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"50 years of Zionist activity", 1956.

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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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June 28th, 1956

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed is a summary of a discussion which took place on June 26th, in connection with a Dinner for Israel Bonds, which will be held December 16th by the ZOA in your honor.

Dec. 17

When Dr. Neumann discussed the matter with Mr. Chasin originally, he happened to mention that you and he had worked together for Zionism some fifty years ago, and the idea occurred that "fifty years Zionist activity" would be a good cause to celebrate.

At my suggestion, Dr. Neumann called together the Regional Presidents and ZOA Bond Chairmen of the New York metropolitan area in order to ensure the success of the affair.

With best wishes for a pleasant summer, and warm regards to you and Mrs. Silver, I am

Sincerely yours,

Nettie Eisner
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Summary of Discussion at ZOA Israel Bond Luncheon Meeting,

June 26th, 1 p.m., at the Theodor Herzl Institute, New York City.

PRESENT

Mr. Mortimer May,	President, Zionist Organization of America
Dr. Emanuel Neumann	Chairman, National Executive Committee ZOA
Mr. Abraham Goodman	Chairman, Inner Committee ZOA
Mr. Joseph J. Dreyer	President, Brooklyn Zionist Region
Mr. William Suffin	Bond Chairman, " " "
Mr. Louis Caplan	President, Manhattan " "
Mr. Aleck Leitman	Bond Chairman, District 7, Manhattan Zionist Region, Representing Dr. Harry F. Wechsler, Regional Bond Chairman
Mr. Joseph K. Alliger,	President, Long Island Zionist Region
Mr. Nathan Schooler,	Bond Chairman, Long Island " "
Mr. Joseph Rolnick,	President, Bronx Zionist Region
Mr. Gershon Feigon,	President, Westchester Zionist Region
Mr. Louis Winsten,	Bond Chairman, " " "
Mr. Philip Chasin,	Director, New York metropolitan area, Israel Bond Organization
Miss Nettie Eisner,	Director, ZOA Bond Department

DR. EMANUEL NEUMANN presented a suggestion of Mr. Philip Chasin, the Director of the New York Metropolitan area of the Israel Bond Organization, that the ZOA hold a dinner for Bonds with Dr. Abba Hillel Silver as the guest of honor, which may also celebrate fifty years of his Zionist activity and leadership. The dinner is to take place Sunday, December 16th, as a city-wide affair for all five boroughs.

Dr. Emanuel Neumann read his reply to Mr. Chasin in which he had expressed his agreement in principle but had also pointed out some of his misgivings with regard to this dinner. The main problem was the fact that at the end of the year most of the ZOA members would have purchased their Bonds for 1956, and that a great number of Bond functions would already have been held by ZOA Districts. Also, the Bronx and Long Island planned Regional Bond functions, to take place before that date. Dr. Neumann emphasized that such a city-wide Bond dinner as a tribute to Dr. Silver under ZOA auspices must be an impressive affair and a complete success with adequate financial results. He also pointed out that the annual Chanukah Festival, takes place in Madison Square Garden on December 6th, and this too will be a factor in selling a large amount of Bonds to ZOA people before the proposed Silver dinner. He invited Mr. Chasin to comment on these matters.

MR. PHILIP CHASIN in response to Dr. Neumann's remarks said that he was not expecting the sales to be made mostly at the dinner but that the dinner would be in the nature of the culmination of all efforts made by the ZOA in 1956, and that all purchases made by ZOA members during the current year and sales effected by their efforts would be announced at the dinner and included in the total result.

MR. ABRAHAM GOODMAN asked how Mr. Chasin proposed to determine the ZOA credits since the ZOA is not informed of credits by the Bond Organization.

The question of credits was raised by nearly all the Regional officers present. It was pointed out that ZOA leaders and members are active in trade functions, community functions, synagogues, etc., etc. The point was made that in such cases the ZOA should receive credit and at the same time credit could also be given to the respective trade, synagogue, etc.

MR. PHILIP CHASIN repeated that he would see to it that the ZOA receives full credit for all purchases made by ZOA members, as well as for sales made through the efforts of its members and workers. He proposed to put at our disposal the Transmittal sheets for the calendar year so that we would be able to check our membership against the purchases and sales made. Mr. Chasin said that he would meet with Miss Eisner upon his return from his vacation and work out details of a credit system.

DR. EMANUEL NEUMANN proposed that a small committee should meet with Mr. Chasin in due course to discuss ways and means to ensure ZOA credits.

The second part of the discussion dealt with the proposed function. All Regional officers present participated in the discussion. Mr. Joseph Alliger for Long Island, and Mr. Joseph Rolnick for the Bronx, stated that they had come to the meeting with misgivings about the proposed function but after having been assured that the Regional and District Bond affairs, which will take place before the Dinner, will be regarded as a build-up for the dinner, and that the December function will be a culmination of their Regional Bond efforts and a celebration, they felt that they could go along with the suggestion made by Mr. Chasin. There was general agreement in principle to undertake the proposed dinner.

MR. NATHAN SCHOOLER suggested that a free invitation to the dinner should be given to people who sell for instance \$2500 worth of Bonds.

MR. ABRAHAM GOODMAN proposed that a trip to Israel should be awarded to a District that excels in its efforts for Bonds, and that these trips should be booked through the Tourist Department of the ZOA.

MR. CHASIN said that these were details to be worked out at a later stage, that he will think about these suggestions. He proposed that those present at the meeting should constitute a Committee for the dinner, and that it should meet again sometime in August in order to discuss the function further.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

145 EAST 32nd STREET
NEW YORK 16, N. Y.

ERNEST E. BARBARASH, *Director*
PRESS AND PUBLICITY DEPT.

December 11, 1956

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio

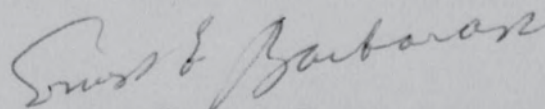
Dear Dr. Silver:

I have promised the publicity department of the State of Israel Bonds to give them my fullest assistance in the press coverage of the dinner being tendered in your honor this Monday.

I would, therefore, urgently suggest that you rush to me the text or salient excerpts of your address so that it should reach me in this office not later than this Friday.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,



Ernest E. Barbarash

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December 13, 1956

Mr. Ernest E. Barbarash
Zionist Organization of America
145 East 32nd Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Barbarash:

I am enclosing herewith some paragraphs from my address which
I will deliver Monday evening.

I hope you will find them satisfactory.

Cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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December 13, 1956

Mr. Robert Schiffer
Development Corporation for Israel
215 Fourth Avenue
New York 3, New York

My dear Mr. Schiffer:

I am enclosing herewith some paragraphs from my address which I will deliver Monday evening.

I hope you will find them satisfactory.

Cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 15, 1956

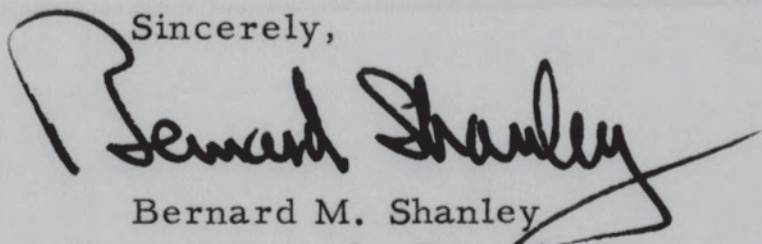
Dear Rabbi Miller:

The President has asked me to thank you and all those of The Zionist Regions of Greater New York for the cordial invitation you have extended to him to attend the Dinner, honoring Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, on Monday evening at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

The President wishes he could plan to attend this important dinner, but, as you know, Prime Minister Nehru is arriving in Washington tomorrow for a visit with him and the President is officially committed in this connection on Monday evening. He asks, though, that you express his regrets to all those assembled on this occasion and that you extend his cordial best wishes, especially to Dr. Silver.

With the expressed warm regard of the President, in which I join,

Sincerely,



Bernard M. Shanley
Secretary to the President

Rabbi Irving Miller, Chairman
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver Tribute Committee
Suite 1400
215 Fourth Avenue
New York 3, New York



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December 16, 1955

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

A major and enlarged meeting of the Board of Governors of the Israel Bond Organization to plan our campaign program for 1956 will be held on Saturday night, January 7, and Sunday, January 8, at the Savoy Plaza Hotel, Fifth Avenue at 55th Street, New York City.

In the light of the far-reaching and critical developments which have so gravely threatened Israel's security our activities in the coming weeks and months have very great significance. We must maintain and step up the flow of Bond dollars which are the life-line of Israel's economic defense. The results of our fall campaign have been most encouraging and we have seen substantial increases in Bond sales throughout the country, but even this tempo must be stepped up if Israel is to receive the strength it must get from Bonds.

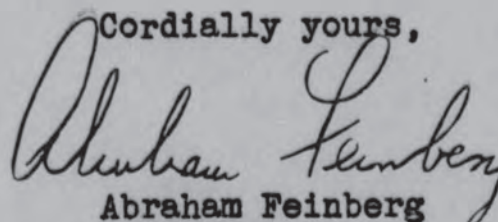
It is therefore most urgent that you make every effort to join us at this meeting.

As the first step in the launching of the 1956 campaign, we will hold an Inaugural Conference for Israel Bonds on the week-end of February 4th and 5th at the Seville Hotel, Miami Beach. Because the outcome of this Conference will have a profound and decisive effect upon the sale of Bonds in the next twelve months, an important part of our discussions at the Board meeting will deal with your role in the preparations for Miami.

Our sessions will open with a dinner at 6 P.M., Saturday, January 7th, and we plan to conclude at about 4 P. M. on Sunday. Won't you please indicate that you will attend by mailing the enclosed card to me today.

Looking forward to your favorable response, and with kindest personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,


Abraham Feinberg
President

Dr. Emanuel Neumann

December 17, 1956

Harold P. Manson

The attached ad on the Silver broadcast appeared today on the radio pages of the Times, Herald-Tribune and Post.

Also-- on the basis of our release to the radio editors, the broadcast was included in the Highlights listings of the dailies.

Best regards.

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Encl.

cc: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver ✓
Dr. Sidney Marks
Ernest E. Barbarash

Harold



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WABC .. 770	WINS .. 1010	WEVD .. 1330	WWRL .. 1600

- 11 A. M. (or when held)—United Nations General Assembly—(WNYC); regularly scheduled programs continue on (WNYC-FM).
- 12 M.-12:30—Tree Lighting Ceremony of Financial District, with G. Keith Funston, Trinity Church Choir—(WNYC).
- 8-9—Boston Symphony Orchestra Concert: Irmgard Seefried, soprano; Charles Munch conducts the orchestra—(WRCA).
- 8-8:25—American Music Hall: Fisk University Glee Club (Recorded)—(WABC).
- 8:05-9—Symphony Hall: Elgar's Violin Concerto played by Jascha Heifetz and the London Symphony Orchestra; Sir Malcolm Sargent, conductor (Recorded)—(WQXR).
- 8:30-9—Concert: Christmas tunes; Jerome Hines, bass; Howard Barlow Orchestra—(WABC).
- 8:30-8:55—Queens College Forum: "The Reading Controversy," Part II—(WNYC).
- 9-9:30—Telephone Hour: Robert Casadesu, pianist; Donald Voorhees Orchestra; from Carnegie Hall—(WRCA).
- 9:05-9:35—World of Jazz: John S. Wilson presents: "Kid Ory at 70"—(WQXR).
- 9:30-10—Capitol Cloakroom—(WCBS).
- 9:30-9:55—City College Extension Course: "Know Your New York City," James Carroll, moderator of discussion—(WNYC).
- 9:30-10—Report to the People: "Problems of Integration in N. Y. C. Schools," Dr. Morris Krugman, Edward S. Lewis; Mrs. Dorothy Dunbar Bromley, moderator—(WMCA).
- 10:05-10:35—Dr. Abba H. Silver honored by dinner; Zionist Organization of America, Hotel Waldorf-Astoria—(WABC).
- 10:35-11, 11:15-12:30—Tex and Jinx hosts to Tom Courtney, James Reynolds—(WRCA).
- 11:10-11:30—This is New York: Martin Weldon, host; Prince Wan Waithaykon, guest—(WCBS).



In Tribute to

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

For Fifty Years of Zionist Devotion



MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1956

AT 6:30 P.M.

WALDORF-ASTORIA HOTEL

New York City

Rabbi Irving Miller, *Chairman*
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver Tribute Committee
Suite 1400
215 Fourth Avenue
New York 3, New York

I shall attend the dinner in honor of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver in tribute to his fifty years of Zionist leadership and hereby purchase a minimum of \$500 in State of Israel Development Bonds for each reservation listed below. My check includes an additional \$7.50 for each couvert.

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PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO THE STATE OF ISRAEL



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DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR ISRAEL, 215 Fourth Avenue, New York 3, N. Y.,

Date.....

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Please issue and mail the above Israel Bonds to:

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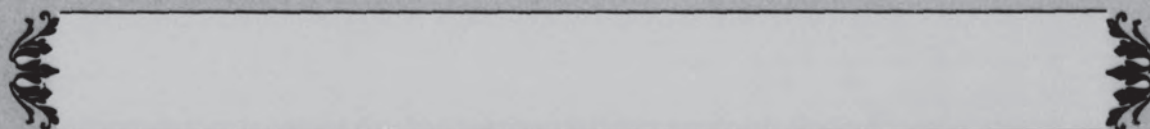
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50 Yr Zionist Activity

New York City

Monday, Dec. 17, 1956

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DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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WALDORF ASTORIA HOTEL
New York City
December 17, 1956

My dear friends:

I am happy to be here tonight and grateful for the many lovely things which you have said about me. I shall cherish them. I am proud to have been associated with the Zionist Organization of America for more than half a century. I recall that I attended my first Zionist Convention as a lad of eleven, an accredited delegate from the first Junior Society in the United States -- the Dr. Herzl Zionist Club.

Through these many years, which witnessed such revolutionary upheavals in Jewish life, ~~the world over~~, so much tragic destruction and desolation in two World Wars, and so much of heroic and rewarding struggle for the establishment, recognition, upbuilding and defense of the State of Israel, the Zionist Organization of America has stood always in the vanguard of leadership and service. It pioneered in political action; it mobilized world opinion; it took on the brunt of every attack. Tonight I am heartened ^{by} the thought that in the uncertain years which lie ahead, when so much work will yet have to be done to make the State of Israel strong and secure, the Zionist Organization of America will ^{still} stand in the forefront, alerted, devoted and unswerving as ever. Your present distinguished leadership under ^{my dear friend,} Dr. Emanuel Neumann, and his associates, is a welcome assurance, both of competence and courage.

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I referred a moment ago to the Junior Zionist Club which I joined ~~as helped organize~~ more than fifty years ago, and which was named after the immortal leader of our Movement, Dr. Theodor Herzl. Dr. Herzl grew old and tired and died spent and exhausted at the age of 44 in the service of his people. He was fond of quoting to his friends a remark which he heard from an old fisherman: "The most remarkable of all things is when a man never gives up."

To you and to our fellow Jews all over the world, and to our brave brothers in Israel, I could at this time give no more appropriate and profound slogan and rallying word.

The State of Israel was not founded by men who easily gave up. This requires no elaboration before an audience such as ~~you~~^{this}, which knows the history of the tense battle-days of our Movement. The State of Israel was not defended in the war of liberation eight years ago, and again in the war for survival a short time ago, by men who easily gave up. And you will agree with me that the State of Israel, which ~~was~~^{is} so gravely beset ~~today~~^{today} will not be firmly established upon its foundations by faint-hearted men, but by those whose courage ~~is greater than~~^{exceeds} their fears, who know how to underwrite strong convictions by life-long sacrificial loyalties.

I am proud of the way our people everywhere reacted to the ominous events of the past few months. As always, their resistance ~~seems to grow~~^{grew}, like a coiled spring, in proportion to the pressure which was put upon it. Our people closed ranks and demonstrated even greater resolution, solidarity and generosity. I was especially gratified by the political maturity which our people displayed, ~~in that they~~^{in that they} refusing ~~to be taken in by~~^{all the} synthetic international cant, ~~and~~ by Sir Galahad riding the Arab Steed in quest of the Holy Grail of oil, and by Ivan the Red, hot from the shambles of Hungary, shedding crocodile

tears over aggression and colonialism.

For the time being at least, the State of Israel has passed from the ~~Zone~~ ^{Zone} of military danger to the ~~Zone~~ ^{Zone} of diplomatic danger. A small nation can lose more on the ~~international~~ diplomatic checker-board than it can win on the battle field. It behooves us, therefore, to watch closely the ~~maneuvers~~ maneuvers which are currently going on at home and abroad. We should turn ~~again~~ ^{again} to our friends ~~again~~ as we did in the past - and we have many of them in all parts of the world, in many of the delegations ~~of~~ ^{to} the United Nations and among free people everywhere, and keep them fully informed, and ~~and~~ solicit their ~~help~~ ^{continued} help in safeguarding the life and independence of that valourous ~~little~~ ^{little} Republic of Israel, which they helped to establish and which, we believe, has faithfully justified their ~~highest~~ ^{early} hopes.

Above all, we must keep Israel economically strong. Its enemies, unable to destroy it militarily, hope to undermine it economically by means of blockades and boycotts and by ~~compelling~~ ^{forcing} it to ~~maintain~~ ^{support} costly military budgets. Every new industry established in Israel, every new mine, or mill or factory, every new ship ^{at} or harbor, or road or railway track, every new settlement or ~~completed~~ irrigation project, is so much red blood poured into the life stream of the nation.

I am thinking this evening of the United Nations. There are those who believe that this world organization has ~~become stronger~~ ^{come out stronger} as a result of the role which it played in the recent Egyptian affair. Everyone wishes ~~to see~~ ^{to be strong and effective} the United Nations ~~strengthened~~, but I am of the opinion that the real testing of the United Nations is yet to come. It will soon come in the Near East, and on its outcome will depend the very survival of that inter-

national organization which was called into ^{being} ~~existence~~ to preserve the peace of the world.

The cease-fire which was achieved ~~there~~ ^{an} is ~~on the~~ occasion -- not necessarily, the prelude to permanent peace. The United Nations force, now gathering in the Middle East, if intelligently employed, may prove to be an important step towards a final solution of those issues which have kept that part of the world in needless tension and turmoil for year^s, or it may lead only to a restoration of the status quo ante from which all the evils flowed, and for a carte blanche to the dictator Nasser to resume all his former dangerous plottings and adventures.

Nothing has so far happened to discourage Nasser from believing that the United Nations force will restore him to his former position and prestige; his commandos free to range again across the borders of Israel; his blockade against Israeli shipping in the Suez Canal and in the Gulf of Aqaba to remain in force; and he himself free to acquire again vast stores of weapons and munitions for an attack upon Israel, ^{now that} ~~since which~~ the Israeli forces forestalled ~~and frustrated~~ his contemplated attack so calamitously a few weeks ago.

~~Now that~~ Our government has ^{evidently} concluded that the best hope for peace in the Middle East lies in the United Nations, and has resolved to channel through it ^{all future} ~~the~~ consideration of its problems ^{This is a} procedure which it ^{did} ~~has~~ not follow~~ed~~ heretofore, choosing rather to find ^{solutions} ~~them~~ outside the framework of the United Nations. ^{It therefore} ~~It~~ becomes increasingly urgent ^{that} ~~for~~ our government, whose authority and prestige in that ^{area} ~~part of the world~~ have been augmented by recent events, ^{should} ~~the~~ ^{desired} ~~the~~ exercise forthright leadership in the United Nations in order to achieve ^{solutions} ~~the desired~~ in keeping with its expressed desire to demonstrate impartial friendship to all

concerned. Without such leadership nothing constructive will ~~happen~~ ^{come to pass,} and the situation will rapidly deteriorate. Unless the United States and the other free nations of the world take strong initiative ^{in the United Nations} for a just settlement, it is quite possible that the Asian-African bloc ~~in the nations~~ which has been uniformly hostile to Israel, coupled with the support of the Soviet bloc, which as part of its strategy to penetrate ~~more and more in~~ the Middle East, can be counted upon to vote consistently against Israel, will succeed in imposing the kind of a settlement which Israel as a matter of survival would be forced to reject. ^{It} It is to the best interests of the free world to make secure and viable, the one dependable free democratic state in the Near East.

← The traditional position of our country on Israel has been expressed time and again by the leaders of our government, and by both major political parties. It was recently restated in the platform of the Republican Party at its National Convention: "We regard the preservation of Israel as an important ^{tenet} ~~tenet~~ of American foreign policy. We are determined that the integrity of an independent Jewish State shall be maintained. We shall support the independence of Israel against armed aggression."

Our government should not wait until there is armed aggression, or until that "innocent" victim of aggression, the little Hitler of the Nile, ~~Nasser~~, has had time to rebuild his badly shattered military establishment, or until Syria ^{sent upon Israel "disintegration"} has had time to accumulate a vast arsenal of tanks, planes, and guns.

~~To use a phrase of Dr. Faried Zeineddine, the Syrian Ambassador to the United States, "has had time to accumulate a vast arsenal of war material which will be quickly supplied to it by the Soviet Union. Playing for time, will be playing with disaster, in this area of the globe. A new excuse for~~

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procrastination and a new formula for inaction are beginning to emerge, ~~sponsored~~
by Arab States and their abettors elsewhere. The Arab States want time to
grow stronger militarily, to regroup and to reorganize, so that at the proper
time they will be able to confront Israel with ultimatums and dictate a peace
settlement on their own terms. This is the ~~explanation~~ ^{meaning} of the inspired talk
one hears today ~~among some of the Arab delegations, as well as elsewhere in the~~
~~corridors of the United Nations and in certain quarters in Washington.~~ ^{that this} This
is not the time ~~one hears~~ for direct negotiations between Israel and its
Arab neighbors. Tempers are too hot. Perhaps in two years ^{such a} ~~this~~ step might
be undertaken. Dr. Fawzi, Egyptian Foreign Minister, speaking last Thursday
before the National Press Club in Washington, was asked to answer the statement
which was made to the Press Club by Israel's Foreign Minister two days before —
"that Israel was willing to negotiate peace with Egypt directly, immediately
and without any pre-conditions." He replied, "These things have their time
in history." Dr. Fawzi further said that Egypt was not willing to discuss the
passage of Israel's ships as part of a Suez Canal settlement. "This is part
and parcel of the Israeli question which we are willing to discuss at the
proper time" ~~he said.~~ "It is not a proper part of the Suez question."

^{start} But why not? To ~~high~~ most right-thinking people the blockade
of the Suez Canal against Israeli shipping is the very proof ~~and evidence~~ ^{and evidence}
of Egypt's illegal usurpation and of the insincerity of its pledge to keep ~~the~~ ^{the} Canal
open to the shipping of the whole world. It ~~clearly~~ ^{glaringly} reveals Egypt's
intentions not to insulate the operation of the Canal from national politics,
but to close it whenever ~~it wishes to serve~~ ^{this} its own political ends, regardless
of international treaties and commitments.

May one ask ^{when} ~~what~~ will be the proper time ^{when} ~~when it will please~~ Egypt ^{will be}

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~~of~~ and when will be the ^{proper} time for peace negotiations. The eight

years which have elapsed since the armistice was fixed have not been sufficient to cool off the hot tempers in the Near East. On the contrary, the passage of time has served only to ~~acerbate~~ exacerbate the situation to a point of explosion.

Will another two years, or five, under identical armistice conditions help to cool them off? How plausible, but how specious is this formula which is now being peddled about ^{a formula patently designed to cover} ~~as a means of covering up~~ a maneuver for a complete return to the ~~pre~~ ^{in order} pre-invasion status to satisfy Nasser and his ~~allies~~ ^{allies}

The Foreign Minister of another Arab ^s state, Iraq, is not satisfied even with a return to this status. Nothing will satisfy him and his government but the complete obliteration of the State of Israel. "Israel," he declared last week, "should no longer be a State." It is as simple as all that. Since Iraq ~~clearly~~ is unable to accomplish this feat single-handed or in collaboration with its Arab neighbors, where collaboration appears to be so singularly difficult to attain, -- quite recently Iraq was loudly calling for help ^{not} ~~against~~ Israel, but against Syria, her Arab neighbor, which with the aid of Russian arms and "volunteers" was threatening to attack her. Iraq now hopes that the United Nations will perform this little service of ^{political} ~~assassination~~ ^{to please} it and ^{to achieve} ~~for the~~ peace and unity ⁱⁿ of the Arab world.

In this connection, it should be borne in mind that Iraq is a member of the Baghdad Pact group of nations, which our government called into existence and which it is now being urged to ^{officially} join. Our government has been supplying arms to Iraq and at this ^{very} moment Iraq is soliciting a ^{substantial} ~~sharp~~ increase in the volume of American military aid.

It should also be recalled that American military aid was denied the State of Israel on the convenient but not consistently applied formula that our country does not wish to become ^{involved} in an arms race. The State of Israel was also excluded from the regional security arrangements of the Baghdad Pact, and was denied ~~also~~ any other security ^{treaty} such as our country has with many other nations.

It is now suggested that the United Nations should not ~~make full use~~ exploit to the fullest its dramatic and energetic ingress into ^{the} ~~this~~ long-disturbed area of the Middle East, ~~and should not stay on until the area is fully pacified,~~ but that it should quickly withdraw and leave the fate of that part of the world to the will and whim of ^{these} governments who have consistently proclaimed their unwillingness to make peace.

In our judgment the United States should press ^{forward} most energetically in the councils of the United Nations for immediate action which will bring the representatives of the governments of the Near East together around a conference table for the urgent settlement of all their outstanding issues. It has been Israel's contention that there is ^{whether it be territory, refugees or compensation,} not a single issue which cannot be settled with goodwill and a ^{desire for} ~~willingness to make~~ peace.

It is not enough to clear the Suez Canal so that oil may flow freely again to the Western world. It is all-important for the peace of the world that the major obstacles which have for years impeded free communication, trade and cooperation between the peoples of the Near East, fostered bitterness and acrimony and led to periodic and bloody outbreaks ^{and successive crises} should be removed without delay.

Here is the challenge to true statesmanship. To denounce your friends when they have been driven to acts of desperation, partly due to your own blunders, may give you a momentary feeling of self-righteousness as well as of

expiation. To help them to achieve just and lasting political settlements in which you assume your full ^{share} of responsibility ~~and commitment~~ is the only ^{true} ~~the~~ way of political wisdom, friendship and leadership. Furthermore, you ~~could~~ ^{will} never serve the best interests of the ^Free ^World if your primary consideration is to compete for prestige in the Arab world and to appear as its special friend and defender. Governments which are bent upon intrigue play that game. Governments which are sincerely concerned with undergirding the threatened structure of the ^Free ^World will help ~~especially~~ those nations, ~~which~~ large ~~and~~ small, whose traditions are the traditions of freedom, whose way of life, whose hopes and ideals are bound up with the future of a free society.

~~Colonel Nasser should not be permitted to dictate the terms and conditions of the withdrawal of the United Nations' police force. Only when order and security have been ^{finally} established along the Suez and in the Sinai Peninsula and the dictator has abandoned his acts of illegality and belligerency should that international force be withdrawn.~~

^{part} It should ^{be remembered} ~~not be forgotten~~ that even before the United Nations ordered a cease-fire and ^{the} withdrawal of Israeli forces from the Sinai Peninsula, the Prime Minister of Israel, David Ben Gurion, let it be known that he was ~~prepared to propose to his government the immediate withdrawal of all Israeli forces if Nasser would sign a clear undertaking to abstain from further hostile acts against Israel, including undertakings for liquidating the Fedayeen, abolishing the blockade in the Gulf of Aqaba, and abstaining from military alliances directed against Israel. These conditions were not met then, and have not yet been met, since~~ It would be a ^{colossal} ~~colossal~~ blunder for the United Nations to have gone through all the ^{tremendous} ~~great~~ diplomatic exertions in recent

months and the dispatching of a police force only to withdraw and leave the
← situation in the same perilous ~~and explosive~~ condition in which it was prior
to October. It would be unwise to permit Egypt to return to the Gaza area
from which she ~~launched~~ ^{used to mount} her Fedayeen raids on Israel ~~for years~~. Gaza is not
Egyptian territory. It would ~~furthermore~~ ^{also} be an act of prudence to de-
militarize all or part of the Sinai Peninsula, so that it ~~would~~ ^{could} serve as a
welcome buffer between Egypt and Israel ~~or under the cover of Egypt for the~~
~~Soviet Union. of operations in war.~~

Israel does not want war. Israel was provoked to attack as its only
way of survival. It could not wait until Nasser's ~~vast~~ mountain of ~~defense~~ tanks,
guns and bombers, ^{part} of which, following his defeat, the world was able to
examine with amazement, ~~it~~ came crashing down upon it. For eight years
Israel has appealed to the United Nations and to the ^Free World for help ~~to~~ ^{against}
~~constant~~ ^{put an end to} the harassment and ~~to the~~ menace, ~~but~~ ^{nothing} was done. No
^{start} sanctions were invoked against Egypt when it flouted ~~its~~ ^{the} orders ^{of the United Nations} to end the
blockade against Israeli shipping. Nothing was done to end the economic
boycott against Israel. Nothing was done to check ~~the or counteract~~ the
unprecedented flow of armaments to the Near East, all aimed at the de-
struction of Israel. Nothing was done to counteract the military alliances
which were being forged like a ring of steel around Israel.

What did the world expect Israel to do? ~~Did~~ ^{the world expect} Israel
to sit there, like a clay pigeon, and helplessly and resignedly await destruction
and extinction? Thank God, Israel did not! And, if I know the people of
Israel, they never will, at any time in the future.

If you live in a neighborhood where your neighbors are determined to make
life miserable for you, ^{to} they ~~break~~ ^{smash} your windows; they tear up your garden;

they beat up your children, You reason and argue with them, but ~~they will not~~ ^{to no avail} ~~listen~~. You appeal to the police, but they are unwilling or unable to protect you. You become aware of a concerted plan afoot, on the part of your neighbors, to tear your house down completely over your head. If there is an opportune ~~moment~~ ^{of them all} presents itself and you are able to lay hold of the ^{biggest bully} ring leader, and ~~you succeed in beating~~ ^{and} ~~him~~ ^{him} daylight out of him, so that for a long time to come he ~~may~~ ^{wild} not be in a position to molest you, ~~you~~ ^{thus} would ~~any~~ fair-minded man call ~~that~~ aggression?

Israel does not want war, ~~but it will defend itself~~ ^{Many} of the ~~present~~ citizens of Israel are refugees from war. They know what war is. They experienced all its horrors. Many of them left their sons, daughters, husbands and parents in the horror hells of Nazi, Fascist or Communist wars in Europe. All ~~that~~ ^{these} people who have found a haven in Israel want is peace, and a chance to work and build a new life. They want to create ~~something~~ fine for themselves, their country and mankind. They covet nobody's territory, but ~~they~~ they are resolved to defend their own. Their tradition -- which is Judaism -- hates war and the shedding of blood. There is no glorification of war in Judaism; there was never any call in Israel to become a great military power or to build a great empire. ~~The~~ ^{That} Jews could fight when necessary, and with extraordinary valor and heroism, the legions of Rome, the armies of Antiochus, the hosts which faced Joshua, and quite recently the routed and ~~scattered~~ ^{scattered} divisions of Nasser could well testify. But Israel never emphasized its military achievements. Its hope for the future was bound up with the hope of universal disarmament, with an international society, ~~united~~ banded in brotherhood, united by the law of justice, unity and freedom.

The modern State of Israel is the heir of this tradition. It seeks peace and friendly cooperation with all its neighbors. It has sympathized with the ~~historical~~ ^{national} aspirations of all the Arab peoples. It has welcomed the inexorable march of ~~the~~ colonial peoples to freedom and independence. It claims that same freedom for itself and ~~the~~ ^{that} same national independence.

✓ Israel, therefore, hopes that the present providential moment will be seized by all nations of goodwill to bring about a condition of peace and stability in this region of ~~continued~~ ^{continued} violence.

Israel fervently hopes that before very long some real ~~statesmen~~ ^{socially-minded} statesmen will arise in the Arab world, who will see the picture as it is, and not as the predatory

eyes of political ^{by} immature demagogues see it. The ~~present~~ ^{severe} social and economic problems of the ~~Arab masses~~ ^{masses} exploited, impoverished, illiterate, cannot

^{be} ^{part} solved ^{either} by the obliteration of the State of Israel or by the ~~expropriation~~ ^{expropriation} of its territory ~~in part or in whole~~. There is land enough in the Middle

East for many times its present population, ^{given planning,} ~~to begin~~ irrigation and industrialization. It is not an act of political ~~stupidity~~ ^{sagacity} to keep the Arab world

stirred up over issues which really do not affect the ultimate well-being of its peoples and to ~~in mortgage~~ ^{mortgage} ~~their~~ present limited resources ~~of its country~~ to build up ~~where no one threatens~~ ^{instead of trying to} costly military establishments ~~which~~ ^{to} raise the low standard of living, ~~of the people.~~

Israel is eager to cooperate with the Arab peoples; to bring ~~economic~~ ^{new} life, progress and prosperity to the entire vast region which will

be for the benefit of all. Some day Israel's outstretched hand of friendship will be taken. Until that time of reconciliation, Israel must be helped to remain strong and secure in its ~~sovereignty~~ ^{in its economy} and ~~its~~ freedom.

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The real testing of the United Nations is yet to come. It will soon come in the Near East, and on its outcome will depend the very survival of that international organization which was called into existence to preserve the peace of the world.

The cease-fire which was achieved there is only the occasion -- not necessarily the prelude to permanent peace. The United Nations force, now gathering in the Middle East, if intelligently employed, may prove to be an important step towards a final solution of those issues which have kept that part of the world in needless tension and turmoil for years, or it may lead only to a restoration of the status quo ante from which all the evils flowed, and for a carte blanche to the dictator Nasser to resume all his former dangerous adventures.

Nothing has so far happened to discourage Nasser from believing that the United Nations force will restore him to his former position and prestige in the Near East; his commandos free to range again across the borders of Israel; his blockade against Israeli shipping in the Suez and in the Gulf of Aqaba to remain in force; and he himself free to acquire again vast stores of weapons and munitions for an attack upon Israel which the Israeli forces frustrated so calamitously a few weeks ago.

Now that our government has concluded that the best hope for peace in the Middle East lies in the United Nations and has resolved to channel through it the consideration of its problems -- a procedure which it had not followed in the past, choosing rather to find them outside the framework of the United Nations -- it becomes increasingly urgent for our government, whose authority and prestige in the Middle East have been augmented by recent events, to take forthright leadership in the United Nations to achieve solutions which will be in keeping with its expressed desire for impartial friendship to all concerned. The traditional position

of our country on Israel has been expressed time and again by the leaders of our government and by both major political parties of our country. It was recently restated in the platform of the Republican Party National Convention: "We regard the preservation of Israel as an important tenet of American Foreign Policy. We are determined that the integrity of an independent Jewish State shall be maintained. We shall support the independence of Israel against armed aggression."

Our government should not wait until there is armed aggression or until that "innocent" victim of aggression, Nasser, has had time to rebuild his badly shattered military establishment, or until Syria has had time to build up a vast arsenal of tanks, planes and guns provided by the Soviet Union. It should press most energetically in the United Nations for action which will bring the representatives of the governments of the Near East together around a conference table for the settlement of all the outstanding issues.

It is not enough to clear the Suez Canal so that oil may again flow freely to the western world. It is all-important for the peace of the world that all the major obstacles which have for years impeded free communication, trade and cooperation between the peoples of the Near East, fostered bitterness and acrimony and led to periodic and bloody outbreaks and mounting crises, should be removed without delay.

Here is the challenge to true statesmanship. To denounce your friends when they have been driven to acts of desperation — partly due to your own blunders — may give you a momentary feeling of self-righteousness as well as of expiation. To help them to achieve just and lasting political settlements in which you assume your full share of responsibility and commitment is the way of wisdom, friendship and inspired leadership.

Nasser should not be permitted to dictate the terms and conditions of the withdrawal of the United Nations force. Only when order and security have been established along the Suez and in the Sinai Peninsula and Nasser has abandoned his acts of illegality and belligerency should that international force be withdrawn.

It should be recalled that even before the United Nations ordered a cease-fire and a withdrawal of Israeli forces from the Sinai Peninsula, the Prime Minister

of Israel let it be known that he was prepared to propose to his government the withdrawal of all Israeli forces if Nasser signed a clear undertaking to abstain from hostile acts against Israel, including undertaking ^{for} ~~the~~ liquidating the Fedayeen, abolishing the blockade in the Gulf of Aqaba and in the Suez Canal and abstaining from military alliances directed against Israel. These conditions have not yet been met and Nasser has given no indication whatsoever that he intends to meet them.

It would be a colossal blunder for the United Nations to have gone through all the great diplomatic exertions and the dispatching of a military force only to leave the ^{situation} ~~condition~~ in the same perilous and explosive condition in which it was prior to October.



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to ^{permanent} ~~peace~~

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quo from which all the evils flowed, and for a ^{complete blank} ~~full return~~ of the dictator Nasser,
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^{he himself} ~~again~~; and free to acquire again vast stores of weapons for ~~his~~ ^{and on occasion} ~~attack~~ upon
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Now that our ~~our~~ government has concluded that the best hope for peace in
the Middle East lies in the United Nations and has resolved to channel ^{through it} ~~the solution~~ ^{consider}
of ^{its} ~~the~~ problems of the Near East ~~through it~~ -- a procedure which it had not followed
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in defense of ^{of our country} ~~its~~ traditional position on Israel, ^{has been} ~~expressed~~ time and again, by ~~the~~ ^{the} leaders
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the integrity of an independent Jewish State shall be maintained. We shall support

the independence of Israel against armed aggression."

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The United Nations force should not be withdrawn at the will of Nasser but only when ^{there is} ~~there is~~ established order and security along the Suez and in the Sinai Peninsula and until Nasser has abandoned ~~all~~ his acts of illegality and belligerency. ^{should that intervention force be withdrawn}

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My dear Friends:

I am happy to be here tonight and grateful for the many lovely things which you have said about me. I shall cherish them. I am proud to have been associated with the Zionist Organization of America for more than half a century. I recall that I attended my first Zionist Convention as a lad of eleven, an accredited delegate from the first Junior Society in the United States -- the Dr. Herzl Zion Club.

Through these many years, which witnessed such revolutionary upheavals in Jewish life, so much tragic destruction and desolation in two World Wars, and so much of heroic and rewarding struggle for the establishment, recognition, upbuilding and defense of the State of Israel, the Zionist Organization of America has stood always in the vanguard of leadership and service. It pioneered in political action; it mobilized world opinion; it took on the brunt of every attack. Tonight I am heartened by the thought that in the uncertain years which lie ahead, when so much work will yet have to be done to make the State of Israel strong and secure, the Zionist Organization of America will still stand in the forefront, alerted, devoted and unswerving as ever. Your present distinguished leadership under my dear friend, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, who has given a lifetime of outstanding service to our Movement, and his associates, is a welcome assurance, both of competence and courage.

I referred a moment ago to the Junior Zionist Club which I joined more than fifty years ago, and which was named after the immortal leader of our Movement, Dr. Theodor Herzl. Dr. Herzl grew old and tired and died spent and exhausted at the age of 44 in the service of his people. He was fond of quoting to his friends a remark which he heard from an old fisherman: "The most remarkable of all things is when a man never gives up."

To you and to our fellow Jews all over the world, and to our brave brothers in Israel, I could at this time give no more appropriate and profound slogan and rallying word.

The State of Israel was not founded by men who easily gave up. This requires no elaboration before an audience such as this, which knows the history of the tense battle-days of our Movement. The State of Israel was not defended in the war of liberation eight years ago, and again in the war for survival a short time ago, by men who easily gave up. And you will agree with me that the State of Israel, which is so gravely beset today, will not be firmly established upon its foundations by faint-hearted men, but by those whose courage exceeds their fears, who know how to underwrite strong convictions by life-long sacrificial loyalties.

I am proud of the way our people everywhere reacted to the ominous events of the past few months. As always, their resistance grew, like a coiled spring, in proportion to the pressure which was put upon it. Our people closed ranks and demonstrated even greater resolution, solidarity and generosity. I was especially gratified by the political maturity which our people displayed, in that they refused to be taken in by all the synthetic international cant, by Sir Galahad riding the Arab Steed in quest of the Holy Grail of oil, and by Ivan the Red, hot from the shambles of Hungary, shedding crocodile tears over aggression and colonialism.

For the time being at least, the State of Israel has passed from the zone of military danger to the zone of diplomatic danger. A small nation can lose more on the diplomatic checker-board than it can win on the battlefield. It behooves us, therefore, to watch closely the maneuvers which are currently going on at home and abroad. We should turn again to our friends as we did in the past - and we have many of them in all parts of the world, in many of the delegations to the United Nations and among free people everywhere - and keep them fully informed, and solicit their continued help in safeguarding the life and independence of that valorous little Republic of Israel, which they helped to establish and which, we believe, has faithfully justified their early hopes.

Above all, we must keep Israel economically strong. Its enemies, unable to destroy it militarily, hope to undermine it economically by means of blockades and boycotts and by forcing it to support costly military budgets. Every new industry established in Israel, every new mine, every new factory, every new

or harbor, or road or railway track, every new settlement or irrigation project, is so much red blood poured into the life stream of the nation.

I am thinking this evening of the United Nations. There are those who believe that this world organization has come out stronger as a result of the role which it played in the recent Egyptian affair. Everyone wishes the United Nations to be strong and effective; but I am of the opinion that the real testing of the United Nations is yet to come. It will soon come in the Near East, and on its outcome will depend the very survival of that international organization which was called into being to preserve the peace of the world.

The cease-fire which was achieved is an occasion -- not necessarily, the prelude to permanent peace. The United Nations force, now gathering in the Middle East, if intelligently employed, may prove to be an important step towards a final solution of those issues which have kept that part of the world in needless tension and turmoil for years, or it may lead only to a restoration of the status quo ante from which all the evils flowed, and for a carte blanche to the dictator Nasser to resume all his former dangerous plottings and adventures.

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Our government has evidently concluded that the best hope for peace in the Middle East lies in the United Nations, and has resolved to channel through it all future consideration of its problems. This is a procedure which it did not follow heretofore, choosing rather to find solutions outside the framework of the United Nations. It therefore becomes increasingly urgent that our government, whose authority and prestige in that area have been augmented by recent events, should proceed to exercise forthright leadership in the United Nations in order to achieve the desired solutions. Without such leadership nothing constructive will come to pass, and the situation will rapidly deteriorate. Unless the United States and the other free nations of the world take strong initiative in the United Nations for a just settlement, it is quite possible that the Asian-African bloc which has been uniformly hostile to Israel, coupled with the support of the Soviet bloc, which as part of its strategy to penetrate the Middle East can be counted upon to vote consistently against Israel, will succeed in imposing the kind of a settlement which Israel as a matter of survival would be forced to reject.

It is to the best interests of the free world to make secure and viable the one dependable free democratic state in the Near East. The traditional position of our country on Israel has been expressed time and again by the leaders of our government, and by both major political parties. It was recently restated in the platform of the Republican Party at its National Convention: "We regard the preservation of Israel as an important tenet of American foreign policy. We are determined that the integrity of an independent Jewish State shall be maintained. We shall support the independence of Israel against armed aggression."

Our government should not wait until there is armed aggression, or until that "innocent" victim of aggression, the little Hitler of the Nile, has had time to rebuild his badly shattered military establishment, or until Syria, bent upon Israel's "disintegration" - to use the recent phrase of the Syrian Ambassador to the United States - has had time to accumulate a vast arsenal of tanks, planes, and guns which will be eagerly supplied to it by the Soviet Union. Playing for time in this area of the globe is playing with disaster. A new excuse for procrastination and a new formula for inaction are beginning to emerge. The Arab states want time to grow stronger militarily, to regroup and to reorganize, so that at the proper time they will be able to confront Israel with ultimatums and dictate a peace settlement on their own terms. This is the meaning of the inspired talk one hears today that this is not the time for direct negotiations between Israel and its Arab neighbors. Tempers are too hot. Perhaps in two years such a step might be undertaken. Dr. Fawzi, Egyptian Foreign Minister, speaking last Thursday before the National Press Club in Washington, was asked to answer the statement which was made to the Press Club by Israel's Foreign Minister two days before -- "that Israel was willing to negotiate peace with Egypt directly, immediately and without any preconditions." He replied, "These things have their time in history." Dr. Fawzi further said that Egypt was not willing to discuss the passage of Israel's ships as part of a Suez Canal settlement. "This is part and parcel of the Israeli question which we are willing to discuss at the proper time. It is not a proper part of the Suez question."

But why not? To most right-thinking people the blockade of the Suez Canal against Israeli shipping is the very proof and evidence of Egypt's illegal usurpation and of the insincerity of its pledge to keep the Canal open to the shipping of the whole world. It glaringly reveals Egypt's intentions not to insulate the operation of the Canal from national politics, but to close it whenever this serves its own political ends, regardless of international treaties and commitments.

May one ask when will be the proper time when Egypt will be pleased to discuss the passage of Israel's ships through the Canal, and when will be the proper time for peace negotiations? The eight years which have elapsed since the armistice was fixed have not been sufficient to cool off the hot tempers in the Near East. On the contrary, the passage of time has served only to acerbate the situation to a point of explosion. Will another two years, or five, under identical armistice conditions help to cool them off? How plausible, but how specious is this formula which is now being peddled about, a formula patently designed to cover up a maneuver for a complete return to the pre-invasion status, in order to satisfy Nasser and his allies.

The Foreign Minister of another Arab state, Iraq, is not satisfied even with a return to this status. Nothing will satisfy him and his government but the complete obliteration of the State of Israel. "Israel," he declared last week, "should no longer be a State." It is as simple as all that! Since Iraq is unable to accomplish this feat single-handed or in collaboration with its Arab neighbors, where collaboration appears to be so singularly difficult to attain -- quite recently Iraq was loudly calling for help, not against Israel, but against Syria, her Arab neighbor, which with the aid of Russian arms and "volunteers" was threatening to attack her -- Iraq now hopes that the United Nations will perform this little service of political assassination to please it and to achieve peace and unity in the Arab world.

In this connection, it should be borne in mind that Iraq is a member of the Baghdad Pact group of nations, which our government called into existence and which it is now being urged to join officially. Our government has been supplying arms to Iraq, and at this very moment Iraq is soliciting a substantial increase in the volume of American military aid.

It should also be recalled that American military aid was denied the State of Israel on the convenient but not consistently applied formula that our country does not wish to become involved in an arms race. The State of Israel was also excluded from the regional security arrangements of the Baghdad Pact, and was denied any other security treaty such as our country has with many other nations.

It is now suggested that the United Nations should not exploit to the fullest its dramatic and energetic ingress into the long-disturbed area of the Middle East, but that it should quickly withdraw and leave the fate of that part of the world to the will and whim of those governments who have consistently proclaimed their unwillingness to make peace.

In our judgment the United States should press forward most energetically in the councils of the United Nations for immediate action which will bring the representatives of the governments of the Near East together around a conference table for the urgent settlement of all their outstanding issues. It has been Israel's contention that there is not a single issue whether it be territory, refugees or compensation, which cannot be settled with goodwill and a desire for peace.

It is not enough to clear the Suez Canal so that oil may flow freely again to the Western world. It is all-important for the peace of the world that the major obstacles which have for years impeded free communication, trade and cooperation between the peoples of the Near East, fostered bitterness and acrimony, and led to periodic and bloody outbreaks and successive crises should be removed without delay.

Here is the challenge to true statesmanship. To denounce your friends when they have been driven to acts of desperation, partly due to your own blunders, may give you a momentary feeling of self-righteousness as well as of expiation. To help them to achieve just and lasting political settlements in which you assume your full share of responsibility is the only true way of political wisdom, friendship and leadership. Furthermore, you will never serve the best interests of the Free World if your primary consideration is to compete for prestige in the Arab world and to appear as its special friend and defender. Governments which are bent upon intrigue play that game. Governments which are sincerely concerned with undergirding the threatened structure of the Free World will help those nations, large or small, whose traditions are the traditions of freedom, whose way of life, whose hopes and ideals are bound up with the future of a free society.

It should be remembered that even before the United Nations ordered a cease-fire and the withdrawal of Israeli forces from the Sinai Peninsula, the Prime Minister of Israel, David Ben Gurion, let it be known that he was prepared to propose to his government the immediate withdrawal of all Israeli forces if Nasser would sign a clear undertaking to abstain from further hostile acts against Israel, including undertakings for liquidating the Fedayeen, abolishing the blockade in the Suez and the Gulf of Aqaba, and abstaining from military alliances directed against Israel. These conditions were not met then, and have not yet been met. It would be a colossal blunder for the United Nations to have gone through all the tremendous diplomatic exertions in recent months and the dispatching of a police force only to withdraw and leave the situation in the same perilous condition in which it was prior to October. It would be unwise to permit Egypt to return to the Gaza area from which she used to mount her Fedayeen raids on Israel. Gaza is not Egyptian territory. It would also be an act of prudence to demilitarize all or part of the Sinai Peninsula, so that it could serve as a welcome buffer between Egypt and Israel.

Israel does not want war. Israel was provoked to attack as its only way of survival. It could not wait until Nasser's mountain of tanks, guns and bombers -- part of which, following his defeat, the world was able to examine with amazement -- came crashing down upon it. For eight years Israel has appealed to the United Nations and to the Free World for help against constant harassment and menace, but nothing was done. No sanctions were invoked against Egypt when it flouted the orders of the United Nations to end the blockade against Israeli shipping. Nothing was done to end the economic boycott against Israel. Nothing was done to check the unprecedented flow of armaments to the Near East, all aimed at the destruction of Israel. Nothing was done to counteract the military alliances which were being forged like a ring of steel around Israel.

What did the world expect Israel to do? Did the world expect Israel to sit there like a clay pigeon and helplessly and resignedly await destruction and extinction? Thank God, Israel did not! And, if I know the people of Israel, they never will at any time in the future.

If you live in a neighborhood where your neighbors are determined to make life miserable for you - they smash your windows; they tear up your garden; they beat up your children. You reason and argue with them, but to no avail. You appeal to the police, but they are unwilling or unable to protect you. You become aware of a concerted plan afoot, on the part of your neighbors, to tear your house down completely over your head. If then an opportunity presents itself and you are able to lay hold of the biggest bully and ring leader of them all and beat daylight out of him, so that for a long time to come he will not be in a position to molest you -- would any fair-minded man call this aggression?

Israel does not want war. Many of the citizens of Israel are refugees from war. They know what war is. They experienced all its horrors. Many of them left their sons, daughters, husbands and parents in the horror hells of Nazi, Fascist or Communist wars in Europe. All that these people who have found a haven in Israel want is peace, and a chance to work and build a new life. They want to create something fine for themselves, their country and mankind. They covet nobody's territory, but they are resolved to defend their own. Their tradition -- which is Judaism -- hates war and the shedding of blood. There is no glorification of war in Judaism; there was never any call in Israel to become a great military power or to build a great empire. That Jews could fight when necessary, and with extraordinary valor and heroism, the legions of Rome, the armies of Antiochus, the hosts which faced Joshua, and quite recently the routed and scattered divisions of Nasser could well testify. But Israel never emphasized its military achievements. Its hope for the future was bound up with the hope of universal disarmament, with an international society, banded in brotherhood, united by the law of justice, unity and freedom.

The modern State of Israel is the heir of this tradition. It seeks peace and friendly cooperation with all its neighbors. It has sympathized with the national aspirations of all the Arab peoples. It has welcomed the inexorable march of colonial peoples to freedom and independence. It claims that same freedom for itself and that same national independence.

Israel, therefore, hopes that the present providential moment will be seized by all nations of goodwill to bring about a condition of peace and stability in this region of continued violence.

Israel fervently hopes that before very long some real socially-minded statesmen deeply interested in the well-being of their people, will arise in the Arab world, who will see the picture as it is, and not as the predatory eyes of politically immature demagogues see it. The severe social and economic problems of the exploited, impoverished and illiterate Arab masses cannot be solved either by the obliteration of the State of Israel or by the expropriation of all or part of its small territory. There is land enough in the Middle East for many times its present population, given planning, irrigation and industrialization. It is not an act of political sagacity to keep the Arab world stirred up over issues which really do not affect the ultimate well-being of its peoples and to mortgage their present limited resources to build up costly military establishments where no one threatens, instead of trying to raise their low standard of living.

Israel is eager to cooperate with the Arab peoples; to bring new life, progress and prosperity to the entire vast region which will be for the benefit of all. Some day Israel's outstretched hand of friendship will be taken. Until that time of reconciliation, Israel must be helped to remain strong in its economy and secure in its sovereignty and freedom.

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December 19, 1956

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am returning herewith your text of the address which you delivered Monday evening, as well as a copy of the mimeographed text -- with accompanying memo from myself -- which I am sending to our people throughout the country.

The reactions to your address which I have received have been, without exception, excellent.

Warmest regards to the whole family.

Ever best,

Harold P. Manson

HPM:ha
Encl.

Memorandum

To: ZOA DISTRICT AND REGIONAL LEADERS

Date: December 19, 1956

From: Harold P. Manson

Subject: ADDRESS BY DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

We are sending you the full text of the important address delivered by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver at the ZOA's Israel Bond Dinner in New York on Monday evening, December 17, and broadcast over the ABC Network.

Please give it the widest publicity throughout your community.

Try to bring about its publication in your local newspapers.

Call it to the attention of editors, columnists, your radio and TV commentators.

Use it as background material for other moulders of opinion in your community, and as guidance for your membership.

Regards.

HPM:ha





110 South Dearborn Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

December 20, 1956

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

Dear Dr. Silver - and my good friend

I recently learned of the testimonial dinner accorded you. I certainly wish I had been notified, as attendance would have had priority as far as I am concerned. Of all similar dinners that I have attended I can think of none wherein the person feted was more richly deserving.

I can only echo Dr. Neumann's words in expressing my own feelings..."Israel and Zionism have need of Dr. Silver today more than ever - have need of his wisdom, his sagacity, his brilliant leadership, his force and strength of character, and above all his indomitable courage."

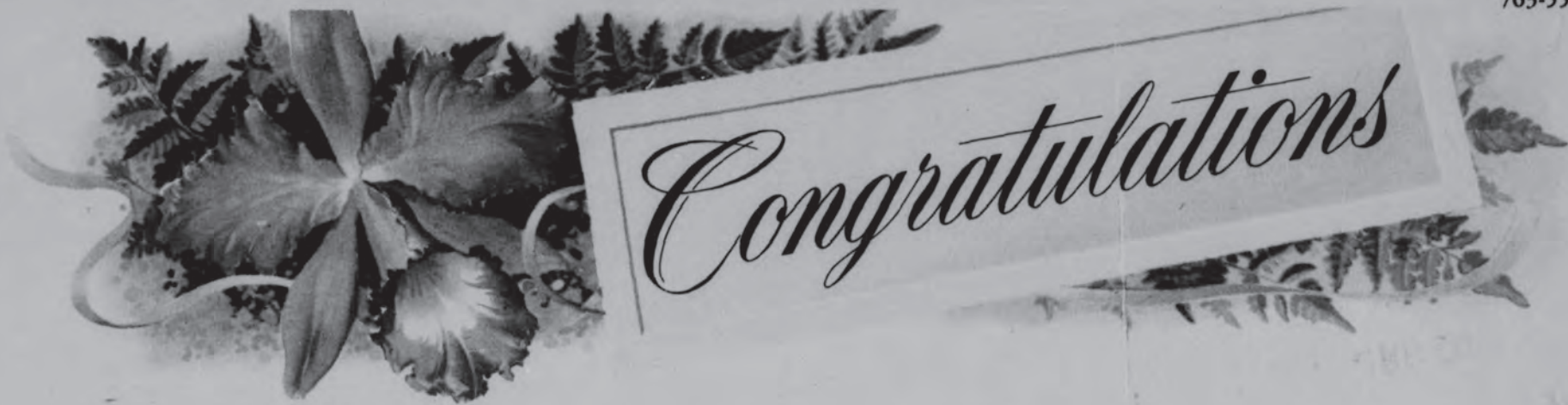
May you continue to serve as a lever for accomplishments in behalf of the causes we all hold so dear.

With kindest personal regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Julius Klein".

Julius Klein:pk
Major General ING (Ret.)

P.S. Enclosed is an editorial which might be of interest to you. I would certainly be honored by your comments.



Congratulations

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GLORIOUS TRIBUTE IN NEW YORK TO CELEBRATE YOUR
WONDERFUL SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP OVER A PERIOD OF SO
MANY YEARS I DIDNT LEARN ABOUT IT UNTIL I READ IT IN
THE PAPER AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW IN ANY TRIBUTE ACCORDED
YOU I SHALL ALWAYS BE WILLING TO STAND IN LINE WITH YOUR
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Friday, December 21, 1956

ZINS WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

Silver Calls for U.S. Action to Attain Middle East Peace in Nationwide Radio Address Broadcast from ZOA Dinner in his Honor

NEW YORK (ZINS) - Dr. Abba Hillel Silver called upon the government of the United States to take forthright leadership in the United Nations to achieve a permanent peace settlement in the Middle East, in an address delivered at a dinner tendered in his honor by the ZOA New York metropolitan regions and the Israel Bond Organization in tribute to his 50 years of Zionist leadership. Dr. Silver's address was broadcast from the Waldorf Astoria Hotel over the national ABC network.

Dr. Silver, who is honorary president of the Zionist Organization of America, declared: "Our government should not wait until there is armed aggression or until that 'innocent' victim of aggression, Nasser, has had time to rebuild his badly shattered military establishment, or until Syria has had time to build up a vast arsenal of tanks, planes and guns provided by the Soviet Union. It should press most energetically in the United Nations for action which will bring the representatives of the governments of the Near East together around a conference table for the settlement of all the outstanding issues."

ZOA Sold \$1,250,000 in Israel Bonds in Honor of Dr. Silver in New York

Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the American Zionist Council, who presided at the dinner, announced that \$1,250,000 in Israel Bonds were sold by the 5 metropolitan regions of the ZOA in New York in a special campaign in honor of Dr. Silver.

Rabbi Miller and Dr. Neumann, president of the ZOA, joined in presenting Dr. Silver with a plaque, on which was mounted a silver map of Israel.

In presenting the plaque to Dr. Silver, Dr. Neumann declared: "Dr. Silver now stands upon an eminence that is beyond the praise of his admirers or the criticism of his detractors. He looms before us as a towering historical figure, one of the greatest statesmen in Zionist history. Two names will be inscribed imperishably on the pages of our history, those of the two men who on two different fronts were jointly responsible for the establishment of the State of Israel and who are its principal architects: the one is the present Prime Minister of Israel, David Ben-Gurion; the other is our guest of honor, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

"Israel and Zionism have need of Dr. Silver today more than ever -- have need of his wisdom, his sagacity, his brilliant leadership, his force and strength of character and above all, his indomitable courage. For Israel is facing its gravest crisis since its inception."

The dinner was also addressed by Col. Chaim Herzog, military governor of Jerusalem, and by Dr. Joseph Schwartz, executive vice-chairman of the Israel Bond Organization. A letter from the White House, which was read at the dinner, expressed cordial and best wishes of President Eisenhower to Dr. Silver.

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Dec. 21, 1956

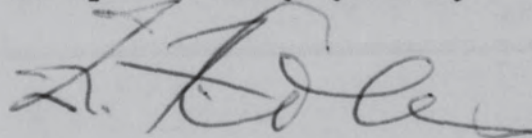
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker St.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I am deeply grateful to you for the fine talk that you made on Monday evening Dec. 17 at the Waldorf Astoria before the American Zionist Council. It was timely and forthright. You said all the things that are needed to be said over and over again at a time like this. Several of my friends have just returned from the countries in the East and especially Israel and they tell me that suffering is untold everywhere you turn. The Jews are suffering, Arabians are suffering, Moslems, and what have you, and yet the U.S. can only see the suffering of the Hungarian people. There's no question that they are suffering but I don't see how we can overlook the sufferings of the Jewish people and especially when we helped to build them into what is one of the democracies of the world.

I should be very happy to receive a copy of that masterly address and shall look forward to receiving copy if you can spare it and have time to send it.

Respectfully yours,



L F Coles

Zionist Organization of America

Office of the President
145 EAST 32nd STREET
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December 24, 1956

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

I am very happy that the dinner at the Waldorf went off as beautifully as it did. Everybody is saying that it was one of the most wonderful Zionist functions in a long time.

We are also getting in more and more reports from various cities where your magnificent address was heard over the air. All in all, it was worth the considerable effort and expense which the affair entailed.

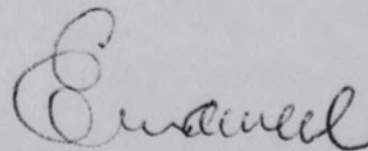
I understand that Harold spoke to you about our need for money. Despite all our efforts, our exchequer is still pretty low -- largely because of extra and unbudgeted outlays we have been forced to make because of the Middle East crisis. I do hope our Cleveland friends who have raised some money, will come to our aid by helping to defray the cost of last week's broadcast. The ZOA has been getting little money from Cleveland for its regular budget, but I do hope we can get some substantial help in connection with this particular occasion.

I trust that you and Virginia will enjoy the holiday cruise which, I understand, you are taking early in January.

With warm regards,

As ever,

Yours,



Emanuel Neumann

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RABBI ISADORE FINE

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Dec. 24, '56

The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

I would appreciate receiving the complete text of Dr. Silver's address on Dec. 17, if that text is available. I have the "highlights" of that address. If any other ~~at~~ recent addresses by Dr. Silver are available I would appreciate your sending them to me.

Thanks you very much.

Sincerely,

Isadore Fine

December 26, 1956

Major General Julius Klein, ING
110 South Dearborn Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

My dear General:

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in writing to me on the occasion of my testimonial dinner in New York. It was a very lovely affair in every way.

I was very much interested too in the editorial which you sent me.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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December 27, 1956

Mr. L. F. Coles
225 West 135th Street
New York 30, New York

My dear Mr. Coles:

I wish to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing to me about my broadcast of December 17th.

Complying with your request I am sending you a copy of the address.

With warm regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:sl
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December 28, 1956

Rabbi Isadore Fine
1651 East 13th Street
Brooklyn 29, New York

Dear Rabbi Fine:

In answer to your request of December 26th I am enclosing herewith the complete text of Dr. Silver's address delivered at the Israel Bond Dinner of the Zionist Organization of America at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City and broadcast over the ABC Network, on December 17, 1956.

Thank you for your interest in Dr. Silver's address.

Sincerely,

Miss Sophia Levine
Secretary to Dr. Silver

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LAUNCH DRIVE FOR \$75,000,000 IN '57

**Golda Meir Stresses Key Role
Of Bonds in Present Crisis**

**EMERGENCY CAMPAIGN SET FOR SALE OF
FIRST \$20,000,000 BY END OF FEBRUARY**

**1956 Total of \$54,088,850 Established
Record as Biggest Year in Bond History**

**Eddie Cantor's 65th Birthday and Conference
in Miami Feb. 15-17 Will Climax Peak Effort**

"CASH NOW" IS KEYNOTE OF COMING WEEKS

1956 BOND SALE SETS RECORD

An extraordinary campaign to sell a minimum of \$75,000,000 in State of Israel Bonds during 1957, in order to provide the economic strength which Israel must have to meet the critical problems confronting it, was launched this week at the meeting of the National Board of Governors.

Responding to a statement of Israel's need by Foreign Minister Golda Meir, who spoke at the meeting, and to a cabled message from Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, the Board members also announced plans for an intensified 60-day drive to sell the first \$20,000,000 in Bonds by the end of February.

The chief highlight of this intensified effort will be a nation-wide mobilization in honor of Eddie Cantor's sixty-fifth birthday, culminating in a National Birthday Celebration on Saturday evening, February 16 at the Fontainebleau Hotel in Miami Beach. The celebration will be held in conjunction with the 1957 Inaugural Conference for Israel Bonds, meeting at the Fontainebleau from Friday, February 15 through Sunday, February 17.

Mrs. Meir, who, in addition to her vital duties at the United Nations, visited more than twenty major cities for Israel Bonds in a trip which represented a key factor in bringing about the outstanding success of the final phase of the 1956 drive, stressed the dangers facing Israel and the decisive character of Israel Bonds in safeguarding the State of Israel. She urged American Jews to buy Bonds as "keepers of Israel's future."

Urges Peace Settlement

Israel's Foreign Minister warned that, if Israel is forced to return to the position prior to October 29, the people of Israel will again be exposed to boycott, blockade and fedayeen attacks. Mrs. Meir urged a peace settlement to avoid the risk of a new outbreak of hostilities in the Middle East.



MRS. MEIR



A. FEINBERG

Reports presented to the Board by Abraham Feinberg, Israel Bond President, and Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, Vice President, indicated that 1956 has been the best year in the history of the Bond drive. A record total of \$54,088,850 in Bonds was sold during 1956 representing a 28 percent increase over 1955, and bringing the total sold since the Bond drive began to \$270,667,200.

Mr. Feinberg stressed the fact that the achievements of 1956 augur well for the capacity of American Jewry to meet the even greater needs of 1957. He noted that Israel can not at present count on economic aid from sources other than Israel Bonds, which therefore represent the foremost element in sustaining Israel's economy.

Dr. Schwartz drew attention to the unprecedented pressures placed on Israel's economy by her security problems, and by the increased flow of refugees, many of them from Egypt, Hungary and other parts of Europe, which may reach a peak figure of 100,000 for the year.



DR. SCHWARTZ

He called on all Trustees, Guardians of Israel and National Sponsors to double their Bond purchases for 1957. "These double Trustees, Guardians and Sponsors," he said, "will play a key role in the strengthening of Israel. Israel counts on all of us for this type of decisive participation in the building of her future."

Can Produce Increased Sales

"Even in a year when we broke all records," Dr. Schwartz pointed out, "we enrolled only a limited number of Trustees, Guardians and Sponsors. This dramatizes the fact that greater coverage in these categories can serve to produce greatly increased Israel Bond sales."

Lawrence G. Laskey, New England Regional Bond Chairman, was named Chairman of the Inaugural Conference

in Miami and of the National Committee for the Cantor Birthday Celebration. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt was named Honorary Chairman of the Women's Committee for the celebration. At the same time, Jack Benny undertook to serve as Chairman of the National Entertainment Committee.

"There can be no better way of honoring Eddie Cantor than by Israel Bond purchases at the highest possible level," Mr. Laskey said.

Cantor's Outstanding Service

"For the past quarter of a century," Mr. Laskey added, "Eddie Cantor's love for Israel and his devotion to the Jewish people have been reflected in extraordinary service and self-sacrifice. Through his unceasing effort and leadership, he helped arouse American Jewry to the dangers of Hitlerism and stirred Jewish communities throughout the country to raise many millions of dollars prior to and after the establishment of the State of Israel.

"It is characteristic of Mr. Cantor that he agreed to the birthday tribute on condition that it would be utilized for the maximum sale of Israel Bonds."

Meir Sherman, Israel's Minister for Economic Affairs, outlined the vital purposes for which Israel Bond funds are needed. He drew attention to these major aspects of the situation which make Israel Bonds more vital.



M. SHERMAN

1. U. S. economic aid, which normally amounts to about \$40,000,000 per year, has been suspended since the Sinai operation.

2. Because of advance payments already received from German reparations, the amount Israel can look forward to in 1957 will be considerably reduced.

3. Larger Israel Bond funds are urgently needed, because the immigration pressures have been greatly increased. If no Bond funds are available for housing new immigrants from Egypt, Hungary and other parts of Eastern Europe, Israel may be forced to go back to tent cities and camps for the new arrivals.

BUT MORE MUST BE SOLD IN '57

Eddie Cantor's 65th Birthday Celebration and Conference in Miami Feb. 15-17

4. If Israel Bond funds are not available in sufficient volume, there will be no jobs for newcomers.

5. If the Bond drive does not provide much larger funds, Israel will not be able to solve the problem of her oil shortage and the shortage of elec-



EDDIE CANTOR



L. G. LASKEY



JACK BENNY

tric power. This is a very serious situation because the wheels of industry have begun to slow down, and as a result unemployment is increasing. The unemployment figure is already 30,000.

Outstanding community leaders announced plans for highly intensified Israel Bond efforts during the coming months, in response to Israel's pressing needs. Representatives from Canada reported that their 1956 sales exceeded 1955 by 40 percent, and promised an accelerated rate of increase for 1957. Leaders of the Jewish communities of Latin America advised the Board of Governors that they would double their 1956 results during the coming year.

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TO RECORD YOUR
ACTION FOR ISRAEL**

"The central role in building our economic strength..."

From address by MRS. GOLDA MEIR, Foreign Minister, State of Israel

Throughout the years, during which we have been harassed by this extremely serious security situation, we have never overlooked the major importance of economic strength as an indispensable foundation for the economic independence of Israel and as one of the principal mainstays of our country's defense. The central role in building our economic strength has been played by Israel Bonds.

The building of Israel is a constructive and dynamic effort. We are not merely concerned with consolidating our economy. While solving the normal economic problems of a young and growing nation, we must be prepared to meet emergency situations in Jewish life in other parts of the world as exemplified today by the Hungarian refugee problem and the problem of Jews expelled by Egypt.

Perhaps the most important element responsible for the establishment of the State of Israel is the fact that we have always realized the necessity of looking ahead and creating the machinery to cope with the problems of the future. The inauguration of Israel Bonds in 1951 to provide the financial resources for economic growth is an outstanding example of planning ahead. I do not know how we could have had the rate of economic development so necessary to our survival and progress during the past six years without Israel Bonds. Nor can I see any possibility, even more today than ever before, of meeting the pressing economic problems arising from the present situation and our extraordinary immigration needs without a far more intensive campaign for Israel Bonds this year.

Foremost campaign leaders who participated in the deliberations at the two-day Board meeting included Martin Abelow, Utica, N. Y.; Mrs. Harold Cooper, Bridgeport, Conn.; Morris R. DeWoskin, Chicago; Mrs. Louis Glasser, Miami; Mrs. Meyer Gold, Chicago; Mrs. Lewis Goldberg, Boston; William A. Goldman, Newark; Mrs. Israel Goldstein, New York; Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Gutrad, Atlantic City; Adolf L. Hamburger, Baltimore; Dr. and Mrs. Jean Herz, Newark; Nathaniel Kann, Pittsburgh; Abe S. Kay, Washington, D.C.; Leon Keyserling, Washington, D. C.; Albert A. Levin, Cleveland; Judge Louis E. Levinthal, Philadelphia; Mrs. Sidney Munter, Pittsburgh; Harold Rosenberg, Chicago; Lawrence Schacht, Newark; Mrs. Seymour Stolzenberg, Hartford, Conn., and Herman Yucht, Paterson, N. J.

A highlight of the meeting was the presentation of awards to a number of community chairman who made possible the record achievements of the 1956 campaign. Each individual received a copy of the new edition of the Haggadah illustrated by the late Arthur Szyk, and printed in Israel.

"ACT SPEEDILY AND WITH UTMOST DEVOTION..."

Excerpts from a cable to the Board of Governors from Levi Eshkol, Finance Minister, State of Israel.

Our budget this year is still insufficient for the expansion of irrigation or industry. We shall be unable to establish any new agricultural settlements. Our eyes turn to you for evidence of an even greater effort to match that of Israel in keeping its arms and gates open through all stress and crisis in this area.

To preserve our achievements to date, and to be worthy of the sacrifices in Sinai and elsewhere for Jewish existence, the coming year must witness even greater efforts to sell more and more Israel Bonds. Our forefathers said: "The day is short but work is great." We hope you will act speedily and with utmost devotion. Israel's destiny lies in your hands, no less than ours. May your efforts be blessed with success.

GOLDA MEIR SPURS DRIVE IN MANY CITIES

Mrs. Golda Meir, Foreign Minister of the State of Israel, and the leader who symbolizes Israel's courage and determination in most eloquent fashion, climaxed the campaign in many communities by her visits in behalf of Bonds. Record numbers turned out to hear her, demonstrating that American Jews are ready to show their solidarity with Israel.

In New York, \$6,500,000 in Bonds were sold in connection with three Chanukah Festivals at which Mrs. Meir was honored.

More than 11,000 Bond purchasers brought Chicago's 1956 total over \$4,000,000 with a Chanukah Salute to Israel at which Mrs. Meir was the guest of honor.

Record Totals Achieved

William H. and Harry S. Sylk, prominent civic and business leaders in Philadelphia, were tendered a "Men of the Year" dinner with Mrs. Meir as special guest. Over \$1,731,000 in Bonds were sold.

Mrs. Meir also addressed a Testimonial Dinner to Abe S. Kay, Washington, D. C. leader, bringing that city's total over \$1,000,000.

\$508,600 in Bond sales was realized in Paterson, where Mrs. Meir presented a special award to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Yucht, Paterson General Chairman and Women's Division Chairman, for their outstanding efforts.

At the biggest Israel Bond event in Pittsburgh's history, over 900 people invested over \$500,000 in Bonds at a

dinner in Mrs. Meir's honor. Adolph Schoenbrun was Dinner Chairman. Nathaniel P. Kann is Campaign Chairman.

Under the capable leadership of Irwin I. Cohn, Detroit's General Chairman, \$420,400 worth of Israel Bonds were purchased at a dinner for Israel's Foreign Minister.

Mrs. Meir also took part in a Testimonial Dinner for Hyman Grover in Montreal on December 12. \$350,000 in Bonds was sold. Samuel Bronfman, President of Canada Israel Securities Limited, presided.

Honor Mrs. Meir with Bonds

Three major functions in Toronto for Mrs. Meir achieved a record sale of \$325,000 worth of Israel Bonds. Spearheading these efforts were Mark Levy, Toronto General Chairman for 1956; Morris B. Kaufman, General Chairman for 1957; Ben Fish, Trustee Chairman; Mrs. Mark A. Levy, Women's Chairman and Mrs. S. B. Hurwich, Sponsor Chairman.

Large Amounts Sold

Lawrence G. Laskey, New England Regional Chairman, presided over a dinner for the Israel Foreign Minister in Boston which witnessed the sale of \$300,000 in Israel Bonds.

Led by Dinner Chairman Herbert R. Abeles, over 700 friends of Israel in Newark invested more than \$302,000 in Bonds at a dinner for Mrs. Meir on December 11. Lawrence Schacht is Essex County Israel Bond Chairman.

Baltimore's tribute to Mrs. Meir resulted in the sale of \$285,000 worth

of Bonds. General Chairman Nathan S. Jacobson and Co-Chairmen Joseph Meyerhoff and Elkan R. Myers played leading roles in the event.

Inspired by the example of Los Angeles General Chairman and Dinner Chairman Louis H. Boyar, over 1,100 guests paid tribute to Mrs. Meir with Bond purchases of more than \$250,000 in her honor on December 13.

A total of \$232,100 was achieved at a breakfast attended by 600 people in Lynn, Mass. in honor of Mrs. Meir. The event was held under the leadership of Co-Chairmen William Abramowitz and Arthur R. Schwartz and Greater Lynn Women's Division Chairman Mrs. Arthur R. Schwartz.

Jersey City bought \$202,600 to honor Mrs. Meir on December 9. Louis Ross is General Chairman of the Jersey City campaign and A. D. Hirsch is Honorary Chairman.

Crowds Hear Mrs. Meir

St. Louis responded with a sale of \$200,000 in Mrs. Meir's honor at a dinner on December 17 attended by more than 900 friends of Israel. Melvin Dubinsky was Dinner Chairman.

In Cincinnati, over \$176,000 worth of Israel Bonds were purchased in tribute to Mrs. Meir on December 18. Dinner Co-Chairmen were Joseph H. Hoodin and Charles M. Messer.

Under the vigorous leadership of Israel Grody, General Chairman, and Louis K. Roth, Associate Chairman, Hartford's Golda Meir Dinner saw \$158,000 in Bonds sold.



THE GREATER NEW YORK Women's Division presents Israel Foreign Minister Golda Meir with a gold Chen charm bracelet. Participating in the presentation were (l. to r.) Mrs. Charles Braverman, Chairman of Sponsors of the Greater New York Women's Division; Mrs. Meir; Mrs. Jan Pearce, Chairman of the Greater New York Women's Division, and Mrs. Israel Goldstein, Honorary Chairman.



TORONTO TRUSTEE CONGRATULATED. Morris B. Kaufman, Chairman of the Toronto Guardians Committee for 1956, and newly appointed General Chairman of the local Israel Bond Committee for 1957, receives his Trustee Pin from Mrs. Golda Meir at a dinner honoring the Israel Minister for Foreign Affairs. At left is J. Irving Oelbaum, while Mrs. Kaufman is shown seated at right.



SALUTE TO ISRAEL. Mrs. Meir glances over the program of Chicago's Chanukah Salute to Israel with leaders of the local Israel Bond drive. (Left to right) Julius Ginsburg, Chairman of the event; Morris R. DeWoskin, Chairman of the Chicago Board of Governors; Mrs. Meir; Harold Rosenberg, General Chairman for 1957, and Mrs. Rosenberg. The event boosted Chicago's sales to record levels.



FOREIGN MINISTER MEIR attended an Israel Bond dinner in the nation's capital to participate in the presentation of an Award of Distinguished Merit to Abe S. Kay (second from right), Honorary Chairman of the Washington, D. C. Committee for Bonds. Also taking part in the award ceremony were Governor Theodore R. McKeldin of Maryland (second from left) and Isador S. Turover (right), Dinner Chairman.



SHOWN AT A BOND DINNER IN PATERSON, N. J. are (seated, left to right) Mrs. Meir; Jack Stern, Dinner Chairman; Joseph Shulman, Chairman, National Executive Committee, Israel Bonds; Raymond Kramer, Chairman of the local U.J.A. campaign; Congressman Gordon Canfield; (standing, l. to r.) Irving Brawer, Chairman, Paterson Executive Committee for Bonds; Herman Yucht, General Bond Chairman; Mrs. Yucht, Women's Division Chairman; Paul Segal, General Vice Chairman, and Edward O'Byrne, Mayor of Paterson.



SMILES OF APPROVAL. Adolph Schoenbrun (center), Chairman of the testimonial dinner for Mrs. Golda Meir held in Pittsburgh recently, and Nathaniel P. Kann, Chairman of the Pittsburgh Bond Committee, register their approval of the speech made by the Israeli leader.



EMPHASIZING ISRAEL'S NEED FOR INVESTMENT CAPITAL, Mrs. Meir told an historic Detroit dinner that a continued flow of Israel Bond funds will help strengthen Israel's economic structure. Shown at the event are (left to right) Phillip Stollman, Irwin I. Cohn, Mrs. Meir, United States Senator Patrick McNamara and Mrs. Charles Milan.



MICHAEL S. COMAY, Israel's Ambassador to Canada (left), and Mrs. Meir discuss the Montreal campaign for Israel Bonds with Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Grover at a recent Bond dinner in that Canadian community. Mr. Grover, who was guest of honor, served as Montreal Bond Chairman from 1953 to 1955. He is now Honorary Chairman of the Bond effort.

WOMEN INTENSIFY EFFORTS, SET PLANS FOR 1957 DRIVE

In the closing weeks of 1956, thousands of American women took part in heightened campaign activity for Israel Bonds, and set about formulating their plans for the 1957 drive.

Los Angeles has emerged again as one of the most productive communities in the nation, with 16 women Trustees and 313 Sponsors. \$666,000 in cash was realized at the Women's Division's two major sales events of 1956, the Israel Fashion Show and the Bond-Between-Us Luncheon.

In Greater New York, announces the Women's Division Chairman, Mrs. Jan Peerce, women's sales for 1956 reached a high of \$1,835,250.



MRS. KRAVITZ

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In Boston, where thousands of women took part in the Israel Day sale of Bonds, 1956 saw the enrollment of more than 300 Trustees and Sponsors.

In Toronto, where virtually every major women's organization held its own series of Israel Bond events, the purchase and sale of Bonds by women hit an all-time record figure of \$600,200 for 1956. Toronto Hadassah alone achieved Bond sales of \$350,000. Pioneer Women achieved \$132,400; B'nai B'rith and Mizrahi Women, more than \$27,000 each, and the Council of Jewish Women, \$20,000. Mrs. Mark Levy is Chairman of the Toronto Women's Division.

The Cleveland Women's Division, which enrolled 159 Sponsors for 1956, attained \$354,000 between May and December. Mrs. Alfred M. Karlin, National Chen Chairman, announces that the Chairman of the Cleveland Division, Mrs. Julie Kravitz, has arrived at the \$100,000 Woman of Valor goal for Bond sales and purchases.

St. Louis women bought and sold \$109,000 worth of Israel Bonds for



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the Golda Meir Dinner in December; the total enrollment of paid Sponsors for the year just ended reached 97. Mrs. Harry Spitzer who, with Mrs. Samuel Lipsitz, served as Co-Chairman of women's efforts for the Meir Dinner, became a Trustee for 1956.

Denver, where Mrs. Bernard Diamond is serving as Chairman of the newly-formed Women's Division, held a December 27 Operalogue; Hartford will hold the Operalogue on January 27.

New Leadership Announced

At the annual Shalom-Shalom Luncheon of the Los Angeles Women's Division on December 6, Mrs. Julian Sieroty, a communal leader long active in the Israel Bond campaign, accepted the 1957 Chairmanship of the Division. She succeeds Mrs. Jacob Karp. Mrs. Isadore Rosenus, who served as 1952 Chairman of the Los Angeles Women's Division, is succeeding Mrs. Stanley Slotkin as Chairman of the Division's Board of Governors.

In Washington, D.C., Mrs. Joseph Cherner, the largest single purchaser of Israel Bonds among American wom-

en, has agreed to serve as 1957 Chairman of the Women's Division. The Honorary Chairman, also just named, is Mrs. Leopold Freudberg, who in 1951 was the first Chairman of the Women's Division in the nation's capital.

NATIONAL SPONSORS TO MEET IN MIAMI FEBRUARY 15

Detailed plans for the mobilization of communities throughout the country for the 1957 Israel Bond campaign, with immediate emphasis on a National Sponsors Salute Luncheon to be held at the Fontainebleau Hotel in

Miami on February 15, were mapped at a January 7 meeting of the National Executive Board of the Women's Division.



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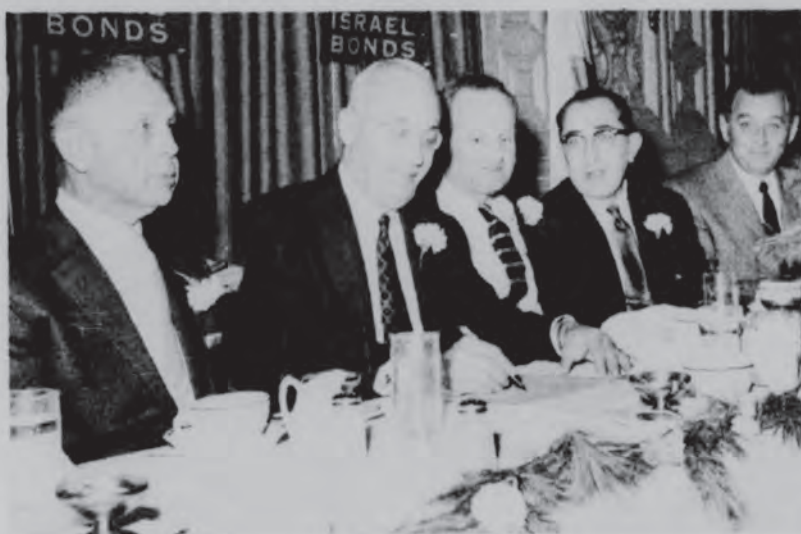
Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, in light of what she termed "the crucial need to muster economic support for Israel in greater force than at any time since 1948," has agreed to serve as Honorary Chairman of the National Women's Committee for the Luncheon and for the Inaugural Conference. The Chairman of the Committee is Mrs. Sidney Munter, who is also the National Chairman of Community Leadership for the Women's Division, as well as Chairman of the Pittsburgh Women's Division. Among the many outstanding women who have already accepted Committee posts are Jennie Grossinger and Sophie Tucker.

A total of 2,000 National Sponsors, representing a minimum of \$2,000,000 in added investment dollars for Israel, has been set as the luncheon goal.



AT BOSTON'S DINNER, Foreign Minister Meir (center) met with key leaders of the area, (left to right) Mrs. Philip Lown, Co-Chairman of Sponsors; Mrs. Lewis Goldberg, Chairman of the New England Region Women's Division; Mrs. William J. Talcoff, Greater Boston Women's Division Chairman, and Mrs. Max Chernis, Co-Chairman of the Sponsors division.

INDIANAPOLIS honors Rabbi William P. Greenfeld (center), recipient of the "Man of the Year" Award. Rabbi Greenfeld's congregation has purchased over \$130,000 in Bonds. Shown at the dinner (left to right): Robert B. Stolkin, Indiana State Chairman for Bonds; Judge Simon E. Sobeloff; Rabbi Greenfeld; Rabbi Ira Eisenstein, and Ed Clarke, Chairman of the Indianapolis drive.



MILWAUKEE SYNAGOGUES ADVANCE BOND DRIVE

Inspired by the dynamic drive of congregational leaders, Milwaukee synagogues forged ahead dramatically in their 1956 Bond efforts, with an even better prospect for 1957.

Morris J. Okrent, Israel Bond Chairman of Beth El Ner Tamid Synagogue, opened his home for a special purchase dinner party and presided over a dinner at which Eleanor Roosevelt was principal guest. As the result of his leadership, Beth El's total sale for 1956 was \$125,000, double the 1955 figure.

Under the leadership of Joseph J. Zilbert, Temple Shalom held its first Bond sale and raised \$37,000 in investment capital for Israel. A dinner party at Mr. Zilber's home contributed heavily to the success of the effort.

CHICAGO LABOR DINNER FOR DAVID McDONALD PRODUCES OUTSTANDING ISRAEL BOND RESULTS

In an outstanding display of trade union participation in the Israel Bond drive, more than 2,000 American labor leaders and representatives from all over the country attended an Israel Bond dinner held in the Grand Ballroom of the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago on December 4 in honor of David J. McDonald, President of the United Steelworkers of America. Their desire to pay tribute to Mr. McDonald and to support Israel's economic development resulted in the sale of about \$2,000,000 in State of Israel Development Bonds.

In addition to the keynote speech of Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Minister for Foreign Affairs, the dinner featured major addresses by George Meany, President of the AFL-CIO; General Lucius Clay, and Mr. McDonald. William L. McFetridge, Vice

President of the AFL-CIO, served as Dinner Chairman.

"Bonds that are bought for the development of Israel are bonds in more than just the ordinary financial sense," Mr. Meany said. "They're bonds of a great human experiment; they're bonds of great economic significance; and they're bonds bought in the interest of human freedom and democracy all over the world, not just in Israel."

High point of the evening was Mrs. Meir's presentation to Mr. McDonald of a silver plaque bearing a map of Israel.

As an expression of American labor's friendship for Israel, local unions of the United Steelworkers announced Bond purchases totaling \$350,000. Joseph Germano, District Director of the union, was in charge of this special campaign.

OVER 125,000 ATTENDED CHANUKAH FESTIVALS


More than 125,000 persons attended Israel Bond Chanukah Festivals in December in major cities. Admission to the Festivals was by purchase of Israel Bonds.

In New York, 54,000 witnessed three performances at Madison Square Garden. Communities where highly successful Festivals were held included Chicago, with 14,000 in attendance, Philadelphia with 13,000, Boston with 13,000, Los Angeles with 7,000, Miami with 3,300, and many other cities.

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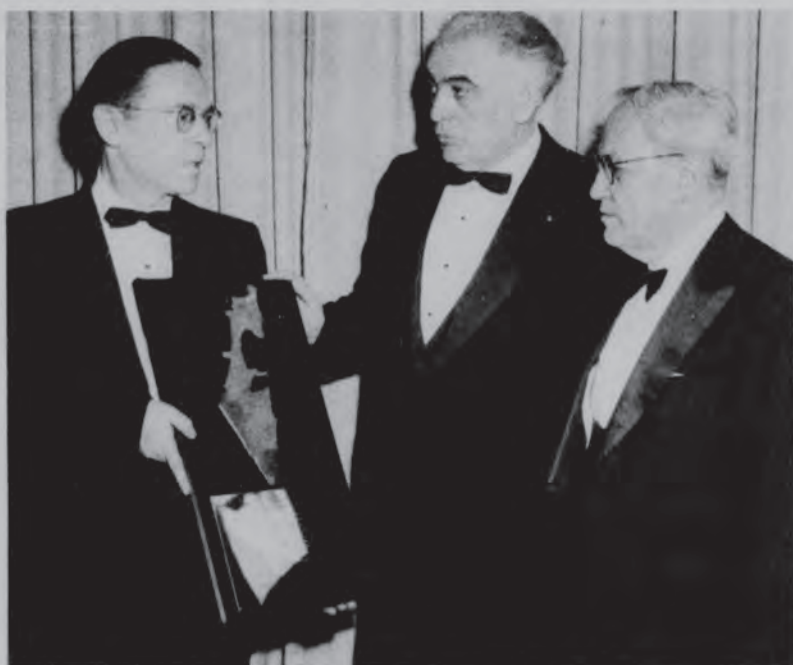
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HONORING DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Israel Bond Organization, for fifty years of Zionist leadership, more than 750 persons attended a highly successful tribute to the veteran Zionist at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York on December 17. Rabbi Irving Miller (left), Chairman of the American Zionist Council, and Dr. Emanuel Neumann (right), President of the Zionist Organization of America, congratulate Dr. Silver.

NEW HAVEN SETS RECORD FOR ISRAEL BOND DRIVE

Spurred to increased support of the Israel Bond effort in the face of swift-moving events in the Middle East, the Jewish community of New Haven rallied to Israel's economic defense at a Dinner for Israel on December 8.

Ralph Blumberg, Chairman of the New Haven Israel Bond Executive Committee, served as Dinner Chairman. A leader in the Bond sales effort associated with the dinner was Mrs. Edward Goldman, Women's Division Chairman.

In a dramatic display of faith in Israel, J. J. Cooley, New Haven Israel Bond Chairman, increased his 1956 purchase to \$20,000, and Emanuel H. Gratenstein announced a new purchase of \$5,000 in Israel Bonds, in addition to 1956 Trusteeships for himself and Mrs. Gratenstein.

EBAN VISIT SPURS CLEVELAND EFFORT

An address by Israel Ambassador Abba Eban, stressing the critical need for accelerated development of Israel's economy, evoked a solid response of Israel Bond purchases on the part of the Cleveland community at an Israel

Bond dinner attended by 600 persons on December 1 at Park Synagogue.

The dinner was sponsored by the Cleveland Chapter of Trustees, Sponsors and Guardians of Israel. Jack N. Mandel and David I. Sindell, General Co-Chairmen of the Cleveland Israel Bond Committee, sparked the outstanding Bond sales effort.

Heading the dinner planning committee were Howard I. Chesler, Dinner Chairman, and A. J. Kane, Honorary Chairman. The committee included Mrs. Julie Kravitz, Women's Division Chairman; Mrs. Louis Schaffer, Mrs. Jack N. Mandel and Mrs. Max Ratner.

SHOWN DISCUSSING THE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL "Dinner of State" in honor of Foreign Minister Golda Meir in Miami on December 3 are (left to right) Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, Ed Sullivan, Miami Israel Bond Chairman Jacob Sher and Dinner Chairman Jack Carner. The dinner and "Salute to Israel" on December 20 helped bring the 1956 Miami total to \$926,000.



HIGHLIGHT OF THE TRI-STATE TRIBUTE TO JUDGE SAMUEL A. WEISS was the presentation of a plaque inscribed in his honor, and presented to him at the dinner which resulted in the sale of \$200,000 worth of Israel Bonds. Shown at the presentation, left to right are: (seated) Governor George M. Leader and Judge Weiss; (standing) Judge David H. Weiner, General Dinner Chairman, and Robert Amper, Chairman of the Tri-State Israel Bond Committee.

HAROLD ROSENBERG NAMED CHICAGO BOND CHAIRMAN

Harold Rosenberg of Chicago, prominent civic and communal personality and outstanding industrialist, will serve as 1957 Chairman of the Bond drive in his city. One of the most dedicated workers on behalf of Israel since its establishment, Mr. Rosenberg formerly served as Associate Campaign Chairman for Israel Bonds.



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In my opinion, it was the greatest speech that I ever read. Particularly, pertaining to the welfare of the State of Israel.

I have no words fitting enough to express my appreciation for your message.

It was terrific and my only regret is that I wasn't there in person to hear it.

It is only men like you that have the ability and courage to express themselves that will bring the needed attention and assistance from clear thinking people all over the world.

May you be blessed with many, many more years of health and continued courage to carry on the great work of Aid for Israel.

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Permit me to thank you for your kindness in writing to me.
It is indeed very thoughtful of you to comment on the address
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