITTEE WILL PROCEED WITH ORGANIZATION FOR THE SALE IN GREATER CLEVELAND OF DEFENSE SAVINGS BONDS AND STAMPS. THIS AS YOU WILL RECOGNIZE IS A MAJOR UNDERTAKING AND IS VITAL TO OUR SUCCESS IN WINNING THE WAR. YOU WILL APPRECIATE THE URGENCY OF THE MATTERS UNDER DISCUSSION. IMMEDIATE ACTION IS REQUESTED BY THE UNITEDSTATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT AND MR. ROY MOORE STATE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF ACTING UNDER ORDERS FROM WASHINGTON WILL BE PRESENT TO GIVE INSTRUCTIONS. WILL YOU KINDLY TELEPHONE CHERRY 2491 OR MAIN 7100 IMMEDIATELY SO THAT WE CAN PLAN ON YOUR BEING PRESENT A CERNST.

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#### TREASURY DEPARTMENT

#### WASHINGTON

January 14, 1942

Dear Dr. Silver:

The Treasury Department is very anxious to enroll every American in the great task of building this nation's war machine.

It desires to establish a large force of RADIO MINUTE MEN to make one-minute radio talks on radio stations locally and on network programs urging direct participation in the war effort by buying Defense Bonds and Stamps.

We are enlisting national leaders in this vital activity and desire to include your name. Would you be willing to contribute to this most important matter the prestige of your leadership in your nation and your community?

Sincerely yours,

Vincent F. Callahan,

Chief, Radio and Press Sections.

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

January 16, 1942 Mr. Vincent F. Callahan Chief, Radio and Press Sections Treasury Department Washington, D.C. My dear Mr. Callahan: Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 14. Of course you may use my name in connection with the important work in which you are engaged. With all good wishes, I remain Very cordially yours, AHS: BK

## GREATER CLEVELAND DEFENSE SAVINGS COMMITTEE REPORT February 18, 1942

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Affelder, Harry F.
Treasurer, The Wolf Envelope Co.
Arter Charles K

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Baker, A. Z. President, Cleveland Union Stock Yards

Beam, Walter I. Executive Vice President, The Cleveland Chamber of Commerce

Bellamy, Paul Editor, The Cleveland Plain Dealer

Bishop, Robert H. Jr. Dr. Director, University Hospitals of Cleveland

Black, Robert F. President, The White Motor Company

Bolton, General Newell C.

Boynton, N. H. General Sales Manager, Lamp Department General Electric Company

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Cox, Oscar L. President, Union Bank of Commerce

Crawford, Eben G. President, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co.

Crawford, Frederick C. President, Thompson Products, Inc.

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Daley, Wm. R. President, Otis & Company

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Feiss, Paul L. Chairman of Board, The Joseph & Feiss Co.

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Fleming, Matthew J. President, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland

Freiberger, I. F. Chairman of Board, The Cleveland Trust Co.

Garfield, James R Garfield, Daoust, Baldwin & Vrooman

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Special Agent Life & Group Department
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McHannan, John C. Chairman of Board, Central National Bank

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Mather, William G. Chairman of Board, The Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Co.

Merrifield, George E. Pres. & Treas, The Highee Co.

Merrill, Charles B. Merrill, Turben & Co.

Moss, Herman General Agent, Equitable Life Assurance Society Murch, Maynard H. Maynard H. Murch & Co.

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Ochs President, Eaton Mfg. Co.

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President, Cleveland Junior Chamber of Commerce

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Pribble, Vernon H. Manager, National Broadcasting Co.

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Schuele, Otte A. President, The Fries & Schuele Co.

Scott, Colonel Frank A.

Seltzer, Louis B. Editor-in-Chief, The Cleveland Press

Sherman, Henry S. President, Society for Savings

Sidlo, Thomas L.

Silver, Rabbi Abba Hillel Rabbi of The Temple

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Steudel, A. W. President, The Sherwin-Williams Co.

Stilwell. Charles J. President, The Warner & Swasey Co.

Stevenson, A. E, Secretary, Cleveland Industrial Union Council

Stinchcomb, Wm. A. Director & Secretary, Metropolitan Park Board

Stouffer. Vernon B. President & Treasurer, The Stouffer Corporation

Strong, Charles H. President, The Wm. Taylor Son & Co.

Thomas, Dr. C. V. President, Fenn College

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Wickenden, Dr. Wm. E. President, Case School of Applied Science

Williams, Judge Henry J.

Williams, Lewis B. Chairman of Board, The National City Bank

Wolf, Nathan Manager, Warner Bros. Circuit Management Corporation

Woodruff, Robert F. President, Brie Railroad Co.



#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Brig. Genl. Newell C. Bolton)

Co-Chairmen

Mr. Percy W. Brown
Partner, Hornblower & Weeks )

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C. I. Ochs
President, Eaton Manufacturing Co.

Charles J. Stilwell President, The Warner & Swasey Company and President, The Cleveland Chamber of Commerce

Theodore F. Wagner Labor Consultant

Thos. A. Lenehan Secretary, Cleveland Federation of Labor

A. E. Stevenson Secretary, Cleveland Industrial Union Council

# PROGRESS REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF ONE HUNDRED GREATER CLEVELAND DEFENSE SAVINGS COMMITTEE

At the luncheon meeting January 12, 1942 given by A. C. Ernst, Brig. Gen. N. C. Bolton and P. W. Brown were appointed Co-Chairmen of the Greater Cleveland Defense Savings Committee. The half-time services of D. J. Pritchard of the Society for Savings, who is our Executive Secretary, were secured. The first eight days following the luncheon were devoted to co-ordinating the various activities which had been developed under the efforts of the State Committee. From January 21st we concentrated on organization and now have a local committee perhaps 85% completed, independent of, but cooperating with, the State Organization. We now have quarters at 660 Union Commerce Bldg. adjoining the State Headquarters, three telephones, and a salaried Civil Service stenographer.

The following fifteen Operating Committees have been formed with chairmen, in most cases vice chairmen, and with members varying in number from a few to as high as 30.

Publicity

Labor (Co-chairmen being appointed) Financial Institutions

George H. Wagner, V. Ch.
Payroll Allotment(Life Underwriters) Frank McFarlane, Ch.
Chambers of Commerce Charles J. Stilwell, Ch.

Retail Merchants
City Employees
Veterans and Community Groups
Women's Organizations & Churches
Committee on Education
Investment Dealers
Speakers
Federal Employees

Gredit Unions Clubs (including service clubs) Harry B. Winsor, Ch. Karl B. Mickey, V. Ch.

Matthew Fleming, Ch.
George H. Wagner, V. Ch.
Frank McFarlane, Ch.
Charles J. Stilwell, Ch.
Walter L. Beam, V. Ch.
Wm. H. Gray, Ch.
Mayor Frank J. Lausche, Ch.
Richard Kroesen, Ch.
Mrs. Wm. A. McAfee, Ch.
J. Jones Hudson, Ch.
Maynard H. Murch, Ch.
Dr. Warren G. Guthrie, Ch.
Michael F. O'Donnell, Ch.
Vincent Powers, V. Ch.
Roland H. Kinch, Ch.
Geo. D. Finnie, Ch.

The Advertising Club quickly responded to the problem and a committee of 10 professionals was formed (sub-committee of their War Efforts Committee) with one member assigned to contact each of our 15 committees. The increased publicity shows the splendid work they are doing.

The Pay Roll Savings Committee (Life Underwriters) started with the full approval and blessing of the Treasury Department last May. Locally they started in September with accelerating effort in December. Of about 690 companies with 100 or more employees each, about 400 have been contacted and about 265 have installed Pay Roll Savings plans. This is a vitally important committee.

The Labor Committee started under Theodore Wagner of the STATE Committee as consultant (President of Canton A.F.L). A. E. Stevenson (C.I.O.), and Thomas Lenehan (A.F.L.) are members of our Executive Committee of 11, and will appoint assistants to be co-chairmen. Labor is doing a splendid job. Labor leaders are strongly advising their members of support the Pay Roll Savings plan.

The Committee on Financial Institutions (Commercial and Savings banks, savings and loan institutions) has been doing a highly commendable job at great individual expense in the issuance and clearance of bonds. It comprises 25 members.

Nearly 50 speakers have volunteered their services. 15 speaking engagements of record were filled in the last 10 days.

Four Chamber groups under the leadership of the Cleveland Chamber with a committee to assist the Life Underwriters group.

The Investment Committee is contacting all bond and stock firms and is contributing speakers.

Six Veteran groups have merged under the leadership of the American Legion and Dick Kroesen is enlarging its scope to include community nationality groups, Italians, Poles, Czechs, etc.

Retail Group. Highee's opened a Victory Room with a stamp booth February 12th. Taylor's opened a large window booth February 19th. We hope to have a stamp booth on the Public Square.

The Committee on Education (schools--public, parochial, business, and colleges) is organizing the school system (chiefly for the sale of stamps) in cooperation with the postal system and the branch banks.

Credit Unions (approximately 200) are promoting sales.

Federal Employees were already organized.

City Employees were already organized, under Mayor Lausche.

Women's Organizations and Churches are contacting many groups with a well-organized committee of 20. They plan a mass meeting of 1000 next month.

The Editors of the three large newspapers have given the program their whole-hearted support and foreign language and other newspapers are being contacted. The O.C.D. is cooperating by assisting with speeches, office personnel, and volunteers for defense stamps.

Future plans include an M-day about April 1st with much buildup publicity the previous week. Car-cards, outdoor advertising, and other media are planned.

The above is only a summary of the high spots and omits many interesting details.

We count on your continued interest and cooperation, and would appreciate any suggestions.

Newell C. Bolton) Co-Chairmen Percy W. Brown



#### TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

February 19, 1942

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Rabbi of The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio.

Reverend Sir:

Some time ago you accepted membership on the National Defense Savings Minute Man Committee along with other leading clergymen of the United States.

We are now preparing an article to be distributed in the religious press of the country illustrative of the excellent cooperation we have been receiving from our churches, and we would like to illustrate it with photographs of some of the Minute Men on the National Committee. Could you favor us with a glossy photographic print of yourself, please?

Edward Mayl, Church Press Section. Defense Savings Staff. Sloane Building,

Washington, D. C.



February 27, 1942 Mr. Edward Mayl Church Press Section Defense Savings Staff Sloane Building Washington, D.C. My dear Mr. Mayl: In response to your request, I am enclosing herewith a photograph. With all good wishes, I remain Very cordially yours, AHS: BK



#### TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

April 13, 1942.

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

Reverend Sir:

Here are matrix and proof of the "Minute Man," story which you were good enough to help with.

We will be glad to send you more if you have use for them.

If you write or speak further in the interest of our "War Bond Campaign," we will appreciate receiving a copy of your remarks.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Edward Mayl

Church Press Section Defense Savings Staff.



From: CHURCH PRESS SECTION,
DEFENSE SAVINGS STAFF,
TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Washington, D. C.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

To Editors, Jewish Religious Press:

Here is an illustrated news feature telling how Jewish leaders are aiding in the U. S. Savings Bond campaign. We trust you will be able to use it. Thank you.

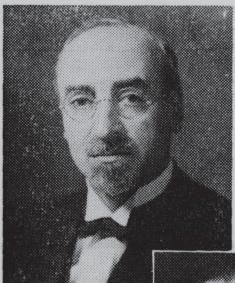
### MODERN "MINUTE MEN"



Dr. Abba Hillel Silver National Chairman, United Palestine Appeal



Dr. Israel Goldstein President, Synagogue Council of America, New York



Dr. David de Sola Pool Chairman, Committee, Army and Navy Religious Activities, Jewish Welfare Board, New York



David Sarnoff
President
Radio Corporation of
America



Dr. Max Arzt Assistant to President, Jewish Theological Seminary of America, New York



BROADCAST FOR SAVINGS BONDS: Of the 32 leading American clergymen who are serving on the National Savings Bond Minute Men Committee, seven are of the Jewish faith. These men, with leaders of the Protestant and Catholic faiths, acting under the direction of David Sarnoff, president of Radio Corporation of America, are bringing the message of Savings Bonds and Stamps to the radio audience in various sections of the country.

In addition to the men pictured, the following Jewish leaders are members of the committee: James G. Heller, Rabbi of Isaac M. Wise Center, Cincinnati, Ohio; Dr. Solomon Goldman, Rabbi of Congregation Anshe Emet, Chicago. Ill.; and Leo Jung. Rabbi of The Jewish Center. New York City.