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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Sulgrave Hotel Park Ave. & 67th St. New York City

Dear Dr. Silver,

With reference to the conversation held today between you, Major M. Szeskin and Capt. Z. Kolitz, chief representatives of the World Management of the Tel-Hai Fund, we shall be much obliged to you if you will kindly make all necessary arrangements in order to transfer the amount of \$10,000.00 remitted to you as our share of the united emergency campaign in Uruguay, on the account of the Tel-Hai Fund Inc. in the Chase National Bank, Times Square Branch, New York.

Taking into consideration the extreme urgency of the matter we shall be deeply grateful to you if you will act on it without delay.

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Mr. Jacques Torezyner Park Hotel Amsterdam, Holland

Dear Jacquess

A few fleeting seconds after I entered the office, the voice of our mutual friend Joe echoed through the phone. I had intended to write to you promptly, but at his suggestion, I am making this letter my first order of business.

First about your father. I was terribly shocked when I was informed, several hours before my departure on the New Amsterdam, that he was ill, and that your mother, Harry and you had joined him there.

Knowing your genius for piercing through "phrases however beautiful and inspiring in sound", I nevertheless choose to tell you that during the few days it was my privilege to be your Dad's roomste in Israel, I uncovered in him a depth of humor and natural charm, which made every moment we were together a most pleasant experience for me.

Now Zionist business. You most likely know that the separation of Gevernment and Agency, as well as the apparent strengthening of policy making in the American section of the Agency, was carried by us. We won not, God forbid, because a united Confederation stood by us, as Dr. Goldstein seems to believe, but in spite of inner opposition in the Confederation, primarily because the gentlemen in control of Palestine know only too well the difference between losing an academic battle and the retention of de facto powers." The Confederation, with no exceptions except the ZOA people, treated us not only unfriendly but, putting it in an unorthodox way, "disrespectfully". The Haoved Hazioni, or rather the fewer than a handful of people who speak for and are the Haoved Hazioni, behaved brazenly. Their attitude was prompted, or at least justified by the notion conveyed by several people who visited the States, a) that we are facing a good chance of being deprived of leadership at the next convention, b) because the Progressives in the United States would immediately take our place in support

^{*} Look back to the great victory at the last Congress, and see how much actual "say so" we were afforded in the management of the affairs of the Agency, on the American scene.

of their needs, should we, as I hope we shall, withdraw such support, and c) last but definitely not least, because the leaders of the Hadassah, who guided them, must have promised to make up in conjunction with the Progressives, whatever material and moral losses they may be called upon to sustain on the American scene.

On the other hand, I must say that those forces who remained under the control of the General Zionist Federation of Palestine, namely the Serlin-Bernstein etc. group, represents a homogeneous element, which I am persuaded, will carry the day, if not at this coming election, at the one following, for General Zionism, as conceived and felt by our group under the leadership of Dr. Silver. They are serious, dependable and determined. The first order of business they undertook was to raise a very substantial sum of money from among themselves, for party purposes and election. What we will immediately lose in numbers, we will gain in dependability and prestige. We will not have to wear armored shields on our backs while advocating proposals affecting our attitudes at Congresses or Action Committee meetings.

I remained in Israel about twelve days longer than Silver and Neumann, and I am persuaded, and it is not mere wishful thinking, that with the proper approach, and with one or two of us spending some time there, we could break into the Councils of the Haoved Hazioni and the others. Incidentally, 40% of the Haoved voted against the attitude towards us now practised by Kolodny-Herman

In conclusion as to the Palestine scene, to be supplemented in person, since I do not choose to put some details on paper, I wish to say that I am persuaded that both Silver and Neumann were treated most unkindly by the powers that be, in contrast to the visible sentiments of the man on the street and in the public place, who somehow feels that these two people and the ZOA in general, are friends to be welcomed, and not sneered at and ignored.

Paris - Together with Dr. Margoshes I spent eight days in Paris. I do not wish to entrust to this letter the details of my activities there. Suffice it for me to tell you that I believe that all will be well there, and that our friends who are about to desert us are in for some unexpected and unpleasant surprises, subject to our organization confirming the plans and understandings I have reached there. Incidentally, after a great deal of insistance and threats on my part, I finally obtained an order for \$2000. to be payed to me for the ZOA (Shekel account), \$1600. of which I left with Mr. Luxembourg in Paris, with the distinct understanding that he is to hold the money for us until such time as

I met with Herzl Gesand and Glucksman of the South Americas, in Israel. As you know, Segal left for South America for the avowed purpose, I have no doubt, of affectuating the same kind of an organization he did in Paris, where, with our financial support, an anti-Silver branch of the Confederation came into being. I have reasons to believe that this time - again if we follow the line firmly and unswervingly - these efforts will come to naught. At the last Congress, the Silver group within the Confederation was credited with 57% of the delegation. The places on the Executive etc., were divided according to this key. I am convinced beyond any shadow of a doubt, that we could come to the next Congress with a minimum of 65% of the General Zionist and so called General Zionist groupings, which means about 65 delegates out of a potential of 100, if we but will it.

Other matters of a more sensitive nature, dealing not alone with attitudes but with personalities, which I prefer not to entrust to the written word, must await your arrival back, and until such time as I have a chance to go over these problems with the powers that be.

Affectionately yours,

D. Friesch

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MEMORANDUM



Date October 28,1948

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From Dr.S. Tocker

Subject

In addition to my previous memo, I am neclosing a short personal biography which may be of interest to you.

I understand that the Jewish Agency is going to reorganize the Latin American Department. Therefore, as I told you personally, I would be very much interested in assisting in this respect. You know of my experience in Latin America for the last few years, and so I am sure my services would be of great value for the cause.

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Dr. Salomon Tocker - Born in Poland, is doctor in Political Science. Has studied at the Universities of Cracow, Poland; Tashkent, Turkestan; Vienna, Austria; Berlin, Germany; George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

Orgnizer of the physical culture movement in Middle Galicia
(Poland) 1906 - 1909. Member of the Zionist Organization since 1906. Attended the Zionist World Congress in Vienna as delegate of Bar-Kochba in Poland.

Writer - lecturer - traveller.

Speaks: Russian, Polish, Jewish, German, Spanish, English,
Portuguese, French. Broadcasted in Spanish for the Coordinator of Inter-American
Affairs.

1938 - 1939 was in France; 1940 in Portugal; 1940 - 1942 in various Latin American countries. For some time was connected with the consular services of Haiti, Vicarague and Guatemala, in South America.

In Washington, was connected with the Pan-American Union.

1944- 1945 was connected with the World Jewish Congress.

1946 - The first Zionist who was a delegate (for Paraguay) to the United Nations during the International Health Conference which was held at Hunter College, New York.

1946 - 1948 Connected with the Latin American Department of the Keren Hayesod.

Founder and secretary of the Nahum Sokolow District No. 126.

Active in various Jewish and fraternal organizations.

Vice-President of the American Federation for Polish Jews.

November 12, 1948

Mr. Moises A. Toff
Delegation d'Israel
15. avenue Theophile Gautier
Parise XVIe, France

My dear Moises:

I am writing to you in English because I want to send copies to Messrs. Lourie, Epstein and Eytan.

Dr. Silva, of Mexico, brought us some information about Mr. Prihar's success at the Mexican conference.

Several days before the conference began, the British Ambassador met with a number of delegates, telling them that Israel should not be admitted, that this would be an impossible precedent, since this was the first international conference at which such a thing had occurred and that if anyone should be represented, it should be Palestine and not Israel.

First, the matter was presented in the Credentials Committee. While France requested that Prihar be admitted as an observer, Canada proposed that he be admitted as a technical adviser in the U.N. delegation. The Canadian motion won.

Mr. Prihar, however, refused to accept this type of admission. The subject was brought up in a plenary session several days later, taking up almost an entire afternoon. Until then, Russia furnished the most definite support, while the U.S. delegation was rather passive. In the meantime, Mr. Epstein's negotiations in Washington had produced results.

The spokesmen for the Pro Israeli bloc in the plenary session were the U.S., Russia, Guatemala, Uruguay, Brazil, France, Yugoslavia and Albania. The U.S. spokesmen avoided entering into political matters and pointed out that although Israel had been invited through an "unfortunate mistake" (from a technical point of view, this invitation was obviously not in due form), it should not receive worse treatment than Mongolia, which had been admitted as an observer, although it did not fill the requirements either. A very outstanding role was played by Brazil and France. The head of the French delegation, who was a Jew, proceeded cautiously at the beginning until he evidently received definite instructions from his government. The spokesmen for the opposing bloc were the United Kingdom, Canada, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India and Egypt. After the vote took plase (26 for, 21 against, 7 abstentions and 10 absences,) a British delegation, who was unable to control his ill will, threw his pencil on the table and stalked out of the room. Some of the delegations "reserved" the right to consider whether or not they would remain at the conference.

The success was primarily due to Mr. Prihar, who proceeded with dignity, becoming a hero of the press. A very helpful piece of work was done by our representative, Dr. Adolfo Fastlicht, and by Dr. Silva, who obtained the

personal help of the Italian delegation. I say "personal" because I doubt that there were specific instructions from Rome.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

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cc: Lourie, Epstein, Eytan

Benno Weiser Acting Director Latin American Department TEL-HAI FUND, INC. 55 WEST 42ND STREET NEW YORK 18, N. Y.



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