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August 4, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

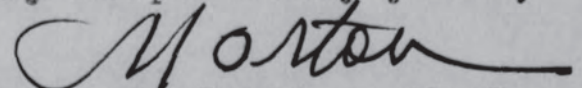
I know that this letter will not find you at home, but I want to be sure that you receive it just as soon as you do return from your trip. I trust that you and Mrs. Silver have had a very enjoyable vacation.

Ever since my coming to New Hampshire I have been trying to persuade the small Jewish Community of Dover, in this State, to organize a Zionist District. Heretofore their members belonged to the Portsmouth, New Hampshire Zionist District, but of late the community grew in size and last year I was successful in getting a District organized there. The President is a former resident of Nashua, and he has approached me last month and asked me to intercede in behalf of his community and see if you will honor them with your presence on any Sunday in October convenient to you, for which they are willing to pay \$500. The District President, Mr. Silverman, intends to make this a State affair and I am to be the go between and make sure that you can accept, and I hope you can.

May I hear from you, and I hope in the affirmative in order that proper arrangements may be made.

With kind personal regards,

Very Respectfully yours,



Morton J. Robbins, M. D.

MJR:MS

August 16, 1950

Dear *B. Silver*

I previously had occasion to send you a confidential report on developments in Israel. This is another in a series and was smuggled out of the country. This is for your own information and I would like to hear from you as to what suggestions you have and how we in America can bring home to the leaders in Israel our disapproval of their activities.

There is one thing of which I am confident and that is that each of us in our own community must do whatever we can to defeat the Histadrut campaign at least among members of the Z.O.A., Mizrachi and Haddassah. You who are familiar with the role of the Histadrut in Israel know that:

1. It is not a charity organization.
2. Its interests are principally for its own members.
3. It is against many of the democratic principles in which we believe and many of its leaders are against a liberal form of capitalism in which we believe.
4. Mapam is a substantial factor in the Histadrut and many leaders of Mapam are against the political line of Israel wherever it follows that of the Western powers.

Again the enclosed is confidential and should not affect your activity in behalf of U.J.A. or the economic development of Israel.

Sincerely yours,

Seymour B. Liebman
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OBSERVATIONS

by "Israel Analyst"

Civil Liberties in Israel.

1. Near Petah-Tikva, at Rosh Haayin, there is a reception camp for immigrants, which accomodates about 13,000. In the last several months the camp was for arrivals from Yemen, a hard working and thrifty people.
2. The tempo of release from the camp was slow, as openings for employment were few and the Labour Exchange in Petah-Tikva, a Histadrut owned institution, could hardly manage to place local applicants. Thousands of dunams of orange groves were hardly worked and are gradually deteriorating. Instead of the 15,000,000 cases of citrus exported in 1939 only 4,000,000 were exported last season. The reason for the decline was not due to lack of markets; on the contrary, England was always prepared to buy the entire citrus crop. The decline was due to the Histadrut imposed high wages and to the very substantial drop in the productivity of labour. The biggest Israeli industry has been steadily deteriorating. Instead of its development being encouraged as the principal earner of foreign exchange and as a most important absorber of labour, citrus has in fact been allowed to fall into decay. It should be pointed out that the bulk of the citrus industry is owned by private farmers who were the pioneers of citrus cultivation since the 1890's.
3. The Yemenites were not slow to realize that a good deal of employment was available in Petah-Tikva, and that the semi-neglected groves could employ thousands. Slowly, the Yeminite inmates of the camp found their way into the orange groves. In the morning they would quietly slip out and by devious routes proceed to the orchards and return in the evenings. Abandoned orchards revived with the hard working labour force. The wage paid was fair, far in excess of the rate paid in Britain to farm labour. The volume of employment spread and it is estimated that some 3,000 found employment in the Petah-Tikva district alone. These, together with their families nearly made up the entire camp population.
4. As the Histadrut became aware of what was transpiring, agents were dispatched to the orchards with a view to preventing the Yemenites from entering the groves. This method proved ineffective as it was quite impossible to maintain effective control over all entrances to groves. All attempts at persuading the Yemenites to quit the groves in order to hold out for higher wages failed, as they were content.
5. On the morning of May 15th, Labour Exchange officials and Histadrut agents proceeded to the camp and seized all entrances. They would not allow any able bodied male inmate to leave. The Yemenites, being peaceful folk, did not attempt to break the cordon. After a few hours the cordon withdrew, and altho late in the morning, hundreds of the inmates made their way to their places of employment.
6. The following morning a more formidable cordon was placed at the entrances till the afternoon. The Yemenites did not employ force to secure exit. The police arrived but refused to open the gates and to assure freedom of movement to and from the camp. They were instructed to take no action against those responsible for virtually imprisoning refugees so long as no breach of peace was committed.
7. Even this cordon was not altogether effective. Before dawn, refugees would leave the camp. The race between Yemonite ingenuity and the persistence of their jailers proceeded unabated, the former perfecting means of escape, the latter tightening up the blockade, with the police pursuing a policy of "neutrality".
8. The Histadrut owned papers printed inconspicuous reports of the siege without comment. All the independent papers took a highly critical attitude. The pro-Government, Ha'aretz, pointed out that two fundamental questions were involved in this Histadrut imposed siege. Firstly, there was a flagrant violation of a most fundamental liberty-freedom of movement. If the Histadrut may escape with impunity from punishment for causing the imprisonment of thousands of law abiding citizens, civil liberties in Israel becomes a mockery. Ha'aretz urged the Government to instruct the Attorney General to institute criminal proceedings against the persons responsible for this crime and to direct the police to employ force in order to assure freedom of movement to the inmates of the camps. A communique was issued to the effect that "at the last meeting of the cabinet problems arising out of the 'pickets' in Petah-

Tikva were discussed". Neither the Attorney General nor the police took action. The Labour Exchange called a press conference at which the Histadrut was justified. Not only did the siege continue, but those of the Yemenites who managed to escape from the camp and reach Peteh-Tikva were arrested by Histadrut agents in the streets of the town, placed in lorries and forcibly removed to the camp. The police did not lift a finger. This outrage continued until one day the siege of the camp was lifted. The Yemenites were being removed to other districts.

9. While the Yemenite workers were imprisoned in their camp, there was no demand for labour. The Labour Exchange, who expected to place many of their applicants, were disappointed. The groves were not worked as the owners found it expedient to neglect cultivation rather than pay the exorbitant rates extracted by the Histadrut for inefficient labour. When Histadrut officials realized that the camp blockade failed to produce the expected demand for Histadrut labour, they secured from Government an undertaking that any citrus grower employing labour secured from the Labour Exchange will be paid a subsidy of \$1.40 for every labourer's day's work. The Minister of Labour, Mrs. Golda Meyerson, officially announced in the "Knesset" that this subsidy will be denied to any one securing labour other than through the Histadrut Labour Exchange. Even this inducement did not produce the expected results. Had it not been for the high handed action of the Histadrut, the thousands of the Rosh-Haayin camp inmates would have been employed, the public monies spent on their maintenance would be diverted into constructive projects and the citrus industry would have been revived. But so long as charitable funds for the maintenance of refugee camps are available, the Histadrut can afford to pursue its closed union policy with all that is implied by it in Israel.

10. This incident forces a consideration of the position of civil liberties in Israel. The fact that the Histadrut, being, in addition to a trade-union, the biggest capitalist and employer of labour, could deprive thousands of law abiding citizens of their right to move freely and to take up employment, raised an issue that goes to the root of the social and political set up in Israel. The failure of the police and the refusal of the Attorney General to act, indicate that Government is not in a position to safeguard liberties when such action conflicts with the interests of the Histadrut. In fact, the virtual ruler of Israel is the Histadrut, while the Government is an agency, or rather one of the numerous agencies of the former.

11. It is two years since the end of hostilities, and the rigorous censorship over all in-going and out-going mail is maintained. From a military point of view there is no justification for such a censorship. There are thousands of avenues of transmission of military intelligence besides ordinary correspondence. With numerous military attaches enjoying diplomatic immunity, with journalists and visitors moving in and out of the country, with a wide open frontier over which a vast contraband traffic is daily carried on - it is naive to pretend that a mail censorship is a security prerequisite. In fact, the Jerusalem Post, a Histadrut owned paper, had to admit that there is no justification for this censorship on security grounds, but that it ought to be retained in order to facilitate the apprehension of foreign currency control offenders. To argue that the deprivation of a civil liberty, such as freedom of correspondence is justifiable because it will render it easier for the law enforcing authorities to apprehend criminals of a certain category, is to advance an argument that is acceptable only in a totalitarian society. If facilitating the task of law enforcing agencies is the paramount consideration of a civilised society, then a valid reason for the denial of all liberties is at hand. In fact, this argument is extensively employed for denying elementary civil rights, and the retention on the statute books of the innumerable Emergency Regulations enacted by the British authorities.

12. Another typical instance of the curtailment of civil rights by means of emergency regulations is the restriction on persons who intend to leave the country, either temporarily or permanently. Originally, there was a measure of justification for this provision, as it was essential to prevent young men to escape military duty. No person, however old, was allowed to leave, except by special permission which took months to obtain. This continued after the conclusions of hostilities. Persons applying for an exit visa had to bring evidence that they had no debts and that they paid contributions to various institutions. When protests were raised and prospective investors were alarmed at this state of affairs, Government announced that all persons not of military age will get an exit permit if they declare that they do not require foreign exchange. After this it took about two months to obtain an exit permit.

Recently, without informing the public and without announcement in the Official Gazette, Government instructed shipping and aviation companies not to issue tickets to persons who obtained their exit permits, unless such a person obtains a "license to purchase a ticket". No one quite understood the need for a license where the ticket is paid for in Israel currency. Persons who booked seats, paid for them, and who as a matter of routine thought of taking out the tickets a day or two before departure, were prevented from going, some in fact having parted with their apartment. This new regulation will necessitate making additional applications and will entail considerable delay and aggravation. The callousness and the high-handed manner in which these oppressive regulations are imposed stem out from a deeply rooted totalitarian mentality. It would be comparatively easy to draw up a long list of statutes where it is incumbent upon the accused to prove his innocence in a criminal charge brought against him. It would likewise be easy to draw up a long list of ex-post-facto laws relating both to persons and property.

13. Nearly two years ago, the Provisional Government decided to summon a Constituent Assembly elected by universal ballot. The Constituent Assembly was in fact elected, and its first enactment was to pass a law whereby it declared itself to be a "knesset" or Parliament. It proceeded to legislate and ignored completely its primary duty, i.e. that of drawing a constitution. Consequently the powers of legislature are unlimited. In reply to the request for the enactment of a Bill of Rights and its incorporation into a Constitution, Mapai members reply that they are against "superior laws" as being inconsistent with the unlimited sovereignty of the Knesset, which, in their opinion is genuine democracy. They further point out that the Declaration of Independence while purporting to afford protection to life, does not purport to afford protection to property and that consequently no constitutional safeguards for property rights ought to be introduced.

14. Special regulations were passed authorizing Government officials to fix the prices of manufactured goods. No provision was made for some advisory body to assist the officials in determining what ought to be the price at which a factory will be authorized to sell its commodity. The officials appointed to fix prices are not necessarily experts in industry. Furthermore, there is no appeal from their decision. Needless to say that the powers vested in these officials are so unlimited and their discretion so unfettered that they virtually exercise dictatorial authority over industry. It is therefore not surprising that some firms had to go out of business. Inasmuch as the price of a manufactured commodity is fixed and the cost of labour is not controlled, the position is even more absurd. In spite of the reduction on the index of prices and contrary to the Histadrut's declared policy of freezing wages, wages are steadily going up as a result of strikes or indirect pressure. When confronted with rising wages which alter the basis of the calculation, manufacturers apply to the Controller of Prices requesting a revision of prices; the written answer invariably given by the Controller is that increase in wages is not a reason for a price revision. When discussing the matter with a manufacturers' deputation, Government representatives answer that it is the duty of manufacturers to resist wage increases and if they grant increases they must bear the burden. Thus a situation is created where Histadrut unions press for wage increases while the Histadrut controlled Government orders manufacturers to resist pressure, with the result that manufacturers find themselves between the devil and the deep sea. All avenues for an appeal or reconsideration by an impartial tribunal are closed.

15. Resistance to the drafting of a Constitution or to the enactment of a Bill of Rights is a set and considered policy of the Histadrut. In fact the Histadrut would wither away as the economic and political master of the country if it had to operate within the framework of a constitution such as is known in America. To take one instance only: In Israel the principle of equality before the law is non-existent. To cite a few examples only:

- (a) No public works contract is issued to a private contractor. Only Histadrut contractors obtain public works; this is not a result of public tenders but of private treaties between the Public Works Department and Histadrut contractors.
- (b) Histadrut concerns, such as industrial and agricultural cooperatives, wholesale and retail distribution organizations, etc. are exempt from the payment of income tax. Thus a Kibbutz owned factory which last year made a high profit of 50,000 pounds paid no income tax, whereas an identical privately owned factory paid a 50% company and

incompany tax, and the balance of the income was subject to a personal income tax going up to 80%. Under these circumstances there is neither equality of treatment nor equality of competition between a privately owned and a Histadrut owned industry.

- (c) Histadrut agriculture is likewise exempt from income tax. Recently Afikim celebrated its 25th anniversary. An appropriate celebration was arranged, and the climax, so far as the country was concerned, was the publication of its balance sheet. This document caused universal astonishment. It appears that the average income of the Kibbutz family was about 2,000 pounds - on which no income tax was paid. Privately owned farms, all of which are small, their average being three acres - are subject to income tax. It is worth pointing out that the privately owned farm, consisting of smallholders, and accounting for about half of the agricultural output, were not subsidized by the Keren Hayesod or any other public agency.
- (d) The Knesset directly, and the Government indirectly, through delegated authority, enact provisions impairing contractual obligations. The Knesset is now considering a Histadrut sponsored bill abrogating all those provisions in contracts of lease which provide that no tenant may sublet premises without the consent of the landlord. The injustice of this bill is fully appreciated when realized that under our legislation a landlord may not charge a rent higher than that which prevailed in 1940 and that a tenant who pays this statutory rent may never be evicted, although the lease may have expired. Thus the landlord may collect a rent representing only one-sixth of the real value of the rent, while the tenant, in fact, will be able to sublet at a fantastic rent. Needless to say the bill, when enacted, will redound to the advantage of the Histadrut in the forthcoming municipal elections.

16. The inequalities inherent in the present regime enable the Histadrut to absorb ever increasing areas of privately owned businesses and property. The Histadrut now is the largest buyer of factories, hotels, buildings and of properties in general. The financial resources at its disposal are nearly unlimited. Through its de-jure Government, it controls the huge Government budget as well as the vast funds collected in the U.S.A. and other countries. The Government is really that branch of the Histadrut which possesses the power of legal coercion and employs that power for its steady expansion.

17. Last spring, a delegation of British Labour Party M.P.'s visited Israel as guests of the Histadrut. They were given a warm welcome and shown around the country. One of the members, Mr. Sam Watson, now chairman of the British Labour Party recently delivered a speech in London at the Anglo-Palestine Club. While expressing his admiration at everything he had seen in Israel, he paused to say that in his opinion there were three serious handicaps confronting Israel, i.e.:

- (a) the small size of the State and its irregular shape;
- (b) lack of coal and of power in general;
- (c) the fact that over and above the Government there was the Histadrut.

This last remark, coming as it did from a distinguished labour leader and friend of the Histadrut caused quite a sensation. But those close to Mr. Watson knew that he left Israel with the feeling that a totalitarian regime was being gradually imposed by a well disciplined party maintained by the inexhaustible reservoir of Jewish, and particularly of American-Jewish generosity.

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הגם עס איז נאך נישט באוואוסט, צי דער 23סטער ציוניסטישער קאנגרעס וועט פארקומען דעם 20סטן דעצעמבער, ווי עס איז פארמיטלעך, איז אבער קלאר, אז איבעראל וועלן די וואלן פארקומען לויט די באשטימטע טערמינען. אין אייראפע וועלן די וואלן פארקומען דעם 20סטן אקטאבער. די זעלבע צייט וועלן אויך פארקומען וואלן אין די לענדער פון צענטראל-און-דרום-אמעריקע ווי אויך אין דרום-אמעריקע און אויסטראליע. אין ישראל וועלן די וואלן פארקומען ארום 6טן נאוועמבער.

אלזא, אין 2 פאנאסן ארדעס וועט באשטימט ווערן דער פחות צוזאמענשטעל פון דעם ציוניסטישן קאנגרעס. אין די פארמיטלעכע שטאטן וועלן קיין וואלן נישט פארקומען, ווייל עס איז געקומען צו א חסכם צווישן די ציוניסטישע פארטיי-ען. די אלגעמיינע ציוניסטן (זע.א.ע.י. און הדסה) באקומען 65 סאנדאטן פון די 121 דעלעגאטן, וועלכע וועלן פארטרעטן די פארמיטלעכע שטאטן צום קאנגרעס. אויך אין די אנדערע לענדער וועלן ווארטייבלעך די אלגעמיינע ציוניסטן זיין אין דער ספיץ מיט דער צאל דעלעגאטן געוויינט צום קאנגרעס. דאס איז נישט קיין ספק בנוגע ענגלאנד, דרום-אמעריקע, אויסטראליע, קאנאדע און די גרעסטע צאל לענדער פון צענטראל און דרום-אמעריקע. דאקעגן וועלן די רעזולטאטן אין ישראל געבן ווארטייבלעך די גרעסטע צאל סאנדאטן דעם איחו עולמי, וועלכער וועט ווארטייבלעך זיין די צווייט גרעסטע פראקציע אויפן קאנגרעס נאך די אלגעמיינע ציוניסטן (ביידע גרופן פארטייזשט).

דער 23סטער ציוניסטישער קאנגרעס וועט זיין א היסטארישער קאנגרעס. ער וועט זיך צוגעפוקטען אין ישראל, ירושלים, צום ערסטן מאל זיצט דער אנטטייאונג פון מדינת ישראל. דער 23סטער ציוניסטישער קאנגרעס וועט דארפן אנצייכענען א נייעם וועג פאר דער ציוניסטישער באוועגונג אין אנגליק פון די קארדינאלע ענדערונגען אין יידישן לעבן, וועלכע זיינען געקומען אלס רעזולטאט פון דער טאפונג פון יידן-שטאט.

עס וועט זיין א טארפער קאמף פאר דער פירערשאפט פון דער ציוניסטישער באוועגונג. עס וועט זיין אן ערבסטער פרוי. פון דעם איחוד עולמי פועלי-ציון התאחדות אויסצונעמן דעם איבערלעבן קאמף אין אלגעמיינעם ציוניזם, כדי צו ווערן די שטארקסטע פראקציע און צו זיין דער דאמינירנדער כח אויפן קאנגרעס עס איז טווער פארמיטלעך ווי וועט זיין די טעלונג פון די אנדערע פראקציעס. דער רעוויזיאניזם וועט דערטיינען צעטפאלטן אין 2 גרופן, איינע מיט בעגרינען אין דער ספיץ און די אנדערע מיט טאיר גראסמאן. די וואלן אין ישראל וועלן אן צווייטל פארווארטיירן דער חרות-גרופע, דאקעגן זענען בעסערע די טאנען פון טאיר גראסמאן אין א טייל גלות-לענדער. דער מזרחי און ספ"ם וועלן ריזואליזירן צווישן זיך פאר דעם פלאץ פון דער רייטער פראקציע אין קאנגרעס נאך די אלגעמיינע ציוניסטן און פועלי-ציון רעכטע (איחוד עולמי). די וואלן וועלן אריינברענגען א ביסל א קאמף-גייסט אין די ציוניסטישע רייען און עס איז נישט צו באווערן ווייל די ציוניסטישע באוועגונג איז לעצטנס א ביסל "אמאריקאניזט".

דער 23סטער ציוניסטישער קאנגרעס וועט אין א גרויסער מאס אויך זיין ענטטיידענד פאר דער צוקונפט פון מדינת ישראל, ווייל נאך אויף לאנגע יארן וועט דער צורל פון מדינת ישראל זיין ענג פארבונדן מיטן צורל פון דער ציוניסטישער באוועגונג און פארקערט.

דער אלגעמיינער ציוניזם און דער 23סטער ציוניסטישער קאנגרעס

דער טליסל צו די אנטטיידונגען, וועלכע וועלן דארפן פאלן אויפן 23סטן ציוניסטישן קאנגרעס געפינט זיך אין די הענט פון די אלגעמיינע ציוניסטן. די צענטראלע פראגע איז: ווי וועלן דערטיינען די אלגעמיינע ציוניסטן. אין ישראל זיינען פאראן 2 גרופן, אפגאטלאטן אין דער אלגעמיינער קאנפערענציע.

עס איז ביים קיין מור, אז די ציונים כללים האבן ביי יעדער געלעגנהייט קלאר געמאכט, אז זיי באטראכטן די עקזיסטענץ פון דער קאנפערענציע פאר אום-נויטיק און זיי טפארן ביים קיין מיה צו פארקלעבערן די באדייטונג פון דער קאנפערענציע אינגאנצן דורך אירע באטלונגן. די פראגרעסיווע אלג. ציונ. וועלכע בילדן אן איבעררויגנדיקע מערהייט אין דער קאנפערענציע, טאכן אלע אנטרעגונגען און אלע מעגלעכע קאנצעסיעס, כדי איינצוהאלטן די איינציקייט פון אלגעמיינעם ציוניזם אויפן וועלט-מאסטאב. אזוי, למשל, האבן די פראגרעסיווע אלגעמיינע ציוניסטן נאכגעגעבן, אז די ליטוונג פון ק.מ.ק. זאל באשטיין פון פארשטייער פון ביידע גרופן אויף פארשטעטע יסודות, הגם די פראגרעסיווע האבן געקענט לייכט מיט א מערהייט שטימען אין דער קאנפערענציע, פארזיכערן זיך די מערהייט אין די ק.מ.ק.-ליטוונג. אויך ביי דער לעצטער זיצונג פון אקציאנס-קאמיטעט האבן די פראגרעסיווע אלג. ציוניסטן פארגעטלאגן אפצוטערען די ציונים כללים א פלאץ אין דער עקזעקוטיווע פון דער אגענץ פארן פרייז פון איינציקייט אין דער קאנפערענציע און אן איינהייטלעכע דערשטייבונג צום קאנגרעס. די אלע באשיינענע זיינען געבליבן פרוכטלאז און עס איז טווער פארויסצוזען צי די כללים וועלן דאך פארשטיין די נויטווענדיקייט פון א געאייניקטן אלג. ציוניזם ביי די היסטארישע ענטשטיידונגען פאר דער צוקונפט פון דער ציוניסטישער באווע-גונג.

די ענטגילטיקע צימערן וועגן די אלגעמיינע ציוניסטישע דעלעגאטן צום קאנגרעס וועט אפטר זיין א גוטער מאטעריאל צו שטיין די ציונים כללים ביים צו גיין אויפן וועג פון טפאלטן די אלגעמיינע ציוניסטישע פראקציע אויפן קאנגרעס. עס אונטערלייגט ביים קיין ספק, אז די איבעררויגנדיקע מערהייט פון די אלג. ציוניסטישע דעלעגאציעס צום קאנגרעס וועלן זיין געשטימט פראגרעסיוו. עס איז טווער צו גלויבן, אז די ציונים כללים זאלן האבן אפילו 20 פראצענט פון די אלגעמיינע ציוניסטישע פארטרעטער פון די גרעסטע זאל גלות-לענדער. אויב זיי האבן נאך געקענט האפן אויף דער זע.א.ע.י. האט די לעצטע קאנווענט און פארשידענע דערקלערונגען פון פרעזידענט בראדלי קלאר געמאכט, אז די זע.א.ע.י. איז אידענטי-פיצירט זיך ביים פיס די ציונים כללים. די זע.א.ע.י. וועט האבן א גרויסן אינטערעס צו זיין אנגעטלאסן אין גרויסן אלגעמיינעם ציוניסטישן כח, וועלכן די קאנפערענציע וועט בילדן. די פראגרעסיווע אלגעמיינע ציוניסטן וועלן טראץ זייער קוואנטאסיווער איבערזוכט פארטועצן זייער טראדיציע פון קאמף פאר א טטארקן אלג. ציונ. כח אלס די ערסטע פראקציע אויפן קאנגרעס. דאס וועט זיין נישט נאר אין די אינטערעסן פון אלגעמיינעם ציוניזם, נאר אין די העכסטע אינטע-רעסן פון דער ציוניסטישער וועלט-באוועגונג. די ציונים כללים וועלן זיך איינזאמלירן אלס קליינע גרופע אויב זיי וועלן ביים גיין אויפן וועג פון בלייבן איינגעטלאסן אין דער וועלט-קאנפערענציע און אנערקענען דעמאקראטיש איר אויטאריטעט און אירע באטלונגן.

איינהייטלעכע וועלט-ליסטע צום קאנגרעס

דער פרעזידענט פון דער וועלט-קאנפערענציע האט זיך געווענדעט צו די פראגרעסיווע אלגעמיינע ציוניסטן און די ציונים כללים זיי זאלן מסכים זיין צו טאפן איין וועלט-ליסטע פון דער קאנפערענציע. לויט דעם פארטלאג דארפן קאנדידירן אויף דער וועלט-ליסטע צווערט די מיטגלידער פון דער וועלט-עקזעקו-טיווע פון דער אגענץ, די פרעזידענט פון די ביידע אלג. ציוניסטישע פארשטייע-מיטגלידער פון דעם ציוניסטישן אקציאנס-קאמיטעט און אלגעמיינע ציוניסטישע פירער פון פארשידענע לענדער. די פראגרעסיווע אלגעמיינע ציוניסטן האבן שוין געגעבן זייער צושטימונג צו איין אלגעמיינע ציוניסטישע וועלט-ליסטע. מען דערווארט דעם אנטווארט פון די ציונים כללים.

נ י י ע מ ו ש ב י מ פ ו ר נ ה ע ר ב ד ה צ י ו נ י

דער "העובד הציוני" האט לעצטנס ארגאניזירט זייע פיינף גרופן פאר מושבים. די גרופן באשטייען פון זייע עוללים, פון קורדיסטאן, איראק, טריפאלי און רומעניע. צוויי גרופן וועלן קירצלעך שוין זיך באזעצן אויפן באדן. עס עקזיסטירן שוין 6 מושבים פון "העובד הציוני". דריי זייע גרופן פאר מושבים ווערן דערווארט די נאענטע וואכן פון טויזנט.

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באזוכן פון משה קול אין אייראפע, צפון און דרום-אמעריקע
אין פאריז

דעם 17טן יולי איז אנגעקומען קיין פאריז ה' משה קול, מיטגליד פון דער עקזעקוטיווע פון דער יידישער-אגענץ. אויסער די באראטונגען מיט די לייטונ-גען פון די פארייניקטע קאמפיינען און עליה הנוער, האט ה' קול אפגעהאלטן זאלרייכע באראטונגען מיט די אנטיידנדע פענסטן פון די פראגרעסיווע אלגעמיינציו-ניסטישע ארגאניזאציע, הנוער הציוני און פון די הסדרות. אין צוזאמענהאנג מיטן באזוך פון ה' קול איז פארגעקומען א קאנפערענץ פון די שליחים אין אייראפע און נארד-אפריקע. פראבלעמען פון דער צוקונפט ארבעט און דער בעכסטער ציוניס-טיסער קאנגרעס זיינען געווען די טעמען פון די באראטונגען.

ע צ ג ל א נ ד

פון פאריז איז ה' קול אפגעפארן קיין ענגלאנד, ווו ער האט זיך באסיי-ליקט אין וויכטיקע באראטונגען מיט דער ציוניסטישער פעדעראציע. קול האט אויך באזוכט מאנטעססער און גלוגאוו. אין לאנדאן איז פארגעקומען א גרויסע אויפנאמע לכבוד דעם גאסט מיט דער באטייליקונג פון די פראמינענטע יידישע פערזענלעכקייטן.

אין ענגלאנד האט ה' קול געווינדמעט א גרויסן טייל פון זיין באזוך צו סטארקן די הילף פון ענגלישן יידנטום פארן ווערק פון עליה הנוער.

ב ר א ז י ל

פון לאנדאן איז ה' קול אפגעפלויען קיין בראזיל. אין ריא דע זאנעירא און סאן פאאולא האט ער געעפנט דעם געאייניקטן ישראל-קאמפייין. א ריזיקע פאלקס-פארזאמלונג אין ריא און א צווייטע אין סאן פאאולא האבן צוגעצויגן טויזנטער מענטשן. ה' קול האט דארט געמאכט וויכטיקע דערקלערונגען וועגן דער צוקונפט פון ציוניזם און דער יידישער מדינה. דער קאנסול פון ישראל האט געגעבן א פייערלעכע אויפנאמע פארן מיטגליד פון דער יידישער אגענץ. אויסנוצנדיק זיין באזוך אין בראזיל האט ה' קול אפגעהאלטן א רייע בארא-טונגען מיט די אלגעמיינציוניסטישע פירער אין ריא און סאן פאאולא וועגן די פראבלעמען פון בעכסטן ציוניסטישן קאנגרעס.

אין אר ג ע צ ט י צ ע

אין בוענאס-אייירעס האט זיך ה' קול באטייליקט אין אויסערארדענטלעכער קאנפערענץ פון דער ציוניסטישער פעדעראציע. אין צוזאמענהאנג מיטן "ארויפגיין אויפן באדן" אין גב פון דעם דרום-אמעריקאנער גרעין פון הנוער הציוני "עין השלטה" איז פארגעקומען אין-בוענאס-אייירעס א ריזיקע פארזאמלונג אויף וועלכער עס איז אויפגעטראטן ה' קול. אויף זיין צוריקוועגס פון בוענאס-אייירעס האבן באזוכט ה' קול דעלעגאציעס פון ציוניסטישע ארגאניזאציעס אין טשילי און אורוגוויי.

אין די פארייניקטע-סטאטן

אנקומענדיק קיין ניו-יארק פון ארגענטינע, האט ה' קול אפגעהאלטן א לענגערע קאנפערענץ מיט ה' בראאודי, פרעזידענט פון דער ציוניסטישער ארגאני-זאציע (זעי. א. עי.) ה' קול איז ספעציעל איינגעלאדן געווארן צו דער קאנפערענץ פון "הדסה", וועלכע עפנט זיך דעם 23סטן אויגוסט. עס וועלן אויך פארגעקומען א רייע באראטונגען פון דער קאנפערענציע.

ה' קול וועט זיך צוריקקערן קיין ישראל אין ענדע אויגוסט.

ה' צבי הרמן - אין אייראפע.

אין אנגעלעגנהייטן פון דער יידישער אגענץ האט געוויילט אין פראנקרייך און אין דער טורייץ, ה' צבי הרמן, מיטגליד פון דער עקזעקוטיווע פון דער יידישער אגענץ.

אין פאריז און ציריך האט ה' צבי הרמן אפגעהאלטן א רייע באראטונגען מיט די אלגעמיינציוניסטישע לייטונגען איבער די פראבלעמען פון בעפארשטייענדן ציוניסטישן קאנגרעס.

ח' אידוב כהן פארט אפ קיין אייראפע.

ענדע אויגוסט פארט אפ דער כנסת-מיטגליד פון דער פראגרעסיווער אלג. ציוני. פראקציע, אידוב כהן, קיין איירלאנד, אלס מיטגליד פון דער ישראל-דעלע-גאציע צום צווייטן-פארלאמענטארישן קאנגרעס. ה' אידוב כהן וועט באזוכן איטאליע, פראנקרייך און בעלגיע, ווו ער וועט אפהאלטן וויכטיקע באראטונגען מיט די אלג. ציוניסטישע פירער פון די א"ר לענדער.

איראפעישע קאנפערענץ פון אלגעמיינע ציוניסטן

דעם 2טן סעפטעמבער וועט זיך עפענען אין פאריז די איראפעישע אלגעמיינע ציוניסטן קאנפערענץ, גערופן פון איראפעישן ביורא פון דער קאנפערעדעראציע. עס האבן זיך טיין אנגעמאלדן די דעלעגאציעס פון ענגלאנד, פראנקרייך, שווייץ, שוועדן, דענעמארק, עסטרייך און איטאליע ווי אויך פון מאראקא, טאנזשיר און טוניס. די קאנפערענץ וועט זיך באשעפטיקן מיט די פראבלעמען פון אלגעמיינעם ציוניזם ערב דעם 23סטן ציוניסטישן קאנגרעס. ד"ר ישראל גאלדשטיין, ד"ר נחום גאלדמאן, טטה קול און ה' בראאודי זיינען איינגעלאדן געווארן צו דער קאנפערענץ. די קאנפערענץ וועט זיין א טאגספעסטאציע פון אלגעמיינעם איינהייטלעכן ציוניזם אין איראפע.

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פרובן צו שפאלטן דעם איראפעישן ביורא פון דער קאנפערעדעראציע.

ווי עס טיילט מיט א טעלעגראם פון "איטא", פון פאריז, איז געטאכט געווארן אן ערנסטער פרוב פון ד"ר בערנסטיין, ה' סערלין און ה' סטופ צו שאפן א שפאלט-טונג אין איראפעישן ביורא פון דער קאנפערעדעראציע. די אויבנדערמאנטע פירער פון די ציונים כללים, האבן צוזאמענגערופן אן "איראפעישע באראטונג" אין וועלכער עס האבן זיך באטייליקט, אויסער אייניקע פאריזער חברים, איין אלגעמ. ציוניסט פון לאנדאן, אן אלגעמיינער ציוניסט פון דער בעלגישער פראווינץ-סטאט ליעזש און א געוויסער ה' חביב. קיינער פון די מיטגלידער פון די צענטראל-קאמיטעטן אין ענגלאנד און בעלגיע האט זיך נישט באטייליקט אין דער באראטונג. קיינער איז בכלל נישט געקומען פון דער שווייץ, עסטרייך, איטאליע, שוועדן, האלאנד, דענעמארק, אלזשיר, מאראקא און טאנזשיר. זעענדיק דעם דורכפאל פון דער באראטונג איז באטלאסן געווארן דורך ד"ר בערנסטיין, ה' סערלין און ד"ר סטופ צו שאפן א "קאאדינירונגס קאמיטעט".



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התאחדות הציונים הכלליים
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Dr. A.H. Silver,
New - York.

Dear Dr. Silver,

When leaving Paris I gave Mr. Weinberg a few lines for you and I hope he has not forgotten to pass my letter on to you.

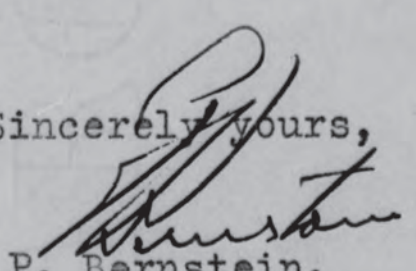
I was glad to hear that you have decided to be once more active in Zionist affairs in general and also to help us in concentrating those forces of General Zionism which understand it and its task as we do.

Before I left New York, Dr. Neuman arranged for a meeting of some 40 leading Zionists of the New York area who are thought to be in sympathy with our party. I believe their reaction to my address was positive and I understood Dr. Neuman was prepared to organize some unofficial committee to be in contact with us. Mr. Browdy was informed about that meeting but preferred not to be present, in order not to endanger, so I suppose, peace in the Z.O.A., but in a subsequent talk, when I told him about the results of that meeting, he seemed to realise that, with the Congress in view, he could not remain "neutral" for any length of time.

Our party here in Israel is progressing rapidly we are making great efforts towards the elections of Zionist Congress and the municipalities and hope to achieve impressive results. But though we have raised ourselves locally during the months April-July more than 40,000 pounds for purely organizational and political work we are much in need of additional funds and sincerely hope we will get some help from our friends over there. We have by now a permanent staff of more than 40 people in our Central Administration not comprising personnel of the local organizations, and even so we cannot exploit by far all our possibilities, while elections as a matter of course, require special and great additional expenses.

I shall be glad to hear from you, and remain with kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,


P. Bernstein.

pb/yz.

August 27, 1950

Dr. Abba H. Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver,

Since our meeting last Monday I met with several other Zionists, amongst them Abraham Goodman, and a number of local regional and district leaders, I also met again with Dr. Emanuel Neumann. And every one of them encouraged me to undertake the work of establishing a two-way information service between the General Zionists here and those in Israel. They all felt that this would be of material help to the Zionists in Israel, and will also be a "shot in the arm" for the General Zionists here.

During our conversation last week I mentioned several times the urgent desire expressed by numerous leading Zionists in Israel that you resume active leadership, and not only locally but also and more so in world Zionism. If I didn't stress it then it wasn't because I considered it least important; quite to the contrary, because I consider this of the utmost importance I didn't want to discuss it with you then, when you had just returned from Europe and were preparing to leave the following day for home.

I do wish, Dr. Silver, that you do give this matter your most serious attention. This desire that you return to active leadership was expressed to me by many of the local people that I ~~used~~ talked to since my return. One can safely say that this call for your leadership is universal. And just as you have heeded such a call for your return in 1945, you should heed the present call. And there is no question that while the present crisis is of a different nature, it is in its own way even more serious than the one Zionism faced in 1945 when you overlooked everything and took the helm again. It is, in my humble opinion, incumbent upon you to take up the leadership again and rally around you, here, in Israel and elsewhere, all the dispersed but constructive forces that are looking and praying for such leadership.

As for the work that I am planning to organize here, and for which you were good enough, like so many others, to ~~give~~ ^{provide} me your cooperation, I am waiting now for the green light from Israel.

Respectfully yours

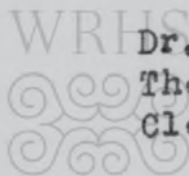
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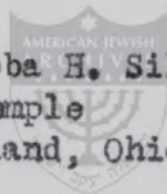
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LIKE BROWDY WILL STOP AS YOUR FRIEND AND SUPPORTER I URGE
YOU NOT TO PASS UP THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR A CHANCE TO WHAT I
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August 30, 1950

Dr. Morton J. Robbins
273 Main Street
Nashua, New Hampshire

My dear Dr. Robbins:

Permit me to thank you for your telegram. I am enclosing herewith copy of the telegram which I sent yesterday to Ambassador Eban. It is self-explanatory. I assure you there were no other reasons for my not going except the physical reasons of inescapable prior commitments which I have made here and which I could not at the last minute change. As you know, I was gone practically the entire summer and now I am facing the heavy task of opening the season's activities of The Temple - school, services, etc. - with no one to assist me inasmuch as my assistant, Rabbi Nodel, accepted a call to Portland during the summer and is now gone.

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As far as the invitation to come to Dover during the month of October, I regret that it will not be possible for me to come. I have so many other engagements scheduled for that month and I might have to cancel most of them if I do go to Israel in October.

With all good wishes for a very Happy New Year, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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Enc.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

Dear Mr. Silver - I submit this to you for
your information & consideration.
Yours sincerely,

S. Michael Silver

Suite 1700
1 Wall Street
New York, New York
August 30, 1950

Hon. Henry Morgenthau,
Chairman, United Jewish Appeal,
New York City, New York.

Dear Mr. Morgenthau:

There are several observations I should like to bring to your attention regarding the proposal for the issuance of bonds by the State of Israel. It is known that a meeting is to be held in Israel within the week for the purpose of deciding on a new, effective fund raising policy which will be acceptable both to the Israelis and their well wishers abroad. I understand that a plan to sell Israel bonds in this country will be the major one advanced at this meeting.

I have consulted with Wall Street experts on floating of issues, the selling and buying of bonds and other financial operations. Of them, even the most generous of spirit, the most imaginative in point of view and the most sympathetic to the cause of Israel have agreed that the suggestion is ill-conceived, and if carried out might prove to be a greater detriment to the new state than a benefit. I therefore feel that it is my duty to submit these observations to you for your consideration.

Certainly the economic crisis in Israel is extreme, and the need for channeling much greater sums of money than UJA can possibly provide is abundantly apparent. Some say that a bond drive might help matters. And when these are shown that there are obstacles in the way of achieving a successful bond selling campaign, they exhort with Admiral Dewey, "damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead". The disturbing factor here is that a bond drive may, in its enthusiasm and good intention, take on the quality of a speed operation, but perhaps not ahead. It might possibly lead in the wrong direction, and if it should turn out to be a regression, it would be disastrous. Fully aware of your own great responsibility and that of your colleagues in the making of current fund raising plans, you yourself might find it helpful to consider the fears that have been expressed.

It is believed by many businessmen that in this early stage of its mushroom growth, Israel's economy is a poor risk for short term investment. In the long run, it is hoped Israel will become a prosperous land providing a high standard of living for its people, and generous profits for those who invest therein. At the moment, however, State of Israel bonds might not be taken seriously as a business proposition by American investors.

We have, as you know well, undergone a radical change in the bond market in this country over the past few decades. Individual purchasers buy only a negligible percentage of the available bonds. It has become the custom for institutions like banks and insurance companies to take the major positions in the bond market.

Israel bonds would, I assume, be sold with an eye to interesting individual investors, because such institutions would likely be quite indifferent toward such an issue. The problem that presents itself to my mind as well as to the minds of those with whom I have spoken, is that not only will the Government of Israel be faced with the difficulties of selling a security whose value will be seriously questioned, even by Jewish business men whose hearts are close to the cause of Israel, but the task of creating popularity for a type of investment which is currently

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falling out of fashion in personal portfolios is considerable. The example of U.S. War Bonds which individuals bought is quite separate and different from Israel bonds, you will, I am sure agree. And very little that is parallel exists between the selling of one and the other. For United States bonds are as secure as the richest economy in the world, and as such provide purchasers with a minimum of risk. It is interesting to note that the United States did not engage in a significant bond drive until the time of the Civil War, which was many decades after it had declared its independence.

Should Israel be forced into the position of having to default on paying the interest on its bonds, the consequences may be grave. Some say, that only "friends of Israel" would be expected to buy the proposed bonds, and that such benevolent bondholders would never hold such a default against the little state.

A default can, as you know, be a serious thing. It can prevent the State of Israel from returning to this country for funds. It can spcill the whole market for private investment for years to come. You are well aware of the stubborn prejudices (as in San Domingo and other Latin American countries) that lag on through economic history. And in the long run the only economic salvation for Israel is its ability to have the credits to attract large enough measures of investment capital from abroad to develop its industry on an efficient and self supporting basis. Should Israel have to default on paying interest on its bonds, it is not fantastic to expect that it might be temporarily excluded from the international investment community. Such things do happen, and then our Israeli brothers will, in their understandable anxiety, have killed the goose that laid the golden egg. Or should I say that at least had the potentiality of laying golden eggs. Since the chances for default are great, it might be well to explore safer roads in the search for much needed immediate cash.

That people will buy Israel bonds for sentimental reasons, and not for business reasons is, I think, a fair appraisal of the nature of the demand for these securities. If that is so, then let us face facts. It would be more prudent to approach the American public with something other than a business proposition, when in actuality it is not a good credit risk that is being offered. To sell bonds on sentiment is to be situated in the right pew, but in the wrong church.

I would also suggest that it is better at all times to call a spade a spade. The prospect of Israelis assuming the obligation of paying not only capital but interest to American Jews so that fellow Jews who suffered in concentration camps or at least have had to flee from their birthplaces because of their Jewishness, is most disturbing. Let us not delude ourselves. The monies to be derived from the proposed funded debt would be used for rehabilitation purposes, no matter what sort of double talk is used to the contrary about roads, economic institutions, etc. At this stage of unheard of immigration, the needs are really those of rehabilitation. And I should hate to see the rehabilitated compelled to assume financial obligations to you or to me, simply because they were Jews from the eastern hemisphere and we are western. Surely Jewish morality dictates that whatever obligations are assumed at your meeting next week, that you and I, and not the State of Israel alone, be constituted as the parties responsible for the debt. Even if bonds are issued, then at least let them be Jewish Agency bonds, representing the Jews of the world, but not State of Israel bonds. Surely this suggestion requires no further elaboration.

May I in conclusion suggest an alternative plan which might more effectively help us meet the pending crisis. In most cities on this continent, the Jewish community has a Hebrew Free Loan Society, which in loaning money free of interest to Jews in order to set them in to business has played a constructive role setting people on their feet and re-establishing them. One of my earliest memories of communal activity was

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when my own father, who was president of the Hebrew Free Loan Society in Toronto, took me to a meeting of the board. I think the example of their methods might merit consideration at this time.

The Jewish Agency might be well advised to go to the Jews of the world and say we need more than gifts. The gifts are a sine qua non. UJA must continue. But Israel with its programme of providing succour to whomever will come to it, requires large loans. It needs free loans. It will however promise to pay back the loans when it can.

I suggest that the Jewish Agency recite the example of the Hebrew Free Loan Societies. I suggest that the Agency should sell interest free promissory notes, perhaps even without a due date. If this is done, I believe, more money will be raised than through a bond drive, and a safer more effective course will have been pursued, a course of open and candid presentation of the case, free from the possibility of deluding the investing public. Such a course will leave Israel the beneficiary of our fund raising activities, not a benefactor, paying interest to affluent or even comfortable Americans.

I can appreciate that the burden of Jewish leadership at this time is heavy, and I know as one who has been a volunteer worker in your UJA ranks, the high sense of responsibility you carry. I have therefore submitted this letter to you, in the hope that its contents can be of some small help by advancing a point of view held by many.

I know that the decision reached in Israel will serve the best interests of our people there.

With kind personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

S. Michael Gelber

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DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER-

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DAVID MOSKOWITZ...

MORTON J. ROBBINS, M. D.

273 MAIN STREET
NASHUA, NEW HAMPSHIRE

September 1, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street At Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Words can not express my thanks and appreciation for your kind letter of August 30, and particularly for your promptness in answering my telegram. You have certainly eased my anxiety and now that I know the reasons for your inability to go at this late moment, I feel much better about the whole thing.

I was very happy to learn that Dr. Neumann did go with the group.

The community of Dover will be greatly disappointed when I apprise them of your inability to accept the invitation, but I am sure they will understand that Israel comes first.

Permit me to take this opportunity to extend to you and yours my best wishes for a very happy New Year.

With kindest personal regards,

Most respectfully yours,

Morton J. Robbins
Morton J. Robbins, M. D.

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September 1, 1950

Mr. David Moskowitz
40 West Burnside Avenue
Bronx 53, New York

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With all good wishes for a very Happy New Year, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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September 6, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

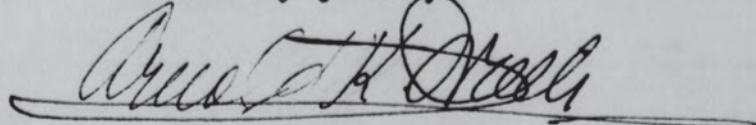
Your gracious letter and books were received in my absence from the city. I hasten to thank you for the books in the conviction that they will help me to round out the information I need for my work.

You probably know that in Haaretz and, according to H. Jaffe's cable in The Day, in many circles in Israel, regret was expressed at your absence from the conference of September 3rd. In Israel they blamed the government for not inviting you. I had a long visit with Mr. Eban and I know the situation. By the way, he had no time to get permission from B. G. to invite Neumann in his name, so he invited him personally and then got confirmation from Jerusalem.

The Congress being postponed to the end of May, we will probably have time to accomplish something here in preparation for the Congress. Meanwhile we will have our own "Congress" in America, according to today's papers. It was a shrewd idea on the part of the Mizrachi.

Wishing you and Mrs. Silver a happy New Year,

Cordially yours,



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The General Zionists Organization in Israel

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33 King George str. Tel-Aviv. Phone 4533, 3031

Ref. 4708/50

22nd September 1950

Dear Sir(s)

Enclosed please find:

- 1) Copy of letter of Mr. P. Bernstein - President of our Party, - addressed to Dr. Israel Goldstein Concerning Mr. Itzhak Grinbaum's Contributions to "Al-Hamishmar".
- 2) Copy of the English translation of extracts taken from an article written by Mr. Itzhak Grinbaum and published in MAPAM'S daily news paper "Al-Hamishmar".

Kindly acknowledge receipt of same

Sincerely Yours

General Zionists Organization
in Israel

I. Vinograd,
Acting General Secretary.

Ref. 4685/50

22nd September 1950

Dr. Israel Goldstein,
President World Confederation
of General Zionists,
501, Fifth Avenue,
New York, 17, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Goldstein,

We feel it our duty to bring to your notice the fact that Mr. Itzhak Grinbaum, member of the Jewish Agency Executive as a representative of the World Confederation of General Zionists, has now started writing articles by way of regular contributions in the official daily of Mapam, "Al-Hamishmar". In his first article Mr. Grinbaum stated that the general trend of this paper corresponded to his views more than that of any other paper. (See translation of part of said article - enclosed herewith.)

As you probably remember, we considered it at the time as a serious mistake that the Confederation elected Mr. Grinbaum to fill the vacancy in the Agency Executive, not only because of our candidate being bypassed, but because it seemed very strange to us that the very man who had severed his connection with both existing parties of General Zionists and had a decisive part in splitting General Zionists in Israel, should be the elect of the Confederation, the proclaimed task of which is, and in actual fact ought to be, to strengthen the organisational basis of General Zionism.

We admit that in our misgivings we had not anticipated so spectacular a step on the part of Mr. Grinbaum as he has taken now, but we certainly believe that the identification, or near identification of Mr. Grinbaum with the views of Mapam, which are known to you, necessitates a serious reaction on the part of the Confederation.

The range of political convictions within the ranks of General Zionists may be very wide, and is in fact unnaturally so, but seems to preclude, at any rate, an identification with the views of Mapam.

We shall be glad to hear from you what steps the Executive of the Confederation has taken, or is going to take in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

GENERAL ZIONISTS ORGANISATION IN ISRAEL

P. Bernstein
President

The following extracts are taken from an article written by Mr. Isaac Grinbaum and published in the daily news-paper "AL HAMISHMAR"; No. 2174, of 11th. September 1950. *)

"... And at the present moment, when I am unable to find a place for myself in any of our parties, and when I lack both the strength and influence to organise a party of my own, as was demonstrated to me at the elections to the Knesset, I find no other path before me than this..."

"... And all thanks to "Al Hamishmar", which has agreed to serve as hostelry for my own private self. It is possible that other newspapers might also have agreed to this, yet I have selected "Al Hamishmar" because I have always had a "weakness" for the opposition which swims against the strong main current; and because we have similar opinions with regard to the clerical danger and the need to struggle for the secularisation of our nation and our state. In addition to this, with regard to the question of neutrality between the East and the West I see grave danger in the excessive estrangement from the East and the increasing rapprochement with the West. Indeed these are fundamental issues at the present times, which must serve for determining the lines of action as to many decisive questions reverberating in our world..."

*) The daily newspaper "AL HAMISHMAR" is the organ of MAPAM, or Mifleget Poalim Meuhedet (United Labour Party). The latter is the party lying farthest left in Israel, with the exception of the Israel Communist Party, known as MAKI.

October 25, 1950

Dr. Abba H. Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver,

I was overjoyed with the resolution or statement adopted last night by the National Executive Committee of the Z.O.A. I see in it -- and I have so cabled to Israel -- a complete victory, if I may use the word, for you; also the hoped-for signal of your return to active leadership. And I have no doubt that this will be a red-letter day for the General Zionists and many other constructive forces in Israel.

The good news reached me as I was preparing the following memorandum with regard to some of the subjects we touched upon when we met last Friday.:

There is no question -- and there is no use denying the fact -- that General Zionism finds now very little space in the Yiddish press, and for that matter in the Anglo-Jewish press. Where only several years back there were at least a dozen writers in the Yiddish press who could be counted as General Zionists and others sympathetic to General Zionism, there are now no more than two or three. At the same time the number of Yiddish writers expounding the cause of Labor Zionism is constantly growing. Also, it's a rare occasion when we find a news item concerning General Zionism in the Yiddish press. As for the newspapers themselves, The Forward is of course all-out for Labor Zionism, while The Day and The Morning Journal can no longer be said to be exclusively or even largely pro-General Zionism.

This is lamentable indeed. But as a result of my own observation and experience and of talks with a number of my colleagues I can say that this is mostly the fault of the General Zionists. Nothing, absolutely nothing, has been done by them in recent years to keep in touch with the Yiddish press and with the Yiddish newspapermen. And I have ground to believe that this is also true with regard to the Anglo-Jewish press. The result is this cooling off in relations.

Of the other Zionists groups, not only the Labor Zionists, but even the religious element keep in constant touch with the Yiddish press. As far as I can remember there has been no meeting between General Zionist leaders and the Yiddish press in months or maybe years. (The only exception recently was a press conference with Mr. Broudy. But that was merely to hear his request for a U.S. grant-in-aid to Israel.) But only in the course of the few past weeks there have taken place at least a half dozen press conferences with Labor Zionists leaders, mostly with delegates from Israel. In this respect the religious elements have been trying to keep apace. They too have had a number of press conferences with their leaders from here and from Israel.

It is no exaggeration to say that hardly a day passes without the Yiddish newspapers carrying some story of theirs. But there is hardly a line from or about the General Zionists. The only story in months about General Zionists was printed the early part of this week -- the story about project materials sent by the Z.O.A. to Israel. And this story had a highly revealing angle. It reported that when the two shipments reached Israel they were received there by Joseph Baratz as head of the Israeli Veterans Committee. As I was reading it, I was wondering whether we would find some day a story that a transport sent to Israel by the Labor Zionists was taken over there by a General Zionist.

Also, when the news came about the cabinet crisis in Israel, the Labor Zionists here rushed to the newspapers with statements. The Mizrachi and Hapoel Hamizrachi did likewise. As for the General Zionists, luckily I had on hand a copy of Haboker containing a statement by the General Zionists of Israel concerning the need

for new Kneset elections, so I translated it and had it published.

And while I am on the subject of the cabinet crisis, which evidently is being ~~comped~~ solved without elections, I wish to point out that while some of us hesitated -- and for good ~~and~~ ethical and tactical reasons -- to do anything here, the Labor Zionists evidently had no such scruples. They lost no time and have arranged a series of "enlightening" meetings from one end of the country to the other. Their first such meeting is taking place tonight in New York City and is to be addressed by Berl Locker, chairman of the Jewish Agency in Israel, and by David Wertheim, one of their latest delegates from Israel.

I could go on and on. But the few facts cited here are, I believe, sufficient to ~~give~~ explain why General Zionism has become almost the "forgotten man" in the Yiddish press. And you will admit, Dr. Silver, that the Yiddish press is still a potent factor in Jewish life here.

The point that I want to make is that the General Zionists have more than one leaf to take from the books of the other Zionist groups -- those groups which only a short time back were the younger, inexperienced brothers, but who seem now to have overtaken the older brother.

It was for that reason and purpose that I have undertaken the work for the General Zionists in Israel, but which can also be of importance to General Zionism here.

My work, as I have discussed it with the General Zionist leaders in Israel, is to be undertaken in the following two first stages:

1. I am to furnish the G.Z. in Israel with information about the work here, which I have been doing regularly now for several months; and also supply the press here as well as the various Zionist regions or districts with information about the G.Z. in Israel, which I expect now to start receiving.

2. To utilize the presence here of General Zionists from Israel -- i.e. men who come here of their own accord -- for press conferences and where ~~possible~~ possible to address Zionist groups. Also, in time to bring here some of the outstanding General Zionists from Israel, *for propaganda purposes.*

This is an ambitious program. But it can be accomplished. And, what is more, it will do much to help revitalize the Z.O.A. here and will of course do much for the General Zionists in Israel.

I hope, Dr. Silver, that you will give these remarks the attention which I believe they merit, and will be most grateful to you for any comment.

Respectfully yours

M. Pullin

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

It was my privilege to spend some time in Israel in recent months. I conferred with the Prime Minister, the Chairman of the Jewish Agency, and representatives of the Knesset and the Cabinet, on the subject of obtaining "Human Resources for Israel".

The proposal that I made which was favorably received, is to create a kind of "lend-lease" which would enable skilled personnel in every area of activity to participate in the building and development of the land. It is evident that American "know-how" is indispensable and something must be done now.

At the request of the leaders of Israel, I prepared an opening statement for their further deliberation. I am sending a copy to you for your comments. Since the statement has gone to Israel, I would not like to have it published until it has been received and acknowledged. I am eager to have your counsel on the plans and proposals.

With kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

SAMUEL WOHL

STATEMENT ON "THE ENLISTMENT OF SKILLED HUMAN RESOURCES"

Presented to the
PRIME MINISTER OF ISRAEL and to the CHAIRMAN
OF THE JEWISH AGENCY EXECUTIVE IN JERUSALEM

by
DR. SAMUEL WOHL, CINCINNATI, OHIO, U. S. A.

During my visit in Israel, I became aware of the indispensable need to obtain skilled personnel in every area of human activity. Many of the leading personalities of the country agree that it is essential to have thousands of men and women come from the United States, Britain and other democratic lands to serve and share in the responsibilities of building up the country by participating in the social, educational and economic development of the country.

I am convinced that Chaluziut is essential and must be furthered but, under the conditions which exist in the United States, only a small number will respond to the appeal to cast their lot completely and irrevocably with Israel. It is necessary to deal with this problem in a most realistic manner. The tens of thousands of Jews from the United States may come at a later date but not now. A great deal has to be done in preparation for such a movement. In the meantime, we could enlist the services of several thousand men and women for certain specific tasks in Israel for a limited time.

Men and women had volunteered for the fighting services. Now we must find such men and women to fight the present war of construction and for peace and development of the country, in accordance with the best interests of Israel and the Jews everywhere. It is in the interest of the Jews of the Diaspora that the high level of cultural and economic development and the new social patterns which have made Israel capable of standing up against such overwhelming difficulties, shall be continued, accelerated and expanded.

The challenge now is to absorb not only physically but spiritually the hundreds of thousands of new immigrants, and to lift them to a high standard of social and cultural development.

By all means, we must see to it that the great social experiments of the kibbutz, moshav, cooperatives and collectives shall grow and prosper and be adapted to ever-larger sections of the population. It seems to me that there are in the United States alone, thousands of men and women who could be enlisted and whose services could be utilized to that end. The problem is how to secure them. My recommendation is that we proceed in the following manner:

1. The Planning Commission in Israel shall prepare a Human Budget -- what it needs in every field of activity: teachers, mechanics, social workers, engineers, doctors, etc.

2. We shall then call a National Conference in the United States of key people in communal and professional life, and a selected number of leaders to be invited by the Prime Minister and Chairman of the Agency in Jerusalem for a personal conference in Israel.

3. We shall then launch a campaign for Human Resources for Israel. We should ask candidates to enlist for two or three years.

4. The candidates shall be chosen by their own professional, business, economic and labor bodies.

5. These should be invited by the Government and the Agency of Israel and they shall, in effect, represent their respective communities and national associations.

6. Their respective communities shall assume financial obligations towards the volunteers by paying the differential. This differential must not be an obligation upon Israel. It is an essential link in the plan to make communities conscious that they are sharing, that they are participating, with the leaders of Israel, and that the men and women so chosen are in Israel because the American community is eager to have them there.

It seems to me that we would be in a position to secure by such a method the best and most talented people in their respective areas of activities who would be, first, challenged by a tremendous undertaking, even when necessary in areas of danger and hardship and, second, strengthened by the knowledge that they would then receive the approbation and mark of distinction both of Israel and their respective communities.

In the natural flow of events, a certain residue of these men and women will want to establish themselves permanently in Israel. This would be a net gain. Year by year, men and women will be coming to Israel, many of them will return to the United States and they will become the direct bearers of 'news and views' for the American community. They could then be organized on the American scene for continuous work needed in America for Israel. This "two-way passage" would be real and not based on propaganda alone but on actualities, and in course of time may become a kind of professional distinction for any person to have served in Israel.

The idea of making the local communities responsible for a portion of the financing is essential in order to make the American community feel that it is not merely giving money but certainly adding to the service of Israel. The method of financing may have to be worked out. For instance, it may be possible that a percentage of UJA funds may be placed at the disposal of the Human Resources Campaign, thereby linking the UJA with the effort of securing the human resources. It would certainly raise the level of the UJA campaign if it were possible to speak to the American community and make them aware that thousands of American skilled personnel are sharing in a responsible way in the upbuilding of the country. There is definitely a link between this idea and the Mobilization of Human Resources for Israel with "Point Four" of President Truman's plan, and Israel would then become the pilot project for development in other areas. Instead of obtaining from the American Government an exceedingly limited group of specialists, we would then be in a position to supplement this aid of the American Government with the service of thousands of men and women from the United States who will place their "know-how" at the service of Israel.

From a patriotic American point of view, these men and women would not only serve Israel and the Jewish community everywhere but also give considerable aid and be responsible for the establishment of a Fortress of Democracy in the Near East and thus in a realistic manner preserve the peace and increase friendship among the neighbors. It is, therefore, of real significance that this be done, done successfully and with all the knowledge and skill at our command.

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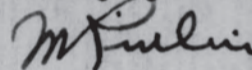
Dr. Abba H. Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver,

I had hoped to have by now your final decision as to whether or not you find it feasible to send the telegraphic message that the General Zionists of Israel have asked for. But, unfortunately, I did not get it yet.

Our friends there are waiting for an answer from me, one way or the other. But I can't tell them anything before I hear from you. Will you, therefore, be good enough to inform me about your decision as soon as possible.

Respectfully yours



M. Rivlin



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GENERAL ZIONISTS ORGANIZATION IN ISRAEL

TEL-AVIV
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3rd November, 1950

The Zionist Organization of America,
41 East 42nd Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen,

We beg to advise you that we have made arrangements with Mr. MOSHE RIVLIN of the Jewish Morning Journal, New York, to represent us and to act as Public Relations Officer for the purpose of obtaining and conveying information which may help in bringing to both the Israel and American populations the General Zionist efforts and point of view in the upbuilding of the State of Israel.

We are writing this letter to you to request you to extend to Mr. Rivlin every possible assistance and guidance in his mission.

Thanking you for your kind attention, we remain, with all good wishes.

Yours very truly,

General Zionists' Organization In Israel

(signed) P. Bernstein
President

H. Levanon
Gen. Secretary

Copy to: Mr. M. Rivlin,
3916 Laurel Avenue,
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GENERAL ZIONISTS ORGANIZATION IN ISRAEL

Tel-Aviv
33, King George Street

November 6, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

It was an agreeable surprise when we received the news of the resolution adopted by the National Executive Committee of the Z.O.A. in which sympathy with our party and our work is expressed in so encouraging terms. Although I felt, when the guest of the Z.O.A., that we had many friends over there, I did not dare to hope that so compact an expression of good will towards our party on the part of the governing body of the Z.O.A. would be a near possibility. No doubt your personal initiative was largely responsible for the good result. We are very grateful for it and see it as a signal of your long hoped for return to active leadership.

The resolution has made here in Israel a deep impression and was for us General Zionists, ranks and leaders alike, who are just now engaged in an all-out campaign for the municipal elections, a source of strength and inspiration. I am confident that the outcome of these elections will justify the stand taken by the Z.O.A. in favour of our party and I am looking forward to an even closer collaboration, with the Z.O.A. in general, and with you in particular. It might greatly aid us in bringing about those changes in Israel without which the prospects of our state would remain as gloomy as they are at present. And we are all convinced that its future can be assured and bright.

With kind personal regards,

Cordially yours,

P. Bernstein

November 7, 1950

Mr. M. Rivlin
3916 Laurel Avenue
Brooklyn 24, New York

My dear Mr. Rivlin:

I am sorry that I delayed replying to your kind letter. I have been away from the city and have just returned.

I have given thought to the request of our friends in Israel that I send them a message on the eve of the municipal elections. I believe that that would be a mistake and might have results quite the opposite from what is hoped for. I do not believe that it is advisable for citizens of one country to inject themselves into elections of another country. This might be resented and might prove a boomerang.

My position on General Zionism and my attitude towards the Zionim Kellalim are well known. It was made especially clear in the declaration which was recently adopted by the Zionist Organization of America, a declaration which I introduced and which was given widespread publicity. Our friends in Israel are free to make whatever use they wish of this public document.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
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Dear Dr. Silver,

I take pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of your favour dated October 26.

The Z.O.A. resolution of October 24 was given by us full publicity, and we believe this was in no small measure responsible for our overwhelming victory of November 14.

Enclosed please find clippings of our Ads. dealing with the Z.O.A. statement which were published in "Haboker" and "Haaretz" of November 10. and in "Yedioth Achronoth" of November 12.

Very truly yours

General Zionists Organization in Israel

I. Vinograd
I. Vinograd, director

Contacts Committee for Foreign and Zionist
Movement Affairs

הצהרה עקרונית של ציוני אמריקה



ד"ר אבא הלל סילבר
מנהיג הציונות האמריקאית שמלא
תפקיד מכריע בימים הגורליים של
הקמת המדינה.
הגיש את נוסח ההחלטה

החלטה עקרונית המבטאת מפנה רב חשיבות בקו המדיניות של הציונות האמריקאית נתקבלה בישיבת ועד הפועל של ההסתדרות הציונית באמריקה.

א. החלטה זו מסמנת את שובו של ד"ר אבא הלל סילבר למנהיגות אקטיבית בתנועה הציונית באמריקה ובעולם.

ב. החלטה זו מתווה קו פעולה לארגון הציונות הכללית בעולם על מנת להסבה לגורם רב השפעה בעיצוב דמותה של התנועה הציונית בכלל ומדינת ישראל בפרט.

ג. החלטה זו קובעת בצורה ברורה את הזדהותם המוחלטת של ציוני אמריקה עם הסתדרות הציונים הכלליים - מפלגת המרכז בישראל.

להלן קטעים מנוסח ההחלטה:

גלוי דעת

של לוועד הפועל הארצי של הסתדרות ציוני אמריקה
הוגש ע"י ד"ר אבא הלל סילבר ב-24 לאוקטובר, 1950



ד"ר עזר ויזמן
מדינאי ציוני רב פעלים ממנהיגי
הציונות האמריקאית.
נלחם לקבלת ההחלטה.

בהתחשב עם ההכנות לקונגרס הציוני ה-23 המתנהלות כעת בכל רחבי העולם, נתקבל ב"ועד הפועל הארצי" של "הסתדרות ציוני אמריקה", גלוי דעת הבא, על השקפותיו ועל המצב:

"...בשעת משבר חמור זה בעניני הציונות, שומה עלינו ביחוד לעמוד על המשמר נגד החלשה כל שהיא של התנועה הציונית, סמכותה, השפעתה ושמה הטוב. צמצום כל שהוא בעמדתה ככוח המרכזי בחיים היהודיים וכמכשיר ראשי להוצאתם לפועל של החובות הענקיות, אשר נשאו עוד למלויה המלא והשלם של התכנית הציונית, יש בו משום גרימת נזק למדינת ישראל ולעתידה.

אין בו במשבר הממשלתי בישראל של השבועיים האחרונים משום סיבה לחרדה ביחס ליציבותה של מדינת ישראל. יש לנו אמון מלא בכשרונם של תושבי ישראל, לפתור בשיטות פרלמנטריות מקובלות, משברים כאלה שהנם תופעה נורמלית והכרחית בכל דמוקרטיה. אלא שטבעו של המשבר, מדגיש ומפגין מחדש את חשיבות קיומה של מפלגה ציונית כללית - מפלגת מרכז חזקה, שתהיה גדולה ובעלת השפעה במדה מספקת ובכדי לשמש גורם יציב בין קבוצות ומעמדות כפופות לאידיאלות גיות נוגדות.

אנו מאמינים, כי במסיבות אלה דרוש כיום יותר מאשר תמיד מאמץ גדול וחדש המבוסס על עקרונות "ציונים כלליים", בכדי לחלק את התנועה ממצבה הנוכחי, לחזקה ולהחזיר לה את מלוא יכולתה לשרות יעיל עבור ישראל - מזה ולמנהיגות מוסרית בגולה - מזה. אנו מחליטים, לכן כי נעשה את כל אשר לאל ידנו לחזק את "הציונות הכללית" בכל רחבי העולם. אנו מציינים בסיפוק ובשביעות רצון את גידולה הניכר ואת עלית כוחה של "הסתדרות הציונים הכלליים בישראל" ביחוד בחדשים האחרונים, ונמשיך לקיים אתה יחסי אחווה קרובים לשם קידום אידיאלים משותפים, ומתוך תקווה כי היא תמלא את תפקידה כמפלגת-מרכז גדולה, ליצובם ועבודתם המשותפת וההרמונית של כל היסודות הקונסטרוקטיביים.

הצטרפנו תמיד על הבקיעים בשורות הציונים הכלליים בישראל, שנגרמו ע"י יצירתה של המפלגה ה"פרוגרסיבית" - פלוג המתפשט על ארצות אחרות ומזיק לרעיון, ואין כל הצדקה מנקודת ראות המצעים הרשמיים של שני הפלגים אשר אין ביניהם הבדלים בולטים, ואנו נמשיך בלחצנו ובדרישתנו לאיחודן השלם.

אנו נפנה בקריאה להסתדרויות ציוניות כלליות בכל הארצות ולפלגי הסתדרויות כאלה השותפות לנו לדעה ולהכרה הזו, כי תשתפנה פעולה עמנו, וכן בינו לבין עצמן ע"מ לתאם את מאמציהן באמצעים מתאימים לשם השגת המטרה הדרושה, היינו, כי "הציונות הכללית" כולה, תצא מתקופת מעבר זה, כשהיא מחוזקת ומבוצרת..."



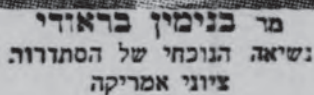
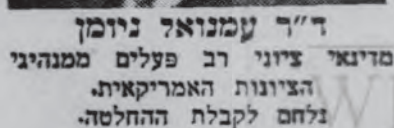
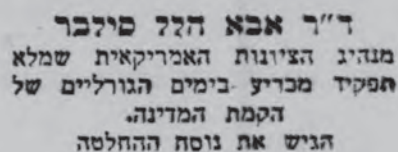
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תגובת העתונות האמריקנית

"פארווערטס",
"מאד חשובה היא הבהירות המוחלטת מה מבטאת ההסתדרות הציונית באמריקה את עמדתה אל שני פלגיה של הציונות הכללית במדינת ישראל. אין זו יותר עמדת של נייטרליות. זאת היא עמדה פוזיטיבית לגבי הציונים הכלליים הנחשבים למפלגת אחות - בצרף קריאה ל"פרוגרסיבים" שינטשו את הטקטיקה של פירוד שלהם ושיחזרו לשורותיה של מפלגת הציונים הכלליים. זאת היא העמדה הסילבריסטית ולמעלה מכל ספק הדבר, שמאחוריה עומד הרוב המכריע של כל חברי ההסתדרות הציונית באמריקה. ההחלטה בועד הפועל של הסתדרות הציונית היא ההוכחה הטובה ביותר לכך."

ד"ר מרגושס מראשי הציונות האמריקנית כותב ב"טאג":
אחרי צטטו את ההחלטה של הועד הפועל של הסתדרות ציוני אמריקה, אומר ד"ר מרגושס בין השאר:
"הדברים נאמרו בצורה פשוטה ביותר, והם מיצגים במלואו את פסק דינה המחושבים של הסתדרות ציוני אמריקה."
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להלן קטעים מנוסח ההחלטה:

של לוועד הפועל הארצי של הסתדרות ציוני אמריקה
החגש ע"י ד"ר אבא הלל סילבר ב-24 לאוקטובר, 1950

אנו נפנה בקריאה להסתדרויות ציוניות כלליות בכל הארצות ולפלגי הסתדרויות כאלה השותפות לנו לדעה ולהכרה הזו, כי תשתפנה פעולה עמנו. וכן בינן לבין עצמן ע"מ לתאם את מאמציהן באמצעים מתאימים לשם השגת המטרה הדרושה, היינו, כי "הציונות הכללית" כולה, תצא מתקופת-מעבר זו, כשהיא מחוזקת ומבוצרת..."

אין הסתדרות ציוני אמריקה מנסה עוד לשמור על שווי המשקל שלה בין שני הפלגים היריבים של הציונות הכללית בישראל. היא נקטה עמדה ברורה לצדם של "הציונים הכלליים". היא מניחה באופן ברור את האשמה על שכם הפלג ה"פרוגרסיבי" אשר גרם לפלוג ומומינה אותו לחזור אל עדתו !!

”מאד חשובה היא הבהירות המוחלטת בה מבטאת ההסתדרות הציונית באמריקה את עמדתה אל שני פלגיה של הציונות הכללית במדינת ישראל. אין זו יותר עמדה של גייטרליות. זאת היא עמדה פוזיטיבית לגבי הציונים הכלליים הנחשבים למפלגת אחות — בצרף קריאה ל”פרוגרסיבים” שינטשו את הטקטיקה של פירוד שלהם ושיחזרו לשורותיה של מפלגת הציונים הכלליים.

זאת היא העמדה הסילבריסטית ולמעלה מכל ספק הדבר, שמאחוריה עומד הרוב המכריע של כל חברי ההסתדרות הציונית באמריקה.

ההחלטה בועד הפועל של הסתדרות הציונית היא הזכותה הטובה ביותר לכך.”

**חזק את הסתדרות הציונים הכלליים
הגביר את חזית המרכז העולמית**

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לכבוד
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ד"ר סילבר היקר,

אנו מאשרים בתודה את קבלת מכתבך מה- 11/12 למנהל מחלקתנו
מר וינגרד. אנו מניחים שתמצית המכתבים הנכתבים בזמן האחרון
לידינו באמריקה נמסרים לך, אם לא, נא להודיענו ונשתדל לספק
לך את כל החומר. אם לא עשינו זאת עד כה הרי היה זה אך ורק משום
שלא רצינו לגזול מזמנך היקר.

אנו מניחים שהחיים עם כרודי כנשיא *30A* אינם קלים בשבילכם.
הוא עד היום גם לא מצא לנחוץ לענות על המכתבים ששלחנו אליו;
מכתבים בהם נגענו בשורה של בעיות המחייבות את *30A* כיום,
לאחר שהצעת ההחלטה שלך נתקבלה ברוב כה עצום ב- 24/10, לעמדה שונה
מזו שהיתה לה עד עכשיו.

לדוגמא נזכיר אחדות מהבעיות האלה:

(1) בקשנו מ- *30A* המשתתפת כיום באופן פעיל בהנהלת הקונפדרציה
שתשים קץ לקפוח המסוע בחלוקת כספי ה- *P.N.P.* בין 2 המפלגות
בארץ. זה כשנתיים שמפלגתנו מקבלת רק 40% והפלג הפרוגרסיבי
60%. בקשנו לשנות את המפתח בהתאם ליחס הכוחות בארץ בין שתי
המפלגות אם כי תביעתנו להקציב לנו 70%, רחוקה מיחס הכוחות
המתאים.

(2) *30A* עוסקת, באמת במדה גדולה, באוסף מכונות ומזון. כל מה
ש- *30A* אוספת בשטח זה מועבר לארץ בצורה כזו, ששום דבר איננו
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לציונים הכלליים בארץ הרי זה בשלח למפלגה הפרוגרסיבית או
ל"עובד הציוני", כגון, ביח"ר שלם מפלדלפיה למוסד הילדים של
העובד הציוני בירושלים ע"ש ד"ר ישראל גולדשטיין; למען האמת
עלינו לציין כי לאחר שהתחנו על כך קבלנו לפני ימים אחדים
שלגרמה כי הם מוכנים לשלם גם למוסד הילדים המוקם על ידינו ב-
"מגדל-גדי" ואשר ישא את שמך, (ותסלח לנו על אשר עד כה שרם
בקשנו את הסכמתך לכך, ואנו מקוים שתתן את הסכמתך לעניין). שתי
מערכות מכונות בשבילנו.

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(3) אנו מקיימים ע"י מפלגתנו מחלקה לתיירות והצענו ל- J.O.A. להשתתף בתקציב המחלקה הזו.

הפכנו את "אינסטיטוט-אזראל" שלנו לדו-שכועון ואנו מקוים שיופיע בקביעות. ההדסים המגיעים מחו"ל הנם טובים, הצענו ל- J.O.A. להדפיסו באמריקה ולהפיצו בין כל חברי J.O.A., גם לזה לא נענינו.

הבחירות לקונגרס הציוני התקיימו כבר כמעט בכל העולם, פרט לישראל. התוצאות בשבילנו בארופה, ובכלל זה גם באנגליה, אינן רעות; יש לנו הסכויים שהמשלחת הדרום אפריקאית תצטרף אלינו. לעומת זאת יש הכרח בפעולה בקונטיננט האמריקאי ובקנדה. שהותו של ד"ר ניומן במכסיקו הכיאה לפי המכתבים שנתקבלו משם, תועלת רבה, אנו מניחים שד"ר ניומן הצליח גם בקנדה. עליכם לטפל באמריקה הלטינית וביחוד בארגנטינה ששם נחלנו כשלון ברשימתנו העצמאית.

יש, לדעתנו, להעמיד לרשות חברנו בצרפת אמצעים לצרכי הפעולה בצפון אפריקה ולא להשאיר את המקום הזה פתוח ופרוץ לפרוגרסיביזם.

אין אנו בשוחים אם הקונגרס יתקיים בקיץ הבא ומשום כך הגשנו תביעה לכנס עוד לפני הקונגרס את הועד הפועל הציוני ודוקא באמריקה. לתמהוני הודיע באמריקה, מר ברודי בשם J.O.A. שהוא מתנגד לכנוס הועד הפועל בכלל ולכנוסו באמריקה בפרט. רצוי למצא דרך להשפיע על ברודי שיודיע על הסכמתו. אנו מחשיבים את מושבו זה של הועד הפועל בשתי בחינות, ראשית מבחינת הסדר היחסים בין הממשלה והתנועה הציונית ושנית - מבחינת נצול ההזדמנות להעברת ראורגניזציה בקונפדרציה. התוצאות משני דברים אלה תלויות בעיקר בזה, איפה יתכנס המושב.

נשמח לשמוע את דעתך בענין זה.

ובסוף, מלים אחדות על המצב בארץ ובמפלגה. המשבר הכלכלי מחמיר והולך, מצב המלאי קטסטרופלי, מצוקת המטבע הזר מחריפה, ולאור המצב הביין לאומי קשה פשוט לתאר את הלך הרוחות, ובייחוד כאשר ידוע לך כבר בודאי מן העתונות, שם שר האוצר את כל מבטחו ביהדות אמריקה. איך נצא מכל זה רק האלהים יודע! כי אשר לממשלה, דומני שהנה אובדת עצות.

כמפלגה קיימנו לפני שבוע ישיבה רצופה של ההנהלה שארכה 2 ימים וקבענו תכנית פעולה, בהתחשב עם תוצאות הבחירות המניציפליות; הן בשטח הפוליטי והן בשטח הקונסטרקטיבי, התכניות גדולות ואם אמנם עד עכשיו יכלנו לעבוד וגם עבדנו בלי עזרה כספית מהחוץ, חוששני שעכשיו נהיה זקוקים לעזרה גדולה מכם ביחוד בשביל פעולותינו הקונסטרקטיביות.

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בחדש ינואר יצא שליח מטעם מפלגתנו לכל אירופה על מנת
לבא בקשר עם הצירים שנבחרו לקונגרס. אנו עומדים לשגר שליח
לאמריקה. טרם מצאנו את האיש המתאים ומשום כך קשה לנו להודיע
על תאריך בואו.

אנו נשמח לשמוע את תגובתך בכל העניינים הנ"ל.

בכבוד רב,
הסתדרות הציונים הכלליים בישראל
י. סרסין יו"ר
ועדת הקשר לענייני חוץ והתנועה הציונית
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לכבוד
ד"ר אבא הלל סילבר,
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ד"ר סילבר היקר.

הננו מתכבדים בזה להביא לתשומת לבך את
העובדה כי מנינו זה כחמש חדשים, את מר משה ריבלין מניו
יורק להיות קצין הקשר שלנו - באר"ח.
אנו שמחים לציין כי מר ריבלין הראה, תוך
הזמן הקצר של עבודתו בשמנו, פעילות ראויה לשבח.

נודה לך מאד ד"ר סילבר אם תואיל להוסיף
למר ריבלין כפעם בפעם את כל העזרה שתהיה לאל ידך בכל
הנוגע לענייני מפלגתנו באר"ח.

בכבוד רב,

הסתדרות הציונים הכלליים בישראל.

י. וינוגרד - מנהל

י. סרלזן - יו"ר
ועדת הקשר לענייני חוץ והתנועה הציונית.

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TO OUR READERS

We wish our readers a very Happy New Year, a year free from hatred and strife and from the scourge and tragedy of war.

With this issue the Jewish Newsletter enters the fourth year of its existence and, as in previous years, we utilize the occasion to report to our readers on the past and to tell them of our future plans. When the Jewish Newsletter was started, the Jewish world was in the midst of a ferment and upheaval which preceded the establishment of Israel. To many Jews that event was not only a significant historic and humanitarian achievement which provided refuge for several hundred thousand Jews made homeless by the second World War and Nazi persecution, but it was also the realization of a nationalistic-religious Messianic prophecy of the redemption of all Jews the world over from their places of "exile" wherever they were, as was preached by the leading Jewish nationalistic party and ideology for the last two generations. While recognizing the humanitarian achievements of the Zionist settlement in Palestine and Israel, the Jewish Newsletter was from its very inception opposed to the redemption theory in any form, religious or nationalistic. We held that Jews in free democratic countries were not in exile and needed no redemption or deliverance; nor did they want another home except the one in which they were born, or which they had adopted by free choice. We have fought the theory advanced by anti-Semites and supported by the nationalists, that Jews cannot become an integral part of the life, culture and countries where they live and that they must always remain separate and distinct from others in interests, hopes and aspirations. The Jewish Newsletter also resisted strenuously the totalitarian tendencies, methods, techniques of propaganda, control of public opinion and suppression of all opposition, criticism and non-conformist opinion, which have become the fashion of the age and have been creeping in also into Jewish life with the rise of nationalism.

These clashes in fundamental principles have brought us into an open conflict with the dominating nationalistic ideology in Jewish life at present. Our road during the last three years was a difficult one--the usual road of an unpopular minority opposing a majority which felt particularly self-righteous and justified by history because of an apparent political success. But the fact that the Jewish Newsletter, without any organization behind it, without social or financial backing of any kind, is now entering its fourth year of existence, is striking proof that the Messianic psychosis and the totalitarian tendencies are not as widespread among American Jews as some would have us believe. The Jewish Newsletter could not have remained in existence if it did not fill a certain want and did not satisfy a definite longing of thousands of Jewish people for individual non-party thinking on Jewish problems in the midst of an age of general thought-control and standardization. These people are not organized and because of that, are socially ignored, but they are a force in Jewish life in America. They are keeping many non-conformist movements going and they have also kept the Jewish Newsletter in existence. They are our hope in the midst of the rising tide of political and psychological totalitarianism.

It is to these people and readers that we now report that we propose to go on with our work during the New Year as we did in the past years despite the difficulties. To them too, we appeal again for a continuation of the aid--moral and financial--that they have given us until now. The Jewish Newsletter is not a business enterprise. We do not accept commercial advertisements nor subsidies from any party, group or social movement. We depend only on our readers and friends who have faith in the value of free, independent thinking in an age of party clichés

and organized propaganda. We appeal to these people to subscribe to the Jewish Newsletter themselves, or to send us gift subscriptions for friends, for key-people in Jewish social institutions, for Jewish centers, Hillel Foundations, college, university and public libraries and other institutions of learning and education where independence of thought and freedom of expression are needed most.

Inserted in this issue is a separate form on which we ask you to send us your own subscription (if you have not already subscribed) and gift subscriptions and names and addresses of prospective subscribers to whom we shall send free introductory copies. Only in this way will you enable us to continue with our efforts in behalf of the integrity and freedom of Jewish thought.

THE EDITORS
Jewish Newsletter

WEEK IN REVIEW

A Set-Back for Israel in the UN: The outstanding diplomatic event of the fifth session of the United Nations General Assembly which closed last week, was the postponement of a decision and even of a discussion on the question of the internationalization of Jerusalem. This is definitely a disappointment and set-back for Israel. For, owing partly to the over-confidence and too sanguine expectations of the Israeli UN delegation itself, the opinion prevailed that the Jerusalem issue would be disposed of at the last session of the Assembly and that the disposition would be a compromise in favor of Israel. Of all the complicated problems facing Israel, the internationalization of Jerusalem is probably the simplest and least difficult to solve. It has none of the doubts and uncertainties which confront one in most other problems of the new state. The entire democratic world is almost unanimous in its agreement that the decision of the Assembly of last year to internationalize the entire city was unjust, impractical and unrealizable. Above all, this is the only question on which there is an agreement between Israelis and some Arabs. Jordan, the only Arab state directly concerned with Jerusalem, agrees with Israel about the impossibility of implementing the UN decision on internationalization. It was therefore reasonable to expect that at least this one issue of the many grievous ones facing the Middle East, would be settled. These hopes were enhanced by the fact that Sweden had introduced a compromise proposal for the UN control of the Holy Places which was known to have had the support of Israel, Jordan, the United States, United Kingdom and of most democratic member states of the UN. But at the last moment these hopes were disappointed. The Arab-Catholic Bloc which insists on the UN decision of last year for a complete internationalization of Jerusalem, managed to get enough support to make it impossible for the Swedish compromise to obtain the needed two-thirds majority in the Assembly, and Sweden, rather than have the proposal defeated, withdrew it at the last moment. Thus, the diplomatic situation has not changed in the least in the Middle East. It remains as complicated, confused, uncertain and apparently insoluble as before. Israel cannot be blamed for this, of course. The underlying reason lies with the international crisis in Korea and China. But it must be noted that for the second time in fifteen months Israeli diplomacy has miscalculated and has under-estimated the power of the Arab opposition and, thus, at least part of the intensity of the present disappointment is due to the over-sanguine attitude of the Israelis.

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Partial Equality for Jewish Women: The Society for the Advancement of Judaism, a Conservative Jewish congregation which favors the introduction of some reforms into ancient Orthodox Jewish religious practices, has decided to abolish some discriminations against women imposed by Orthodox religious law. Under the leadership of Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan, one of the most progressive and courageous American Rabbis, the congregation decided unanimously to include women in the traditional quorum of ten required for the conduct of a group religious service. Hitherto no Jewish woman was permitted this privilege in an Orthodox synagogue. She could join in prayer as an outsider (segregated from men behind a partition or on a balcony) but she could not officially participate in the service. The decision does not mean that Orthodox congregations will follow the innovation or even recognize the right of others to do so. Rabbi Kaplan was excommunicated by the Orthodox Rabbis five years ago on the occasion of the publication of his revised Prayer Book which was publicly burned in New York City by order of the Orthodox Rabbinate.

A Jewish Diary

The Truth About the Economic Crisis in Israel

Four conferences have been held and have passed into history: A Jerusalem Conference of American Jewish leaders at which announcement was made of a billion and a half dollar need for the development of Israel; a National Planning Conference in Washington to bring this proposal to American Jews; a meeting of the Council of Federations and Welfare Funds; and, finally, a meeting in preparation of the United Jewish Appeal for 1951. All of them dealt with one subject exclusively or primarily: the desperate economic crisis in Israel and what might reasonably be done to solve it. However, at none of these conferences was there anything more than a now standardized expression of the fund-raising publicity techniques: trotting out distinguished personalities, a rhetoric of appeal and tragedy-depiction, and high sounding resolutions in favor of virtue and against vice. At none of them was there a serious presentation or full discussion of the genuine problems, of the alternative methods, of the prospects, and of a planned approach to a solution of the grave problems.

It has remained for two well-known, independent and honest Jewish journalists to state the problem clearly and accurately and to marshal facts instead of propaganda which reveal the truth about the crisis in Israel. Hal Lerman, in an article in the December Commentary entitled "A Billion Dollars for Israel" attempts carefully and without hurting anybody's feelings, to do what all the extensive and expensive and even garish conferences have failed to do. He reviews the real economic causes of the crisis in Israel and appraises soberly its nature and what could be done to relieve it. Pointing out the need for "objective analysis rather than pure sentiment," Lerman brings out the point that throughout all the conferences, appeals and slogans, the impression was often conveyed that the billion dollar call hinges almost, if not entirely, on the needs of prospective immigration of 600,000 additional Jews to Israel. But this conclusion and emphasis, he says, is generally inexact. Israel's financial condition, quite apart from new immigrants, is desperate enough for emergency measures. "The real crisis," the article points out, "is one not of immigrant expenditure but of foreign exchange-- hard currency to meet the requirements not merely of immigrants but of the entire country and whole population. This is a cold and intricate problem which lacks the simplicity and resounding overtones of rescue, survival and global calculations. It is the true problem." Quite apart from the immigration and resettlement needs, therefore, the author points out that "without a rapid acceleration of productivity, Israel's currency and economy will topple." The author offers a theory that "this failure to concentrate on purely economic development is due to the uncontrollable preferences of well-meaning organizations to raise money abroad," and implies that the economic position of Israel would be much sounder if the new state depended less on easy philanthropy flowing in from abroad and "increased its earnings by ampler and more efficient production from her own farms and factories."

Lerman writes in New York where even the non-Zionist press is hampered and muted by an invisible Zionist censorship and where even honest and independent journalists can only hint at the truth without saying it openly. Robert Weltsh, former editor of the liberal Zionist Berlin "Rundschau" and now Israeli correspondent living in London, writes on the same subject in the London Jewish Chronicle where he can be and is more explicit and outspoken. In an article entitled "After the Washington Conference" (Nov. 10th), Weltsh writes frankly and without inhibitions:

"The present economic difficulties have been frequently explained as the result of the large immigration, of the 'ingathering of the exiles,' for which the whole of Jewry and not only Israel's Jews should bear the burden. This is undoubtedly true, but the argument obscures the real issue. It is true that the absorption of several hundreds of thousands of immigrants, most of whom had not the slightest notion of the country of their destiny and are completely unprepared for life and work in Israel, is a formidable task which demands a special effort--not only financially, but psychologically and socially as well. But as the veteran Zionist pioneer and writer, Moshe Smilanski, has pointed out in a recent article in Haaretz, the number of inhabitants of Israel has not increased but lessened since the foundation of the state. Seven hundred thousand

(Arabs) have left, he says, and only 400,000 (Jews) have arrived. . . Quite apart from the immigration issue, therefore, Israel stands in need of an economic policy which would remove deficiencies, and of the sincere advice of genuine friends who possess experience and expert knowledge. Surprisingly enough, the facts of the situation escaped the notice of the Israeli population during the first two years of the State's existence, until the rationing of textiles caused an unpleasant awakening and almost a panic. But even then, most people accused individuals, or parties, or the Government, rather than face the inescapable truth. . . The economic implications were not felt in the first two years because Israel took over from the Mandatory regime a country which was well-stocked with all goods required for a Western standard of life; furthermore, after the flight of the Arab population, enormous quantities of goods of all kinds--as well as houses and whole villages--were taken over by Jews and helped to replenish the larder. The first waves of immigrants from the DP camps in Germany also brought considerable capital with them. Then, of course, there were sums provided by the UJA, the \$100,000,000 loan from the U.S. Import-Export Bank, and the sterling releases. All this was sufficient to supply the state during the first two years... Diaspora Jewry may still have to play an important role for Israel by helping to pave the way for economic sanity. This cannot be done by "conferences."

How much more truth, facts and honesty of evaluation is packed into these two articles by independent journalists than in all the hollow prepared propaganda speeches of the leaders of American Jewry.

What Others Say

THEOCRACY IN ISRAEL: Robert Alberg, writing in the Boston Jewish Advocate (November 23) says:

"The rule of theocracy in Israel will tend to have a least three results in Jewish life in America, all bad from the point of view of those who want to retain a vital Jewish community here. Those who have been helping to build up Israel will say, "This is not the kind of thing that I thought I was working for or that I would like to continue working for." Those who have been seeking a way of life in Judaism from among the various philosophies abroad today will say, "If Judaism has something inherent in it which can lead to this, I'm afraid it is not what I have been looking for." Both such groups will find less to hold them in the Jewish fold and will assimilate.

"Thirdly, those Christians who would break down the separation of church and state here will have a ready answer to our pleas for its retention, namely, "What are you Jews complaining about? You would do the same thing yourselves if you were in the majority. See what you've done in Israel."

"It would seem that it's about time that some voices were raised here in defense of principles and now is just as good a time to do it as any time. That it to say, no time is "good" to deal with such a sorry state, but it is indeed a mess and the sooner it is tackled the better."

ISRAELI BOND SALE: Allen Lesser in Cross-Section, U.S.A (December 21) says:

"The bond sale are being speeded for April drive under Henry Montor's direction. Planned strategy is to work through organizations to reach individual members, stimulating sales by chapter competitions, "bond-a-month" pledges, and other "stunts." Shudderingly ignored is problem presented by U.S. war bond drive scheduled for March or April; UJA delegates who tried to bring it up were quickly hushed".

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Revival of Immigration from Germany: In response to appeals of many Jewish DPs who are still in Germany and want to leave for Israel, the Jewish Agency has decided to renew immigration which was suspended in September. The International Relief Organization (IRO) will provide the funds to cover transportation; the Joint Distribution Committee will organize the immigration and the Israeli Consulate in Germany will provide the visas.

January 17, 1951

Mr. I. Serlin
General Zionist Organization
33, King George Street
Tel-Aviv, Israel

Reference No. 5801/50

My dear Friend;

I received the kind letter of yourself and Mr. Winograd dated December 26th. I have taken up the matters which you mention in your letter with Mr. Browdy and he said that he would write to you. I trust that by this time you have received his communication.

I have been receiving "Inside Israel" which I read with much interest. It is a helpful publication.

I have not yet discussed the matter of the time and place of the holding of the next Actions Committee, assuming that the Congress is definitely set for July. I shall do so in the next few days.

I am interested to learn that you are proceeding with the establishment of a children's home in Migdal Gad. I had previously taken up with Mr. Browdy the matter of sending materials, etc. to the institutions of the General Zionist Organization in Israel. I feel highly honored that you are naming the children's home after me, and of course, you have my permission to do so.

Mr. M. Rivlin is in frequent communication with me, and we shall try to assist his work as much as possible.

I plan to attend the 50th Jubilee Conference of the Jewish National Fund in Washington this coming weekend, and I shall meet with many of our people there and talk over quite a number of matters in relation to our work in Israel.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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No. 6186/51

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the _____
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לכבוד
ד"ר אבא. ה. סילבר,
ק ל י ב ל נ ד

ד"ר סילבר היקר,

הנהלת הסוכנות החליטה לכנס את הקונגרס הבא
ביולי ש.ז. ברוב ארצות הגולה נבחרו או נקבעו כבר צירים
לקונגרס. בארץ נקבע מועד הבחירות ל-15 במרץ, יתכן אמנם
שתאריך זה ידחה עוד, באם יוחלט, בהתאם לדרישתנו לערוך
את הבחירות על סמך פנקס בוחרים לשם מניעת זיופים.

אנו בארץ מחשיבים מאד את הבחירות לקונגרס הבא
והחלטנו לגייס את כל הכוחות על מנת להצליח בבחירות אלו.
בארץ נמכרו למעלה מ-600 אלף שקלים. מזה חלקנו במכירה
מגיע ל-10% בלבד. נוסף לכך, ההתענינות בקונגרס אינה כה
גדולה כמו בבחירות המקומיות. כל זה מחייב הכנה רבה.

בכדי לתת לבחירות מעוף וליצור את המתח הדרוש
בחוגים שלנו, החלטנו לפנות אליך בשתי בקשות:-

א. שתתן את הסכמתך להעמדת שםך בראש רשימתנו לקונגרס.
(מד"ר ניומן נבקש הסכמה להעמיד אותו במקום השני).

ב. להזמין אותך לבקר בארץ בתחילת מרץ, כשני שבועות
לפני הבחירות, באם הבחירות תתקיימנה ב-15.3.

נודה לך אם תודיע לנו בחוזר את תשובתך

החיובית.

בכבוד רב,
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פ. ברנשטיין
יו"ר המפלגה

יו/חש

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תל-אביב, יום ס' בשבט תשי"א
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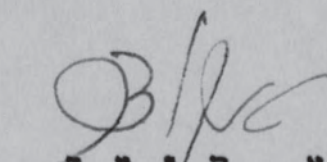
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א.נ.מ.,

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עבור העתון, שידון בשאלות הקונגרס
הבא.

אנו מודים לו למפרע.

בכבוד רב,
הסתדרות הציונים הכלליים בישראל
מחלקת התרבות


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No. 6915/51

the 4th March, 1951. יום

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

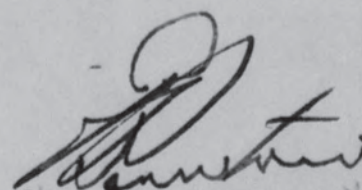
Dear Dr. Silver:

We take pleasure in informing you that Mr. Joseph Serlin, member of our Presidium and Chairman of our Contact Committee, has left here to-day by air for Paris, en route to the United States, where he will spend some time as our Party's Special Envoy.

Mr. Serlin's visit, we hope, will give you and all our friends in the States the opportunity to get latest and first-hand information on matters pertaining our Party and State in general.

All help, you will be good enough to extend to Mr. Serlin, who is fully authorized by our Party to conduct on its behalf all kinds of negotiations in the form and way he will deem suitable, will be highly appreciated.

Cordially yours:
GENERAL ZIONISTS ORGANIZATION IN ISRAEL



P. BERNSTEIN
Chairman.

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No. 7-006/51

the 7th March, 1951. יום

Mr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th Street At Ansel Road,
O h i o .

Dear Aba H. Silver,

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 17th last,
addressed to our Mr. Serlin, who is now on a visit to the U.S., and we
thank you for the information therein contained.

Mr. Serlin brings with him up to date information, which we hope
you will find of great interest in relation to our endeavours in Israel.

Wishing you all the best, we remain

I. Vinograd
I. VINOGRAD
DIRECTOR.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph Rivlin
J. RIVLIN
a/Chairman

Contact Committee for Foreign
And Zionist Movement Affairs.

Dr. Silver

March 7, 1951

Dr. Peretz Bernstein
President General Zionists Organization of Israel
33 King George Street
Tel-Aviv, Israel

Dear Dr. Bernstein:

I am writing to you in behalf of Dr. Neumann who was unable to write to you personally due to the illness of his secretary. Dr. Neumann considered, however, the matter urgent enough to require an immediate reaction on our part.

Mr. Karpman informed us that he received a cable from Mr. Sultanik of the Tel-Aviv Office of the Confederation regarding the formation of the Presidium of the Israel Office of the Confederation, composed of Kol and Herman for the Progressives and Dr. Rimalt and yourself for our Party. In the same cable it is said that a joint representation of the two parties, consisting of Rosen, Harari, yourself and Dr. Stupp, has been appointed to the committee to deal with the problems of the coming Zionist Congress at the World Zionist Executive. A news-item, published through the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, to this effect appeared yesterday in the American Yiddish press.

I believe you received already in the meantime our cable of March 6, signed by Mr. Jaques Torczyner, requesting you not to undertake any commitments in matters pertaining to the Zionist Congress and the Confederation without prior consultations with us. This letter is intended to explain in short our point of view.

It is the consensus of opinion among ourselves here that these latest "peace" overtures of the Progressives, who suggested the formation of the Presidium and the joint representation, are simply a clever propaganda trick in order to create an impression abroad that they are the ones who want unity in General Zionist ranks, while

Dr. Peretz Bernstein

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we are the group which is pressing for a split in the Confederation. Apparently under growing pressure emanating from General Zionist Organizations abroad which demand a unification in Israel, the Progressives were compelled to make a gesture in the direction of unity, without doing anything practical in order to accomplish it. This device is in line with their policies to maintain two parties in Israel and a unified Confederation, which will continue to serve their purposes.

It seems to us that it is not in the interest of our group now to establish new organs in the Israel Office of the Confederation on the basis of equality of the two parties. Such a policy might only strengthen the position taken by the Progressives, especially in the last few weeks, that they are the major force within the Confederation.

I will appreciate very much if you would be good enough to write us more about it. We are expecting Mr. Serlin and Mr. Zysman early next week and together with them we will be able to work out our problems.

Please accept, dear Dr. Bernstein, my warmest personal regards.

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Very sincerely yours,
Leon Ilutovitch
Director, Zionist
Information Service

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Memorandum

March 13, 1951

To: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Dr. Samuel Margoshes , Dr. Sidney Marks ✓
Mr. Jaques Torczyner Mr. Harold Manson

From: Leon Ilutovich

Subject:

Enclosed please find a copy of news-item from the "Jewish Herald" in Johannesburg and a copy of a cable sent by Dr. Neumann to the same paper.

Kindest regards.



L.N.

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The Jewish Herald, National Jewish weekly issued by Revisionists
Johannesburg, South Africa
Friday, February 23, 1951

Front page news-item, Column 1.

JERUSALEM, Thursday. -

It is unconfirmedly reported that Emanuel Neumann, who has just left here after a short visit, concluded an agreement with Mapai whereby Rabbi Silver will become the unopposed leader of American Jewry and possibly be elected President of the Zionist Congress. In return, the General Zionists will support a Mapai dominated interim Government and join a coalition after the elections.



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NLT Jewish Herald
106 Fox Street
Johannesburg

FEBRUARY 23 REPORT IN YOUR JOURNAL CONCERNING MY
PURPORTED AGREEMENT WITH MAPAI INCORRECT STOP
MADE NO SUCH AGREEMENT STOP REPORT GENERAL ZIONIST WILL
SUPPORT MAPAI-DOMINATED INTERIM GOVERNMENT EQUALLY
INCORRECT STOP GENERAL ZIONIST POSITION OPPOSING
ENTRY INTO GOVERNMENT WITHOUT ELECTIONS REMAINS
UNALTERED STOP WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PUBLISHING
THIS STATEMENT

EMANUEL NEUMANN



March 13, 1951

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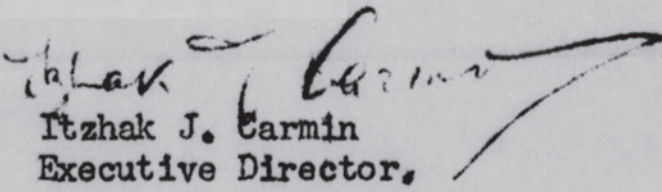
March 22, 1951.

Dear chaverim,

In response to a number of inquiries with regard to resolutions and principles adopted at various meetings of the World Executive of the Confederation since the World Conference at Basle in 1946, we have deemed it appropriate to prepare the attached summary of resolutions.

We trust that you will find this material useful.

Sincerely yours,


Itzhak J. Carmin
Executive Director.



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THE "ORGANIC LAW" OF THE WORLD CONFEDERATION OF GENERAL ZIONISTS

Submitted by: Itzhak J. Carmin, Executive Director
To: Dr. Israel Goldstein, Chairman

STRUCTURE, BASIC RESOLUTIONS, GOVERNING BODIES:

The history of the World Confederation of General Zionists begins with the World Conference of General Zionists, which took place in Basle in December 1946 in conjunction with the 22nd World Zionist Congress. The Conference set up resolutions and principle guide posts which directed us in our activities. These fundamental resolutions together with decisions adopted later on at meetings of the World Executive, can be regarded as the "organic law" of the World Confederation. We have been guided by these outlines of a constitution and believe they can serve as a basis for a permanent constitution of the World Confederation of General Zionists.

A. Resolutions of the World Conference of General Zionists, December 7 - 22, 1946, Basle, Switzerland.

The following resolutions were a result of thorough discussion in which delegates from the entire world participated. The predominant emphasis was placed on the establishment of a strong organization and identification with General Zionism. Although it was decided not to impose binding discipline on the delegates, it was the unanimous decision of the delegates to consolidate the General Zionist position and develop constructive projects and enterprises of the World Confederation of General Zionists. This approach has opened up a course of action which has made itself felt throughout the Zionist world.

1. It was unanimously decided to unite all General Zionist Organizations and Federations into one World Confederation of General Zionists including the General Zionist youth organization HANOAR HAZIONI and the workers' organization HAOVPD HAZIONI in Palestine.

2. The Conference of the World Confederation is to be convened every two years at the time of the Zionist Congress.

3. A World Council was elected consisting of 61 members, also including all General Zionist members of the World Zionist Actions Committee.

4. A World Executive of 21 members was elected, 6 from Palestine, 6 from USA, 4 from Europe, 1 from South Africa, 1 from Canada, 1 from Central America, 1 from South America, 1 from Australia.

5. Dr. Israel Goldstein was elected Chairman of the World Confederation of General Zionists. As Vice Chairman were elected: Prof. Brodetzky-England, Mr. Gering-South Africa, Mrs. Rose Halprin-USA, Dr. Janku-Fomania, Mr. A. Rabinovitch-Argentina, Mr. Joseph Serlin-

Palestine, Mr. S.J. Zacks-Canada, Mr. Abraham Krumbein was elected Treasurer.

6. The World Confederation is to operate through 3 offices, namely the Palestine office in Tel Aviv, the American office in New York and the European office in Paris.

7. The World Confederation has recognized the General Zionist labor movement Haoved Hazoni, which is affiliated with the Histraduth, as the only workers' organization in Palestine within the World Confederation.

8. General Zionists on the Agency Executive are expected to feel a sense of responsibility to the Confederation.

9. A General Zionist Fund for constructive work in Palestine is to be established to further and strengthen General Zionist colonization and other constructive projects for Haoved Hazoni and private initiative of the middle class in Palestine.

10. The World Executive Committee was instructed to do its utmost to help General Zionist groups in Europe and facilitate their speedy immigration to Palestine.

11. According to the proposals made to the World Conference by the General Zionist industrial-commercial delegation from Palestine, it was decided to secure national support for young industries and create proper conditions for their future development.

12. It was decided to develop and strengthen the General Zionist chalutz movement in Europe and particularly in the English speaking countries as well as in Latin and South America.

REMARKS

Resolution #3

It was decided that the World Council would be composed in the following manner:

Palestine	- 4	Poland	- 5		
Austria	- 2	Roumania	- 1	Tunisia	- 1
Belgium	- 1	Bukowina	- 3	Australia	- 1
Bulgaria	- 1	Sweden	- 1	New Zealand	- 1
Czechoslovakia	- 2	Switzerland	- 1	U.S.A.	- 10
England	- 3	Transylvania	- 1	Canada	- 2
France	- 2	China	- 1	Argentina	- 1
Elsass	- 1	India	- 1	Bolivia	- 1
Germany	- 3	Iran	- 1	Brazil	- 1
Holland	- 1	Algeria	- 1	Chile	- 1
Hungary	- 3	Egypt	- 1	Colombia	- 1
Italy	- 2	Morocco	- 1	Ecuador	- 1
		South Africa	- 2	Mexico	- 1
		Tripolis	- 1	Uruguay	- 1

Members of the World Council of the Confederation are also:

- The General Zionist members of the Zionist World Executive.
- The members of the Merkaz Olami.

Presidium of the World Council:

Composed of one Chairman and 7 Vice Chairmen.

The Chairmen and the Presidium of the World Council were named in resolution #5. However, the members of the World Council were not named and the General Zionist organizations in the countries as listed above did not submit the names of their representatives.

Resolution #4

Specifies the composition of the Merkaz Olami.

The Merkaz Olami is composed of 21 members:

6 of Palestine - 6 of the U.S.A. - 4 of Europe - 1 of S.Africa - 1 of Canada - 1 of Central America - 1 of S.America - 1 of Australia.

The list of members of the Merkaz Olami as composed at the 22nd Zionist Congress is as follows:

Chairman: Dr. I. Goldstein

Vice Chairman: Prof. Brodetzki (Jewish Agency), Mrs. Halprin (Jewish Agency), B. Gering, Dr. Janku, J. Serlin, S. Rabinowitz, S. Zacks -- all members of the Actions Committee.

Members: Dr. S. Bernstein, Dr. N. Goldmann, I. Grunbaum, Z. Herman, Dr. Neumann, Dr. Silver, M. Kol -- members of the Jewish Agency.

Dr. Abner, L. Etingon, Dr. Bograshov, T. Berlin, L. Lipsky, Dr. Schwarzbart, Judith Epstein, Rev. Goldbloom, I. Golan, Mrs. Greenberg, Mrs. de Sola Pool, M. Hartman, Yechanan Cohen, M. May, Rabbi Miller, Dr. Marton, E. Stone, S. Segal, Dr. Stupp, Mrs. Schoolman, Rabbi Feuer, D. Frisch, A. Redelheim, T. Resnikoff, Mrs. Rosensohn, Judge Rothenberg -- all Actions Committee members.

A. Goldstein, A. Goodman, I. Dunskey, B. Janner, J. Torczyner, M. Tatza, Ch. Levanon, A. Luxenburg, Dr. Nathan, Dr. Sagall, Dr. Zimand, I. Kubowitzki, M. Kosover, A. Krumbein, A. Salomon, Mrs. Schoolman, Mrs. Raginsky, Dr. Rimalt.

At the meeting of the Merkaz Olami held in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, May 1 - 15, 1949, an amendment was passed to the effect that General Zionist members of the Government of Israel, members of the Jewish Agency Executive, past Ministers of the Government and former members of the Jewish Agency Executive, General Zionist members of the Actions Committee, "virilists", as well as two representatives of each of the two General Zionist groups in Israel are also members of the Merkaz Olami. This amendment was adopted only for the above named persons provided they reside in Israel.

Actually, the Merkaz Olami considered itself later on as a body consisting of three Executives, namely the Executive of the American Section in New York; the European Bureau in Paris and the Israel Office in Tel Aviv. The members of these three Executives together with the three General Secretaries are, in fact, exercising the power of the Merkaz Olami.

Changes occurred in the membership of the mentioned three Executives, especially in Israel and in Europe. Apart of the Executive Director of the American Office, there were also several changes in the Secretaries of the European and Israeli Offices.

Resolution #9

Serves as a basis for the creation of the General Zionist Constructive Enterprises Fund -KMK. The Fund was approved by the 22nd World Zionist Congress and by the Actions Committee (summer session 1947). Originally the Board of Directors of the Constructive Fund consisted of the General Zionist members of the Jewish Agency Executive.

Additional members were, however, appointed at subsequent meetings of the World Executive. This Board consists now of Dr. Israel Goldstein as Chairman, in his absence from Israel, a Presidium of two representing both General Zionist groups in Israel, and a committee with an equal representation of two General Zionist groups in Israel.

B. Resolutions of the World Executive: Aug.20-Sept.2, 1948, Tel Aviv.

In connection with the newly found Progressive Party in Israel (composed of Haoved Hazioni and Aliya Chadasha) the World Executive adopted the following resolutions:

1. The World Executive heard the declaration by Mr. M. Kolodni regarding the formation of a new party and noted that there will be two lists for the coming elections to the constituent assembly of the State of Israel.
2. The World Executive will continue to support the two General Zionist wings in Israel until the next World Conference.
3. The World Executive states that the above arrangement is a result of the specific situation created in Israel and should not under any circumstances serve as a precedent for any country in the Diaspora.
4. The World Executive charged Dr. Goldstein, the President of the Confederation, to make all efforts to bring about the complete unity of General Zionism in Israel into one organizational framework.
5. The World Executive notes with satisfaction the declaration by Mr. M. Kolodni, that the party in formation will not contact any General Zionist factors outside Israel through other than the official, territorial and world institutions of the Confederation.

C. Resolutions of the World Executive: April 14-29, 1950, Tel Aviv.

In connection with the conflict in the General Zionist Organization in France, the following resolution was adopted:

In accordance with the resolution of 1948 which opposed the transfer of the split in General Zionism in Israel to the Diaspora, the World Executive approved the declaration of Dr. Israel Goldstein, Chairman of the World Confederation, stating that the national conference in France violated the above principle resolution by expressing solidarity with the General Zionist party in Israel. This position caused the secession of a considerable group of the members in France.

In order to bring an end to the internal crisis in the General Zionist movement in France, it recommends the calling, as soon as possible, of a national conference of all General Zionists in France.

A special committee composed of equal representation of both factions, of which the Secretary General of the European Bureau of the Confederation shall be part, shall prepare and call a new Conference of all General Zionists in France. The Conference should elect a Central Committee in which all General Zionist forces of France will be represented.

D. Constitution of the Conference of the General Zionist Organizations of Europe and North Africa, Sept. 16-18, 1950, Paris, France.

A constitution of the Confederation of General Zionists in Europe and North Africa was adopted according to which:

1. All General Zionist Organizations in Europe and North Africa affiliated with the World Confederation of General Zionists, form the Confederation of General Zionists of Europe and North Africa, as an integral part of the World Confederation of General Zionists.
2. The supreme body of General Zionism in Europe and North Africa is the Conference of the Confederation which meets at least once every two years and is convened by the Executive.
3. Organizations whose membership does not exceed 500 dues paying members are entitled to one delegate, from 500 to 1000 members, two delegates; Organizations with membership over 1000 are entitled to one delegate for each additional 1000 delegates. The number of delegates from one country is not to exceed 45% of the total number of delegates to the Conference.
4. In the period between two sessions of the Conference, the Council exercises the prerogatives of the Conference, except the prerogatives of electing the Executive and the Control Commission, and of amending the statute.
5. The Council meets at least once every 8 months. At its first session the Council elects its 4 vice-presidents who together with the Chairman constitute the Council's Presidium.
6. The number of delegates of the Confederation's Executive is not to be more than 20, three of them are to be appointed (one chief editor of the Zionistische Stimme and two representatives of Hanoar Hatzioni for Europe and North Africa). The Conference elects the Secretary General.
7. The present statute is to be adopted by the Conference by a 2/3 majority of votes. Only the Conference is entitled to amend the present constitution by a 2/3 majority of votes.

LATIN AMERICAN BRANCH OF THE CONFEDERATION.

The resolutions of the World Conference in 1946 provided for the establishment of three offices in Israel, U.S.A and Europe. Accordingly any new branches are under the jurisdiction of one of these three offices.

The American Section of the Confederation has endeavored to establish a branch of the Latin American General Zionist Organizations. In May 1947, Dr. Daniel Auster, then Mayor of Jerusalem, visited the Latin American countries on behalf of the Keren Hayesod. Upon the request

of the Chairman of the World Confederation he met with a number of General Zionist leaders in Argentina and other countries, and discussed the possibility of organizing a branch for the Latin American countries. Dr. Auster also participated in a national conference of Argentinian General Zionists, held in Rosario in May 1947, at which a resolution was adopted to establish a Latin American branch of the Confederation. In November 1948, the late Daniel Frisch visited the Latin American countries on behalf of the Keren Kayemeth. Mr. Frisch acted also as the representative of the World Confederation and helped in the organizing of a Latin American Conference of General Zionists, held in Montevideo, November 8-11, 1948. At this Conference, representatives of our Organizations in Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Chile, Uruguay, Peru, Bolivia, Paraguay and Venezuela announced the formation of the Latin American branch of the World Confederation. In January 1948, Mr. Sam Segal was delegated to the Latin American Confederation on behalf of the World Confederation and the KMK. Mr. Sam Segal participated in a special Conference held February 21-23 in Cordova, at which a Latin American KMK Committee was elected.

At the meeting of the Merkaz Olami, Aug. 20-Sept. 2 in Tel Aviv, the following resolution was adopted: the activities in the Latin American countries should be strengthened. Mr. Sam Segal, as General Secretary, was charged with a special assignment to organize the conduct in Latin America the work on behalf of the World Confederation and the KMK.



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Ref. 7397/51

27th March, 1951.

Dear Sir(s),

We take the liberty of enclosing herewith - for your kind attention - copy of 4 cables pertaining to slanderous speeches delivered by Dr. Nachum Goldman and Dr. Joseph Segall, Chairman of The European Executive of the Confederation of General Zionists, against our Party and its leaders, at the Convention of The Zionist Federation of Great Britain, which took place in London last weekend.

As we go on following the speeches made recently by Dr. Goldman both in Israel and abroad, it appears to us that Dr. G., who has always pretended to be against carrying the regrettable "Pilug" within the ranks of General Zionism in Israel, anywhere beyond its present boundaries, has set himself lately to bring about, at all costs, a split within General Zionism all over the Jewish world.

Attached please find:-

1. Copy (translation from the Hebrew) of a cablegram which appeared in Haboker of yesterday's date;
2. Copy of telegram dispatched by us yesterday to the President of the Convention of the Zionists Federation of Great Britain;
3. Copy (translation from the Hebrew) of a cable sent by us yesterday to Dr. Israel Goldestein, President World Confederation of General Zionists, New-York;
4. Excerpt of a telegram from London which appeared in the "Jerusalem Post" of today's date with regards to a similar attack made on our party, at the said Convention, by Dr. Joseph Segall, Chairman of the European Executive of the Confederation of General Zionists.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of same.

Sincerely Yours,

COMMITTEE FOR FOREIGN AND ZIONIST
MOVEMENT AFFAIRS.

I. V.
I. Vinograd, DIRECTOR.

"HABOKER", 26.3.51.

"N. GOLDMAN SLANDERS GENERAL ZIONISM AT BRITISH ZIONIST
FEDERATION CONVENTION.

London, March 25.- The fiftieth Annual Convention of the British
Zionist Federation stands in the sign of lacking enthusiasm and
boredom...."

"In the course of the debate Nahum Goldman severely
attacked the General Zionists, calling that party amongst others
"the party of the right wing class, whose leaders - Rokach, Saphir
and others - had opposed employment of Jewish workers, had never
taken part in Congresses, had boycotted the Vaad Leumi and never
in their life had bought a shekel". He also charged the General
Zionists with lack of responsibility for refusing to join the
coalition.

Since no resolution was moved, the session closed
under the impression of Goldman's speech. Many delegates were
dissatisfied with the ruling trend of thought, but there has
been no change in the composition of the Federation's leading
group, and the present leaders are ready and willing to jump on
the Mapai bandwagon."

PRESIDENT CONVENTION ZIONIST FEDERATION 75 GREATRUSSEL LONDON

Grieved and astonished press reports Goldman's speech abuse
your convention against our Party also against part General
Zionism identifying itself with us world over stop Consider
attack unfair with no representatives our party invited
Convention and thus unable refute slanders against our Party
and leaders stop Dr. Goldman's speech irrelevant only personal
attacks and distortion facts stop Dr. Goldman amongst guilty
encouragement Pilug two years back stop Vainly trying justify
actions damaging General Zionism and Zionist Movement stop
Regret your convention soundboard speech full enmity against us

DR. RIMALT

DR GOLDSTEIN GENZIONIST NEWYORK

Press reports Dr. Goldman's speech at British Zionists Convention
inimical to our Party stop Protest vigourously unfair exploi-
tation of absence Representative our Party to answer attack stop
Attack irrelevant mere personal stop Goldman responsible Pilug
now vainly excuses it stop Further such attacks enlarge irre-
parably chasm between General Zionists factions in state and
world over.

DR. RIMALT

"JERUSALEM POST", 27.3.51

"BRITISH ZIONIST ATTACKS ISRAEL 'CENTRE' PARTY

LONDON, Monday (INA). -

"In the last few years a certain group in Israel has infiltrated into the General Zionist movement - a group which contains very little Zionist ideology, which consists of landowners and property men, and which lacks idealism and culture," Dr. Joseph Segall, Chairman of the European Executive of the Confederation of General Zionists, told delegates at the annual conference of the British Zionist Federation yesterday. He stressed, however, that a split in General Zionist ranks was not inevitable.

After the struggle to attain Statehood we should have a sense of responsibility and join the Government in its task, he said..."

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2nd April, 1951.-

Dear Sir(s), -

In the course of the last weeks we are witnesses of a campaign in the press of the ruling party, against our Organization, its leaders and our distinguished overseas friends, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Emanuel Neuman. In unrestrained inventiveness, in base libels, in foulness of language such a campaign is without precedent in Israel and no doubt exceeds even the best efforts of the yellowest newspaper elsewhere.

Further on, for your information and edification, translations of two articles which have appeared in "Hador", the official organ of Mr. Ben-Gurion's party, on the 29th and 30th of March respectively. From these articles you will be able to form an opinion of the vile attacks for which such faithful friends of our cause and veteran Zionist leaders as Dr. Silver and Dr. Neuman, are the target.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of same.

Sincerely yours,

COMMITTEE FOR FOREIGN AND ZIONIST MOVEMENT
AFFAIRS

I.VINOGRAD - DIRECTOR.

I.

" FROM THE HEIGHTS OF THE CLEVELAND "TEMPLE" "

Dr. A.H. Silver is the only Zionist leader in the world who has not visited the State of Israel during the three years of its existence. We may be angry with him; but perhaps we should make excuses for him. He ministers to his congregation in Cleveland, and it is his duty to pray every Sunday with his reformed flock. Also, conditions in Israel do not particularly suit his needs: in the whole country there is not a single synagogue where services are held on Sunday instead of on the Sabbath, and so there simply is no place for Rabbi Silver to pray. When D. Z. Pinkas of the "Mizrahi", the ally of the General Zionists and of Dr.A.H. Silver, becomes Minister of Religious Affairs, he will perhaps build a reform synagogue in Jerusalem with services on Sunday, and so make it possible for Dr. Silver, if not to settle in the country, at least to stay there for some time.

In any case things have not moved yet: for various reasons A.H. Silver has not yet paid a visit to Israel, and "Haboker" is forced to entertain its readers regularly with the tragical subject of Silver's suffering.

Apart from the Silver problem (has he, or has he not, been invited?), "Haboker's" attention is engaged by the problem of ... Mapai. If it were only possible to import some anti-Mapai serum from America! But in America they have not yet got round to that kind of invention. Worse than that: even the delegates of the General Zionists from Israel, who have gone to the States to slander their own Government and to incite Jews not to invest their money in "the socialist State of Israel", have not yet set any inventor's brain to work on the cultivation of an anti-Mapai serum. The General Zionists over here are very, very sorry for themselves: the appeals which they had made ridiculous are successful beyond expectation; the Billion Plan is about to be realised. Even Dr. A. H. Silver has in the last moment jumped on the bandwagon and indirectly gives a hand to the success of the government which is so hated by his friends over here.

A nice newspaper is "Haboker", indeed. Do you know what it has been telling its readers today? That the Appeals in the States will come off because.... Dr. Silver has volunteered for them. And I think that until the elections "Haboker" will still make much more of this fairy-tale.

Who knows; perhaps they will even pray for him in the synagogues.

But let us hope that they will do so on the Sabbath, and not, as under the Cleveland "Temple" dispensation, on Sunday.

(Layish)

"Hador", 29.3.51

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"CLEVELAND - LILIENTBLUM STREET."
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"Haboker" leads - and "Haaretz" is a close follower-up - with a new political "sensation": Has or hasn't the Israel Government invited A.H. Silver? Telegrams fly from one side of the ocean to the other. Giant headlines scream from the front pages of the local yellow press. The Jewish papers of New York's East Side make profound guesses on the question. And the propaganda wirepullers of the "opposition on the way to office" are having themselves a good time...

This bubble, though, is not only made from the Israel soap of Lilienblum Street profiteers (Lilienblum Street in Tel-Aviv was the headquarters of the gold trade, and allegedly is that of the black market - Trans .) but also from the first-class chewing gum produced by the propaganda machine of the right-wing Zionists in the States. The fuss made this time exposes a corner of a large-scale propaganda plan. The first step was taken by very right-wing E. Neuman, who left Palestine at the beginning of the war and suddenly turned up speaking "in the name of American Jewry". The masses of the Yishuv, who had seen Henry Morgenthau, Nahum Goldman, Rose Halperin, Judge Proskauer, and scores of other Jewish and Zionist leaders, were not impressed or amused by Neuman's pretensions. He held a few small meetings in Israel's towns, and saw the light - but unlike the Lord, he saw that it was no good: so he returned to the States. His second step was more "realistic": he began to distribute food and clothes parcels to new immigrants in the camps and ma'abarot in consideration of their joining the "Centre Party"; give parties "with drinks served" to members of the Oriental communities in the suburbs; to open fictitious registrations for housing schemes in Tel-Aviv for all comers, to be honoured "when Mr. Rokach and Mr. Saphir come into office"; to distribute money gifts and loans left and right; and above all: to shout loudly that "America is on our side". First and foremost, the next American Government (wink and aside: A.H. Silver and the

Republican leader Taft are friends); the capital investors are "our people"; in the American Zionist movement it is the Right that counts. And after a long campaign to "soften up" public opinion in Israel comes the "sixty-four" dollar message that is the pivot of the whole manoeuvre: "A.H. Silver is due. He has made speeches in Washington, he is talking with Taft, he comes, he comes"....

This comic opera would only be good for the comics, if it was not the counterpart of a corrupt political and public reality. During the last three years Messrs. Silver & Neuman have stood aside and have not lifted a finger to help the young State, which weltered in blood, sweat and tears, in its economic and political struggle. During those years, millions of dollars were raised by the Jews of America under the leadership of Morgenthau, Proskauer, Montor, Goldman, Halperin, Sharett, Kaplan and Golda Meyerson. During this period Kaplan and Sharett obtained two large loans from the American Government, to the tune of 135 million dollars. During this period most of our political achievements were realised with the assistance of the Truman administration (de jure recognition, support of our entry into the U.N., the U.S. vote against internationalization of Jerusalem). All these things came to us through the efforts of "this Government", for all the frightful sulks of the Silver-Neuman group. America has been on our side, on the side of the Mapai Government, of the State of Israel, of its giant effort of the Ingathering of the Exiles and mass settlement.

And now there has come a turn of affairs which not many, even in good faith, had dared to expect: We have reached the stage where Jewish and non-Jewish America is ready to make a large one-time effort to extricate Israel from the difficulties of an unfavourable payments balance and currency shortage: the Billion Project is to be launched! "Haboker" pontificates: "Castles in the air". The Silver-Neuman group ironically raise their shoulders. But... the plan is realised. The United Jewish Appeal (without benefit of Neuman-Silver) succeeds. The Half-a-billion Dollar Loan has a good and daily improving chance. And the U.S. Government is favourably inclined towards our request of a \$ 150 million grant-in-aid.

Lilienblum Street and its gold market, under the spiritual leadership of the "Centre Party", do not know what to do. They can no more laugh or throw stones at such a success. During those days our yellow press looked like someone who has taken a good dose of castor oil a remedy which, as we all know, must sometimes be taken. But immediately the profiteer propaganda changed its corrupt line: If there is an appeal - "Silver speaks for it"; if there is an Independence Loan - Silver is active in its behalf"; the grant-in-aid - "Silver dines with Taft." And at the completion of all his great actions for the good of the State the weary leader comes to visit Israel, if... he is invited.

(By the way: It is rather doubtful whether there is even a shadow of truth behind the whole song-and-dance about the invitation. The first rule of every American publicity agent is to "dramatize" the activities of his client; and it seems that the Rokach-Silver publicity agency has decided to use this affair as a "dramatic" way of calling the attention of the public on both sides of the ocean to the visit of the "leader".

It would be exaggerated to say that during these fateful years A.H. Silver has done nothing but sulking against Israel and its Government. The establishment of the State took the ground from under the feet of this man whose sympathies for the Yishuv were equally divided between the IZL terrorists and reactionary landlords and vested interests. We cannot say that he has quite disappeared. Some vague sounds have reached us, parts of articles and speeches on a new Zionist "ideology" fathered by A.H. Silver and more or less of the following tenor: The State of Israel has already

been established and is being consolidated. The work is about to be completed. But we, the Zionists of America, are still at the beginning of our task. We must establish Jewish life in America, organize our activities and support funds in aid of internal American purposes.

This was an attempt to deflect the trend of Zionist development of American Jewry towards aims objectively opposed to the economic needs of the State of Israel. And against the background of American Zionism, which was of a philanthropical nature, it was a dangerous tendency. The state of mind of a certain part of the Zionist movement found its expression in the notorious saying of one of its members: "If Mapai demands that all American Zionists go to Israel, it means, Heaven forbid, the end of the Zionist movement in America."

And if these "achievements" have not been completed, we have to thank a double change which occurred in the States and in Israel. The helmsmen of the State, with the assistance of Jewish and Zionist leaders (without Silver-Neuman) obtained so extensive and significant American support, that those who stood aside were forced to turn in their tracks and come back to Zionist activities. In the second place, the Municipal elections have raised exorbitant hopes, and the sulking party in America believes that they have a chance to take over by means of a Silver-Rokach-Beigin-Pinkas merger.

In short: the storm that blows over the revolutionary and tempestuous life of our fermenting State in the throes of ingathering its exiles, has again raised white foam in the shape of an alliance between Cleveland and Lilienblum Street, between those who profiteer at the expense of the State's economic difficulties and the profiteers in American-style "publicity". But not many days will pass before the wholesome breeze of the Jewish revolution raises a mighty wave and sweeps the foam away.

Yona Yagol

"Hador", 30.3.51.

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לכבוד
ד"ר אבא הלל סילבר,
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ארצות הברית.

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זה כמה שבועות שהאננו עדים להשתוללות מן הסוג המכוער ביותר
ובממדים שלא ידענו עד כה, מצד עתונות המפלגה השלטת נגד מפלגתנו
ומנהיגיה ונגד ידידינו הדגולים שמעבר לים, ד"ר אבא הלל סילבר, וד"ר
עמנואל ניומן.

רצוף לתשומת לב כב' קטע מ"הדור", שהנו בטאונה הרשמי של
מפלגת מר בן-גוריון, מן ה-30 למרץ - מאמר בשם "בין קליבלנד לרחוב
ליינבלום" - שתוכו השמצה מן הסוג השפל ביותר, נגד ידידינו מנהיגי
ציון הותיקים והנאמנים: ד"ר אבא הלל סילבר וד"ר עמנואל ניומן ואשר
לעומתו תחור העתונות הצהובה ביותר בעולם, כלו.

נא לאשר קבלת הנוכחי.

בכבוד רב,
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ועדת הקשר לענייני חוץ
והתנועה הציונית


י. וינוגרד
מנהל.

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בין קליבלנד לרחוב לילינבלום

מאת יונה יגור

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העתון "הבקר מעלה" ו"הארץ" מתרה מחויב אחרי-כך סנסציה מדינית: האם הדי מנה ממשלת ישראל את א. ה. סילבר או לא? סלגומות עפות משני עברי האוקיינוס, פותרות גדולות וזעקות מעל דפי העתונות הצהובה בארץ, העתונות היהודית ב"איסט סייד" של ניו יורק מתעמקת בסוגיה הקשה הנ"ל—ומושכי החוטים של תעמולת הארץ פוזיציה הצועדת לקראת שלטון נהנים הנ"ל אה של ממש...

אולם שלפוחית זו עשויה לא רק מסבון ישראלי של ספרים מרחוב לילינבלום, אלא גם מגומילעיסה מתוצרת התעמולתית המ"הוללת של הימין הציוני בארצות-הברית. ה"טראסק" הזה מגלה טפח של תכנית-תעמול"ה מקיפה. הצעד הראשון נעשה על ידי ע. גיומן, עסקן ימני מאד, שעזב את הארץ עם פרוץ המלחמה ולפתע הופיע בשם "יהדות אמריקה". והמוני הישוב, שראו את הנרי מורגנטאון, נחום גולדמן, רוז הלפרין, השופט פרוסקאואר ועשרות רבות של מנהיגים יהודים וציונים אחרים — לא נרעשו ולא פעמו מדיבוריו השחצניים של גיומן. הלה כנס כמה אסיפות קטנות בערי הארץ ו"ירא כי רע" — וחזר לארצות הברית. הצעד השני היה "רציני" יותר: הוא החל בחלוקת חבילות-מזון ו"בגדים לעולים חדשים במחנות ובמעברות תמורת הצטרפות למפלגת המרכז"; מסיבות "עם משקאות חריפים" בשביל עדות המזרח בשכונות ובפרברים; הרשמות פיקטיביות של כל דכפין לשיכונים בתל-אביב "לאחר שה"ה רוקח וספיר יגיעו ל"שלטון"; חלוקת כספים, הלוואות, מתנות והבטחות על ימין ועל שמאל, ועל כולם, תקיעה בשופרות גדולים "אמריקה אתנו!" קודם כל, הממשלה האמריקאית העתידה לבוא (קריצת-עין: א. ה. סילבר ומונהיג הריפובליקאנים טאפט הם ידידים); משקעי-ההון הם "אנשי-של" מנו"; בתנועה הציונית באמריקה "הימין הוא הכל", ולאחר ה"ריכוך" הממושך של דעת-הקהל בישראל באה הודעה, שהיא גולת-ההפותרת לכל המסע הזה: א. ה. סילבר עומד לבוא; הוא נואם בווינגטון, הוא נפגש עם טאפט; הוא בא, הוא בא..."

האופיריטה הזאת היתה ראויה לעתון הי"תולי, אילולא חישפה מציאות מדינית וציבורית משחתת. במשך ש"לש השנים שחלפו עמדו האדרי"מים סילבר וגיומן מן הצד ולא נקפו אצבע למען מלחמת הכלכלית והמדינית של המדינה הצעירה, שהתבוססה בדמ, בזיעה ובדמעה. במשך השנים הללו אספה יהדות אמריקה מאות מיליונים דולארים בהנהגתם של מורגנטאון, פרוסקאואר, מונטורי, גולדמן, הלפרין, שרת, קפלן וגולדה מאירסון. בתקופה זו השיגו קפלן ושרת שני מלחתי גדולים מאת ממשלת ארצות-הברית בסך 136 מיליון דולאר. בתקופה זו הושגו מרבית ההישגים המדיניים בעזרת האדמיניסטרציה של טרומאן (הכרה דא"יורא, תמיכה בכניסתנו לאו"ם, הצבעה אמריקאית נגד תכנית בינאום ירושלים). כל זה בא לנו מידי "הממשלה הזאת" על-אף ה"ברוגז" המחפיר של קבוצת סילבר-גיומאן. אמריקה היתה איתה עם הממשלה המפא"ית, עם מדינת ישראל, עם מפעלה הכביר לקבוצת-גלויות ולהתישבות המונית. והנה בא מפנה, שרבים וכן שלמים לא ציפו לו: הגענו למצב, בו מוכנה אמריקה היהודית והלא-יהודית להושיט עזרה רחבה וחדשעמית כדי להלץ את המדינה מקשיים של מאון תשלומים שלילי ומחסור בדביונים; הוכרו על תכנית המיליארד! "הבוקר" הכריז: חלומות באספמיה! קבוצת סילבר-גיומן מאן לגלגה ומשכה בכתפיים. ואף על פי כן — קם הדבר והיה! המגבית היהודית המאריחדת (בלי סילבר-גיומאן) מצליחה. מלווה העצמאות בסך חצי מיליארד דולאר — סיפוי טובים ומשתפרים; והממשלה האמריקאית מתייחסת בחיוב לבקשת ההענקת של 150 מיליון דולאר!

ורחוב לילינבלום ובורסת הוהב שלו, ב"הנהגתה הרוחנית של "מפלגת המרכז", נכר פים, נוכח הצלחה זו אי-אפשר עוד ללגלג ולידות אבנים. באותם הימים דמתה העתות הצהובה שלנו לאדם שבלע מנה הגונה

של שמן-קיק; זוהי, כידוע, תרומה שלעתים מוכרחים להשתמש בה. ומיד שינתה מכונת התעמולה הספרטית את טעמה הקלוקל: יש מגבית — סילבר, נואם לטובתה; יש מל"וזה עצמאות — סילבר עושה למענו" יש הענקת — סילבר סועד ארוחת-צהרים עם טאפט. ומקץ כל פעולותיו הגדולות למען ה"מדינה יבוא המנהיג העיף לבקר במדינה, בתנאים... שיומנו אותו.

במאמר המוסגר: ספק רב אם יש ממש ושמץ של אמת בכל ההילולא הזאת סביב ענין ההזמנה. כל סוכן-תעמולה אמריקאי שואף ל"דראמטיזציה" של הפעולה ודומה ששרד-התעמולה רוקח-סילבר החליט להשתמש בענין זה כבאמצעי "דראמטי" שימשוך את תשומת-לב הקהל משני עברי ה"אוקיינוס לכיקורו של "המנהיג".

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יהיה זה מוגזם לומר, כי א. ה. סילבר עסק בשנים גורליות אלה רק ב"ברוגז" כלפי מדינת ישראל וממשלתה. הקמת המדינה השמיטה את הקרקע מתחת לרגליו של האיש שאהדחו בישוב היתה מתולקת בצוררה שווה בין הטיוריסטים של אצ"ל לבין בעלי-גופים ובעלי-בתים של הריאקציה. אין לומר שהוא הסתלק לגמרי. הגיעו אלינו הדיים קטעי מאמרים ונאומים על "אידאולוגיה" ציונית חדשה מיסודו של א. ה. סילבר. וזה תכנה: מדינת ישראל כבר קיימת ומתבססת; עוד מעט תסתיים מלאכה זו; ואילו אנחנו, ציוני אמריקה, עומדים עדיין בראשית המבצע; עלינו להקים חיים יהודיים באמריקה, לארגן את המפעלים שלנו ולתמוך בקדנות למען הצרכים האמריקאיים הפנימיים. היה זה נסיון להסיט את מגמת התפתחותה הציונית של יהדות אמריקה בכיוון המנוגד מבחינה אובייקטיבית לצרכיה הכלכליים של מדינת ישראל. ועל רקע של הציונות האמריקאית הפיל אנטרופית במהותה, היתה מגמה זו מסוכנת ביותר. הלך-הדור חות של חלק ידוע בציונות בא לביטוי במימרא הירדועה של אחד ממנהיגיו: אם מפא"י תרבעת עלית כל ציוני אמריקה לארץ-ישראל—או אז תתחסל, חס וחלילה, התנועה הציונית באמריקה.

ואם מגילת ה"הישגים" הללו לא הושלמה, בא הדבר הודות לשינוי כפול שחל בארצות הברית ובמדינת ישראל. קברניטי המדינה ביסיועם של מנהיגים יהודים וציונים (בלא סילבר-גיומן) השיגו עזרה אמריקאית כה מקיפה וחשובה, שהעומדים מן הצד נאלצו לחזור על עקבותיהם — בחזרה אל הפעולה הציונית. שנית, הבחירות המוניציפאליות עוררו תקוות רבות ומוגזמות, ולקבוצת ה"ברוגז" האמריקאית נדמה כי באה להם שעת-כושר לכבוש את השלטון באמצעות ברית סילבר-רוקח-בגין-פנקס.

קיצורו של דבר: הסערה על פני החיים המהפכניים והסוערים של מדינה תוססת ומקבצת גלויות העלתה, שוב קצף לבן בדמות ברית בין קליבלנד לרחוב לילינבלום, בין המספרים בקשיים הכלכליים של מדינת ישראל לבין ספסרי ה"פאבליסיטי" גוסח אמריקה. אולם לא יעברו ימים רבים וגיוכח, כי הזרם האדיר של המהפכה העברית ישטוף בגליו האדירים את הקצף שעל פני המים.



ראובן שרי
נתמנה אתמול לסגן שר התחבורה

מק-גי דן בשאלת סואץ

קאהיר, 30 (שירות "הדור"). — בפגישותיו של מק-גי עם חברי ממשלת מצרים דן הנציג האמריקאי בכל השאלות המעסיקות את העולם הערבי. בכללן שאלות לוב ומארוקו, הפליטים הערבים, היחסים בין ישראל לארצות ערב, הסכסוך בין אנגליה לבין מצרים ועוד. מק-גי יעזוב את קאהיר ביום ב' בדרכו ללונדון כדי לדון עם הרברט מוריסון בשאלת המעבר של אניות הנפט בתעלת סואץ והמו"מ בין אנגליה לבין מצרים בשאלת סיום החוזה מ-1936. (ר. וס"מ). גורג מק-גי, סגן מיניסטר החוץ האמריקאי, יקיים שיחות "בלתי רשמיות" עם נציגי מיניסטרי החוץ הבריטי בלונדון בימים ב' וג' לשבוע הבא — תודיע דובר מיניסטרי החוץ הבריטי. סבורים, כי בשיחות אלו תידון בעית פרס.

מצב מתוח

ערב הבחירות בלבנון

בירות, 30 (שירות "הדור"). כל אסיפה שבין משתתפיה יהיו מזויינים תפוזר ומ' ארגניה ייאסרו. כל המנגנון הממשלתי, הצבא והמשטרה, עליהם להיות במצב הכן עד אחר הבחירות — הוראות אלה פורסם ראש ממשלת הלבנון, חוסיין עניי, לאחר שהאופוזיציה דרשה ממנו כי כוחות הבטחון יהיו נייטרליים במערכת הבחירות. עד כה נהרגו בלבנון 8 אנשים ו-20 נפצעו קשה במלחמת הבחירות. המצב מתוח עתה בלבנון.

ברגע האחרון:

לייקסאכס, 30 (ר). תודו הודיעה למועצת הבטחון, כי אין היא יכולה לקבל את ההצעה הבריטית אמריקאית לפתרון סכסוך קאש-מיר. סיר בנגאל ראו, הנציג ההודי במזרח הלבנון, הצהיר, כי הקשר הצבאי שנתגלה בפאקיסטן הוסיף על הקשיים הברורים בהוצאת הצבאות ההודיים מקאשמיר.

טוקיו, 30 (יו. פ.). דובר יפאני הודיע היום, כי החיילים האמריקאים שחלו לפני ימים מספר בשעת נסיעה ברכבת צבאית לדרום יפאן, חולים באבעבועות. שלטונות הצבא האמריקאים סרבו לאשר אול הכחיש ידיעה זו.

מוסקבה, 30 (ס"ט). — פועלי הנפט של ברה"מ שלחו אגרת לגנרליס-מו סטאלין, ובו הם מודיעים, כי בשנת 1950 העלו את תפוקת הנפט פי שנים וחצי לעומת 1949. הפועלים מתחייבים להגדיל את התפוקה ה-22 אחוז לעומת אשתקד.

יני ומשפחתו

נאמנות

ת הנכד

מפלגת פועלי ארץ ישראל
תא עובדי סולל בונה

מעצמות ים יגיי ארה"ב

ספרד של פראנקו תתקבל בחברה בברית האטלנטית — אמר אתמול רזבר שומאן במסיבת עיתונאים. בתשובה לשאלה אמר מיניסטר החוץ הצרפתי, כי החלטה על קבלת ספרד לברית טעונה הסכמת כל 12 המדינות החברות, ואין סיכויים להשיג הסכמה זו. שומאן אמר, כי הוא לא דן עדיין עם דין אצ'יסון בשאלת הכללתן של תורכיה ויוון בברית הצפון-אטלנטית.

טרומן: המצב עדיין חמור

ושינגטון, 30 (יו. פ.). הנשיא טרומן אמר אמש במסיבת עיתונאים כי המצב הבינלאומי הוא עדיין חמור. הנשיא פנה לצבור בקריאה לתמוך בתכנית הגיוס החגנית. הנשיא אמר, כי הוא כבר קבל את החלטתו בשאלה, אם עליו להציג את מיעדותו לנשיאות בחירות בשנת 1952, אך הוא לא הבחיר, מה טיבה של ההחלטה. טרומן הוסיף, כי לגנרל מק-ארטור הסמכות לחצות את קו הרוחב ה-38 בכל שעה שהוא רואה צורך טקטי בדבר, אך אין להסיק מכך, כי מק-ארטור מוסמך להתקדם עד לגבול המאנצ'ורי.

לחיל האויר וקם בצרפת

האמריקאי השלים את התכנית גדולים ביותר בתולדות אירופה היום.

מתרבות השביתות

פאריס, 30 (יו. פ.). — גל חדש של שביתות עובר על פני צרפת. איגוד עובדי מחלקת המסים, הנתון להשפעה קומוניסטית הורה את חבריו להפסיק את העבודה ביום ו' למשך 24 שעות. גם עובדי המיניסטריים נים מאיימים בשביתה, אם לא ימלאו אחרי דרישותיהם להעלאה מידית בשכר. סבורים, כי תחילה יפסיקו את עבודתם עובדי מיניסטרי החספים של מוריס פטש.

הגיע "קונסטליישן" שניזוק בפאריס

תל אביב, יום ו' (מאת סופרנו). — מטוס הקונסטליישן "מזל טוב" של חב-רת "אל על", שניזוק השבוע ב-שדה התעופה בפאריס ע"י מטוס צרפתי, הגיע היום לישראל לאחר שנעשו בו התיקונים הדרושים.

הוזמנו אדני רכבת בצרפת

ירושלים, יום ו' (מאת סופרנו). סכום של חצי מיליון דולאר מכספי האשראי, שקיבלה ישראל בזמן האחרון בצרפת הוקצב לקניית אדנים הנחוצים להשלמת העבודות במסילת-הברזל בקו חדרה-תל אביב — על כך נודע ממקור מוסמך. האדנים הוזמנו כבר בצרפת על ידי משרד ה-תחבורה ונמצאים בדרך.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th Street at Ansel Road,
Cleveland 6, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You will find enclosed check No. 6895
in the amount of \$500.00 as our contribution to
The Zionist Organization of America, which I am
very happy to send.

At your suggestion, I have contacted
a few fellows with the purpose of having them
contribute ^{to} this worthy cause, and I feel confi-
dent you may expect them to get a few checks out
to you.

I hope you may be able to bring a very
encouraging message to our friends in Israel at
the time of your visit, and may I also wish you a
very pleasant and fruitful journey.

Very sincerely yours,

Leonard Ratner
Leonard Ratner

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"WHERE CLEVELAND BUYS ITS LUMBER"

April 19, 1951

Mr. Louis Feldman
2332 Prospect Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Friend:

Upon my return from the West coast, I found your check of \$150 in behalf of the General Zionists in Israel. I am deeply grateful for your generosity, and I know that our friends in Israel will be heartened by the American support being extended to them.

With all good wishes to you, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

April 19, 1951

Mr. Leonard Ratner
Forest City Material Co.
17903 St. Clair Ave.
Cleveland 10, Ohio

My dear Mr. Ratner:

Upon my return from the West coast, I found your kind letter of April 17th and your check for \$500. I am profoundly grateful for your generosity and for your cooperation in securing additional contributions from your friends. I know that the General Zionists in Israel will be heartened by the support of their American friends.

Again thanking you for your generosity as well as for your good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

April 19, 1951

Mr. David Katz
State Wiping Cloth Co.
2330 East 37th Street
Cleveland 15, Ohio

My dear Friend:

Upon my return from the West coast, I found your check of \$500. I am deeply grateful to you and I know that our friends in Israel will be heartened by this support.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

DATE: May 15, 1951

To: Dr. Sidney Marks

From: Leon Elusovich

d. Silver

I have seen the reports on Sivler's visit in Israel in the "London Zionist Review". Although I recently exchanged letters with Edward Woolfson of Glasgow on the attitude of the said publication toward us and toward the General Zionist Party in Israel, it does not look that they are ready to change their line. However, we will have to watch further developments very closely.

My kindest regards.

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In reply please quote

No. 8302/51

the May 23, 1951. יום

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road at East 105th Street
Cleveland 6, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I do hope you have already had a chance of resting up a bit after the most strenuous time you have had, while with us in Israel.

Enclosed please find:-

1. Copy of the letter I have inserted in one of the two parcels (containing your personal books) which I have sent you today by ordinary mail. The reason I have gone into minute detail in that letter, is simply because I wished to avoid your paying customs to the American authorities who will see from the said letter that all those books were either yours personally, or gifts made to you out here.
2. The bill of your laundry which was returned to "Gat-Rimon" on the very day you left here. Please let me know whether you would like me to have it forwarded to you, or leave it here at "Gat-Rimon" until, Please God, you will come here again for the Congress.

I have just been through compiling the clippings telling the story of an event which, I think, was one of the greatest in my country. And having had the privilege of being the personal secretary to the hero of that event, your goodself, - I consider it also The event of my life. I hope to be able to forward to you through a "special envoy", our good friend and "Talmid Chacham", Mr. Samuel Fishman, the book of those clippings, covering the whole story of your memorable stay in Israel.

I also expect to be able to send through the said Mr. Fishman the records, which were given to you by the Israel Defence Army. Also through him I am going to send you all sorts of invitations by Government departments and others, in connection with "Independance Day".

All your remaining correspondence has been attended to, by me in due course and, I hope, also to your liking.

Much as I would like to follow up your friendly advice and take a couple of weeks leave, I am sorry I could not afford to do so, owing to the pressure of work I had to attend to.

And which

I hope to send you to-morrow Bulletin No.4 of our "Contact Committee" which was written by me from A to Z, and would serve as part of the factual evidence, in justification of my above statement, yet I do hope to be able to do so within a fortnight or so, provided, of course, nothing "very important" comes up again in the meantime.

Please accept the personal regards of Mrs. Vinograd, myself and our daughters to you and your family.

Most cordially yours:

I. Vinograd

I. Vinograd



May 28, 1951

Dr. Fritz Bernstein
33, King George Street
Tel-Aviv, Israel

My dear Dr. Bernstein:

I have just been able to get from under the many accumulated tasks which awaited me upon my return to the States, and I want to thank you personally, and through you, our charming and gracious friends who made my visit to Israel so pleasant and so memorable. I do not know when I had a more exhilarating and spiritually satisfying experience. I wish I could write to each and every one in our circle of friends who showed me so much attention and such sweet hospitality, but due to pressure of work, -I am now preparing for my visit to South Africa - this will not be possible. I am sure that you will convey to them my thanks and appreciation.

With all good wishes to you and Mrs. Bernstein and your children, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

June 5, 1951

Mr. M. Kalir
Municipality Tel-Aviv Joffa
27, Bialik Street
Israel

My dear Mr. Kalir:

It was indeed very thoughtful of you to send me the photographs of the exercises in the Museum of Tel-Aviv on the occasion of the bestowal upon me of the honorary citizenship of Tel-Aviv. I shall treasure these photographs greatly as they will always recall to me a rare and beautiful experience. Please convey my warmest regards to Mayor Rokach.

I trust that I shall have the pleasure of being in Israel again before very long.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

June 18, 1951

Mr. Joseph Saphir
Hotel Biltmore
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Saphir:

I am sorry that I had to leave Atlantic City without saying goodbye to you. I did not think that the meeting would last that long, and I had to motor to the Philadelphia airport in time to catch a plane for Cleveland. As it was, I missed the plane and had to spend the night in Philadelphia and missed an important appointment in Cleveland on Sunday morning.

I hope that you had an opportunity to speak that evening although, because of the lateness of the hour, you probably did not have the kind of an audience which you deserved. However, your very presence at the Convention was helpful. Your remarks at the meeting of the Committee on Policy and Scope were very useful indeed, and I hope that you had an opportunity to attend the meeting of the new Executive of the ZOA.

Altogether the results of the Convention, I believe, are satisfactory. The Convention went solidly on record as backing the decision of last October, identifying the ZOA fully with the General Zionist party in Israel. It is now important to establish lines of contact and to initiate the project of which we spoke when we were in Israel. The sooner that is done, the better. A permanent office and a permanent representative of the General Zionists, who will follow up the project are urgently needed.

I was pleased, too, with the resolution which was unanimously adopted on the status of the World Zionist Movement which is in such sharp contradiction with the views expressed by the Prime Minister.

Mrs. Silver and I are leaving for South Africa on Thursday. We shall be at the Waldorf-Astoria on Wednesday afternoon and evening, and Thursday morning. If I do not see you before I leave, I should like to say goodbye to you and to thank you for coming to us for the Convention.

Joseph Saphir

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June 18, 1951

With all good wishes and hoping to see you in Israel (if matters are satisfactorily arranged), I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

P.S. In South Africa I can be reached at the address of the Jewish National Fund - Commissioner House, 50 Commissioner Street, Johannesburg, South Africa.

