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Dear Dr. Neumann,

The enclosed clippings
may interest you.

sincerely yours,

Dr. E. Neumann.

Ben Zuckerman

AROUND THE JEWISH WORLD

Syrian as Head of UN

New York. Dr. Emanuel Neuman, President of the Zionist Organization of America, was the first to raise a public protest against the anomaly of one of the most extremist Arab

leaders in the United Nations, Faris El-Khoury, representative of Syria, serving as President of the Security Council at a time when the Council is considering the most crucial phase of the Palestine issue. How can a person who represents one of the accused be the judge at his own trial at the same time? Dr. Neumann asked publicly and his question reverberated in the American press.

The facts of the case are that, according to custom, the Security Council elects a new President every month in rotation. It happened that the representative of Syria became eligible for this position on June First. Alexander Parody, the French delegate and former President of the Security Council, and several other members of the UN pleaded with El-Khoury for two days, to postpone his presidency for another month, but he stubbornly refused and the Security Council did not want to complicate the difficult Palestine problem

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ציוניסטישע ארגאניזאציע

דייקט און מיטגעפיל

(ספעציעל צום אידישען זשורנאל)

נוי יארק, יוני 14 (איד. וועלט ניוערס).
 דר. עמנואל ניומאן, פרעזידענט פון
 דער ציוניסט. ארגאניזאציע אין אמע-
 ריקע, האט צוגעשיקט א מיטגעפיל טע-
 לעגראמע דער אלמנה פון קאל. דיוויד
 מארקוס, אין וועלכער ער זאגט אז ער
 האט פערזעליך געקענט דעם אומגעקומע-
 נעם העלד און זיין גרויסען אידעאלאזם
 און איבערגעבענקייט צו גערעכטיגקייט.
 וואס האט אים געבראכט זיך צו שטעלען
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 ריקאנער קעמפער פאר דער אידישער
 אומאפהענגיקייט און זיין נאמען וועט
 אייביג שיינען צווישען די נעמען פון די
 העלדען ביים אידישען פאלק", זאגט זיין
 טעלעגראמע.

June 17, 1948

GOOD IS ONLY GOOD

Time for End To Extremis

By Wm. Zukerman

THERE were rumblings in Palestine which indicated the Irgun Zvai Leumi and other dissident organizations have begun to assert themselves and issue demands and ultimatums as to what should and should be done by the Israeli government and Army.

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(Editor's note—The only authorized fund-raising agency for Israel is the United Jewish Appeal, major beneficiary of the Allied Jewish Campaign of Denver.)

AROUND THE JEWISH WORLD

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One such organization, the Political Actions Committee, had the good sense and decency to disband this week because its founder, Rabbi Korff, realized that the proclamation of the Jewish state had ushered in a new era in pro-Palestine work. The outstanding fact of this era is that there is now a central authority in Palestine and in Jewry, and that this authority alone is authorized to speak and act for the Jews, and that dissident groups of the extremist kind can only do harm by continuing "business as usual", as if nothing happened.

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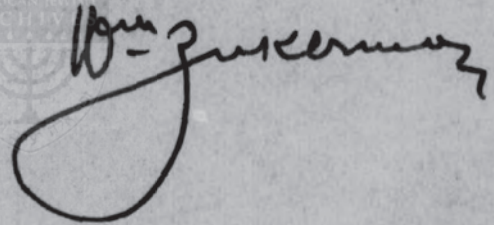
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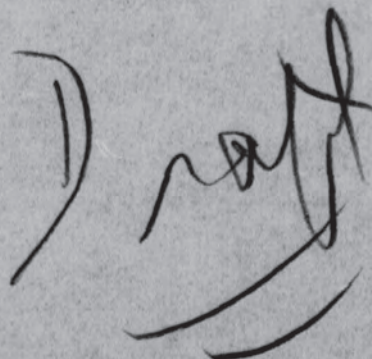
Secretary to Dr. Hillel Silver.
The Temple, Cleveland.

Dear Madam,

The enclosed few clippings may
interest Dr. Silver. I shall thank you if you will
refer them to him.

sincerely yours,



Toronto 3/21

סילווער-ניומאן גרופע זאל אנהויבען קאמף געגען אנענטור און מפא"י אין ישרא

דער קאמף הויבט אן אונזערעם און אויסגעשפראכענעם פנים ארום דער פראג, גע, וואס די מפא"י, וועלכע באהערשט די רעגירונג אין ישראל, זאל דיקטירען אויך אין די אינערליכע אנגעלעגענהייט טען פון ציוניזם אין אמעריקע, און תל אביב זאל זיך פארמעסטען צו געבען באפעלען די אידען פון דער וועלט. העכערע ציוניסטישע פירער האבען אויסגעדרוקט זייער מורא, אז דער קאמף איז נאך ווייט פון זיין פארענדיגט און אז דער קומענדיגער שריט פון דער אידן שער אנענטור זאל זיין צו אפשוואכען און מעגליך אינגאנצען אפשאפען דעם ציוניסטישען עמירדאטשענסי קאמיוטעט. דא גלויבט מען ווידער, אז אויב ראביי סילווער וועט ניט זיין דער קור מענדער פרעזידענט פון דער אמעריקאנער ציוניסטישער ארגאניזאציע, וועט דער אמט פון פרעזידענט אריינפאלען צום דעאקציאנערען וויצע-פרעזידענט פון דער ארגאניזאציע, סעמועל פריש, וועלכער פרי פון בענרושאמינ'ס פיונעראל וואו כסנעם קאמף געגען דער ארבעטערשאפט און דאס זאל ברענגען א גוואלדיגע ענדיגונג פון דער שטעלונג פון אמעריקאנער ציוניזם — פון ליבעראליזם צו פיררש'ער דעאקציע.

שער פרעסע אין ניו יארק און אין דער פראווינק, ווי אויך אין אידישען "טאג", וואס דריקט אויס אין אידיש ראביי סילווער'ס שטעלונג. **ר' משה דוד גארפיןקעל ע"ה, געוועזענער טאראנטא תושב, געשטארבען אין פילאדעלפיע, לויט מארגען אין טאראנטא**

ר' משה דוד גארפיןקעל ע"ה, איינער פון די גרינדער פון ת"ת עץ חיים, באד קאנטער למדן און טוער אין די ארטאדאקסישע קרייזען, וועלכער האט די לעצטע יארען געוואוינט אין באלטימארה, איז נפטר געווארן פלוצלינג אין פילאדעלפיע, אויף דעם פארלאנג פון זיין ברודער, הרב גארפיןקעל, ווערט זיין קערפער הוינט געבראכט קיין טאראנטא און די לוייה וועט פארקומען מארגען 11 א זיין גער פרי פון בענרושאמינ'ס פיונעראל פארלאג, ספעדיגע ביי קאלעדזש, וואו חשוב'ע רבנים וועלען מספיד זיין דעם נפטר, וועלכער "שטאמט פון א מיוחס" דיגער משפחה אין פוילען און איז גוט באקאנט געווען אין טאראנטא.

(ספעציעל צום אידישען זשורנאל) יארק, מערץ 20 (איד. וועלט נייעס) ראביי אבא הלל סילווער און דער מנאחל ניומאן זיינען שוין צוריקגעקורען קיין ניו יארק פון זייער רייזע אין דער אידישע ישובים אין לאנד און זאבען היינט אפגעהאלטען געשלאסענע באראטונגען מיט זייערע נאכפאלגער אין דער פירערשאפט פון אמעריקאנער ציוניזם, כדי אנצוצייכענען די ווייטערע פאליטיק פון דער ציוניסטישער ארגאניזאציע אין אמעריקע. די באוועגונג צוריקצוברענגען ראביי סילווער אין אמט פון פרעזידענט פון דער ציוניסטישער ארגאניזאציע פון אמעריקע האט געקראגען א קלאפ דורך דעם, וואס ער האט זיך אפגעזאגט זיך צו לאזען דערוויילען פאר דעם אמט, דאך זאבען פירער אין דער ציוניסטישער ארגאניזאציע ניט אויפגעגעבען די דאזיגע נישטרענגונג, טענה'נדיג, אז בלויז ער זאל ראטעווען דעם ציוניזם אין אמעריקע און דער נידערלאגע, וואס ער האט געטען אין דעם מאנטאר ענין דורך דער ידישער אנענטור פון ירושלים. א באדייטענדיג פארביטערונג געגען ער אידישעל אנענטור הויבט אן זיך צוריקצואווייזען אין דער ענגליש-אידיש

4 Top ZOA Leaders Back Silver

NEW YORK, (JWN)—A movement to draft Rabbi Abba Silver as next president of the Zionist Organization of America has been started by a group of leading US Zionists now in Miami, Florida.

Signed by Mortimer May, Abraham Goldstein, Abraham Goodman and Milton Pollock, a telegram was dispatched to Rabbi Silver stating that six years ago he saved the Zionist movement in the US and made it the biggest force in the creation of the Jewish state.

"Again we stand at the crossroads. New decisions must be made, new orientations, new aims must be put before the ZOA. This will require leadership, vision and a daring approach which we feel only you can give."

The move is the first step in the forthcoming struggle for the ZOA presidency after the recent defeat in the UPA struggle. The ZOA constitution does not permit Dr. Neumann to stand for reelection at the next convention, resulting in the move to draft Silver.

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ווידער די פרעזידענטשאפט

ניו-יאָרק (ייד. וועלט נייעס). —
א באוועגונג צו ווערבירן ווידער רבי
אבא-הלל סילווער פאר דער פרעזי-
דענטשאפט פון דער אמ. ציון. אָרג.
איז אנגעפאנגען געוואָרן פון א צאל
אמעריקאנער ציוניסטישע פירערס,
וואָס פארברענגען איצט אין מיאמי,
פלאָרידא. א טעלעגראמע מיט אן אפיל
צו אים ער זאל אננעמען דעם אמט
איז אונטערגעשריבן געוואָרן פון מאַר-
טינער מעי, אברהם גאלדשטיין,
אברהם גודמאן און מילטאן פאלאק.

די טעלעגראמע לויטעט, צווישן
אנדערש:

"מיט 6 יאָר צוריק האָט רבי סיל-
ווער געראטעוועט די ציוניסטישע בא-
וועגונג אין אמעריקע און האָט זי גע-
מאכט פארן גרעסטן כוח אין דער שא-
פונג פון דער יידישער מלוכה. איצט
שטייען מיר ווידער אויפן קרייצוועג.
נייע באשלוסן מוזן אנגענומען ווערן,
נייע אָריענטאציעס און נייע צילן
דארפן אנגעצייכנט ווערן. דאָס פאַ-
דערט פירערשאפט, ווייזע און גע-
וואנטקייט, און מיר פילן, אז נאָר איר
קאָנט עס געבן."

דער שרייב איז דער ערשטער קאמף
פאר דער פרעזידענטשאפט פון דער
ציון. אָרג., נאָך דעם סילווער-ניומאן
דורכפאל אינם יו-פי-איי סיכסוד. די
קאנסטיטוציע פון דער אמ. ציון. אָרג.
דערלויבט נישט דר. ניומאן צו זיין פרע-
זידענט קאנדידאט פאר א צווייטן
טערמין נאכאנאנד, און דערפאר דער
פארוואָרד צו ווערבירן רבי סילווער.

מאָרטינער מעי, איינער פון די
אונטערגעשריבענע אויף דער טעלע-
גראמע, ווערט אליוו כאַטראַכט ווי
איינער פון די שטארקסטע קאנדידאטן
פאר דער פרעזידענטשאפט.

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Start 'Draft Silver' Drive; First Step in ZOA Presidency Fight

Special to Hebrew Journal
NEW YORK, March 14.—(Jewish World News)—A movement to draft Hillel Silver as the next president of the Zionist Organization of America got under way here today through a telegram from a group of American Zionist leaders in Miami, Fla., addressed to Mr. Silver.

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This move is interpreted as the first step in the forthcoming struggle for the presidency after the recent defeat in the United Palestine Appeal struggle.

The ZOA constitution doesn't permit incumbent Emanuel Neumann to stand for re-election at the next convention and, therefore, this draft Silver campaign has begun.

Among the signers of the telegram is Mortimer May, who was a leading contender for the presidency in New York.

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פון וויליאם צוקערמאן

דער צפון אטלאנטישער אפמאך
די געשעהעניש פון דער וואך, פון
דעם יאהר, און אפשר פון גאר א סך
יארהרען איז געווען די אנגענומענע פון
דעם צפון אטלאנטישען אפמאך פון
אלע פעלקער פון מערב און צפון אייר
ראפע און פון אמעריקע. דער אפמאך
דארף גאר ראטפיינירט ווערען, גאר
אויז ווי דאס שיינט צו זיין א זיכערע
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REPERCUSSIONS OF BEN-GURION'S SPEECH

No other speech in recent months has called forth so much discussion in the Jewish press and has had so many repercussions, as the recent speech of the Premier of Israel that American Jews must send their children to Israel. The National Community Relations Board which intended to take a kind of disciplinary action against the American Council for Judaism, has decided to give it up, at least for the time being. The NCRB is a rather influential Jewish body which works mostly behind closed doors. It consists of representatives of leading Jewish organizations, such as the American Jewish Committee, the Anti-Defamation League, the American Jewish Congress, the Jewish War Veterans and of local communities interested in combatting antisemitism. That organization was planning to send out a letter to the general American press denouncing the American Council for Judaism for raising the issue of double loyalty of nationalistic Jews. There was considerable opposition within the NCRB against such action because it smacks of "ghettoism," but under nationalistic pressure, the organization was ready to proceed with its public denunciation. But now that Ben-Gurion has obviously confirmed many of the claims of the Council and has himself raised sharply the issue of double allegiance, the leaders of the NCRB have decided to leave this thorny issue alone.

ISRAEL SACHS

The late Mr. Israel Sachs, head of Sachs Quality Stores, who died last week at the age of seventy-five was a typical representative of the old Russian Jewish immigrants who came over to this country at the beginning of this century poor and oppressed but imbued with the high ideals of social justice and freedom which permeated Russian Jews before the revolution. Unlike a good many of these immigrants who capitulated entirely before the onslaught of Jewish nationalism and abandoned their international and humanitarian ideals, he remained loyal to his to the end. He was active in every Jewish charity in this country and contributed heavily to Israel, but his heart remained with the liberal and progressive movements in this country which he helped generously. He particularly supported the late Mayor La Guardia in every one of his projects for the liberalization and improvement of New York. He will be remembered mostly for his fine effort to replace the unspeakably vulgar commercials on the radio and in the press and the silly ditties which make American radio the laughing stock of the civilized world by serious comment on topical events. He supported many other fine projects for the improvement of his city and of his country which raised him from immigrant poverty to a position of prominence and wealth.

ARE JEWISH DOCTORS TO BE PITIED?

A somewhat gloomy picture of the Jewish position in medical profession in the United States is given by the famous medical authority, Dr. A. J. Rongy, in a very interesting and informative article entitled 'A Jewish Doctor's Future?' which appeared in the New Year's issue of most English-Jewish publications. Dr. Rongy takes a pessimistic view of the future of the Jewish doctor in America and says: "It is sad to contemplate, but nevertheless it is true that the largest majority of Jewish medical graduates will be prevented by artificially created social and economic forces from giving full expression to their medical talents." He proceeds to predict that "none of the six hundred and fifty Jewish young men and women who

graduated this year from the medical schools will become medical director of any of our large national industrial corporations; none will head the medical department of one of our great life insurance companies and but few will attain important positions in the medical profession." An opinion by a great medical authority like Dr. Rongy is, of course, not to be questioned, especially by a layman. But have not American Jewish doctors also some successes to report and hopes to look forward to? Have not some of them, at least, attained great distinctions, honors and riches? Are Jewish doctors, as a group, really such a poor lot and are they an object of pity? Is the layman mistaken in his impression that Jewish doctors are on the whole a rather flourishing well-to-do, influential group, despite the undeniable existence of restrictions and bias? Could not Dr. Rongy, himself an outstanding example of the success of Jews in the American medical profession, be persuaded to write another article giving the other, less gloomy, side of the picture?

S. B. KOMAIKO

The Jewish Community of Chicago has done a rare and handsome thing in honoring this month a Jewish journalist, Mr. S. B. Komaiko, on the occasion of his seventieth birthday. It is true, Mr. Komaiko is more than a journalist. He is practically an institution in the Jewish communal life of Chicago, but he has always been fundamentally a journalist and is active as such even now. One somehow cannot imagine such good will, kindness and generosity towards a mere journalist in Jewish New York. Here a journalist is either feared, (if he happens to be an editor of a big daily), or looked down upon with condescension if he is a mere writer. But then New York is not only not typical of America, but it is not even typical of American Jewry. From the Jewish point of view, New York is nearer to fierce, bitter, fanatical Warsaw of before the war than to an American city. Not until the leadership of American Jewry passes from New York to provincial America, will American Jewry rise to its best stature.

W.Z.

IN BRIEF

A SURVEY JUST COMPLETED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds reveals that overseas relief agencies received in 1948 more than 200 times the amount they received in 1929, in actual dollar disbursements while the corresponding increase for local American institutions was only two and one-third times. Allocations to national and overseas agencies increased from four to 75 percent in the last twenty years, while the proportion to local agencies declined sharply during the same period from 89 to 17 percent....CZECH JEWS WISHING TO EMIGRATE to Israel will not be prevented from doing so by their government declared Samuel Elyashev of the East-European department of the Israel foreign office, confirming previous reports that restrictions in most East European countries were not permanent....PRESIDENT TRUMAN ACCEPTED THE HONORARY CHAIRMANSHIP OF brotherhood week from former Secretary of the Navy John L. Sullivan, now general chairman of Brotherhood Week, held under the auspices of the National Conference of Christians and Jews....PROFESSOR HAROLD LASKI TOLD A 'London Jewish Chronicle' reporter that it would satisfy one of his profoundest inner emotions if he were allowed to lecture for a term at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem....THE BRITISH BROADCASTING CORPORATION has started daily short-wave broadcasts in Hebrew to Israel....

THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF THE LATE STEPHEN WISE, entitled 'Challenging Years,' will be published shortly. 'Challenging Years' was edited by his son, James Waterman Wise. Sholem Asch's new novel, 'Mary,' has been published this week by Putnam and Sons....A LONDON BUS WAS HELD UP IN the streets and boarded by a gang of fascists who proceeded to attack brutally a Jewish passenger who was aboard....FROM JANUARY TO JULY UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES in Israel jumped from 6,500 to 26,000. Most of the unemployed were agricultural workers, and 10,000 were in the Tel-Aviv area....THE 64TH CONVENTION OF THE CANADIAN TRADE UNION movement meeting in Montreal adopted a resolution denouncing antisemitism and racial bias and demanding that the Canadian Parliament adopt legislation outlawing antisemitism....THE JEWISH AGENCY WILL CLOSE all its bureaus in Germany before December. Meanwhile, the new West German government, in conjunction with British authorities has decided to permit all Jewish DPs who want to remain in Germany to become citizens with full and equal rights....SEVENTEEN MEMBERS OF THE JEWISH DIAMOND MERCHANTS CLUB in Antwerp have been expelled for dealing with Germany. The Jewish community also decided to excommunicate these members, and as a result they will not be admitted to synagogues and will not be buried in a Jewish cemetery....

FACTS AND COMMENTS

On Religious Freedom in Israel

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Dr. Milton Konvitz of Cornell University is one of those rare American Jews who, although born in this country and brought up in the best tradition of American and Western civilization, somehow manages to cling to Jewish Orthodoxy and is what is commonly known as an observant Jew. As a typical representative of this rare group, Dr. Konvitz has looked at what Orthodoxy has done in Israel since the establishment of the new State and was painfully surprised, to say the least. He shared his pain and surprise with the public in an article in the September issue of 'Commentary' which deserves attention.

Dr. Konvitz has found that Israel has an immigration law which not only keeps out non-Jews from settlement in the country, but does not admit non-Jewish members of mixed marriages and breaks up families (as did Nazi Germany before the war). The same immigration law provides that no male immigrant is admitted to Israel unless he undergoes circumcision. He also found that the new State which is commonly referred to as a 'bastion of democracy' in the Middle East, does not recognize civil marriages, that no marriage between Jews is considered legal and their children legitimate unless the marriage is a religious ceremony performed by a Rabbi. This puts marriages, divorces, inheritance, and the entire complex of family life under the jurisdiction of orthodox Rabbinical Courts, and under their interpretation of the Law of the Torah which is two thousand years old. According to that law no Rabbi would permit a mixed marriage even under pain of death; woman is an inferior being who has not the same marital, property, social, and even religious rights and for whom 'Jim-Crow' places are provided even in the Synagogues. Dr. Konvitz also discovered, much to his distress, that the new State of Israel, through its Ministry of Religion, dictates to the citizens of Israel what food they are to eat and not to eat by rigidly enforcing so-called 'kashruth.' It makes Sabbath observance in Israel the strictest and most rigid in any civilized State. In short, Dr. Konvitz has discovered, as did a good many other Jews, including the writer of these lines, that the new State of Israel has advanced far on the road to theocracy in one year and that it is moving still further towards the same goal.

Having made this discovery, Dr. Konvitz did something unusual. In the second part of his article, he appealed to the Rabbis of Israel to stop and desist from dragging Jewish life back to medievalism; to realize that theocracy is just one step from totalitarianism; that Jews as a people are a product of Western European civilization and cannot remain in the mold of a way of life which has not changed for the last two thousand years; and that Israeli Jews have much to learn from American and Western civilization. As an example of what Israelis can learn from American Jews, Dr. Konvitz cites the principle of freedom in religion which American Jews share with the rest of Western humanity as the most precious value of their common civilization. He stresses this point of freedom above everything else by a graphic illustration. "Now, I personally do not eat non-kosher food," he says, "But I make my choice as a free man. I choose Kosher food with a free will. And since I chose it freely, my act is of spiritual value to me. If I had no choice, but to eat only kosher food because the law so decreed, I would choke on it. Having eaten the bread of freedom, the bread of compulsion would be bread of affliction....Do not the Rabbis of Israel know that the Jews of Israel must be given freedom to sin, for if man has no freedom to sin, he has no freedom to do good?"

To these fundamental questions, two typical replies came forth from representatives of Jewish Orthodoxy; one from an Orthodox Rabbi in Winnipeg, Rabbi David P. Prince (who is typically, also an official of the clericalist political Mizrahi party); the other from Mr. Efraim Auerbach, a Yiddish poet and neo-religionist of the 'Jewish Morning Journal.' The Rabbi states ('Israelite Press' Sept. 23rd): "We do not want to force religion upon anyone. But we do have certain religious traditions which are identical with the name Jew. Without strict adherence to these religious laws, the continuation of the Jewish people and the existence of the Jewish State is inconceivable." Mr. Auerbach stated the same thing, but more picturesquely by saying, "A Jewish State without compulsory circumcision is inconceivable."

These answers, combined with the quotations from the statements of leaders of Israeli Religious Bloc which Dr. Konvitz himself mentions in his article in 'Commentary' prove one great truth which must be known for a full understanding of the question of religion in Israel. This is that the CONCEPT OF FREEDOM OF RELIGION IS NOT AN ORTHODOX JEWISH CONCEPT. No Orthodox Rabbi will ever subscribe to it and very few of them can even understand it. The concept of religious freedom was born in the mind of a great Jew, Baruch Spinoza, just as the concept of love in religion was conceived by another great Jew. And both of these great Jews were excommunicated, expelled and rejected from the Orthodox Jewish community and remain excommunicated to the present day. The dominant principle of Jewish Orthodoxy for the last two thousand years, as the late Dr. Chaim Zhitlowsky has so eloquently and convincingly proven in his famous essay on Jewish Religion has been THE PRESERVATION OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE AS A SEPARATE GROUP, not the preservation and development of spiritual or religious values for their own sake. The Rock upon which Jewish Orthodoxy has been built and stays is NATIONAL PRESERVATION; everything else was subsidiary and of no importance. By the establishment of the Jewish State, that strong Rock has been shaken to its foundation. The political ties of statehood make the religious ties of the Jews as a nation entirely superfluous. One does not cease to be a Jew in Israel by ceasing to be religious. The Jewish State is thus supplanting Jewish religion, at least in Israel. The Rabbis know it; they feel the tremor of the convulsion which the establishment of Israel has caused in the Temple of Orthodoxy. This is why they now make such frantic demands on the State to support and uphold their vanishing power and prestige by law. Free spiritual influence without the power of the law will not uphold Orthodoxy in the Jewish State. It is bound to disappear there in less than a generation unless Israel has a theocracy and packs the country with backward Oriental Jews. For Dr. Konvitz to appeal to the Rabbis of Israel not to introduce theocracy, is like appealing to the cat not to lap up baby's milk.

But what are progressive Jews like Dr. Konvitz and others to do? Their course is obvious. First, they have to do what Emil Zola did sixty years ago--to cry out a loud 'I Accuse' to ring all over the world. Second, they have to appeal to the essentially democratic and socialistic government which represents the majority of Israel and warn it that by its political alliance with the Religious Bloc, it is betraying the principles of democracy and freedom of two generations of socialistic pioneers who gave their lives to build a free and modern state on a co-operative basis. Third, they have to appeal to American Jews who are in the main liberal and Western in their orientation, not to permit that the State which they helped so much to bring into existence, should become a bulwark of oriental theocracy instead of Western democracy. Finally, if that fails, they have to appeal to the liberal non-Jewish world which is the highest place of appeal for Jews and all minorities, to help them prevent such a calamity.

William Zukerman

THE WEEK IN REVIEW

HOPEFUL MOOD IN UN. A more hopeful mood prevailed in Lake Success this week with regard to problems directly affecting Palestine. Circles close to the American delegation expressed the belief that the American State Department was prepared for a less rigid stand on the internationalization of Jerusalem. Particulars are not known, but it is believed that it will be a compromise between the interests of Israel, the Western Powers, the Vatican and the Arab States. There were also indications that the Catholic countries were not all united on the question and that some of them, at least, considered the Vatican demands as too extreme.

The US delegation has also been reported as veering from the earlier decision in favor of an immediate overall peace settlement in Palestine. The opinion is growing that any peace now, even on the minimum Israeli demands, would upset the already tottering Arab States and undermine the stability of the Middle East. The tendency is therefore to defer the final peace for some time.

JEWISH CHILDREN IN CHRISTIAN HOMES. The campaign to seek out and 'release' Jewish war orphans still living with non-Jewish foster parents or in monasteries or churches is being stepped up throughout Europe. OSE, the central child-health agency in Europe has called a conference of all Jewish organizations to intensify the search for Jewish children in order that they may go to a new home in Israel. Chief Rabbi Kahane of Poland passing through Paris enroute to Israel declared that since the end of the war 2,000 Jewish children have been taken from non-Jewish homes in Poland, but that 2,000 more remained and had been baptized.

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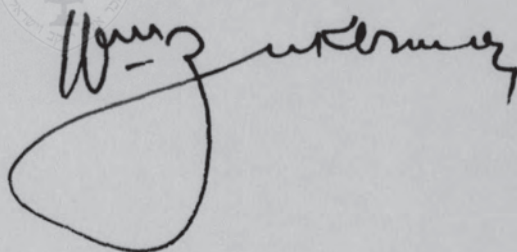
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.
Cleveland.

Dear Dr. Silver,

May I draw your attention to
the article in our Jewish Newsletter on
Religion In Israel? We would very appreciate
if you would comment on it.

Very sincerely yours,


A large, stylized handwritten signature, likely of William Zuckerman, is written over the typed name.



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Contrasts in Diplomacy

For a friend and critic of Israel it is particularly pleasant to be able to report that on the occasion of this week's historic celebration of the fourth anniversary of the United Nations and of the laying of the foundation stone of its permanent New York home, Israel played a fine, almost magnificent role. The Israeli delegation did not confine itself to mere physical participation in the solemnities, it expressed its spiritual affinity with the principles and organization of the UN and, what is more important, it utilized the occasion to stress Israel's unity with, and indivisibility from, the world body. Mr. Aubrey Eban, in a brilliant speech held at the laying of the corner stone, gave the UN full credit for the creation of the State of Israel and stated the obvious truth that without the UN the new State would not be able to exist even now. "On this day we recall the important role played by the UN in proclaiming Israel's right to independence at a time when that right was strongly challenged and denied," he said. Such strong and unequivocal words were not often spoken by Israeli diplomats before. The last speech by Mr. Sharet at the banquet of Mr. Herbert Evatt advanced the opposite claim, namely, that Israel owed its existence to its strong arm and that the UN was not to take much credit for it.

Dr. Abraham Katzenelson was even more emphatic than Mr. Eban. In a broadcast to Tel-Aviv, he said plainly: "I am reminding you of this (the significance of the UN) because some people among us are inclined to belittle the importance and authority of the UN. Our faithfulness to UN is our faithfulness to ourselves. Israel is a child of the UN. November 29th 1947 will never be deleted from the memory of mankind." These words gain in significance and courage when it is remembered that only recently extremists in Israel threatened to defy the UN even with acts of terror if the verdict in the Jerusalem case went against Israel. It is also well-known that a considerable section of the Cabinet including the Prime Minister, were in favor of proclaiming Jerusalem the capital of Israel even before the UN reached a decision, in order to place the world body before an accomplished fact. The speeches of Mr. Eban and Dr. Katzenelson are proof that sanity, liberalism and high moral purpose are gaining the upper hand in the foreign policy of Israel and that chauvinistic extremism is confined to a small and insignificant section of the people and leadership.

One wishes one could say the same thing about the diplomacy of the American Zionists. Unfortunately the diplomatic and political steps taken by the ZOA during the last few months are of a kind that the most charitable thing that can be said about them is that they are crude, clumsy, and tactless. They betray a narrow nationalistic sentimentality stronger than the one prevailing even in Israel, and they lack the broadmindedness and understanding of American mentality which was the hallmark of the previous Zionist administrations. How else can one explain the unfortunate attempt to drag in the Jerusalem issue into the New York senatorial campaign? And the clumsy manner in which Senator Dulles was confronted with the issue at the dinner in his honor?

Israel has an excellent case against the internationalization of Jerusalem. Experts in this and in many other countries consider internationalization impractical and unrealizable.

Many believe that such a move would be an open invitation to a renewal of war in the Middle East. Even the Arabs are divided on the subject. Progressive opinion is therefore lining up for a compromise on the issue to give the New City to Israel on the merits of the case. Why should the ZOA choose to make of it an issue for American Jews on religious and Jewish nationalistic grounds? What have American Jews, as American citizens, to do with the question whether Jerusalem is to be under the jurisdiction of the United Nations, or not?

Furthermore, why choose the moment of a crucial election in which religious and racial issues have already been unfortunately injected to make a new public Jewish issue of it? Were not Zionists together with Jews of all parties outraged when a similar attempt was made to inject a religious and racial issue on a much smaller scale into the same campaign several weeks ago? And did the ZOA leaders seriously expect that Senator Dulles, or any other American of his stature, who headed the American delegation of the UN at Paris and was responsible for the adoption of the resolution for internationalization, would publicly repudiate his own delegation, his own government's policy, and his own declared opinion for the sake of votes? Is this how far their knowledge and appreciation of American character and dignity goes?

William Zukerman

NEWS OF THE WEEK

A SIGNIFICANT DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES BY AJC

A declaration of principles by the American Jewish Committee which may mark a turning point in the history of that organization and have far reaching effects on American Jewish life in general, has been issued this week by the Executive Committee after a two-day session in Chicago. The gathering, which was attended by a hundred members of the Executive and chapter representatives from twenty-eight major communities, dealt with recent "statements from Zionist and anti-Zionist groups which were giving the American public the impression that Israel was intervening in the internal affairs of American Jews and impugning their patriotism and loyalty."

While the resolution included also a rebuke of the American Council for Judaism, it was devoted primarily and mostly to the famous statement by Premier Ben-Gurion of August 31st, concerning the immigration of American Jewish youth to Israel and to similar statements by leaders of the Zionist movement in America which "have caused grave concern, as possibly open to an interpretation inconsistent with the principles. (of the AJC)."

Prior to the Chicago meeting Mr. Jacob Blaustein, President of the AJC, addressed a direct inquiry on the subject to Ben-Gurion who replied with a long cable in which he repudiated the JTA version of his speech as "unauthorized." According to Ben-Gurion he appealed to American Jews to send only financial aid to Israel and also for American "know-how," by American engineers, chemists, builders, work managers and technicians," not, as was reported, for a mass-immigration of American Jewish youth to Israel.

Officers of the AJC have also conferred with the president of the ZOA, Mr. Daniel Frisch and have received from him a clear and unequivocal declaration of policy on the same subject which read in part: "The tasks assumed by the American Zionists are mainly confined to rendering material and moral aid to the young republic in insuring its stability....American Jews are an integral part of the American community. To them America is home....American Jews owe their allegiance to the government of the United States just as citizens of Israel owe theirs to the government of Israel."

After reading these declarations as well as a statement from Ambassador Elath, the Executive of the AJC adopted a resolution of ten points re-asserting the policy of the AJC as follows: "Since the recognition of the State of Israel by the Government of the United States, the American Jewish Committee has recorded as axiomatic that the Jews of America, while having an abiding friendship for the new state and a sincere desire as Americans to aid in its development, have no political affiliation with the State of Israel, and that there can be no interference by the government of Israel in the internal affairs of American Jewry or, indeed, of the Jewry of any other country." In addition the Executive expressed its satisfaction that the State of Israel and the ZOA have clarified their objectives on a basis consistent with the fundamental

principles "that as a matter of course, American Jews owe their political loyalty to the United States and only the USA, and that there should be no interference by the State of Israel in the life of American Jewry."

Delegates also expressed their concern over the publicity in the general press issued by the American Council for Judaism which, they felt, "unquestionably served to spread doubt as to the patriotism of large numbers of American Jews" and called upon the officers to "continue their efforts to secure a cessation of the Council's publicity methods."

ISRAEL IN UN

The Security Council, in the shortest session of its history, unanimously rejected Egypt's proposal for immediate consideration of demilitarization of Jerusalem. The meeting lasted twenty-five minutes. Although chairman Austin repeatedly asked for comments and observations, not a single representative spoke on the subject. The Israeli delegation has consistently followed its previously-announced policy of strict neutrality between the Eastern and Western blocs. This week it abstained along with four Arab states from voting on the crucial issues of Korea, and the violation of human rights in Soviet satellite states.

IN BRIEF

FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE END of the war, the question of Jewish reparations in Germany has been explained in detail by the Commissioner of Reparations for the American Zone of Germany, Dr. Philip Auerbach, who is in the USA now. Entitled to reparations are those Jews who were in ghettos or concentration camps and who subsequently lost their property, widows who lost their husbands in camps or ghettos, children who were over five when they were placed in camps, and invalids who received their bodily injury in the camps....

"THE CRISIS IN ISRAEL IS REAL. It is a matter of life and death to thousands. DON't let anyone tell you differently," stated Mr. Henry Morgenthau Jr. at the two-day UJA Emergency conference held at Washington...at the same conference all outstanding Jewish and Israeli leaders, including Ambassador Elath, Berl Locker, Zrubovel, Daniel Frisch, Baruch Zukerman, Dr. Nahum Goldman, Henry Morgenthau, and others issued a powerful appeal to American Jews to help Israel to weather the present crisis....

SIX LEADING JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS have sent a joint memorandum to the State Department protesting against the persecution of Jews in Iraq and appealing for the US government to intervene to stop arrests, tortures and confinement of Jews and the confiscation of their property. The organizations are the American Jewish Congress, the American Jewish Committee, the B'nai B'rith, the Zionist Council, the Jewish Labor Committee and the Jewish War Veterans....

MR. HENRY MONTOR, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE UJA has publicly denounced those who seek to minimize the hardships of the immigrants in Israel and have criticized the UJA for telling the truth about the deplorable conditions in the Israeli immigration camps. These critics are more concerned with Zionist prestige than with Jewish lives, Mr. Montor said....MR. H. L. LURIE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COUNCIL of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds advises us that the amount of \$8,779,801 mentioned as promotion costs of national and overseas agencies for 1948, is not the final and complete amount. These figures are now being compiled and checked with individual agencies, and will be issued when the work is completed....THE LEFT-WING MAPAM PARTY IS WILLING TO JOIN the Israeli government if the Government really wants it to join, said Mr. Dov Bar-Nir, a member of the Knesseth and representative of the MAPAM who arrived in this country. He also denied that MAPAM was pro-Communist. It was only for a policy of strict neutrality between East and West....

BOOK REVIEW:--Mark Wischnitzer: TO DWELL IN SAFETY. The Jewish Publication Society of America.

A distinguished Jewish historian presents in this book a magnificent panorama of the Jewish flight from Europe that has been going on since 1800 and reached its tragic climax in the Hitler era. He offers a scholarly and sympathetic analysis of the causes of this unprecedented exodus, the main of which was the desire of the migrants to escape from the oppression of their native lands. He gives special emphasis to the imposing though little-known achievement of the philanthropic organizations which helped the migrants. Based on painstaking study of the original sources, 'To Dwell in Safety' is an outstanding contribution to Jewish history.

MORALS AND POLITICS

Chaim Greenberg, editor of the Labor Zionist 'Kempfer,' member of the Jewish Agency and theoretician of the Labor Zionist movement in the United States, is a man of moral principles. A scholar of Jewish and non-Jewish erudition, he has shown on a number of occasions that he can rise above party politics when moral values are involved. He was one of the few Zionists who dared to come out publicly against the theocratization of Israel and criticized his own party for sacrificing its socialistic for nationalistic interests. Last week he made another unconventional gesture: he publicly repudiated his own managing editor Shlome Grodzensky, for an unseemingly personal attack in the 'Kempfer' on two leading Zionists--Dr. S. Margoshes and Dr. Abba Hillel Silver. In an open letter in the 'Kempfer' Greenberg disassociated himself from the act of his managing editor and said: "I regret that a note like this one (of personal attack) has been introduced into the discussion of a serious question. Dr. Margoshes may, or may not be right in the standpoint which he expressed, but this does not give anyone the right to seek to discredit him PERSONALLY." Similarly, he expressed his regret over the indirect insult to Dr. Silver in the same article.

There is more to the incident than appears at first sight. For never before has Labor Zionist journalism and polemics in Yiddish reached a lower depth of vulgarity than it has during the last few years under the editorial management of Grodzensky. 'Der Yiddisher Kempfer,' once a literary journal of high quality has become a replica of the usual fanatical Communist publication. Curious as it may seem, the 'Kempfer,' strongly anti-Communist in theory, has adopted the Communist practice of purging and eliminating opponents by character assassination. Mr. Greenberg's open rebuke of his managing editor is thus a rebuke not of an individual temperament, but of a pernicious tendency in Jewish journalism in general and Labor-Zionist journalism in particular.

But there is a fly in the ointment:--The same 'Kempfer,' which attacked Dr. Margoshes and Dr. Silver, contained even more vicious attacks on two Jewish journalists who do not follow the Labor Zionist party line. These people were personally abused, denounced, and insulted in a mud-slinging campaign which had no parallel in journalism. Yet Mr. Greenberg, who found it necessary to protest against the milder attacks on Dr. Margoshes and Dr. Silver, did not find it necessary even to mention the other attacks, let alone apologize for them. Is it possible that this was because in this case the persons involved are not well-known Zionists who can affect ZOA policy and UPA collections? Or because they are noneconformists in Zionism? But are not, in the eyes of a good moralist, all men God's children and is not a wrong done to one as painful as that to another? Or has Mr. Greenberg's morality different standards for supporters of his ideology and for others?

ON BALANCING RELIEF BUDGETS

Last week the 'Morning Journal' published a letter by a reader, (Mr. Isaac Allen, who is introduced as an old Zionist and social worker) in which he advanced the simple theory that there are two methods of meeting budgets: one by raising income and another by cutting expenses. In Mr. Allen's opinion the UJA, UPA, JDC, and other fund-collecting agencies are stressing too much the first method, and are ignoring entirely the second. The present expenses of our fund-raising bodies are geared to a period of prosperity, when big donations were the rule and people were generous with their contributions. Times have changed. Incomes are smaller now and contributions less generous. Therefore, all agencies should reduce expenses instead of crying more shrilly about keeping up contributions at the old level. According to this experienced observer, the system of sending messengers to Israel and bringing others from Israel to 'pep' up the selling campaigns of the fund-raising agencies, is a disgrace. The expenses involved in sending messengers to and from Israel are, according to this authority, scandalous. The Israeli messengers are the worst offenders. They stop in the richest hotels, eat in the most luxurious restaurants, travel only by taxi and by air and, that too, only first class and deluxe. Thus, hundreds of thousands of dollars of relief monies which should go to the starved refugees in the open-air camps are being wasted.

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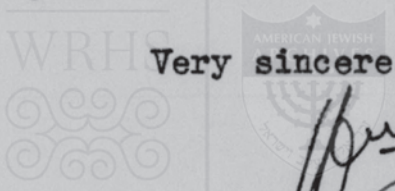
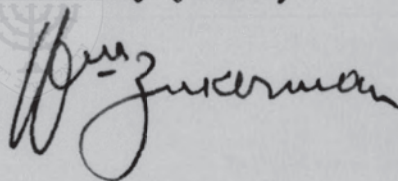
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WEEK IN REVIEW

AN ANTISEMITIC CLOUD OVER UN

For the first time in the history of the United Nations a shadow of antisemitism darkened its horizon. An impartial board has established that five Jewish members of a UN division were dismissed from their positions in 1949 on grounds of antisemitic discrimination. After a full hearing, the board ordered that all of the five should be reinstated with full rights of seniority and should receive compensation for their loss of earnings. The report of the special board was released by Secretary General Lie who announced that the inquiry began in March 1949, and was completed towards the end of December. Although no names or departments are made public by the report it is understood that three top UN executives are involved, whose services will be terminated shortly. In presenting the report Lie declared that, although it did not reveal evidence of overt antisemitism "there were administrative irregularities which had the appearance of unfair discrimination against the complainants, and certainly caused them to suffer unjustly." Lie added that he felt most strongly that the UN must be above suspicion. This is why he and the UN secretariat took such strong action.

DIPLOMATIC SHAKEUP IN ISRAEL?

"A thorough reorganization of Israel's diplomatic service and Foreign Office staff is expected to result from the debate on Israel's foreign policy in the Knesset," writes the New Palestine in its January issue. Foreign Secretary Sharett admitted "complete surprise" over the Jerusalem development at Lake Success and political circles in Israel are under the impression that he was "misled by reports that came in from Israel diplomatic offices abroad." It appears that lack of information from Australia, Rome and the Latin American countries, together with faulty interpretation of this information by various departments of the Foreign Ministry, led to an underrating of the political position concerning Jerusalem.

What is foreseen now is that the diplomatic staffs in Latin America, Rome and Australia would be changed and considerably increased and that the Israel Minister to Rome would be recalled and a special envoy to the Vatican appointed. The Ha-aretz (Tel Aviv) also foreshadowed major diplomatic changes and mentioned specifically that Eliahu Elath might be replaced as Ambassador to Washington and sent to India.

A NEW CENSORSHIP?

The National Community Relations Advisory Council, a coordinating body of major national Jewish organizations and of 27 local community councils, has issued a strong condemnation of the American Council for Judaism, which reads in part: "The small and highly vocal group of Jewish individuals known as the American Council for Judaism has been responsible for the publication in the nation's press of reiterated statements casting doubts on the loyalty of American Jews who have demonstrated their sympathies with Israel. These statements constitute thinly veiled slurs on the allegiance of substantially the whole of American Jewish community."

The statement of the NCRAC was accompanied by an exchange of letters between the organization's president, Mr. Irving Kane, and Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald, President of the American Council for Judaism. That correspondence reveals that NCRAC invited the Council to discuss the question of Jewish publicity in the non-Jewish press. Mr. Rosenwald replied that he "would be glad to participate in any meeting which has for its objective the benefit of the entire Jewish community...but the Council cannot with self-respect participate in a discussion which assumed as a premise that the Council had been guilty of improper conduct in

handling its publicity." He suggested that the NCRAC wait with the resolution until after the discussion. The suggestion was rejected and the meeting did not take place.

ISRAEL IN THE UN

Israel and Minorities -- Israel has submitted to the UN subcommittee on the minorities a comprehensive plan for dealing with the problem. It is to form an independent international organization under the authority of the UN, but separate from it, on the model of the IRO, IIO, and the other autonomous international organizations. The new body is to have the right to hear complaints of governments and of non-governmental bodies, make investigations, and refer cases to the International Court of Justice.

Israel and Arabs -- Israel was elected to the important fifteen-nation committee for the study of international cooperation in the political field. The appointment was made by the interim assembly (Little Assembly) which met here last week for the first time in 1950. Among others the new committee includes the big four, Israel and Lebanon. Thus for the first time, Israel and Lebanon work side by side on a UN committee dedicated to the "settlement of international disputes by conciliation."

Internationalization of Jerusalem -- The walkout of the Soviet Union and her satellites from three major UN bodies over the non-recognition of Communist China, foreshadows a similar Russian refusal to participate in Trusteeship Council meetings beginning Jan. 19, in Geneva. Absence of the Soviet Union might seriously impede implementation of the internationalization of Jerusalem.

News in Brief

A NEW AND MORE LIBERAL DP bill to admit 200,000 more DPs to the United States without the present discrimination against Jews and Catholics, was predicted by Vice-President Alben Barkley in a speech at the National Conference of the United Service for New Americans. The bill will be introduced by the administration and according to the Vice-President it will be "overwhelmingly adopted."

THE LONG THREATENED SPLIT between the National UJA and the Chicago Welfare Funds came nearer to a climax last week when Mr. Henry Montor, Executive Secretary of the UJA, made a last minute effort to avert two separate fund-raising drives this year in that city. The controversy revolved around the division of funds. The local leaders headed by Richard Frank and William Friedman claimed that Chicago needs \$4,350,000 for local needs, and that the UJA can have everything above that amount. UJA leaders demanded 2/3 of all funds collected. There was general agreement that two separate drives in Chicago would not only hurt both, but would set a precedent for other cities throughout the country.

"ON THE WHOLE, JEWISH parents do not want their children to abstain from participation in carol singing," stated Rabbi Max Weine of Camden, N.J., who raised a storm of protests by Jewish parents for exempting Jewish children from participating in carol singing last Christmas.

MR. AND MRS. WOLPER WHO started a similar commotion in Chelsea, Mass., have also discovered that their action was not popular with the bulk of the Jews in that city. The National Jewish Post reports that the family was made to feel so uncomfortable, that it contemplated moving from Chelsea.

15,000 JEWS WHO HAVE LIVED in Israel for a few years now want to emigrate to the United States reports Walter White, former Executive Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. White is critical of the "understandable but harmful sensitiveness of Israeli leaders to even the mildest suggestion that everything is not perfect."

THE WAR-TIME VICHY Commissioner of Jewish Affairs for France, who was responsible for the deportation and murder of 120,000 Jews was released from prison after serving three years of a ten year sentence imposed by the postwar French government. The release order was signed by Rene Mayer, Minister of Justice, and a Jew.

SCANNING THE JEWISH PRESS

IRELAND AND ISRAEL

Eire's Premier, John Costello, has recently issued an appeal to Irish Americans, especially technicians and mechanics, to come to Ireland to help to develop the country. "If Costello can do it without being jumped upon, why not Ben-Gurion?" asks Ephraim Auerbach in the Morning Journal in an article entitled "Ben Gurion's Suppressed Call" (Jan. 8th). Auerbach not only asks the question but provides the answer. In his opinion Ben-Gurion's famous call for a mass immigration of American Jews to settle in Israel was not a thoughtless remark, as was explained by some. "It was a statement of Zionist policy, logical and consistent with Zionist ideology...The second million of Jews is expected to come from America, so that the country's face might not be completely altered by the influx of Oriental Jews...Any Jewish community which considers that the land of Israel is not for it excludes itself from the Jewish people."

Thus, Auerbach himself, clearly states the difference between Costello and Ben-Gurion. Costello wants temporary philanthropic aid by Irish Americans for the upbuilding of Eire, an aid which American Jews have been giving most generously to Israel before and after its establishment and are quite willing to continue. Ben-Gurion, Dobkin, Auerbach and the extremist Jewish nationalists in Israel, and in this country, want something quite different. They repudiate humanitarianism and claim that Zionism is not a 'do-good society'; they reject philanthropy with contempt. Money is not enough. Temporary military, medical or technical aid such as idealistic men and women usually give for a cause in a foreign country, is not enough. What they want is bodies and souls. They want American Jews to consider Israel their home and feel about it as one feels about a native land. They want American Jews to come to Israel not as friends and helpers, but as exiles returning home to settle and to be "redeemed." What they want is well expressed in Auerbach's own words: "Any Jewish community that considers that Israel is not for it, excludes itself from the Jewish people." This is the real difference between Irish and the extremist-Jewish nationalism in America. This, and not aid for Israel, is the crux of the matter.

THE TIDE IS RECEDING

It is good to report that the tide of spiritual totalitarianism which has been rising in Jewish life during the last few years, is beginning to recede. The recession is seen mostly in articles by individual Jewish writers, by columnists who have not lost their independence, and by brave editors of newspapers who are not afraid to oppose the pet prejudices of their readers. Occasionally one finds it lately also in speeches or writings of responsible Zionist leaders who are not in the habit of following the line of any party 100 percent. Among the latter, an article by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, former President of the Zionist Organization of America, entitled 'Lessons of Defeat' in the current issue of the New Palestine, is a particularly good omen.

Dr. Neumann writes on the Israeli defiance of the UN on the issue of the internationalization of Jerusalem. Unlike most of the Zionist spokesmen in this country, he considers the action an error and a defeat for Israel and says: "It is clear, of course, that Israel has suffered a severe political set-back, its first major defeat in the international arena. That is serious enough. But it is most disturbing to note that the full import and gravity of this defeat has not been adequately appraised in Zionist circles...From our first appearance at the bar of world opinion in the question of Palestine, we took our position upon lofty ground. Our pleas were sustained not only by force of logic and historic necessity, but also by their high moral tone. The essential point of departure in all our major arguments was the issue of international right against narrow national interests. Against the fierce intransigence of the Arabs, we pitted the conscience of the world and its moral authority...This moral position we have now impaired. Whatever the ultimate outcome of the controversy, the adversaries of Israel have attained one immediate objective which they sought. They have succeeded in manoeuvring Israel into a position of defiance and rebellion. From the point of view of the United Nations, we have been forced into an attitude which we roundly condemned when it was assumed by the Arabs two years ago. The Arabs threatened violent resistance then; the Jews have come close to making similar threats today..."

Compare these sane brave words with the hysterical "Mazel-Tov, Jerusalem capital of Israel," by the Zionist Tog and with the chorus of Hallelujas for Ben-Gurion's defiance of the world by practically the entire Jewish press; (except for the Jewish Chronicle of London, and the Israelite Press of Winnipeg) and it will become obvious that cracks are beginning to appear in the wall of totalitarianism which has obscured the truth and suppressed independence of thought for long and weary years.

William Zukerman

FACTS AND COMMENTS

Friction between American and Israeli Zionists

Two of the most important leaders of the American Zionist movement, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Emanuel Neumann, who have been in virtual retirement for nearly a year due to disagreement with the top Israeli official leadership, have reappeared now on the political stage. Their reappearance coincides with the current meeting of the Jewish Agency Executive in Jerusalem which is struggling with the issue of the future of the Zionist movement and the elections to the World Zionist Congress which is expected to take place next summer. Rabbi Silver who is the most likely candidate for the presidency of the world Zionist movement, came out with a sharp attack on Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency and spokesman for the Israeli government. "...Dr. Goldmann," Rabbi Silver stated, "might have to do some tall explaining for the role which he played in the so-called Silver-Morgenthau dispute, for the failure of the 1949 (UJA) campaign and perhaps also for the decline in the Zionist political position in Washington."

Dr. Emanuel Neumann was even more specific and outspoken. In an address to the five Metropolitan Regions of the Z.O.A. on Jan. 12th, he warned that the World Zionist Movement was undergoing a serious crisis because of a lack of definition of function between the Zionist movement outside Israel and the Israeli government. "There is growing confusion regarding the present status of organized Zionism and its future role," Dr. Neumann said. The partnership between Zionism and the people of Israel "seems to be weakening if not actually dissolving." This condition, he continued, "is having a depressing effect on all phases of Jewish effort in aid of Israel, notably in the field of fund-raising and the mobilization of investment capital and in the field of public relations and political support." The responsibility for this state of affairs, Dr. Neumann intimated, lay with the Israeli government and he reminded them of the fact that American Zionism had played a large part in the creation of the Jewish state which still needed the strenuous efforts of its friends everywhere. At the same time Dr. Neumann demanded the elimination of the present party system in all countries outside of Israel, asserting that "the interplay of party interests" was complicating matters throughout. Since the only major party in American Zionism, apart from the ZOA, is the Mapai, the Labor Zionists, Dr. Neumann's attack was directed against them as well as against the Mapai-dominated Israel government.

Thus, despite the blithe statement by Dr. Nahum Goldmann at the opening session of the Jewish Agency Executive that "internal peace now reigns in the ranks of American Zionists," the internal friction has not abated since last summer. If anything, the Zionist movement in America is now nearing an even sharper crisis than eight months ago when Dr. Silver resigned from the Jewish Agency and both he and Dr. Neumann were eliminated from the United Palestine Appeal. Mr. Frisch's ineffectual efforts to bring about peace and a compromise between the fighting factions have evidently ended in complete failure, as his threat of resignation from the ZOA presidency indicated. The fact that Mr. Morgenthau, Jr. has again been invited to Israel this week, while Drs. Silver and Neumann are still waiting in vain for the same courtesy for the last year and a half, is another indication that the Israeli top leaders are still more inclined to work with the American non-Zionist big money contributors than with the rank and file of the American Zionist movement, and this is an affront to the American Zionists and a threat to their independence which they cannot and will not ignore.