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To Rabbi Mr. Abba Hillel Silver,
Hon. President of the Zebulun,
Palestine Seafaring Society,
U.S.A. Branch.

18th. November. 1946.

Dear Sir,

The Hon. Officers and Executive of "Zebulun" Hebrew Seafarers World Organization, wish to express their delight and pride at the great news of your acceptance of the Hon. Presidency.

This news will be received with joy by our Hebrew seamen and will make them still more courageous and capable.

You know, dear Sir, that during the war we received letters of praise from Admiral Cunningham, and the War-Shipping Administration Washington D.C.

Reprint from Jewish Chronicle. Appreciation of the courage and presence of mind of four Jewish maritime officers from Palestine is expressed in a letter received by the Zebulun Society in Tel-Aviv from Admiral Cunningham, Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Fleet. The officers mentioned in the Admiral's letter include former instructors of the Zebulun Seafaring Society. Dov Galin, Emil Fuchs, the latter's brother and George Filipson, who succeeded in saving the freighter El Fath when it caught fire as a result of an enemy air attack near Famagusta last August.

"It has been brought to my notice" the Admiral's letter states, "that during an enemy attack on the s.s. El Fath, considerable presence of mind and courage has been exhibited by the above officers, and I should be glad if you would inform them that their good services have been noted by me with much satisfaction."

The following letter from Washington says "The Administrator, War Shipping Administration, take pleasure in recommending Zion Zabari, second mate, for meritorious service as set forth in the following citation (extracts from citation)"When the s.s. Daniel Auger, in which Zabari was serving was attacked by

by enemy planes in Algeria. He extinguished a very dangerous fire, which threatened the lives of every one on the ship. "Later; "Zabari saved his ship, when a torpedo that was heading direct for his ship was prevented from doing any real damage by the skilful steering of Zabari who was at the wheel". The citation concludes "His quick thinking, alert action and good judgment in both emergencies contributed greatly to the safety of the ship and crew and will be a lasting inspiration to all seamen of the United States Merchant Marine".

These two "Appreciations" do not stand alone but go to prove to the hilt that our training is absolutely efficient and the last word in practical achievement.

In spite of all that, the Jewish Agency, Marine Department, practised serious discrimination against Zebulun; now we all look to you to help us so that justice is done to our brave seafarers.

Dr. Weizman, The Marchioness of Reading, Sir Simon Marks, Mr. Harry Sacher, and others have written to the Hon. Treasurer of the Jewish Agency, Mr. Kaplan, to do justice to Zebulun, but all in vain.

The Zebulun Conference in London, May 1946, passed the following resolution proposed by Mr. Alex. S. Jacobs, Hon. Treasurer Manchester, and passed unanimously.

"That an appeal be sent to Congress for a regular grant for the Zebulun Palestine Seafaring Society in view of its entirely independent work in training of Jewish youth for seamanship.

The general Zionist to be approached to bring the valuable work of Zebulun to the knowledge of the Congress".

Zebulun seamen and our ex-servicemen will now look to you like to a father, for the love and care they did not receive from the Jewish Agency.

May it be in an hour blessed by the Almighty that you have come to us and bring us the fulfilment of our wishes.

Yours most devotedly,

For the Officers and Executive of Zebulun.

Henrietta Diamond

HENRIETTA DIAMOND.

Chairman & Hon. Treasurer.

P.S. Perhaps you remember me from your visit in Leeds. I told you then I was a Herzl Zionist, that stands for 50 years incessant work.

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April 23, 1947

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Jewish Agency for Palestine
16 E. 66th St.
New York City

Dear Dr. Silver:

We have just learned that the Jewish Agency is contemplating sending a delegation to the White House in connection with the UNO sessions on Palestine. According to the source of our information said delegation is to include Mr. Monsky, Judge Proskauer, yourself, and also a member of the Agudah.

We are, of course, all for a visit to the White House at this time and would have no objections if you and the other two gentlemen were to make up the delegation. However, should this delegation include a member of the Agudath Israel as well it would, indeed, be most embarrassing to Mizrachi not to be included and would also prove harmful to the cause of Zionism if religious Zionists were excluded.

We are confident that you will understand and appreciate our position in this matter and hope that it will have your personal and serious consideration.

With all good wishes,

Respectfully yours,

S. M. Zambrowsky
RABBI S. M. ZAMBROWSKY
Executive Secretary

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The Land of Israel, for the People of Israel, according to the Torah of Israel

April 25, 1947

Rabbi S. M. Zambrowsky, Executive Secretary
Mizrachi Organization of America
1133 Broadway
New York 10, N.Y.

My dear Rabbi Zambrowsky:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of
April 23. Nothing has as yet developed about the proposed
delegation. I shall of course keep your comment in mind.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

ברית הצה"ר המאוחדת . המזכירות העולמית

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Paris, the 16th May 1947
מרים יום

Rabbi Dr. Hillel Silver,
World Zionist Organisation,
342, Madison Avenue,
New-York.

Dear Sir,

I feel that it is my duty to bring to your attention the following extract from a letter, in which Mr. Kopf, Zeev Jabotinsky's nephew, describes how his home was invaded and he, together with his son who is ill and wife, were beaten and mistreated by a gang of youngsters, allegedly members of the Hagana.

"On the night of April 30th, at 1.30 a.m., somebody rang the bell of our apartment. I tried to awaken Hana, but she was fast asleep. So I got up and put the light on in the corridor. Then I looked through the peep hole in the door, but it was pitch dark in the staircase. I asked in Hebrew who was there, whereupon I received an answer in English "Open in the name of the law". This reply was unusual since the British police never bother to say more than one word "Police". I was, never however, too drowsy to give it another thought and I opened the door. No sooner had it happened than I was pushed aside by five masked youngsters armed with clubs. They dashed inside straight into Uri's room, pulled the blanket from his body and started clubbing him.

A moment later Hana came in from her room and leapt towards the intruders. They flung her on Uri's bed and commenced beating her as well. I entered the room, switched on the light and tried to intervene, but I was instantly thrown onto the floor.

The whole incident lasted anything between one minute and a minute and a half. Suddenly the leader shouted "Enough" and they started withdrawing. Hana followed them and managed to pull down the mask from the face of one of the youngsters. In return he struck my face where to I reacted in the same manner. We shut the door and immediately telephoned a doctor.

Hana's hand was bleeding. Uri suffered a shock because he was beaten up while still asleep. He thought that his arm was broken but according to the doctor's diagnosis it was only a cracked bone. Hana, however, has a fractured palm. I personally got away lightly, with only a black eye.

It transpired later ^{that} during that night 15 to 20 boys, all under police supervision, had been assaulted in a similar manner.

For this operation nearly 1000 members of the "Hagana" had been mobilised. Neighbours tell me that during the intrusion into our flat, the house was surrounded by 20 to 30 "heroes" lest some neighbours came to our rescue.

The Palestine press, with the exception of the "Hamashkif", brought no mention

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about these incidents. I understand that they have been hushed up on instructions from higher quarters. The intention is obvious. If these outrages provoke a reaction, then they will be able to say that it is the others and not they who have started the fight."

I am sure that you appreciate the danger of such incidents which provoke the spectre of civil war in the Yishuv. And I hope that you will bring to bear your influence in order to avoid the recurrence of such regrettable clashes, which are bound to plunge the Yishuv into a disaster, and which it is the duty of all responsible Zionists to avert at any price.

With Jewish State greetings,

yours sincerely,

Shimshon Yonitchman
Dr. Shimshon Yonitchman,
member of World Head-Office.

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