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B.Coralnik  
Jerusalem.

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Dear Dr. Silver,

My heartfelt personal congratulations for your appearance before the First Committee.

As an experienced journalist who saw, heard, reported, - and therefore accustomed and never overestimates speeches, - I must confessed that I was deeply impressed by your speech and general appearance as it was reported in the Press of all parties and shades.

Even your most bitter opponents unreservedly admit the success of your apperance, and the Yishub as a whole is enchanted.

The political consequences of your appearance have, therefore, a double value and significance - an external and internal. From the internal point of view you scored an unprecedented success which barred the way for Weizman who longed, - and agreed, - to appear before the UNO, and it placed you on top of the Zionist leadership. In Palestine you are today "Zionist Number One", and I hope also all the world over. I sincerely wish you ~~to take~~ <sup>many</sup> such successes.

Most sincerely yours

B.Coralnik  
B.Coralnik



The Temple  
Ansel Road and E. 105th St.  
Cleveland 6, Ohio  
May 29, 1947

Mr. B. Coralnik  
Post Office Box 315  
Jerusalem, Palestine

My dear Friend:

Permit me to thank you for your kind note which I read with much pleasure. I am pleased to learn that my presentation at the United Nations of the Zionist case received such a fine reception in the Yishuv. It was also very well received in this country. The American press was laudatory of the manner in which the spokesmen of the Jewish Agency told their story.

Generally speaking, we came out of the first skirmish victorious. The real battle, however, still lies ahead. We are making all preparations here to insure that our story will be fully and effectively told before the Committee of Inquiry, and we are not unmindful that the report of the Committee will have to be acted upon by the representatives of fifty-five nations and that the most influential one among them is the United States.

I am sorry that the original decision of the Executive to hold the meeting of the Actions Committee in the United States on May 28th was not carried out. We could have held the meeting now, and by the 8th or 10th of June, it would have been over and the Palestinians would have been enabled to return to Palestine in time for the opening of the hearings before the Committee of Inquiry. As it is, it will be quite impossible for me and most of the other ZOA members on the Actions Committee to attend the meeting in the middle of June inasmuch as we must remain here to prepare for the convention of the Zionist Organization of America which opens the first week in July. There is also important political work to be done here during the month of June before the Congress of the United States adjourns.

I send you and all my good friends warmest greetings.

Most cordially,

AHS:BK

Memo of conversation with  
Benjamin V. Cohen

see memo

Elihu Epstein  
8-20-47





*Canada Zionists*

STATEMENT ISSUED BY UNITED ZIONIST COUNCIL OF CANADA

Toronto, September 5, 1947.

The majority report of the United Nations Committee on Palestine is a historic triumph for Zionism. It recognizes the necessity for large scale Jewish immigration and the importance of allowing Jews to acquire land for settlement. Now after two thousand years the principle of a Jewish State is affirmed by a committee of the nations of the world.

The spirit of millions of Jews, who have been almost destitute of hope, has now been revived.

Canadians must especially be proud of the work of Mr. Justice Rand of the Supreme Court of Canada and his alternate Mr. Mayrand of the Department of External Affairs, who made such notable contributions to this historic document. Mr. Justice Rand has gained eminence internationally, which is in keeping with the new importance of Canada among the nations of the world. This is a source of gratification to all Canadians and the Prime Minister, who personally gave careful attention to the selection of the Canadian members of the Committee, must also feel a special sense of pride.

Because of the distinguished role of a Canadian in framing the recommendations of the Committee, an added importance is given to the part which the Government of Canada will play in the coming deliberations of the Assembly of the United Nations. Canada is vitally interested in peace, in fair compromise and in the righting of great wrongs, wherever they may be. The Government, which has received with consideration the representations of Canadian Zionists, will now be called upon to affirm its interest in a fair solution. We believe that the people of Canada are looking to the Government to make a contribution during the meetings of the Assembly that is constructive and significant. We are asking the Government to support in general the majority report of the Committee.

In applying the principles of the majority report to the practical situation, we believe that the detailed solutions could be improved by consolidating the areas of the Jewish State. By awarding the western portion of the Galilee to the Arabs difficulties of development, of maintaining order and of consolidating friendly frontiers will be increased. Concessions might be made to the Arabs in order to gain this area for the Jewish State.

The proposed economic union would encourage cooperation of Arabs and Jews. The Jordan Valley Authority could be developed within the framework of the proposed scheme and large possibilities opened up to both communities. It must be recognized that an equal division of net customs duties means a perpetual subsidy of the Arab State by the Jews for whom it will work a hardship.

We urge the Government of Canada to support an early termination of the dependent status of Palestine so as to ease at once the urgency of the Jewish problem and to lighten the burden for the British people. The drain on Britain's economic resources by reason of the large garrison maintained there should be



quickly terminated. Upon the solution of this problem waits the early resumption of the alliance of Britain and Jewish Palestine. British interests demand an early and equitable solution.

The majority report of the Committee is a great personal triumph for Chaim Weizmann, statesman and scientist, who pleaded for partition. Dr. Weizmann has long been identified as a friend of Britain and as a pleader for compromise with a great sense of realism. Canadian Zionists have always supported his leadership and we shall continue to press for his return to the presidency of the World Zionist Organization. In view of the recognition of the wisdom of his advice by a majority of the United Nations Committee, his position has been greatly enhanced and his welcome will be the greater upon his forthcoming visit to Canada and the United States.

It is gratifying to note that, despite recent tensions, traditional British fair play and decency is highlighted in the plea of the High Commissioner for Palestine, Sir Alan Cunningham, on humanitarian grounds for the 4,400 refugees of the S. S. Exodus 1947.

We are confident that reestablished in this new Hebrew Commonwealth, the Jews of Palestine would continue to make their brilliant contribution to the progressive upbuilding of the country and that this would redound to the benefit of the Arab world and the welfare of all mankind.

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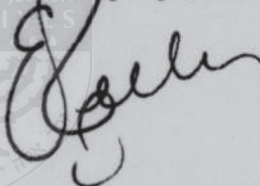
New York, Sept. 11, 1947

Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed herewith please find self-explanatory communication which I have received from Dean Acheson.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



EC:MAD  
Encl.

DEAN ACHESON  
UNION TRUST BUILDING  
WASHINGTON 5, D. C.

September 5, 1947.

Dear Mannie:

I have just gotten back from a vacation and find your letter saying you would like to discuss with me the possibility of retaining me as a lawyer covering the Zionist cause. However, I am quite certain that such a matter would fall within the large class of cases that I will not be able to work on due to my former connection with the Department of State. I am sorry that this is so, but I have thought over carefully this particular matter and feel sure that my decision is correct. I am most appreciative of your kindness in writing me and hope that you will agree with and understand my feeling in the matter.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

*Dean Acheson*

The Honorable  
Emanuel Celler,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D. C.



FROM: MR. Sh.Z. SHRAGAI.

TO:

DATE: 2nd November, 1947.

*Chichester*

COPY OF LETTER FROM THE BISHOP OF CHICHESTER PRINTED  
IN "THE TIMES" ON 1ST NOVEMBER, 1947.

"The Palace, Chichester.

30th October, 1947.

Palestine.

Sir,

The United Nations are about to decide on the Special Committee's Recommendations for the future of Palestine. The crucial proposal in the Majority Report is for Partition into two independent States, following a transitional period of two years from September 1st. It has been widely approved by States of very different kinds. Above all it has received the powerful and unusual support of both America and Russia. The question which has now to be asked, and it is an urgent question, is this: What does the United Kingdom say?

So far Mr. Creech Jones has preserved an ominous silence on this vital issue. Instead of speaking on the crucial proposal he has harked back to the need of agreement between Arab and Jew, when it was the profound disagreement between them which caused the United Kingdom to ask the United Nations' advice last February. He has also stated that, in the absence of a settlement, the Government would have to plan for the early withdrawal of the British forces and administration from Palestine; and the High Commissioner has added that 'the British withdrawal will be followed by economic stress, chaos and possibly bloodshed.' No one in his senses will make light of the difficulties facing the British in their government of Palestine. Soldiers and civilians alike have earned the general gratitude. But departure, without a plan for a settled political future, would be an indefensible policy. Who can desire another illustration of the dire cost in human life and civil war of an all too speedy removal of our troops?

It is, alas, indubitably clear that no settled political future acceptable both to Arab and Jew can now be achieved. So we must get the best settlement we can in present circumstances, and secure the best support we can in carrying it out. The announcement therefore of a positive attitude on the part of the Government of the United Kingdom towards the Special Committee's plan is of first class importance, and of the greatest urgency. If Britain remains passive, or says NO to the United Nations, then it cannot escape the responsibility for the consequences. If Britain says it will accept the United Nations advice, then the whole ~~weight~~ weight of the United Nations is behind that policy, and the hope of a successful solution is increased tenfold.

Yours etc.

(Signed) GEORGE CICESTR:

The Editor,  
The Times.



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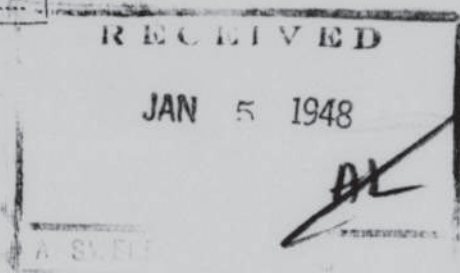
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ד"ר אבא הלל סילבר  
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א.מ.נ.

צבור בעלי המלאכה נושא ברכה ליום בולדת מדינת היהודים.  
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 בעלי המלאכה נושאים ברכה למוסדות ולמנהיגים שהגדילו לעשות  
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הנהלת התאחדות מרכז בעלי מלאכה  
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FRANK COHEN  
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December 17, 1947

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Co-Chairman,  
American Zionist Emergency Council,  
Room 1426,  
342 Madison Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Mr. Cohen asked me to send you a copy of his letter of  
December 11, 1947, to Mr. Eliezer Kaplan of the Jewish  
Agency for Palestine.

I believe you will be interested in this information.

Very sincerely yours,

*Ethel S. Cohen*  
Mrs. Frank Cohen

ESC:ISM  
Encl.

cc: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dictated but not read.



EMPIRE SOUTH AMERICAN INDUSTRIES, INC.  
521 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

December 11, 1947

Mr. Eliezer Kaplan,  
The Jewish Agency for Palestine,  
16 East 66th Street,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Kaplan:

I wish to record the proposals I made to you Sunday morning. We discussed the need of housing in Palestine and the role of credits, volume, delivery and speed of erection.

I pointed out that when I referred to housing I was considering all of the individual elements involved in a house. I purposely detailed item by item. I pointed out that in considering a large volume of housing I was definitely aiming at the over-all effect on the economic life of Palestine; that I was quite worried about the economic situation in the next 3 to 5 years; that I was hoping to set a basis for the employment, directly and indirectly, of 10,000 to 15,000 people over a 3-year period; that I was hoping to enable these workers to lift themselves by their own bootstraps; that I desired to give the immigrants the best we could afford over and above the straight commercial transaction.

With the above in mind, I suggested that you state your over-all goal, that is the amount of money you will have available for housing; the number of immigrants you intend to house, the time involved and the group sections and types. I stated that we would try to meet these requirements and that if we could not give you better value, and quicker erection for your money, we would prefer not to handle the transaction.

I expressed our intention to set up assembly or finishing factories in Palestine, based on the volume and savings involved. I stated that we would examine the economics of the project and balance these between the United States and Palestine, and reach the most advantageous arrangement where United States production should stop and Palestine begin. Finally, I stated that if the volume were sufficient to justify it we would try to use the Palestine plant as the feeder for all contracts we would have, to supply the countries in the near East, countries with whom we are now in negotiation.

I explained that it was my intention to request our main suppliers to grant us the exclusive agency rights for the Near East and join us in establishing assembly or finishing plants for their products. That, as I pointed out, was why I had been insistent on Freedom Village being set up in the Haifa Bay area, for in the back of my mind was the future expansion of Freedom Village Industries to take in all these future activities.

As for the specific proposal, I stated we would extend a credit up to \$100,000,000.00 over a period of 100 monthly payments; and if it were necessary to prolong the credit period to enable the immigrants immediately to move into good modern homes, with good equipment, would seek methods to accomplish this. I pointed out that due to the extraordinary desire on my part and my associates' to help the refugees, we would personally supplement the normal commercial terms of time and interest costs. I requested that you pay 25% down in United States dollars and 75% in notes in dollars.



You requested that the credit should cover the C.I.F. price plus the cost of foundation and erection. I stated that if we established our plant in Palestine, we would do so, conditioned on you furnishing the land and the land development; that if we did not establish a plant, because the volume did not justify it, we would cover the C.I.F. price; that in either case you would care for the customs and the unloading and cartage to our plant. I stated that we would extend this credit through our own arrangements with our suppliers and the Export-Import Bank; that we would endeavor not to affect your direct United States Government to Government loans.

I undertook to deliver to Palestine a minimum of 25,000 to 40,000 houses within 12 months of the effective date of a contract with you, depending upon the type and number of rooms, and the same for each year thereafter. You suggested that you would like to develop in stages. That is, a simpler, cheaper house first, then, when you have more money, replace these with better ones. I expressed a belief that we could so arrange our cost of money and credits and save on volume, plus our desire to aid refugees, that we might, for the same money you intended to spend, give you the second level house at once and skip the preliminary one. I stressed with you that I thought these immigrants had suffered enough and were entitled to something good and that, secondly, I did not believe it necessary to build a sloppy Palestine. With this you were in hearty accord.

As a practical suggestion, to put this plan into effect at once, I suggested that you select one or two architects to stay in our Long Island plant and work with our engineers and designers until we had fixed the types of houses required. This would be feasible because our patented panel type of aluminum house lent itself exceptionally well for adjustment to any type design.

Further, I suggested that you at once notify Freedom Village Industries that you are ready to develop the land at the Haifa Bay area, set aside for it by the Jewish National Fund, and I would request that Freedom Village send 10 houses plus the community house and warehouses to Palestine this month, so that Palestine could visualize what we are planning and we could learn what would be involved financially.

You expressed your opinion that this would all be a tremendous help to Palestine; that you would undertake the dollar payments, but that it would all depend on the costs.

You stated you would name a representative to carry on until we concluded arrangements. I stated I would do likewise. I requested that we set all this in motion before December 21st, when I intended to leave the country.

I might add that I discussed the matter with the Esco Foundation trustees of Freedom Village, and I understand they have communicated with you. I also requested our representative to notify you that he was at your service, and this he has already done.

I have also notified Reynolds Metal Company and our large suppliers of our conference. Likewise I have alerted my associates.

We are all at your service and shall be glad to hear from you.

I want to thank you for your courtesies.

Very sincerely yours,

Frank Cohen

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Mr. Moshe Shertok  
Members of the Executive of the American Section  
Jewish Agency for Palestine.

Dear Dr. Silver and Mr. Shertok:

It has not been determined, as I understand, whether the General Assembly's Special Committee on Palestine will conduct hearings in the United States. If the Committee does conduct hearings in this country, I would like your opinion as to the advisability of my appearing before it as a Member of Congress for the explicit purpose, and for no other purpose, of outlining what the policy of the United States on Palestine has been over the years.

I can indicate to the members as much, if not more, of this policy than any other person because I have participated actively in the enunciation of this policy as expressed by the Congress. I have participated in the debates on the two Concurrent Resolutions and I have appeared before the House Foreign Affairs Committee on the second Resolution. As a member on the Committee on Platform and Resolutions at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago in 1944, I helped fashion the Palestine Plank.

In addition, I have had numerous conferences and interviews with officials of our Government with regard to Palestine. Having been a member of Congress since Harding's administration, I have spoken on the subject with Secretaries of State Hughes, Kellogg, Stimson, Hull, Stettinius and Byrnes. I have likewise discussed this with Secretary of War Patterson and Secretary of the Navy Forrestal as well as with Under Secretary of War Royall. I have made Palestine the subject of my visits with ex Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau and with Attorney Generals Cummings and Biddle. There have been further discussions with other high officials which are too numerous to mention here.

I would like to have your considered opinion as soon as possible since it will be necessary to communicate with the Secretariat for the Special Committee, Dr. Victor



Hoo and probably Secretary Dr. Alfonso Garcia Robles who is Director of the General Political Division of the Department of Security Council Affairs. It may be necessary for me to get in touch with the Chairman for the Special Committee, Chief Justice Emil Sandstrom.

Please let me have your views on this.

Very truly yours,

*Emanuel Celler*  
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