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THE JOINT COLONIZATION COMMITTEE  
of the  
GENERAL ZIONIST PARTY AND THE FARMERS' FEDERATION OF ISRAEL

Ref. No. 16/1/3553

6th July, 1951

Dr. Aba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Ansle Rd., at East 105 Street,  
Cleveland 6, Ohio,  
U. S. A.  
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Dear Dr. Silver,

I was pleased to learn from Mr. Sapir, whom you met in the States, that you have not forgotten your promise regarding the list of agricultural machines and implements, which you had kindly asked us to submit to you, but, on the contrary, you were interested to know the reason of the delay in submitting to you the required list.

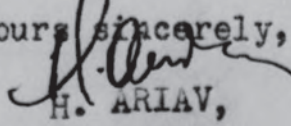
I am very sorry it took such a long time to prepare the required list, but I wanted it to be a complete and extensive one, taking into account the possibility that in case you would not be able to acquire all items in Cleveland, you may interest in this project the Z.O.A. and the other Districts who will no doubt be willing to contribute their assistance to this important undertaking.

The enclosed list comprises all those colonies in whose colonization we are taking part.

Moreover, you will undoubtedly remember that during your visit at Kfar-Aharon you have met the owner of a fruit bye-product factory and you were then kind enough to express your readiness to assist him in the way of acquiring for him the required machines. I therefore enclose herewith the list of his requirements. Since the list is rather too long to be acquired free of charge, the owner is ready to pay, but Government here is unable to allocate the required dollars. Therefore any assistance from you in this matter will be highly appreciated.

I would now like to take this opportunity and express to you our deepest thanks for the interest which you had taken in the development of our colonies and for your promise to extend to us your assistance which will no doubt be beneficial and will earn the sincere gratitude not only of ourselves but of all the settlers who will make use of the machines and implements they will receive.

Hoping to hear from you soon and thanking you in advance,

Yours sincerely,  
  
H. ARIAV,  
Chairman.



## Notes on the Kfar Aharon Factory Project.

A small pilot factory was set up at Magdiel in 1947 for the trial production of a new citrus product 'Jaffajell' for which a patent has been granted in the UK and Israel, and awaits sealing in the USA. This small factory employs 10 workers and has a seasonal output of about 50 tons. At the close of the current season, the factory produced a trial quantity of 5 tons citrus jam by a new method, giving a first quality product at a price 25% lower than the cheapest jams produced locally.

It is proposed to expand the project at Kfar Aharon to produce a further 200 tons Jaffajell per season of which 150 shall be available for export, and to go ahead with citrus jam manufacture. The scope of the project will be widened to embrace vegetable processing, in particular, dehydration since the Jaffajell processing equipment includes dehydration chambers. Furthermore, dehydration of vegetables as an alternative to canning is of national interest in view of the shortage of tinsplate. The project will tie up with the agricultural programme of the village, and apart from processing surplus crops, it will eventually provide cold store facilities to the growers to enable market spread-over.

An existing building and 10 dunams of land, conveniently situated in the village, have been acquired for the project. Plans for the modification to the building and new buildings are now in the final stages of approval and it is expected to commence constructional work in June. The first stage will be completion and modification of the existing building, addition of lavatories etc. and installation of water, power and steam lines. A steam boiler, boiling pans and minor equipment are ready for installation and the necessary additional plant will be installed as it comes forward.

The fantastically difficult supply position of even the most elementary requirements will of necessity delay the project, but the existing pilot factory at Magdiel will be able to support it and carry it through the current difficult times. As an "Approved Undertaking" coming under the dual heading of Agriculture and Industry moreover, it received a nominal high priority in allocation of materials, but indications are that little material benefits will ensue from such recognition unless there is a substantial change in the economic policy and position.

At the moment, the only hope for carrying out the development programme with any degree of efficacy lies in acquiring <sup>much of</sup> the necessary equipment and accessories with the aid of overseas capital as a loan or investment, and the balance sheets of the pilot factory coupled with the capabilities of the recent immigrants from Bulgaria as evidenced by their progress since their arrival, indicate that such a loan or investment would be a sound business proposition.

*M. J. J.*



## Kfar Aharon Factory Project

### General Notes and Priority Order.

A good consultant or buying agent, specialist in the field is all important.

The economic output capacity here is in general equivalent to a pilot scale model for the USA, and it may well be that used small scale equipment in good condition can be obtained from manufacturers or users at a fraction of original cost. This would apply to items P.3, P5, P.4, P.6, and possibly dehydration cabinet drier units (sheet 3 last para.)

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### Priorities

Insofar as assignment of priority is at all possible since all the items are essential, the following order is preferred.

- 1). P.1 (sheet 1) Jam boiling pan unit : Pulping and Sieving Machine  
1)a. P.2. This unit can be used for other work as well such as concentrating tomato pulps, fruit pulps, grape juice etc., and the component parts are individually invaluable for occasional use in other set-ups-.
- 2) P.9 and P 10. Half quantities on priority, i.e one pump and half quantity of piping and fittings
- 3) P 11. One truck on priority.
- 4) W.1- workshop lathe and W.14. assortment of metals.
- 5) W. 7, Electric welding set.
- 6) W.6. Small air-compressor.
- 7) Sheet 3. Stainless steel and Aluminium Sheets etc.  
This material is getting scarcer, rapidly. The items specified have all more or less equal priority value, and if possible, proportionate quantities should be obtained.
- 8) P.6 (Sheet 1) Refrigeration unit.
- 9) P.4, P.2, P3 and P 5. Filter, pasteuriser and bottling machine, and pumping machine.
- 10) P.7 One hoist on priority.
- 11) Laboratory equipment. L4 is lowest priority. L1 is the highest, L 2 next. The whole of the remainder is relatively low cost.
- 12) Workshop equipment- in order of list.
- 13) Electrical Fittings " " "
- 14) Steam fittings. " " " "

( A well equipped laboratory is necessary if we hope to make high grade products for export. The whole of the equipment could well be supplied by any one of a number of reputable laboratory equipment suppliers, which are to be found in the larger cities)



# KFAR AHARON FACTORY PROJECT.

## Requirement List. Sheet 1.

### Process Equipment.

#### P.1. Stainless Steel Vacuum Jam Boiling Pan Unit.

Steam Jacketted with zone control, complete with condenser, water removal pump, Nash vacuum pump, gauges fittings pipe lines and accessories.

Supplied by. Mojonnier Bros Co. Chicago.

#### P.2. Pulping and sieving machine. Stainless steel with screen perforated $1\frac{1}{32}$ " (one-thirty secondth)holes and spare screen perforated $3\frac{3}{64}$ " (three-sixtyfourth inch) holes, with fitted motor drive- for screening of hot citrus pulps.

Try. Jensen Creamery Machinery Co.Inc. Chicago et(A)(A)  
 Creamery Package Mfg.Co.Ltd- " etc-(B)  
 Food Machinery Corp. ? (C)  
 American Utensil Co. (D)  
 Cherry Burrell Corp. ----- Chicago (E)  
 Chisholm-Ryder Co.Inc. Niagara Falls. (F)

#### P.3 Flash Pasteuriser Unit.

For fruit pulps-capacity 50-100 galls/hour.-comprising plate heat exchanger,deaerator, and accessories.

Try. (A), (B), (E) ,F and Mojonnier Bros.

#### P.4. Cuno Filter Stainless steel for hot fruit pulps, Complete with feed pump. motor and pipes with fittings. Capacity about 100 galls/hour.

Makers. Cuno Engineering Corp. Meriden.Conn

#### P.5. Bottle Filling and Capping Machine.

Capacity 50 doz bottles/ hour. To take pints and half pints.

Try. Mojonnier Bros. Co.  
 Crown Cork and Seal Co.

#### P.6. Refrigeration Unit.

About 6 tons refrigeration,with ice making equipmentfor 100 -50 lb. blocks per day.

#### P.7 Electric Hoists. ( Two )

P & H Zip Lift.xCatalogue No. A.123. 500 lbs capacity. Plain trolley parallel mounted.

Makers. Harnischfeger Corp. Milwaukee.

#### P.8 Electric Motors

Splashproof type. Complete with push button starters, no-volt and overload release. 380 V. 3 ph. 50 cycles.  
 3 x 1HP, 3 x 2HP, 2 x 3HP, 1 x 5 HP.

G.E.C. or other reputable maker.

#### P.9 Fruit pulp Pumps. ( Two required)

Stainless Steel,sanitary type for use with hot fruit pulps. Capacity about 30 galls/minute v 12' head. Max.delivery pressure 50 lbs/sq.in. Direct motor drive. 2 " inlet and outlet  
Suppliers: (A), (B) , (E)

#### P.10 Stainless Steel Pipe and Fittings.

Size 2". 10 each bends, tees and two-way cocks.  
 4 three-way cocks.-all without fitted ends.  
 60 pairs of male and female ends(UNIONS)  
 50 metres piping.  
Suppliers. (A), (B) (E)

#### P.11. Lifting Trucks (Two required)

15 cwt.capacity. Platform size about 32" x 18" With 4 extra platforms or stillages.

NOTE. For motor driven equipment-quote 380V 3ph.50 cycles.



WORKSHOP EQUIPMENT.

( Electric supply. 220 V 50 cycles, one-phase )  
 or 380V " 3-phase.

- W.1. Lathe- Screwcutting centre or universal lathe.  
 Suitable for general maintenance work  
 and constructional work of moderate  
 precision. Motorised. Complete with  
 accessories, including taper turning attachment.
- W 2. Electric hand Heavy duty. To take up  
 Drill. to 1/2" drill or over.
- W 3 " " " Light duty.
- W. 4. Bench or 3 or 4 speed, to take up  
 Pedestal drilling to 5/8" or over. Motorised.  
 machine.
- W 5. Bench tool 8" wheels. motorised.  
 grinder.
- W 6. Small aircompressor. With motor. Capacity about  
 5 cuft free air/min, max. press.  
 100 lbs./sq.in. With air pressure  
 regulator. Complete with a 5 and  
 10 metre lengths of hose, with  
 couplings? and Spray gun.
- W 7. Electric Welding Metallic arc welder.  
 Set. Variable voltage - stable arc  
 type.
- W 8. Pipe cutting Preferably "Rigid".  
 and fitting tools. For pipes 1/2" - 2".  
 and vice stand.
- W. 9 Socket Set. Chrome Vanadium- with rversible  
 ratchet, universal joint etc.
- W.10 Drill Set. High Speed 1/16" to 3/4"
- W.11. Stocks and Dies, up to 1/2 " or 12 mm.  
 And Taps Whitworth. B.S.F. and metric.
- W. 22 Tin solder. Bar and wire (resin core)  
 10 kgs. assorted.
- W.13 "Klingerite" or 3 sheets each of 1.5 mm, 2mm,  
 equivalent packing 3 mm and 4 mm thickness.
- W.14. An assortment of copper, brass and steel strip, bars ,  
 rods , and square, useful for day to day maintenance  
 work and construction of small machine parts etc.  
 About 100 kgs total.
- W.15. Packs of Assorted a) Split pins  
 b) Steel Washers  
 c) Spring Washers  
 d) Hexagon nuts.

BULK STORAGE AND PROCESSING CASKS!

- A. 500 oak casks. Capacity about 40 gallons.  
 Supplied in numbered sections with  
 hoops for assembly here.



Item No.	Item.	Specification and remarks.		
M 1a.	Aluminium Sheets	Area.	For fabrication of fruit/ <sup>pulp</sup> storage tanks, lids, utensils, channels, linings.	
M 1a	4 mm.	20 sq.metres		
M 1b	3.5 mm.	20 "		
M 1c	3.0 mm	20 "		
M 1d	2.0 mm.	30 "	Thickness quoted approximate	
M 1e	1.0 mm.	50 "	Commercially pure grade	
M 2	Aluminium Alloy Sheets.	1.5mm. 500 sq.metres.	For fabrication of dehydration trays.Pulps-Alcoa 55S.or similar alloy.	
M 3 a	Aluminium Welding Rods.	2 S. 1/8". 20 kg.	50% for arc welding and	
M 3 b,	"	5% silicon. 20 kg.	50% for oxy-acetylene welding.	
M 3 c	Aluminium Welding flux.	10 kg.		
M 4a	Stainless	3mm 5 sq.metres	Polished one side	
M 4b	Steel	2 mm 10 "	No.4 . For	
M 4c	Sheets	1.5 mm 10 " "	fabrication of boiling	
M 4d	FMB orrFSL	1.25 mm 20 " "	pans, tanks, heating	
M 4e	grade.	1.00 mm. 20 " "	units etc.	
M 5a	S.S. screen.	Perforated 1/32" holes	About 1 sq. m. of	
M 5b	"	" 3/64" "	each for filter screens.	
M 6 a	S.S. welding	12 gauge. 20 Kgs.	Minex or Nicrex ND	
M 6 b	electrodes.	14 gauge. 20 kgs.		
M 7 a	Stainless	5/16" 50	All between 1 1/2 " and 2" long	
M 7 b	Steel nuts	3/8" 50		
M 7 c	and bolts.	1/2" 50		
M 8 a	Stainless	1/2"	About 5 metres of each size for general use in fabrication of equipment.	
M 8 b	Steel	3/4"		
M 8 c.	Tubing.	1"		
M 9 a.	Aluminium Wire.	4 mm.thick 1 kg of each.		
		3 mm thick		
		2 mm thick		
		1 mm. thick.		
M 9 b.	Copper Wire.	as aluminium.		

( Note: The thicknesses quoted are approximate only and near sizes will do.)

#### Dehydration Accessories etc.

- D. 1 Trolley wheels. 50. Fixed. {Ball bearing. Load 250 kgs.  
D 2. " " 50 Swivel { Cast Steel.  
D 3 Insulating slabs.or sheets.-- 100 sq. metres.  
Cellular plastic or other lightweight insulation.  
D. 4 Heating Units and fans. Using 60 lb. steam. Capacity  
100 kgs steam per hour consumption.

Instead of D 1 - 4, complete cabinet dryers with trolleys may be obtainable as standard equipment, used but in good condition. Tray area required about 4,000 sq.ft. One large unit or three or four smaller units would do equally well.



Constructional Items.

## STEAM FITTINGS.

- S.1. Pressure Reduction Valve, 100 lbs max down to 5 lbs minimum.  $1\frac{1}{2}$ "
- S. 2 Steam Valves. 10 x 1"  $\frac{3}{4}$ " Any standard good make.  
 4 x ~~1~~"  $\frac{3}{4}$ "  
 6 x ~~1~~"  $\frac{1}{2}$ "  
 2 x  $1\frac{1}{2}$ "
- S 3 Steam traps. 6 x 1" Dewrance-Yarway. Impulse  
 6 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ " steam traps No.900 with  
 strainers.
- s 4 Non-return valves 6 x 1", 6 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ "
- S 5 Steam pressure 1". 3 m. length with end connections  
 hose.  $\frac{1}{2}$ " " "  
 ( 60 lbs)

## ELECTRICAL FITTINGS.etc.

- E1. Automatic Time Switch. 30 Amp. 3 phase  
 E 2 " " " 15 Amp "
- E 3 Switch Fuse. 3 pole, 50 Amp.  
 E 4.6 Switch fuses. 3 pole 25 amp.  
 E 5. 10-Switch fuses 3 pole 15 am.  
 E.6 10-Junction boxes. 4-way- for 1" conduit  
~~30~~ 30" " 3-way " " "  
 5 " " 4 way "  $1\frac{1}{4}$ " "  
 10 " " 3-way " " "
- E 7. V.I.R.Braided Cables.  
 300 m. 1/0.044 or 3/0.029  
 300 m. 3/0.036  
 200 m. 7/0.029  
 100 m. 7/0.044  
 100m 7/0.064
- E. 8 Conduit.  
 (Seamless) 100 m.  $1\frac{1}{4}$ "  
 200 m 1"  
 100 m  $\frac{3}{4}$ "
- E 8 Elbows. Inspection.  
 20  $1\frac{1}{4}$ "  
 100 1"  
 50  $\frac{3}{4}$ "
- E 9. Universal Meter  
 (Avometer preferred)
- E.10 Neon Indicating bulbs 3 dozen,  
 E.11 10 Fluorescent <sup>sew fitting.</sup> factory strip lights. 100 Watt.  
 5 spare tubes.
- E.12 Lead covered twin cable. 5 amp. 200 metres.  
 10 " 100 " "
- E.13 Tough rubber covered cable 3 core. 5/10 amp. 100 metres
- E 14 " " " 4 core 5 or 10 amp. 100 m.



# Kfar Aharon Factory Project.

## LABORATORY EQUIPMENT.

- L.1b Analytical Balance. Chainomatic type. To weigh up to 250 gms to 0.1 mg.
- L.2 Laboratory Scales to weigh up to 2 Kg. (Alternative type acceptable obviating use fractional weights) Accuracy to 0.1 gram. Preferably with sliding weights.
- L.3 Ph meter Direct reading. Sealed glass electrode, standard. And spear-type for semi-solid samples. Preferably portable pattern with compensated- mains unit. Cambridge or Marconi or Beckmann - or other reputable maker.
- L 4. Polarimeter Suitable for sugar estimation and general work
- L.5. Set of Laboratory glassware . Pyrex for all glassware subject to heating.
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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 2 x 50cc. burettes                |                                       |
| 2 x 25 cc burettes. Micro-burette |                                       |
| Pipettes. 2 x 50 ccs.             |                                       |
| Filter funnels. 5 x 25 ccs        |                                       |
| 1, 500cc. 4-250cc                 | 5 x 10 ccs                            |
| 4- 100 cc.                        | 2 x 2 ccs                             |
|                                   | 2 x 1 cc.                             |
| Messuring Flasks.                 | Graduated pipettes                    |
| 2 x 1 litre                       | 2 x 10 ccs.                           |
| 2 x 500 ccs                       | 4 x 5 ccs.                            |
| 2 x 250 ccs                       | Ehrlemeyer flasks. Ground stoppers    |
| 4 x 100 ccs                       | 5 x 1 litera, 10 x 100 ccs.           |
| 4 x 50 ccs                        | 5 x 500 ccs. 10 x 50 ccs.             |
|                                   | 10 x 250 ccs.                         |
| Beakers                           | Boiling flasks with reflux condenser  |
| 2 x 1 litre                       | 2 x 250 ccs: 2 x 500 ccs.             |
| 4 x 500ccs                        |                                       |
| 8 x 250 ccs                       | Test- tubes. 2 gross assorted.        |
| 12 x 100 ccs                      | Glass-tubing - Soda glass for blowing |
| 6 x 50 ccs.                       | 4 mm., 6 mm., 8 mm. and 10 mm. I.D!   |
|                                   | 5 kgs assorted.                       |
| Porcelain dishes.                 | Crucibles. Porcelain                  |
| 2 x 250 ccs.                      | 1 doz. with lids.                     |
| 6 x 100 to 150 ccs.               | assorted sizes.                       |
|                                   | Gooch crucibles and suction flask.    |

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July 24, 1951

Mr. H. Ariav, Chairman  
The Farmers' Federation  
108 Allenby Road  
Tel-Aviv, Israel

Dear Mr. Ariav:

Dr. Silver is now in South Africa and will then leave for Israel. He is not expected back until the early part of September. His secretary is also away on vacation and will return the first week of August.

Your letter of July 6 will be brought to Dr. Silver's attention as soon as he returns.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth L. Hirsch  
Secretary to Rabbi Stone



September 11, 1951

Mr. Harvey Brenner  
1750 East 55th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Brenner:

I appreciate very much your cooperation in coming in to see me this morning. I am enclosing herewith the copy of the requirements of the various colonies which were submitted to me by the Farmers Federation of Israel. As a start I should like to satisfy the needs of the first colony, Kfar Aharon. Whatever else we can give them here in Cleveland which is requested by them would, of course, be a fine contribution and highly appreciated in Israel. I shall be very happy to hear from you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Enc.



THE JOINT COLONIZATION COMMITTEE  
of the  
GENERAL ZIONIST PARTY AND THE FARMERS' FEDERATION OF ISRAEL

Ref.No.16/1/3876  
7th October, 1951

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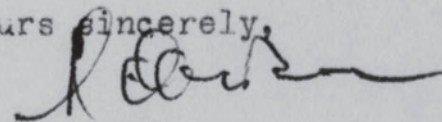
Dear Dr. Silver,

According to your request, we have forwarded to you on the 6th July, a detailed list of agricultural equipment requested by our members, which you had kindly promised to acquire as gifts from various firms and institutions. Unfortunately our letter reached the United States while you were in South Africa, and although receipt of same was duly acknowledged by your office, still we did not hear anything from you personally.

It is our wish now to be informed whether any development has been achieved in the matter and when should we expect to hear from you of any positive results.

Best wishes for a happy and prosperous new year.

Yours sincerely,



H. ARIAV,  
Chairman.

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1)

Ser. No.	Colony	Area				Tractor		Plough		Offset		Cultivators		F.B. Drill	Corn Picker	Corn Sheller	Combine	Self-pro- pelled Combine	Mower	Baler	Plat-	Hammer	Side Mills	Delivery Rake	Manure Spreader	Lister
		Irrig- Area	Non- Irrig- Area	Plan- ta- tions	Total	Type	Track	Wheels	Bot- toms	Discs	Disc	Culti- vator	Set for Veget.													
1.	Kfar Aharon	200	100	50	350	D2	M	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	-
2.	Givat-Ada	1500	4000	2000	7500	D6	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	1
3.	Beer-Yaacob	1000	1200	800	3000	D2	A	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	-
4.	Kfar-Tavor	-	9500	500	10000	D6	A	2	2	2	1	-	-	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-
5.	Metula	1000	5000	-	6000	D4	A	2	2	-	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-
6.	Yesod-Hamaala	2000	6500	500	9000	D6	A	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
7.	Rosh-Pina	2000	10000	-	12000	D6	A	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
8.	Bat-Shlomo	600	1400	1000	3000	-	A	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-
9.	Atlit	2500	-	500	3000	D2	A	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
10.	Pardess-Hanna (south)	1700	-	800	2500	D2	A	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
11.	Abu-Fadel	1200	-	400	1600	D2	A	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

2) 1 (ONE) "CATERPILLAR" D-7 tractor, 74" gauge, equipped with Crankcase Guard, Track Roller Guard, Front Pull Hook & Lighting system.

1 (ONE) "CATERPILLAR" 7A Hydraulic Bulldozer.

1 (ONE) "CATERPILLAR" 25" Rear Double Drum Cable Control.

1 (ONE) "CATERPILLAR" No. 18 Ripper.

3) 11 Trucks, Tires & Spare Parts, (5 tons each)

4) 4 Passenger Cars, Tires & Spare Parts.

5) P I P E S : -

Size	Dunams	Measure	Meters	Remarks
8"	13700	$\frac{1}{2}$ m. per dunam	6850	20 kilo per dunam
6"	13700	2 m. "	27400	36 " " "
4"	13700	3 m. "	41100	36 " " "
3"	13700	10 m. "	137000	70 " " "
2"	13700	10 m. "	137000	55 " " "
1"	13700	25 m. "	342500	35 " " "
3/4"	13700	4 m. "	54800	7 " " "
Total			746650	



THE FARMERS' FEDERATION OF ISRAEL

1)

Ser. No.	Colony	Area				Tractor		Plough		Offset	Cultivator		F.B.	Corn	Corn	Com-	Self	Mo-	Ba-	Plat-	Ham-	Side	Manure	Lister
		Irrig-	Non-	Plan-	Total	Track	Wheels	Bot-	Discs	Disc	Culti-	Set	Drill	Pick-	Shel-	bine	prop-	wer	ler	for-	mer	Deli-	Sprea-	
		ated	Irrig-	tati-																				
Area	ated	ons							row	Veget						bine					Rake			
1.	Kfar Aharon	200	100	50	350	D2	M	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	-
2.	Givat-Ada	1500	4000	2000	7500	D6	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	1
3.	Beer-Yaacob	1000	1200	800	3000	D2	A	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	1	1	1	-
4.	Kfar-Tavor	-	9500	500	10000	D6	A	2	2	2	1	-	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-
5.	Metula	1000	5000	-	6000	D4	A	2	2	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	-
6.	Yesod-Hamaala	2000	6500	500	9000	D6	A	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
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9.	Atlit	2500	-	500	3000	D2	A	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1
10.	Pardess-Hanna (South)	1700	-	800	2500	D2	A	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1
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2) 1 (ONE) "CATERPILLAR" D-7 tractor, 74" gauge, equipped with Crankcase Guard, Track Roller Guard, Front Pull Hook & Lighting system.

1 (ONE) "CATERPILLAR" "7A" Hydraulic Bulldozer.

1 (ONE) "CATERPILLAR" "25" Rear Double Drum Cable Control.

1 (ONE) "CATERPILLAR" No. 18 Ripper.

3) 11 Trucks, Tires & Spare Parts, (5 tons.each)

4) 4 Passengers Cars, Tires & Spare Parts.

5) PIPES : -

Size	Dunams	Measure	Meters	Remarks
8"	13700	$\frac{1}{2}$ m.per dunam	6850	20 kilo per dunam
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Total			746650	



Oct. 21, 1951

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

My dear Dr. Silver,

I have a letter from Mr. Ch. Ariav, director of The Farmers' Federation of Israel, in which he asks me to remind you of a promise that you have made to try to obtain for them some agricultural equipment, which they sorely need there. I gather also that they have sent you a list of the things that they need.

They realize of course how occupied you have been in these past few months, yet they hope that you will be in a better position now to do something for them. I certainly need not tell you how important that equipment is for them. Both they and I would greatly appreciate to hear from you as soon as it is possible for you as to what you plan to do in this matter.

Of course, should you by any chance plan to be in New York city in the near future, may be we could meet then and discuss this matter more in detail. At any rate, I sincerely hope that something could be done in the near future.

I am entering a hospital tomorrow for what I hope ~~soon~~ will be a minor operation on my right hand, and expect to be out in a week or ten days. By that time I hope to have heard from you.

It's indeed too bad that my right hand will be incapacitated for a while, for I am itching to tell off some of our friends, who are now condemning the American Jewish Committee, glossing over so lightly the fact that it's they encouraged the A.J.C. to become so bold. They can truly say *הם היו אלה שגרמו לנו את כל זה*.

Hoping to hear from you soon,

Respectfully yours

*M. Rabin*

P.S. Kindly address mail to me at my home address:

3916 Laurel Ave.  
Brooklyn 24, N.Y.



# THE U. S. TRUCK SALES CO.

*Trucks and Trailers*

1750 EAST 55th STREET • CLEVELAND 3, OHIO

December 4, 1951

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am enclosing four checks totaling \$850.00 which represents what I have raised towards paying for the tractor. The following people should be thanked for their generosity:

*\$300* Mr. Ed Kaplan, Kaplan Trucking Co., 1607 Woodland Ave.  
*\$100* Mr. Irv Weisblot, Carnegie Body Co., 6115 Carnegie Ave.  
*\$250* Mr. Ralph & Joe Bass, Bass Chevrolet, 2954 Mayfield Rd.  
*\$250* Mr. Edward Udelson, 3218 Woodland Ave.

As soon as I can get any more donations I will forward them to you.

Respectfully yours,

*Harvey M. Brenner*  
Harvey Brenner

*Dep.*



December 5, 1951

Mr. Edward Udelson  
3218 Woodland Avenue  
Cleveland 15, Ohio

My dear Mr. Udelson:

Through the courtesy of Mr. Harvey Brenner, I received this morning your generous contribution of \$250 toward the purchase of a tractor to be sent on to Israel. May I thank you most heartily for your generous contribution and for your help in this worthy cause which, I am sure, will be greatly appreciated by the colonists in Israel who will have their work made easier by the tractor.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



December 5, 1951

Mr. Harvey M. Brenner  
U.S. Truck Sales Co.  
1750 East 55th Street  
Cleveland 3, Ohio

My dear Friend;

I received this morning your kind letter of December 4th and the four checks totalling \$850 which you enclosed. I am very grateful to you for your ready cooperation and your splendid efforts in this fine cause. I am this day sending acknowledgement to the four donors.

I trust that we shall be able to send on the tractor at the earliest possible moment. They are waiting for it.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



December 5, 1951

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

My dear Mr. Rivlin;

I have not overlooked the matter of the tractor which I promised to obtain for one of the General Zionist colonies in Israel. As you probably know, it is most difficult today to locate such a tractor. I had some of my friends working on it, and they have finally located one which should be ready to be shipped in the very near future. I understand this tractor is to be sent to Kfar Aron.

I wish you would find out for me how to go about shipping it. That is to say, how to comply with the export-import regulations here and in Israel. Perhaps you can inquire at the Israeli Consulate in New York or from our friends in Israel.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



Dec/ 10, 1951

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

My dear Dr. Silver,

I was certainly glad to hear from you, and our friends in Israel will be more than glad to hear that you have obtained the tractor for them.

I am writing to Israel to find out the exact address where to send the tractor. When we get that, it will be necessary for you to sign a certain affidavit (the form I will obtain for you at the Israeli Consulate here), and following that we will have to obtain the necessary import license from Israel. If there is some one in Cleveland to arrange the packing and transportation of the tractor, so much the better. Else, I will try to arrange it from here.

You will no doubt be interested to learn that my nephew, Joseph Rivlin, of Tel Aviv, is here now on a short visit. He and I expect to be at the U.J.A. conference in Atlantic City, and hope that you will be able to give us a little of your time.

Respectfully yours





December 13, 1951

Mr. David A. Moritz  
2620 Fenwick Road  
Cleveland 18, Ohio

My dear Mr. Moritz:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your check for \$100 toward the purchase of a tractor to be sent to Israel. May I thank you most heartily for your contribution and for your help in this worthy cause which, I am sure, will be greatly appreciated by the colonists in Israel who will have their work made easier by the tractor.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



December 13, 1951

Mr. Harvey Brenner  
U.S. Truck Sales Co.  
1750 East 55th Street  
Cleveland 3, Ohio

My dear Friend:

This morning I received a check for \$100 from David A. Moritz for the tractor, and I am writing him today expressing my appreciation. Once again, may I tell you how grateful I am to you for your efforts.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

Dep. 12/13



[December 18, 1961]

## MEMOGRAMS

TO \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

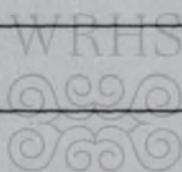
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Rabbi Abba Silver:

Gift for tractor.

Mr. Brenner called me.

Hoping that you can complete the project  
you are working on.



Ben Kravitz

\$100  
Rep. 12/20/51



[December 18? 1961]

UTAH 1-0473

# THE ALLIED EQUIPMENT CO.

*Tractors • Cranes • Shovels and Parts*

1750 EAST 55th STREET • CLEVELAND 3, OHIO

Dear Rabbi,

Enclosed is a check for \$400.00 towards purchase of Tractor. No acknowledgement is necessary as I am part owner of this company.

Sincerely yours,

*Harvey Brenner*  
Harvey Brenner

Dep. 12/19/51



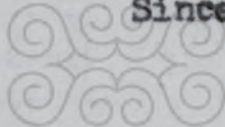


December 19, 1951

Mr. Ben Kravitz  
2425 Traymore Road  
Cleveland 18, Ohio

Dear Mr. Kravitz;

Rabbi Silver is out of the city until the end of the week, and I am therefore acknowledging your check for \$100 towards the purchase of a tractor for some of the colonists in Israel. I know that the Rabbi will be most grateful for your generosity.

WRHS  
Sincerely yours,  




Elizabeth Rice  
Secretary to Rabbi Silver



December 19, 1951.

Mr. Harvey Brenner  
Allied Equipment Co.  
1750 East 55th Street  
Cleveland 3, Ohio

Dear Mr. Brenner:

In addition to your check for \$400 which arrived this morning, we also received one for \$100 from Mr. Ben Kravitz. Rabbi Silver is out of the city until the end of the week, and I am therefore making this acknowledgement. I have already written to Mr. Kravitz, thanking him for his contribution.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Rice  
Secretary to Rabbi Silver



# THE U. S. TRUCK SALES CO.

*Trucks and Trailers*

1750 EAST 55th STREET • CLEVELAND 3, OHIO

December 21, 1951

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th St. & Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed is a check for \$150.00 towards the purchase of the tractor. Acknowledgement should be given to:

Leonard & Harry Ratner  
St. Clair Builders Supply Co.  
20020 St. Clair Ave.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Respectfully yours,

*Harvey M. Brenner*

Harvey Brenner



December 24, 1951

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

My dear Mr. Rivlin:

I have received word that the tractor which I am to send to Kvar Aron is now ready for shipment. It needs to be inspected. I would appreciate if you would find someone in Boston who is able to check on the tractor to see that it is entirely satisfactory. The tractor is at the Babcock Equipment Co., 163 Highland Avenue, Needham, Mass.

I trust that you will also attend as soon as possible to the matter of the import license from Israel, etc.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



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WPHS





December 24, 1951

Messrs. Leonard & Harry Ratner  
St. Clair Builders Supply Co.  
20020 St. Clair Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Friends:

Mr. Harvey Brenner has forwarded to me your check for \$150 toward the purchase of a tractor for Israel. On behalf of the colonists to whom the tractor will be sent, I want to express to you my deep appreciation for your generosity and your cooperation.

With all good wishes to you, I am

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



# THE U. S. TRUCK SALES CO.

*Trucks and Trailers*

1750 EAST 55th STREET • CLEVELAND 3, OHIO

December 27, 1951

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th St. & Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$100.00 towards the purchase of the tractor. Acknowledgement should be given to:

Mr. William J. Lutes  
13815 Grand River Ave.  
Detroit, Michigan

Respectfully yours,

*Harvey M. Brenner*

Harvey M. Brenner



December 28, 1951

Mr. William J. Lutes  
13815 Grand River Ave.  
Detroit, Michigan

My dear Mr. Lutes:

This morning I received your check for \$100 which you sent to Mr. Harvey Brenner for the tractor which we are sending to Israel. I know that I speak for all the colonists whose work will be eased by the use of the tractor, when I tell you how deeply appreciative I am of your generosity and co-operation.

With warmest wishes to you, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



Dec. 28, 1951

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

My dear Dr. Silver,

I received today your letter of the 24th, and immediately wrote to a friend in Boston to inspect, or have a mechanic inspect, the tractor. I have also asked him to obtain and send me various information about the tractor, such as weight, height, serial number, motor number, etc. which I am sure will have to be included in the bill of particulars in order to obtain the needed license from Israel. As soon as I hear from Boston and also from Israel, I will be able to start working on the various documents that will have to be filled in for the Israeli consulate here.

You remember no doubt that when we met in Atlantic City two weeks ago, I told you about the rather unexpected developments in the attitude of the General Zionists in Israel towards my plans for them here. You told me then that you expected to speak to some people while in Atlantic City. If you did, and if you found out anything from them, can you advise me at your earliest convenience. Also, since you expect to be in New York for the dinner of the Histadruth Ivriith, would be possible for you to meet me then. I will highly appreciate it.

Respectfully yours

WRHS



*W. Paulin*



M. Rivlin  
3916 Laurel Ave.  
Brooklyn 24



WRHS  
Dr. A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th St. at Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio





January 3, 1952

Mr. Harvey M. Brenner  
The U.S. Truck Sales Co.  
1750 East 55th Street  
Cleveland 3, Ohio

My dear Mr. Brenner:

From my friend, Mr. M. Rivlin, in New York I received the following note this morning:

"I received today your letter of the 24th, and immediately wrote to a friend in Boston to inspect, or have a mechanic inspect, the tractor, such as weight, height, serial number, motor number, etc. which I am sure will have to be included in the bill of particulars in order to obtain the needed license from Israel. As soon as I hear from Boston and also from Israel, I will be able to start working on the various documents that will have to be filled in for the Israeli Consulate here."

As you see, the matter is being followed through. I hope that we may soon have the full amount at hand to pay for the tractor. It will be a job well done.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



January 29, 1952

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

My dear Dr. Silver,

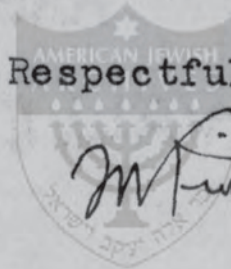
I have obtained all the necessary information with regard to the tractor, and forwarded it to Tel Aviv, for them to obtain the required import license. I expect to receive that in the near future.

In the meantime however I got a call from Boston that the Babcock company wants to have the tractor removed from its premises immediately. This is one problem that I cannot solve, WOULD it be possible for you to persuade those people to hold the tractor just a little while longer,

From your letters I gathered that you wanted me to arrange for the shipment of the tractor to Israel. I have already spoken to a shipper, and he told me that it would have to cost approximately in the neighborhood of \$250.00. If you want me to I'll make the arrangements with this concern, and have them forward the bill to you. Or, may be you have some one in Cleveland who can arrange that. In either case please let me know as soon as possible. If you want me to take care of the shipment, I will be glad to do it for you.

WRHS  


Respectfully yours

  
*M. Finkel*



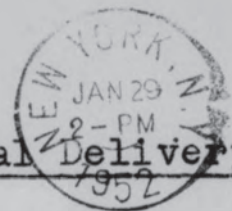
M. Rivlin

3916 Laurel Ave.

Brooklyn 24

VIA AIR MAIL  
SPECIAL DELIVERY

Air Mail - Special Delivery



WRHS



Rabbi Abba H. Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio





הסוכנות היהודית לארץ ישראל  
THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE  
16 EAST 66TH STREET, NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

TRAFALGAR 9-1300

February 12, 1952

Cable Address JEVAGENCY

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

My uncle, Mr. Morris Rivlin, asked me to forward the enclosed forms to you which should be filled in and signed by you. It will not be necessary to have your signature notarized, as the Israeli Consul told me that he knows your signature.

uncle at:

Please return these documents to my

3916 Laurel Avenue  
Brooklyn 24, N.Y.

and we will take care of the matter from there on.

My brother, Joseph, left for Israel yesterday and asked me to send you his regards.

With kindest personal wishes to you and  
Mrs. Silver.

Sincerely yours,

Moshe Rivlin

MR:sr  
Enc.



מדינת ישראל

ISRAEL OFFICE OF INFORMATION

RC 43/1

Valid as from  
January, 1952

IMPORT LICENSES FOR BONA FIDE GIFTS  
OF AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT

The Consulate General of Israel is authorized to issue import licenses for bona fide gifts of agricultural equipment on the basis of the following documents:

1. Authenticated Gift Affidavit, as per attached forms (RC 8/3 and RC 40/1).
- ✓ 2. Commercial Pro-Forma Invoice or Supplier's Order Form in 7 (seven) copies, showing the following particulars:-

Donor's name and address  
Recipient's name and address  
Description of the article to be sent  
C.I.F. (Cost-Insurance-Freight) value of the article  
Gross Weight  
Net Weight  
Supplier's Name and Address  
Country of manufacture of the article  
Description of Packing  
Approximate Date of Shipment  
Port of Shipment  
Approximate Date of Arrival  
Port of Arrival

NOTE: Agricultural equipment is exempt from customs duty and luxury tax.

NEW YORK  
11 East 70 Street  
TRafalgar 9-7600

WASHINGTON, D. C.  
2210 Massachusetts Ave., N.W.  
ADams 5411

LOS ANGELES  
208 West Eighth Street  
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MONTREAL, CANADA  
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February 13, 1952

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

My dear Friend;

I am returning herewith the two forms sent to me by your nephew, Moshe Rivlin. The information which they request concerning description, etc. of the tractor, I believe you can fill out for me, as well as the name and address of the recipient.

With many thanks to you for your helpfulness and with all good wishes to you, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Enc. 2



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Feb 11, 52

מדינת ישראל  
קונסוליה כללית

CONSULATE GENERAL OF ISRAEL

NEW YORK



# The Temple

Date Feb. 18th

From: ELIZABETH RICE

To: \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Myron Nolish (Harvey Brenner is is still in Florida, said the price of the tractor is \$3500. The 7 copies of the invoice will be available from Mr. Slotnik in Boston from whom it is being purchased. Mr. Slotnik is still holding it in his showroom but is anxious to have it shipped out as soon as possible. He asked, however, that when it is packed up for shipment to Israel, he be given a check for \$3500.

My records indicate a total of \$1700 contributed. In addition, Mr. Rivlin mentioned in an earlier letter the sum of \$250 for shipping the tractor.

Mr. Slotnik is owner of the Babcock Equipment Co., 163 Highland Ave., Needham, Mass.

MEMORANDUM



\$ 3500

Feb. 15, 1952

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

My dear Dr. Silver,

I have your letter of the 13th together with your signed affidavit for the tractor. I shall fill in the details, as you have requested. But there is one important item of information that is required and which I haven't got -- the value of the tractor, i.e. the price paid for it -- which must be included in the affidavit,

Also, you have evidently overlooked my previous letter in which I asked you whether you wanted me to arrange the shipment of the tractor from here, which I will be only too glad to do, or you will make the arrangements from Cleveland.

Will you be good enough to answer as early as possible, so that the shipment can be arranged at last, that is if the Israeli consulate doesn't ask more questions.

With best regards



P.S.

My nephew, who sent you the papers from the Consulate, tells me that together with his letter he mailed you a list instructions, calling for such (?) copies of the invoice which is absolutely necessary. Kindly send it to me.

R.

Myron Wolish

(Stetnick)



February 19, 1952

Mr. Harvey Brenner  
Esquire Apartments  
345 West 47th Street  
Apt. 41  
Miami Beach, Florida

My dear Mr. Brenner:

All of the arrangements in connection with the shipping of the tractor to Israel have been completed and all of the affidavits have been signed. I should like to forward to Mr. Slotnik of Needham, Massachusetts, the full amount of \$3,500 in payment of the tractor. I have on hand \$1,700 which you graciously collected and \$1,000 which represents my own contribution. We are accordingly short some \$800. I wonder whether you are in position to raise this amount among your good friends who may be in Florida at this time. If you are unable to do so, I shall advance the money myself.

With warmest regards and hoping that you are having an enjoyable vacation, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



February 19, 1952

Babcock Equipment Co.  
163 Highland Avenue  
Needham, Massachusetts

Attention: Mr. Slotnick

Gentlemen:

I enclose herewith my check for \$3500 in payment of the tractor which is to be sent to Israel, arrangements for which have been made by Mr. Harvey Brenner of this city.

Mr. M. Rivlin, 3916 Laurel Avenue, Brooklyn 24, New York, will be in touch with you in a day or two regarding shipment of the tractor to Israel. In the meantime, would you be good enough to send him seven (7) copies of the invoice, since this is required by the Israel Consulate before the shipping license is issued. Such invoice should contain the following information: Gross Weight, net weight, value.

With many thanks to you for your cooperation, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er  
Enc.



*Expendable*  
*2-1560*

February 19, 1952

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

My dear Mr. Rivlin:

In reply to your letter of February 15th, I have just mailed to Mr. Slotnick of the Babcock Equipment Co. a check for \$3,500, covering the cost of the tractor. I have requested him to send to you 7 copies of the invoice. I have also advised him that you will be in touch with him shortly concerning shipment of the tractor to Israel, which I shall very much appreciate your taking care of for me. Please let me know the cost involved.

With many thanks for your ready cooperation, I am

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

*Israeli - Hawks*  
*Expt per month as*  
*In permit*



March 25, 1952

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

My dear Dr. Silver,

I am sorry you had to go to the trouble of telephoning me from Cleveland last Thursday with regard to the tractor. But it seems that even simple matters can become more complicated than one expects.

Soon after I received your signed affidavit about a month ago, I presented it to the Israeli Consulate for authentication. Two days later I was called and asked to send the necessary two dollars authentication fee, which I did. I was told then that under the new Israeli regulations there is no longer any need to send to Israel for an import license, since the Consulate has the authority to issue here any license for the import of agricultural quipment. I was so sure then that it was a matter of days, that when I received from Mr. Zlotnick the seven copies of the invoice, and found them not to be in order (he made them out in my name, but merely added "paid for by Silver"), I didn't want to send them back, so as not to lose time, and persuaded the Consulate to accept them.

However, when I called a few days later, I was told that they had no more forms left and wired to Israel to send them some. Well, some three weeks have passed since then, and evidently the forms haven't been received yet.

In order not to lose time, I went to a shipping agent to arrange for the shipment of the tractor to Israel. But there I learned that a tractor of this size cannot be sent out of the U/S. without an export license. The necessary application was prepared, and when I was asked whether the tractor was new or old, I said, on the basis of what you had told me, that it was new. But looking through the letter of a friend wh in Boston whom I had asked to see the tractor and get all the details, I noticed that he said, "the tractor is in good condition", which caused me to think that it may not be new. Hence, we had to write to Mr. Slotnick to establish that fact. As soon as we hear from him, the application will be completed and sent to you for your signature. I hope and pray that in the meantime the Israeli Consulate will have received the forms and issue the license.

This is where the situation rests as of today. AS soon as things begin to move, I will of course inform you.

Respectfully yours

*M. Zlotnick*

P/S. Should you happen to be in New York in the near future, I would appreciate it highly if you would arrange a short meeting for me with you.



April 3, 1952

Department of Commerce  
Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce  
Office of Industry and Commerce  
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen;

I wish to make application for an export license for the purpose of sending a caterpillar tractor to Israel. I am sending this equipment as a gift to a settlement in Israel where it will be used for agricultural purposes exclusively and it will remain in the state of Israel. Complete details are contained in the attached application blank. Inasmuch as there is great need for this equipment, I shall deeply appreciate anything that can be done to expedite the issuance of the export license.

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



April 11, 1952

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

My dear Dr. Silver,

Last Thursday I wrote to Dr. J.O. Ronall at the Israeli Consulate, asking him to try to rush the import license for the tractor, but so far I haven't heard from him.

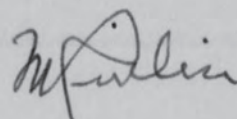
As I told you in a previous letter, it is necessary now to obtain from the American government a license for the export of the tractor. Not wanting to lose any more time, the shipper advised me not to wait for the Israeli license and apply immediately for the export permit. This we are doing now, but you have to apply for the permit.

Enclosed here you will find all the required papers properly filled-in. What you have to do is:

1. Sign the paper both front and back.

2. Together with the paper and enclosed card you have to send a personal letter to the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Office of Industry and Commerce, Washington 25, D.C., telling them that you are sending it as a gift and they will use it there for agricultural purposes. Also that this tractor will be shipped to Israel and used there exclusively. It is advisable that you send the letter on your stationery, for this will surely expedite matters.

Respectfully yours





M. Rivlin  
3916 Laurel Ave.  
Brooklyn 24, N.Y.

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Dr. Abba H. Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th Str. at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio



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April 15, 1952

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road & 105th St.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$100.00 towards the purchase of the tractor for Isreal. This check is from Mr. M. E. Winger, 1220 Huron Road, Cleveland 15, Ohio.

Respectfully yours,

*Harvey M. Brenner*

Harvey M. Brenner





April 17, 1952

Department of Commerce  
Bureau of Foreign & Domestic Commerce  
Office of Industry & Commerce  
Washington 25, D.C.

Gentlemen;

I am writing concerning OIC Case No. 2948064, for which application was made March 24, 1952, Schedule B No. 787593, Processing Code CONS 1, destined for Israel - tractor.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, the applicant, is eager for shipment to be made as soon as possible since the tractor is desperately needed in Israel. Would you be good enough to advise us of the status of this application?

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Rice  
Secretary to Dr. Silver


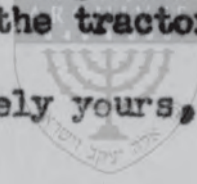


April 17, 1952

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

Dear Mr. Rivlin:

Have you heard anything concerning the status of the various applications concerning the tractor?

 Sincerely yours,  


Elizabeth Rice  
Secretary to Dr. Silver



April 17, 1952

Mr. M. E. Winger  
1220 Huron Road  
Cleveland 15, Ohio

My dear Mr. Winger:

Mr. Harvey Brenner has forwarded to me your check for \$100 towards the purchase of a tractor for one of the settlements in Israel. I am grateful to you for your cooperation and generosity.

With best wishes, I am

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



April 20, 1952

Miss Elizabeth Rice,  
c/o The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Miss Rice,

I have your letter of April 17, and am glad to inform you that we have already received from Washington the license to export the tractor to Israel. I am sorry, however, to report that when I inquired last Tuesday at the Israeli Consulate about the import license, the answer was still - "You have to wait a little longer". Although this time it sounded as if they were expecting it shortly. Frankly speaking, I don't know what we can do about it.

Sincerely yours

W. F. White



April 22, 1952

Mr. Arthur Lourie  
Israeli Consulate  
11 East 70th Street  
New York 21, New York

My dear Arthur:

I should appreciate very much if you would facilitate the matter of obtaining an import license for a tractor which I am sending to one of the colonies in Israel. The tractor has been ready for shipment for months now. All the manifold papers, documents, etc. have been attended to. An export license has been obtained from Washington. I understand that considerable delay has been caused by the fact that the Israeli Consulate has not obtained the new application forms for an import license from Israel. I should appreciate whatever you can do to expedite the matter.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er





CONSULATE GENERAL OF ISRAEL

11 East 70th Street  
New York 21, New York

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קונסוליה כללית  
של ישראל

April 24, 1952

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

It was nice to hear from you and I shall certainly do whatever I can to facilitate the matter to which you refer. I shall discuss it with the Consul in charge of our Economic Department and shall be in touch with you again in the course of the next few days.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Arthur Lourie

AL:gr



THE JOINT COLONIZATION COMMITTEE OF THE  
GENERAL ZIONIST ORGANIZATION AND  
THE FARMERS' FEDERATION OF ISRAEL

No.16/1/4795

24th April, 1952

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

I am writing you the present in order to thank you for having fulfilled your promise to us and enabled one of our colonies to receive a tractor as gift, from the United States. The formalities regarding the shipment of this tractor are being dealt with at present and we hope to receive the tractor here in the near future.

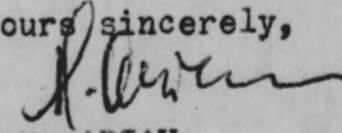
It is our sincere hope that this tractor represents only the beginning of your assistance to us, which you had kindly undertaken, despite your being preoccupied in the Zionist work. Since you truly appreciate the importance of acquiring for our colonies agricultural tools and machinery, we believe that you will be able to continue your task successfully and urge many Districts in the United States to contribute such machinery and send them over to us.

Lastly, I would like to apologize for the delay in writing you this letter, which was due to my having being on leave and out of town for quite a long time.

Again thanking you, Dear Dr. Silver, for not forgetting us,

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

  
H. ARIAV  
Chairman

Copy to: Mr. Rivlin together with our  
thanks for taking care of  
the necessary formalities.

SG



April 25, 1952

Dr. Abba H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland 6, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver,

I am really at a loss as to what to do about the required license to bring your tractor into Israel.

As I have informed your secretary several days ago, I have already obtained the license from the U.S. government to export the tractor. I have also made arrangements for shipping the tractor, and the agent had already reserved space on a freighter going to Israel. But at the Israel Consulate I get the same answer: the forms haven't been received yet.

When I called the office of Vice-Consul Ronall yesterday and stressed for the nth time the fact that it has been almost two months since they received your signed affidavit, I got an ear-full of apologies, but again -- you have to be patient a little longer.

I am convinced that the office here is doing its level best, and have requested the authorities in Jerusalem to forward the blanks, but they seem to be taking their time over there.

Do you think it's advisable to call the attention of our friend Arthur Lurie, the Consul General, in the hope that he may do something in the matter -- not here, but in Jerusalem?

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Ariav in Tel Aviv, in the hope that he may be able to do something from that end.

Respectfully yours

*M. Rivlin*  
M. Rivlin

*Sent as of  
Concurrence  
4/28/52*



ה' יועברו לממשלת לדיון ולהכרעה  
בימים הקרובים.

## **אפעל לרכישת ציוד בשביל נקודת-התישבות של הצה"כ והת' האכרים ד"ר סילבר תרם טראקטור**

— מאת סופרנו בארה"ב, א. רמכה —  
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בר פתח אישית מפעל לרכישת  
ציוד לנקודות ההתישבות החקל-  
איות של הסתדרות הציונים הכל-  
ליים והתאחדות האכרים בישראל.  
הוא תרם תרומה ראשונה של  
טרקטור לאחת המושבות של הצ-  
יונים הכלליים. תרומה זו עלתה  
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להתישבות החקלאית של התנועה  
בארץ.

ד"ר סילבר קיבל על עצמו את היוזמה  
בענין זה בעת ביקורו האחרון בארץ  
לפי בקשת מר ת. אריאב, המנהל הכללי  
של התאחדות האכרים וראש מחלקת  
ההתישבות החקלאית של הציונים החק-  
ליים.

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11 East 70th Street  
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קונסוליה כללית  
של ישראל

April 28, 1952

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have looked into the situation with regard to the import license in which you are interested and find that what happened was that yours was one of a group of applications which was caught mid-stream in a change of regulations. The Consulate had already intervened with the relevant government department in Israel and on receipt of your letter I also cabled. I am glad to say that the matter is being adjusted and that the necessary documents are now on the way here and should be available to you within the next week or two.

With warm regards,

Very cordially yours,

Arthur Lourie

AL:gr



April 30, 1952

My dear Dr. Silver,

Dr. Randall just called to tell me that he has received a cable from Jerusalem that the forms have been mailed, and that we may reasonably expect the license for the tractor shortly. Let's hope so.

I understood from what Randall told me that you had written to Arthur Hurie, and that he answered you.

I will of course let you know as soon as I get the license.

Respectfully yours  
M. Rubin



J. Levinson

c/o **CROSBEN TRADING CORPORATION**  
44 WHITEHALL STREET  
NEW YORK 4, N. Y.

May 6, 1952

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

According to information read in the Jewish newspaper, you personally have created an organization for the purpose of buying all types of machinery and equipment for the new agricultural settlements of the General Zionist Organization and the Farmers Organization in Israel. We also noted that the first gift of a tractor was given by you to one of the settlements of the General Zionists and that this gift amounted to thousands of dollars.

The article further states that you took the initiative upon yourself during your last visit to Israel, according to the request of Mr. Arie, the General Manager of the Farmers Organization and the head of the Department of Agricultural Settlement of the Zionist Organization.

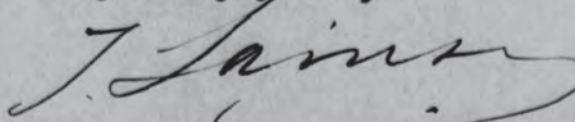
This firm is the United States' representative of Orient Truck & Service Company Ltd., (Levinson Bros.), the Israel distributor of The White Motor Company in the field of heavy trucks, Cummins Diesel Export Corporation for gasoline and diesel engines and generator sets and Brunner Manufacturing Company, for cold rooms and commercial refrigeration.

Since the creation of the Jewish State of Israel, the firm of Levinson Bros. has imported, in conjunction with Government and Jewish Agency orders, trucks amounting to at least three million dollars, and these trucks have been allocated to all new settlements. It can even be said that for the past two years, we have been the only supplier of heavy trucks to all the Jewish settlements in Israel being supplied through the Jewish Agency. This is not only because The White Motor Company trucks are one of the best in the field, but also, because we have established a very satisfactory service program in Israel including a permanent supply of spare parts.

Mr. Arie is very well acquainted with the firm of Levinson Bros. in Israel and we would only be too glad if you would refer to him about our reputation in the field.

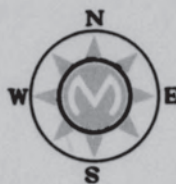
In view of the above, we wish to offer you our services, not only with respect to the purchase of equipment as aforementioned, but also, we are ready to advise you at any time on the basis of our experience in Israel, as to what type and specification of truck is most needed for the settlements. We can assure you that our cooperation will be forthcoming at all times.

Very truly yours,

  
J. Levinson

JL:CP





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May 16, 1952

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th St. Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

We have been informed by Mr. Rivlin that he is now in possession of import license covering shipment of tractor to Israel.

Please sign import declaration in both places marked and notarize. Also please sign reverse side of export license where indicated and return both documents to our office so that we can proceed with the shipment of same.

Assuring you our sincerest service and cooperation at all times, we are,

Yours very truly,  
MODERN TOURS INC.

PER: 

I. KISLAK,  
Traffic Mgr.

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May 23, 1952

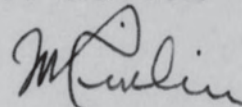
My dear Dr. Silver,

Evidently there is no end to trouble. I thought that everything was set for shipping the tractor by the 28th. But today Mr. Slotnick called the agent and told him that it would cost up to \$150.00 to deliver the tractor to New York, and the money would have to be paid here when the tractor arrives.

The agent wanted to know whether he should agree to such an expense, and also whether I am ready to advance that sum. Now, I am in no position to advance the \$150.00, nor can I take this responsibility upon me. I therefore decided, upon the advice of the agent, to write to you and ask you either to get in touch with Mr. Slotnick and tell him to advance the money, or else you can advise the agent, Modern Tours, 27 Canal Street, New York City, and tell them to pay that money.

Respectfully yours

M. Rivlin



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# AMERICAN-ISRAELI SHIPPING CO. INC.

27 WILLIAM STREET, NEW YORK 5, N. Y.

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FORM TRB7

D/R No.

FORWARDING AGENT—REFERENCES

Berman Shipping Co. Inc.

EXPORT DEC. No.

DELIVERING CARRIER TO STEAMER:

CAR NUMBER—REFERENCE

BOOKING NO. 6556

**DOCK RECEIPT**  
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PERMIT NO. 1630

DELIVERY DATE

SHIP Elath

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SHIPPER Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

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June 2, 1952

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

Dear Mr. Rivlin:

I have not heard from you since our telephone conversation concerning the \$200 which Dr. Silver was requested to send and which he sent to Mr. Slotnik in Boston. Today we received a bill for \$249.52 from the Berman Shipping Co., 27 Canal Street, New York, itemized as follows:

SS "Elath" B/L #405	
Ocean freight	\$ 211.77.
Insurance for \$4000 on same	30.00
Documents and service	7.75
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Can you explain this bill?

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Rice  
Secretary to Dr. Silver

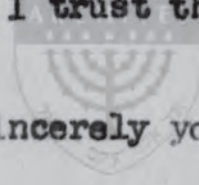



June 4, 1952

Mr. H. Ariav  
The Farmers' Federation  
108 Allenby Road  
Tel-Aviv, Israel

Dear Mr. Ariav:

Dr. Silver has asked me to advise you that the tractor has finally been shipped on the S. S. Elath, sailing from Brooklyn for Tel-Aviv. It carries Import License #055 and is classified as a "Used D 4 Caterpillar Tractor". I trust that it will arrive in due time and in good condition.



Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Rice  
Secretary to Dr. Silver



June 4, 1952

Miss Elizabeth Rice,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Miss Rice,

I have your letter of June 2 in which you ask me to "explain" the bill which the Berman Shipping Co. sent Dr. Silver for shipping his tractor to Israel. And, frankly speaking I was puzzled by it, to say the least.

Several months ago, soon after Dr. Silver had asked <sup>me</sup> to obtain for him from the Israeli Consulate the necessary papers for shipping the tractor, I asked him whether he had any one in Cleveland to take care of the shipment. He answered that he had none, and asked me to attend to that too. I then asked the Berman Shipping Co., which is a very reliable concern, to do that and what they would charge. They couldn't give me the exact figure, but said that it would probably amount to something over two hundred dollars. And I wrote to Dr. Silver about that too.

Now, after they had shipped the tractor, they sent you the bill, specifying the various items. And since I don't know any more about these things than you do, I don't see what "explanation" I can give.

As for the \$200.00 charged by Mr. Slotnik for forwarding the tractor to New York, I had no idea that he was going to charge that amount -- or for that matter, any amount -- for delivering the tractor to the boat. That is why when he informed the Berman Co., and they in turn informed me, that it will cost \$150.00 (later it turned out to be \$200.00) to send the tractor from Boston to New York (almost as much as it costs to send it all the way from New York to Israel), I said that I had no authority to approve of it, nor the money to advance, and that all I could do was to write to Dr. Silver. That I did, and in the meantime Mr. Slotnik had written directly to Dr. Silver, and received a check. But this was something that neither I nor the Berman Co. had anything to do with.

I hope that this is enough of an explanation. By the way, normally the company doesn't send anything before it is paid, but upon my request and because it was for Dr. Silver they did the unusual and sent off the tractor without waiting for the check.

Will you therefore be good enough and see to it that the check is sent to the Berman Company without delay.

Sincerely Yours

*M. Rivlin*  
M. Rivlin



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# BERMAN SHIPPING CO., INC.

27 CANAL STREET

New York May 28 19 52

M Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

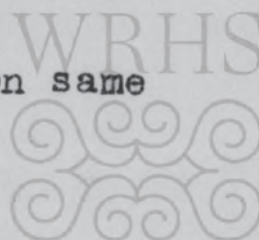
The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio

SS "ELATH" B/L # 406

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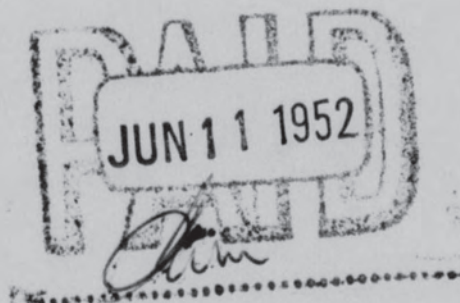
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THE JOINT COLONIZATION COMMITTEE OF THE  
FARMERS' FEDERATION OF ISRAEL AND  
THE GENERAL ZIONIST ORGANIZATION

No. 16/1/5252

24th June, 1952

Dr. Abba H. Silver  
The Temple  
East 105 Str. at Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

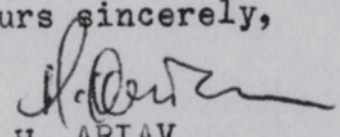
Dear Dr. Silver,

Thank you very much for the information contained in your secretary's letter to us dated June 4, telling us that the tractor has been shipped on the S.S. Elath.

Meantime, we have also received from Mr. Rivlin all the documents concerning its clearing and we hope that pretty soon we shall also receive the tractor and put it into work. Of course, we shall write to you again and tell you everything about it.

Thank you again for your attention to this matter,

Yours sincerely,

  
H. ARIAV  
Chairman

SG



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# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

41 EAST 42nd STREET • NEW YORK 17, N. Y. • MURRAY HILL 2-3205

December 2, 1952

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

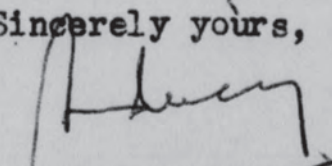
Dear Dr. Silver:

I have just heard from Dr. Rimalt with reference to the tractor and he writes me as follows:

"I heard in Tel Aviv that a tractor from here arrived because there was some argument about it between the National Board of our Party and the Farmers Association. I do not know whether it was shipped by Dr. Silver or by someone else. Perhaps Mr. Saphir will be able to give you more details".

My kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

  
Dr. Sidney Marks  
Executive Director

SM:dh



December 4, 1952

Mr. H. Ariav  
Farmers' Federation  
108 Allenby Road  
Tel-Aviv, Israel

Dear Mr. Ariav:

We have not heard from you since June 24th, and Dr. Silver is anxious to learn whether the tractor which was shipped in June has arrived and what disposition has been made of it. I shall look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Rice  
Secretary to Dr. Silver



[December 5, 1952]

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WHITEHALL 4-3100



הסתדרות הציונים הכלליים בישראל  
GENERAL ZIONISTS ORGANIZATION IN ISRAEL

ח'אביב, 33, KING GEORGE ST. 8.12.1952  
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רחוב המלך ג'ורג' 33 ת.ד. 4357  
P. O. B. 4357

No. 2363/ב/52

לכבוד  
גב' חנה שטיין,  
ניו-יורק.

גברת נכבדה,

הנדון: תכניות לפרויקטים.

מר אברהם רדל הייט, יו"ר ועדת הפרויקטים שלכם  
ששה בארץ, קבל מירי תכניות מושלמות של הפרויקטים הבאים:

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(4) מוסד אבא הלל סילבר במנדל-גד

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(6) תרבות - בית דפוס.

רצ"ב סבלת מחירים של ציון חקלאי שלא הספקתי להגישה  
ביר למר רדל הייט ונא למסור זאת לו.

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בכ"ה / בכל הכבוד,

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Disk rake		410	
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Waggon		220	
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" fir, "		115	
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## עתלית

עתלית כ"ו כסלו תשי"ב  
(14/12/1952)

לכבוד  
הד"ר אבא הלל סילבר,  
ניו - יורק.

א.נ.,

מצאנו לחובה נעימה להודות לך על  
מתנתך האדיבה בקבלנו את הטרקטור (קטרפילר  
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הנהלת מרכז הסתדרות הציונים הכלליים  
באמצעות יו"ר מחלקת ההתישבות, מר ח. אריאב,  
הסכימה למסרו לנו ואחרי שעבר בדק וחקון יסודי  
משתמשים אנו בו באינטנסיוויות מלאה.

טרקטור המאפשר לנו לעבד שטח חקלאי  
למעלה מאלפיים דונם /יאפשר לנו להגביר את היצור  
החקלאי פי כמה, וגם לקלוט עולים חדשים נוספים  
על אלה שכבר עבדו עד כה.

אנו שוב מודים לך על תרומתו החשובה  
שנתנה לנו בזמנים כה קשים ומאחלים לך אריכות  
ימים לפעול למען מושבותינו וכפרינו בהגשת  
העזרה ועדודם המלא.

ר"ב כמה פרטים על תולדות המושבה עתלית.

בכבוד רב,

החקלאי

אגודה חקלאית שתופית בע"מ - עתלית

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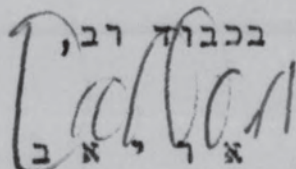
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לכבוד  
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ד"ר סילבר הנכבד,

מאשר אני בתודה את קבלת הטקטור  
ששלחת לנו באדיבותך כמתנה, אך היה צורך  
להכניסו מיד למוסך לתיקון ובדק יסודי. ולפני  
זמן קצר כשהיה ראוי לעבודה אחרי התיעצות  
ושקול דעת החלטנו למוסרו למושבה עתלית שהיו  
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רק אחרי שתוקן והיה ראוי לעבודה.

קבל נא את תודתנו ורגשי הערכתנו  
להתחלה מעודדת כזו.

בכבוד רב,  
  
ח. א. ר. א. ב.  
יו"ר מחלקת ההתישבות

רצ"ב:  
מכתב חקלאי עתלית.



## המושבה עתלית

המושבה עתלית נוסדה ב-1903 ע"י חברת א"ק"א מיסודה של הברון הנדיב אדמונד דה רוטשילד ע"י חלוצים שעלו מרומניה ומרוסיה. סבל רב היה מנת חלקם: תחילה היה השטח מכוסה ביצות ממאירות, ששרצו בם ענני יתושים וחזירי בר ומי השתיה היו מלוחים ושורצים עלוקות ומחלות, וביניהם הקדחת המפורסמת ששכלה משפחות שלמות הורים על בניהם. במלחמת העולם הראשונה רב סבלם ביותר. נרדפים ע"י השלטון הטורקי המצב הכלכלי הורע עד שהגיעו לפת-לחם. אולם רוחם לא נשברה וחזקה החלטתם הנחושה להשאר על אף הכל במקום להאחז באדמה ובנחלתם.

הקלה מועטה באה למושבה עם יסודה של תחנת הנסיונות לחקלאות ע"י האגרונום אהרון אהרונסון ז"ל. בעזרתם של יהודים ומוסדות מדע בארצות הברית שספקו את האמצעים הכספיים לתחנה ואכרי המושבה נשכרו לעבודה עונתית אצל בחוה הצ"ל.

ב-1922 נוסדה חברת המלח לתעשית מלח הבשול ושוב פעם בהשתתפותה של חברת פיק"א מיסודה של הברון דה רוטשילד וציונים מאנגליה מפעל המלח יבש את בצות הקדחת, ספק עבודה למאות פועלים בעבודות עונתיות ולעשרות רבות בעבודת קבע.

עם השנוי וההבראה שחלו בתנאי המקום הפרישו האכרים חלק מאדמתם וקלטו עוד עולים מיוצאי גרמניה ופולניה, שהפכו אף הם לאכרים חרוצים נסעו כרמי גפן למאכל וליין והקימו רפתות.

המושבה מונה היום יחד עם מפעל המלח:

35	אכרים חקלאים המונים	160	נפש
50	משפחות בעלי מקצוע ופועלים קבועים	220	נפש
150	משפחות של עולים חדשים במעברה של יוצאי רומניה, מרוקו ועירק	750	נפש
		1080	נפש

כעת נערכת חכניה נוספת להעביר חלק מהעולים החדשים להתישבות חקלאית ואם ימצאו האמצעים הכספיים לפתור את בעית המים שעדיין מלוחים המה ולחליפם במתוקים הנמצאים בקרבת מקום נוכל לחרום ע"י כך לקליטתם של עולים חדשים נוספים.

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## Presidential Election

By P. BERNSTEIN

Just now, after the presidential election in the United States, people over there will probably realize, not without some effort, that there are countries in the Western world where the president of the state has only representative functions and where except for asking, un-



der certain circumstances and according to certain rules, some personality to form a government, the president has no constitutional influence on the conduct of state affairs. Israel is such a state. The law governing the position of the President does not allow him any political responsibility, and his functions are essentially decorative.

I think it was a result of the specific leadership constellation in Zionism after the Congress held at Basle in the winter of 1946/47, much more than a fundamental belief in any particular constitutional construction, which prompted the lawmakers of the newly created State to adopt a system closely resembling that of France. In any case, that is what they did.

The late lamented President Dr. Weizmann, at the time of the establishment of the State the only imaginable candidate for the Presidency, initially submitted to the political passivity imposed on the President not without regret and perhaps even with some bitterness; but in the course of time increasing ill-health forced upon him a state of retirement which quite naturally precluded any possibility of political guidance, however unobtrusive, on the part of the President. However, the radiance of Weizmann's unique personality, his extraordinary achievements as leader of the Zionist movement and as a scientist, his name and fame, lent the Presidency splendour and magnificence, and therefore also a greater importance than it possesses constitutionally.

It was clear from the outset that there would be no successor to Dr. Weizmann whose personality could compare even from afar with that of the first President. This fact alone has made the choice difficult. More or less outstanding leaders who might have had a chance of being elected, would have had to consider the inevitable comparison as a heavy mortgage on their ability somehow to live up to their task. As a consequence of the party system existing in Israel, there are almost no leading personalities who are not active in one of the political parties, so that a certain bleakness of political convictions, an honourable past, and perhaps even lack of too active participation in political life are considered by many here as the required qualification for the high dignity.

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## General Zionist Executive Council To Vote On Coalition Offer

TEL AVIV (INeS). — The National Executive Council of the General Zionist Organization will be asked on Monday, December 15, to decide whether to accept Mapai's offer of 4 seats in a 15 man coalition government including Mapai, General Zionists, Hapoel Hamizrahi and the "Progressives".

It is not the parliamentary situation which impels Mapai to seek General Zionist support for the Government, said a General Zionist spokesman. From the technical parliamentary point of view, Mr. Ben Gurion and his party could continue in office for a long time yet, either through some reshuffle of the "narrow" coalition or even as a minority government. The true cause of the recurrent attempts to include the General Zionists in the coalition is the rapidly deteriorating economic, political and security situation of the country, which makes a wider distribution of responsibility more attractive, and the hope of mobilizing General Zionist contacts in the diaspora on behalf of the Government.

The General Zionists, the spokesman continued, will have to consider their decision very closely indeed. If they join the coalition, they

cannot be expected to effect any sudden improvement. The most they may be able to do, is to prevent any further deterioration of what, as even the ruling party is now forced to admit, is a catastrophic state of affairs. The General Zionist Executive Council will have to decide whether the four portfolios offered by Mapai carry sufficient power to enable the Party to exercise any real influence at least to this effect; and the decision will not be an easy one.

## Serious Rise in Unemployment

By Our Economic Correspondent

TEL-AVIV (INeS). — During the past week, unemployment returns from labour exchanges all over the country rose from 13,500 to 15,600. The actual total is of course far larger: those in the know put it around the 40,000 mark (which means that 8% of potential earners are idle). Fundamentally, the cause is lack of raw material on the one hand, and a rising general price level on the other.

In Israel wages are linked to the cost of living index by an escalator clause which provides that every point increase in the index raises wages by 800 prutot per month. Since October 1951 the index has risen by 80 points, or in other words, wages have gone up by IL. 64 per month. Obviously, few producers can stand such an increase in production costs, particularly those producing for export; for the customer abroad can buy more cheaply elsewhere, and will not shoulder part of the price increase. Consequently, production and industrial exports have dropped considerably, and as a further consequence unemployment has risen.

In recent months the Government increased the prices of rationed foodstuffs (especially bread, sugar, fats, tea and coffee), duties on petrol and purchase-tax on a wide range of articles. It is anticipated that rents will shortly be increased; the same applies to municipal rates, electricity charges etc. It is expected that the cost-of-living index will rise still further, cost of production will again increase and unemployment will become even more wide-spread.

Mr. A. A. Abrahams has returned to London after attending the sessions of the Zionist Actions Committee in Jerusalem.

## ZOA Projects To Be Proposed By G.Z.O. Only - Redelheim

TEL AVIV (INeS). — "The warm friendship and close cooperation existing between the Zionist Organization of America and the General Zionists Organization of Israel have stimulated our friends in the USA to give their active support to the joint projects of the two sister organizations, and all applications in connection with projects in Israel will be given consideration only if recommended by the General Zionist Organization of Israel", said Mr. Abe Redelheim, Vice-President of the Zionist Organization of America, dwelling on the general policy of the ZOA Projects Committee of which he is the chairman, when addressing the General Zionist Projects Committee in Tel Aviv, on the eve of his return to New York.

Explaining the new plans of his Projects Committee, he said they would be worked on as soon as he returned to New York. The projects that are being immediately implemented include equipment to the new Medical Centre of the General Zionist Sick Fund Institution, adoption of agricultural settlements and the Abba Hillel Silver Agricultural School in Migdal Ascalon. Clubhouses coming

under the scheme for Youth and Education centres will be set up in newly settled areas and will bear the names of the donors of the ZOA regions.

Mr. J. Tamir, the Secretary-General of the Party, warmly welcoming Mr. Redelheim on behalf of all the members of the Projects Committee present, expressed his delight and genuine admiration for the untiring efforts of Mr. Redelheim, who, although very busy at the sessions of the Zionist Actions Committee in Jerusalem, yet maintained uninterrupted contact with him in order to further as much as possible the interests of the projects during his short stay in Israel.

## General Zionist Delegation In The USA

ATLANTA (INeS). — Israel will achieve self-sufficiency by private investments on a mass scale rather than by public funds, Mr. J. Saphir, M. K. Chairman of the General Zionist delegation touring the USA, declared before a crowded Zionist meeting in Atlanta.

Mr. Saphir, who has just completed visiting five Southern states, was warmly received everywhere by large delegations of local Zionists who came to welcome him at the various airports. On every occasion he was taken in motorcades to all the City Halls, where he was accorded official receptions by civic dignitaries.

### Zionist Interest Revided

The personal appearances of the members of the General Zionist delegation have already paid dividends in the form of a revived and accelerated Zionist interest. Mr. A. Bejerano M. K. has left Connecticut for Boston, while Mr. A. Ussishkin is still busy in the State of New York and New Jersey. Dr. E. Rimalt M. K. who is about to complete his North-West tour, has been extended an invitation by the Zionist Organization of Mexico. He is expected to leave for Mexico very shortly.

The Zionists of the USA, concurring with the General Zionist trend of thought on the solution of Israel's economic and financial problems, expressed deep pleasure that the situation had been put to them in a totally different and more practical light. Very many consulted the delegation privately as to how they could best bring their contribution to Israel's economic recovery. Hope was also expressed that the present delegation of General Zionists is the forerunner of others to follow.

## Mr. Ben Zvie 2nd President of Israel

JERUSALEM (INeS). — With loud ovations and joyous acclamations of "Long live the President", the crowds



which thronged the streets of Israel's Capital received Mr. J. Ben Zvie, the second President of Israel who was elected on the strength of the combined Mapai-Mapam votes, as his car slowly threaded its way to the Knesset where he was sworn in.

President Ben Zvie, who is 68 years old, was born in Russia and has lived in Jerusalem for over 45 years. Elected Chairman of the Jewish National Council in 1931, he represented Palestine Jewry at the Coronation of King George VI in London in 1937. He is well versed in Eastern problems and his investigations in this field have appeared in a number of books. He has a substantial knowledge of Hebrew, Arabic, Russian, English and Turkish. He has always taken an active part in the Zionist labour movement.

## Dr. ISRAEL YAGUPSKY GUEST OF GENERAL ZIONISTS

TEL AVIV (INeS). — Dr. Israel Yagupsky, co-President of the Federation of General Zionists of Argentina, who had come to Israel to attend the sessions of the Zionist Actions Committee, was the guest of the General Zionists Organization of Israel at a reception held in his honour at the Zionist Club in Tel Aviv on December 10.

Dr. Yagupsky conveyed the greetings of the General Zionists of Argentina, who are deeply interested in the development of the State of Israel and who ask for closer relations with their fellow General Zionists there.

He was warmly welcomed by Mr. P. Bernstein, President of the General Zionist Organization, and by other members of the National Executive present.

Dr. Yagupsky left Israel en route for Argentina on December 12.

## Mr. R. EGERT CHAIRMAN OF S. A. ZIONIST YOUTH COUNCIL

JOHANNESBURG (INeS). — Mr. Roman Egert, General Secretary of the United General Zionist Party of South Africa, has succeeded Mr. Harold Stutzen as chairman of the South African Zionist Youth Council.

... תנועת הנוער ...



## Mapam Split Over Prague Trial

By Our Special Correspondent

Mapam, Israel's left wing Socialists, who have always endorsed every action of the "Popular Democracies" and strictly adhered to the Cominform, are for the first time faced with a serious split. The Prague trial with its anti-Semitic and anti-Zionist tendency has infused grave doubts into the minds of a substantial number of party members as to whether they should continue marching with the "World Revolution of the Proletariat", although the leaders of this "World Revolution" have proved themselves beyond doubt the same Jew-baiters as the Hitlerites. Apart from this a good many of Mapam followers believe in the complete innocence of Mr. Mordechai Oren, one of Mapam's prominent leaders, who was arrested by the Czech police when he was in Prague in December 1951. He was accused of being a "Zionist conspirator and a Western imperialist agent" plotting for Israel and the Western Powers in Czechoslovakia.

There are now three schools of thought in his party. One, headed by Dr. Sneh, advocates full endorsement of the Prague trial; the second, led by Messrs. Galili and Ben Aharon, wants to break with the Cominform after the Prague trial; the third, headed by Hazan-Yaari, wants to continue alignment with the "Revolutionary For-

ces of the International Proletariat", while simultaneously denouncing the accusations against Mr. Oren, and the anti-Zionist and anti-Israel tendency of the Prague trial.

In the meantime, Dr. Sneh has resigned from the editorial board of "Al Hamishmar", the Mapam daily, after an article he had written on the Prague trial was refused publication by the majority of votes of his colleagues on the board.

Despite all this friction, Mapam has sent a seven man delegation to the Communist-sponsored "Peace Congress" in Vienna.

### Mr. S. KUPER IN ISRAEL

LYDDA AIRPORT (INeS). — Mr. S. Kuper, Chairman of the South African Zionist Federation arrived in Israel from Johannesburg on Wednesday, December 3. He was welcomed at the airport by Mr. Dunsky, Chairman of the S.A. Zionist Federation Israel Committee, Mr. Levin, General Secretary, and leading General Zionists.

Mr. Kuper will take part in economic negotiations and investigate the possibility of opening a shipping route between Elath, Mombasa and Durban.

Mr. Harold Stutzen, who is to head the "Anglo-Saxon" branch of the Jewish Agency Economic Department, arrived with him on the same plane.



## Teachers Strike

One of the first laws to be passed by the Knesset was the law of Compulsory Free Education for all children in the State of Israel. The Knesset made no provision as to how the expenditure involved would be covered. The implementation of the law was passed to the municipal authorities who were supposed to find the necessary means. The Government was to participate only with a certain fixed amount. The municipalities found the burden too heavy to shoulder, especially since last February when the cost-of-living index started on its steep climb.

The Government had tried to let the municipalities hold the baby; the municipalities could not pick it up; and the poor infant was left out in the cold. On the first of each month the municipalities deferred the payment of teachers' salaries, in the hope that the Government would increase its share in the wage bill. When it refused to do so, the teachers' association served an ultimatum on all local authorities that unless pay was forthcoming on the 5th of each month, a teachers' strike would automatically follow on the 6th. At a convention of 70 local council authorities in the middle of November, all mayors (mostly Mapai) unanimously declared that unless the Government considerably increased its share in the cost of education, local councils would be unable to meet their commitments. On the 1st December 1952 Mr. Rokach, Mayor of Tel Aviv, requested that the Knesset open a full debate on the financial position of local councils, in view of their desperate requests for assistance. Mr. Eshkol, the Minister of Finance, replied that no useful purpose would be achieved by such a debate, as the Government itself is burdened with deficits and is unable to increase its share in the councils' budgets. He suggested that the councils involved should cut their expenditures. Mr. Rokach's plea that the provisions of the Compulsory Free Education Law do not permit to curtail education, or at least to economize by amalgamating the four education trends, or to impose any fees on parents, were of no avail. The motion for a debate was rejected by a majority of Mapai members. On December 5, frantic efforts were made to avoid a strike, but were only met by short-term loans.

## General Zionist Clubhouse in Akir

AKIR (INeS). — The dedication of the new clubhouse of the General Zionists in Akir took place a few days ago and was attended by Mr. J. Serlin, Chairman of the Foreign Relations and Zionist Affairs Committee, Mr. J. Tamir, Secretary-General of the General Zionists Organization, and over 500 villagers.

Mr. Serlin, speaking on the occasion, made special mention of the spirit which has been animating the new immigrants on whom, he added, the future and upbuilding of the country now depend, to settle in sparsely inhabited areas which they had converted into thriving townlets. General Zionist representatives of the settlers, who spoke in the various languages of their countries of origin, expressed their desire for close cooperation with the Party and appealed for effective guidance and moral support. Mr. Tamir conveyed the warm greetings of the Party. The highlight of the occasion was when 250 persons present applied for membership.

## Abba Hillel Silver Agricultural School

By H. DANIELI

Some three miles north of Migdal-Ashkalon, (near the ancient Philistine city of Ascalon), where the highroad from Tel-Aviv is joined by those from Jerusalem and Beersheba, the visitor may notice unusual activity: fields are being ploughed and sown, surveyors are setting out their markers, boreholes are being sunk.

The General Zionists Organization in Israel has started work on a project close to its heart: The establishment of a Youth Village and Agricultural School, to be named after Dr. Abba Hillel Silver in recognition of his outstanding Zionist leadership.

Preparations are proceeding at a furious speed; topographical maps are drawn up, soil tests are made; the leading agronomists of the country are being working out plans for the location of the various cultures; a water distribution system is being designed to suit local needs.

A new settlement is being built, where young people, from Israel and from overseas, will learn how to turn the desert into fertile land.

### The farm

will be established on an area of 1600 dunams allocated for the purpose by the Government. In view of the possibilities of the area and the nature of the soil, the plan is to be that of a mixed farming unit. The first probes have shown that water is available in sufficient quantities. It is intended to experiment in

growing industrial crops, such as cotton, sugar beets, etc. Cultures will be as variegated as possible, so that the students may acquire a sound training in such fields as grain growing, plantations, vegetables, fodder, flower gardening, dairy and poultry farming, bee keeping, etc.

### The Agricultural School

will accommodate 300 students between the ages of 14-17, partly from youth Aliya and partly from Israel. The length of the course will be 3 years. The aim of the school is to train farmers in all fields of agriculture in the country; all efforts will be made to provide the student with a sound theoretical and practical knowledge of agriculture under Israel conditions.

The lack of an agricultural school which provides not only professional teaching, but also an education in national values, has often been felt. Through an appropriate selection of teachers, and a programme of studies not devoted to specific professional subjects alone, "Kfar Silver" intends to fill this lacuna. It will aim at producing good citizens as well as good farmers.

According to plan, the first buildings are to be completed in time to enable the school to open for the 1953/54 school year. The General Zionists in Israel will spare no efforts to this end, though much will of necessity depend on friends overseas.

## Silver Donates Tractor To Atlit

ATLIT (INeS). — It was a very special occasion when all the farmers of Atlit gathered in an open field to watch the new Caterpillar D 4 tractor,

Atlit, which is situated on the coast not far from Haifa, is inhabited by 250 families who have vineyards and grow vegetables.



Handing over of tractor to Atlit Farmers' Representative Mr. Zvie Shapira (left) conveying the best wishes of Rabbi A. H. Silver and cordial greetings of the General Zionists Organization to Mr. Jeruhim Shapira, Atlit farmers' representative

which they had received from Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, plough the first furrows and cut the ribbon inscribed with the name of the donor. This is the first tractor the village has ever had, and the general feeling is that it will substantially contribute to the welfare of the community.

The ceremony was also attended by the leaders of the village, who expressed their deep gratitude to Rabbi Silver and their appreciation to the General Zionists Organization, which had been instrumental in obtaining the tractor for the village. Mr. Shapira, on behalf of the Colonization Department of the General Zionists Organization, replied and conveyed the best wishes of Rabbi Silver.

### NEW MEDICAL CENTRE OF G. Z. SICK FUND

TEL-AVIV (INeS). — The new Medical Centre of the General Zionist Sick Fund, which is being built in the vicinity of the ZOA House in Tel-Aviv on a plot of land allotted to it by the Municipality in 1951, is nearing completion, and its dedication is expected to take place in another few months when it will have been fully equipped.

The new building, which has twelve rooms on each of its four storeys, will house the main services, stores, laboratories, X-ray department and national administration of the Institution, which has 13 branches and 11,000 members.

## General Zionist Immigrants' Hostel in Haifa



This is the new General Zionist immigrants' hostel in Haifa which was first occupied by newcomers a little time ago and dedicated by Mr. Abe Goodman when he was in Israel, and which is expected to be adopted by the Metropolitan area.

## Gaps In Foreign Exchange

By Our Economic Correspondent

TEL-AVIV (INeS). In October 1952 the Government announced its estimated income in foreign exchange for the period July 1952/June 1953. The five main sources were: UJA \$ 41 million, Bond Drive \$ 48 million, Grants-in-aid \$ 72 million, German reparations \$ 65 million, exports \$ 50 million. The allocations were as follows: Foodstuffs \$ 62 million, fuel \$ 27 million, raw material for export \$ 30 million, raw material for home consumption \$ 18.5 million, freight, services etc., \$ 50 million. Thus imports were cut to the barest minimum. Unfortunately the bottom has been knocked out of the estimated income. The resignation of Mr. Montor and Mr. Morgenthau tends to show that the bond drive will not bring in the estimated proceeds. In spite of the optimistic statement by Dr. Nahum Goldman that the German reparations agreement will be ratified by the Bundestag in December and goods will commence to arrive in Israel in January, it seems beyond doubt that the Bundestag will go into recess on the 15th of

December and ratification will be delayed to the end of January. Thus it cannot be hoped that goods under the Agreement can possibly commence arriving before April, and the total amounts of imports from Germany up to the end of June will not exceed \$ 35 million. Hence a gap of 30 million can be expected from this item alone.

No provisions were made in the estimated balance of foreign exchange for foreign debts, as it was hoped that a large loan could be obtained to consolidate all short term debts. As such a loan did not materialize, we had to borrow again on short terms and mortgage the expected incomes of the Jewish National Fund and the Foundation Fund. It was also estimated that Germany would pay Britain for our fuel. For the time being, however, we have had to mortgage the proceeds of our citrus exports to Britain against the current supply of fuel. On the whole, it appears that the Government will be compelled to abandon its present policy of foreign exchange control, as any curtailment in

allocations of foreign exchange to either foodstuffs or fuel, raw materials etc., must mean either starvation of the population or paralysis of industry and commerce.

### Presidential Election

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Also it should be duly noted that the President of Israel is not elected by popular vote, but by the members of the Knesset, so that in fact the existing party constellation decides the choice. This means to say that out of the four candidates officially nominated two knew beforehand that their nomination was purely demonstrative.

It is certainly regrettable that the position of the President has been made devoid of all influence and responsibility. Since there is now no personality who, as such, could give the Presidency importance and weight, the lack of constitutional significance has come to determine the choice of the President.

Israel is only starting its career as a State. A Constitution proper does not exist as yet. It is not at all improbable, and indeed desirable, that the law governing the position of the President will be changed. But this will happen, if it does, only at a later date.

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When the Knesset proceeded to elect the President, a situation had developed where it seemed probable that none of the candidates would get the required majority of the voting members of the Knesset. Mapai had proposed Mr. Ben-Zviev, one of its members, and though he personally enjoys the respect of everyone, it was resented that Mapai, in addition to the post of Prime Minister and that of Speaker of the Knesset also claimed the Presidency of the State. But Mapai alone could not mobilize the necessary votes. As a great surprise Mapam came to their rescue at the third ballot. They dropped their own candidate, Mr. Yitzhak Grinbaum and voted for Mr. Ben-Zviev, who thus was elected President thanks to a vote of Mapam. This party obviously wanted to blunt the attacks they were exposed to, especially on the part of Mapai, in connection with the Prague trial and Mapam's close Communist affiliations. This support introduced a somewhat bitter note, but the country has been spared a deadlock; and so probably the struggles preceding the election of the second President of the State of Israel will be speedily forgotten.

## Income Tax Unfair

By Our Economic Correspondent

TEL-AVIV (INeS). — Income tax law in Israel is theoretically the most progressive in the world. In fact, it is probably the most regressive. Latest figures show that wage earners provide two thirds of the revenue, while independent earners provide one third. It should be borne in mind that in Israel all members of the Kibbutzim (collective settlements), all members of moshavim (freeholders' settlements), all members of cooperative enterprises are classified as independent, and as almost all of them are exempt from income tax, the statistical results show that wage earners provide most of the revenue. The income tax law lays down a very small exemption (IL 325 per annum per earner) and scales go up from 13% to 80%. As the average income of a worker is IL 160 per month, or nearly IL 2,000 per annum, the deductions for income tax are about IL 500 per year. The total revenue expected from income tax is IL 47 million per annum; which means that on the average the 500,000 earners in Israel would have to pay IL 100 per annum only, and only the inefficiency of the

internal revenue offices on the one hand, and the gross discrimination in favour of the Histadrut sector on the other, make the present income tax law of the country so draconic. Most experts in this country agree that if the present law were to be substituted by a simple proportional scale of 10 to 15% of gross income, total revenue would exceed the present estimate by far and the deterrent effects on production which the existing law has would be removed.

### Mr. A. TOOCH TO ORGANIZE PROSPECTIVE IMMIGRANTS FROM SOUTH AFRICA

TEL-AVIV (INeS). — Mr. Abe Tooch, assistant secretary of the South African Zionist Federation Israel Committee, has left for South Africa in order to organize the settlement in Israel of prospective immigrants.

Mr. Tooch is a member of the National Youth Council of the General Zionist Organization of Israel.

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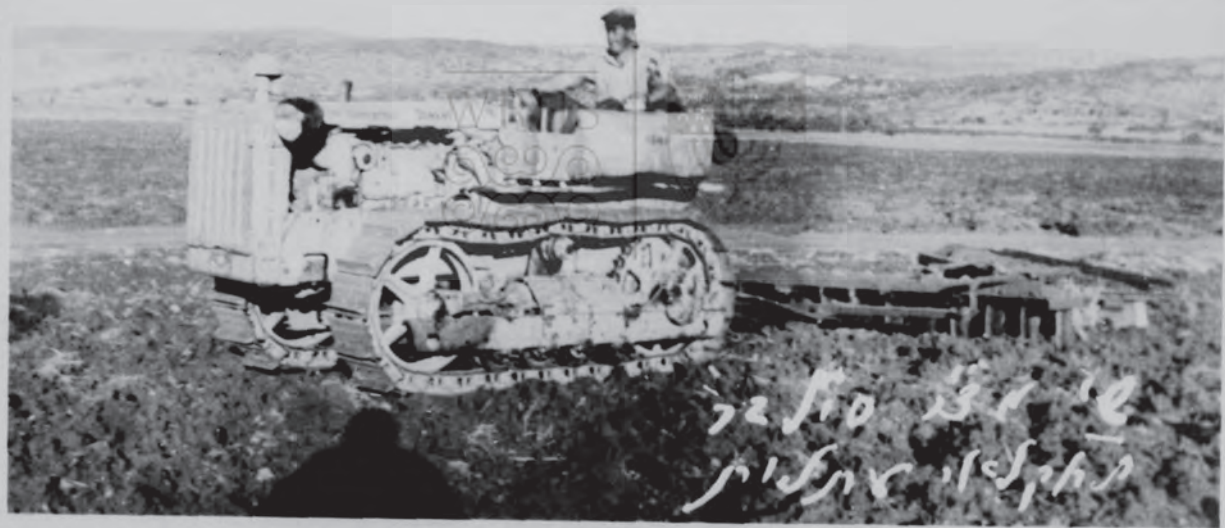
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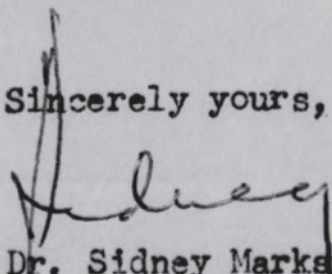
Dear Dr. Silver:

The story of the tractor is apparently set forth in detail in the Israel News Service.

I am enclosing herewith a copy which should answer the questions the various members of the delegation did not know, to their own knowledge, the disposition of the equipment.

Accept my affectionate regards and please extend them to the family.

Sincerely yours,

  
Dr. Sidney Marks  
Executive Director

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