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1933-1936.

October 26, 1933.

Rabbi Armond E. Cohen,
Jewish Center of Jackson Heights,
Jackson Heights, N.Y.

My dear Rabbi Cohen:

Let me thank you for your kind note
of October 20th. I am very pleased with your
reaction to my editorial in the Jewish Daily Bulletin.
I have been receiving some very interesting reactions
to it.

I hope that on my next visit to New York
I may have the pleasure of seeing you.

Very cordially yours,

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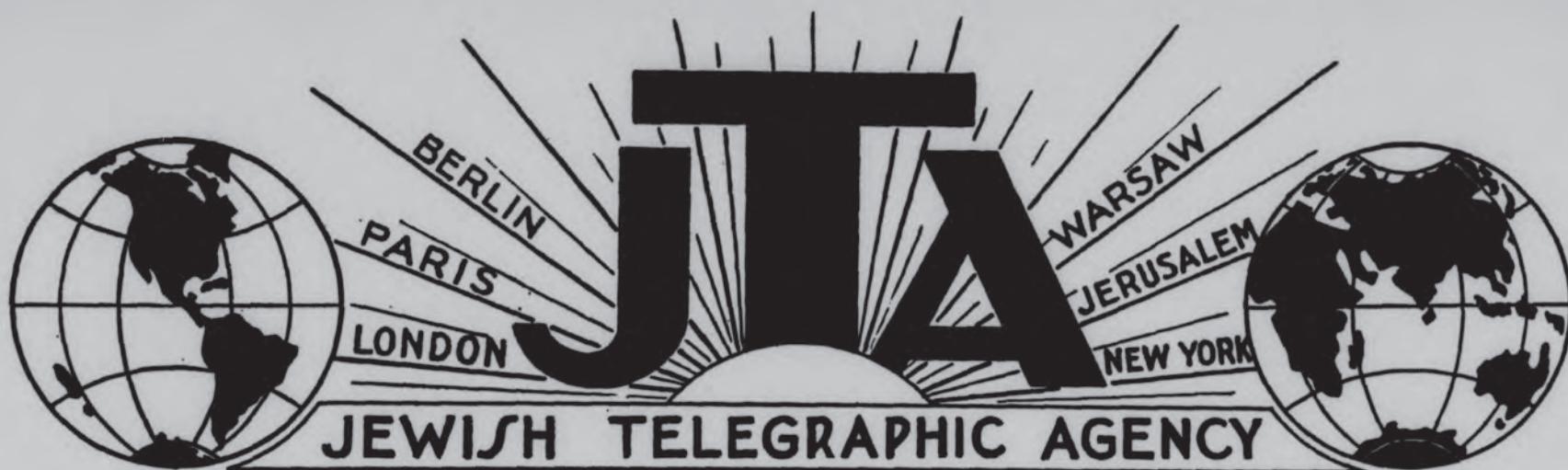
Oct. 20, 1933.

Dear Doctor Silver,

I have just read your contribution to the Sunday Bulletin. As a youngster who is already sick unto the death with the periodic attempts of pseudo-leaders to "interpret" victories out of what a mere modicum of intellectual honesty compels one to recognize as tragic defeats, I found a much needed "bracer" in the first truthful analysis of the League's action. Injections of a weekly hypodermic of truth may yet revive the corpse of Jewish courage!

Sincerely,

Armond E. Cohen



611 BROADWAY :: NEW YORK CITY

November 6, 1933

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
10311 Lake Shore Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:-

~~We received your article this morning.~~ Without any desire to flatter you, I must say your contributions are simply knock-outs. Many people have told me how much they enjoy reading the column you are writing.

I wonder whether you would not care to comment in your next column on the results of the Conference in London which has just concluded its sessions. I wonder whether our community should not be urged to follow the example of the British Jewry. Only one drive took place in England in which also the Zionists joined; on the other hand 50% of the proceeds of the drive has gone to Palestine. Would not such a united drive in the United States also be more effective than the multitudes of drives in connection with the German situation.

In Prague complaints were uttered by the leaders of the Keren Hayessod that the fund received only \$200,000.00 from the United States during the last year. Perhaps by a truly powerful and concentrated effort even the very rich Jews who have stood aloof could be drawn in. I understand the Guggenheims have not given even one cent to the JDC drive. The same is true of Jesse Strauss while Percy Strauss gave only \$2,500.00. This attitude of indifference and apathy, even face to face with the greatest tragedy in our history can probably be more easily overcome by a united effort than otherwise. Every European country has comparatively done more than the United States, which still offers a picture of disorganization, anarchy, and lack of leadership. with the Zionist organization being utterly weak and nowise coping with the great issue involved. With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Jacob Landau
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DAVID FICHMAN

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

November 13th, 1933

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland Ohio

Dear Silver :-

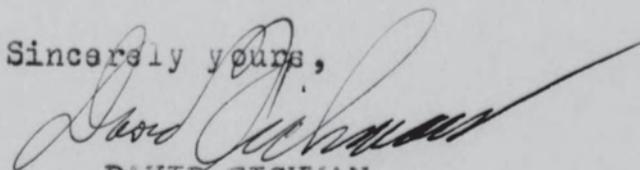
I have just read with interest and hearty approbation your article in the Sunday issue of the Jewish Daily Bulletin. The viewpoint there expressed is one that it seems to me needs particular emphasis, if we Jews are not to be caught in a trap of repressive measures.

I am wondering what would have been the Jewish reaction if, in some large city where there is a large proportion of Germans, the Mayor would have refused permission to hold an Anti Hitler Protest or Boycott Meeting. I can very well understand a Mayor saying that such a meeting might tend to cause disturbances in that particular city (as it might). It seems to me that if there is any group that must incessantly fight for the cause of freedom of speech and assembly, even in the advocacy of unpopular causes, that group is the Jewish group. It is hard to understand the shortsightedness of the New York Jews who took advantage of a wretched political situation to prevent the German Day Meeting.

I hope you will keep up the good work of hammering away against this policy of repression which may turn out in time to be a fearfully dangerous double edged sword.

With cordial greetings, I am,

Sincerely yours,



DAVID FICHMAN

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Novemebr 14th, 1933.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

Just noticed your "Still Blundering" in "Every Friday".

May I say a word of appreciation of your continued hammering at our leadership and how gladly I subscribe to every word you have been saying since the tragic condition of the Jews in Germany brutally exposed the hazardous position of the Jews everywhere.

Sincerely,

Ms. J. J. Lillian B. de Haas

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RABBI EDWARD N. CALISCH, PH. D.
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Dec. 11th, 1933.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

I wish to send you just a word of appreciation and congratulation upon your editorials that are appearing in the Sunday edition of the Jewish Daily Bulletin, that editorial page makes that issue really worth while. I have read your editorials with a great deal of pleasure. They are at once both sane and stimulating, particularly the latest one on "The Necessity Of Resistance".

With greetings from house to house, I am

Sincerely yours,

ENC/A.

Edward N. Calisch

December 13, 1933.

Dr. Edward N. Calisch,
Richmond,
Virginia.

My dear Dr. Calisch:

I was very happy to receive your note and your comments about my editorials in the Jewish Daily Bulletin. They seem to be meeting with a good response through the country.

I trust that you are well and that I may have the pleasure of seeing you again before long. With all good wishes for a happy Chanukah, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

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Mr. Victor M. Bienstock,
Jewish Daily Bulletin,
122 East 42nd Street,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Bienstock:

Your letter of December 22 has come during
Dr. Fosdick's absence from the city, and
will be given to him when he returns at
the end of the week.

Sincerely yours,

Society Noyes
Asst. Secy. to Dr. Fosdick.

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December 27, 1933

Mr. Victor M. Bienstock, News Editor
Jewish Daily Bulletin, Inc.
122 East 42nd Street,
New York City

Dear Mr. Bienstock:-

I have your letter of December 22nd in which you enclose an article by Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver and say that you would appreciate receiving any statements I might care to make concerning it. I have read the article with much interest and I find myself very much in sympathy with its purport.

It seems to me significant, that while there has been apparently no political group in Germany able to withstand the Hitler regime, the Protestant churches have to a large degree maintained their independence and carried their point. I quite agree with Rabbi Silver that the task of these churches will not be complete until they have made an effective protest, not simply in the interest of such persons of Jewish blood as are within the Christian churches but have extended to all Jews within the Reich who are the victims of discrimination and persecution. The Christian churches are false to their traditions and their ideals if they do not stand for equality of rights regardless of race or religion. No doubt the struggle in which these churches have been engaged has been extremely engrossing and has occupied all their energies. We can only hope that their position may be so strongly entrenched that they will be able to press the principles for which they stand to their legitimate conclusion.

The churches in Germany with which the Federal Council is in fellowship have been from time to time apprised of the sentiments of the Council with regard to these questions and I think that you will be interested in the resolution passed by the Federal Council on March 24th, which I enclose herewith. You may be interested also in some excerpts from the New York Times, reprinted by the Universal Christian Council, a copy of which I am also enclosing.

Yours sincerely,

Robert A. Ashworth

Educational Secretary

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March 24, 1933
Executive Committee
Federal Council of Churches

Anti-Semitism in Germany

After discussion of the reported anti-Semitic tendencies in Germany,

VOTED: To adopt the following statement:

"The members of the Executive Committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, at a regular meeting at New York on March 24, in response to urgent requests from many persons in its constituency, record the conviction that the reported serious persecution of Jews in Germany concerns all men of brotherly ideals, particularly the followers of Jesus Christ. We earnestly hope that such outbursts of racial antagonism as are reported are less widespread than now appears to be the case; yet our fellow-Christians in Germany have for some time been reporting to us with concern the long campaign of misrepresentation and hate which has now borne its bitter fruit in discrimination and injustice.

"We would not overlook our own shortcomings or the racial discrimination and injustice too often practised among us; nor can we as American Christians forget the debt which we, in common with all mankind, owe to German exponents of liberty of conscience and freedom of religious worship. That very heritage of Christian Germany leads us to believe that our brethren in the churches of that great land will repudiate and oppose the current anti-Semitism within their borders.

"On Christian grounds we protest against all forms of racial and religious intolerance, and express our deep sympathy for its victims. In the name of our common Heavenly Father we urge Christians everywhere to reexamine their own racial attitudes and relationships, to the end that hatred and strife may be overcome by the power of that charity which alone can avert the threatened break-down of Western civilization."

New York Times

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NEW YORK, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1933.

Nazi Church Laws to Be Revoked; 'Non-Aryans' Now Acceptable

Reich Bishop Also Agrees to Make a Demand That All Officers
Acknowledge Bible Is Binding on Them—Move Is Viewed
as a Victory Over German Christians, Hitlerite Faction.

By The Associated Press.

BERLIN, Nov. 16.—Reich Bishop Ludwig Mueller, as the leader of German Protestantism, agreed tonight to promulgate a law rescinding all church laws adopted by the States or the nation in recent months, including the so-called "Aryan" statute.

This will mean that "non-Aryan" Christians—those with Jewish blood—can continue membership in the church and hold offices in it.

Bishop Mueller agreed also to demand from all church bodies and officers written acknowledgments that they accept the Bible and the articles of faith of the church as binding on them.

These developments came as a concession after days of stormy bickering, that included orders for the ousting of three ministers from the pastorates for challenging the anti-Semitic stand of the Nazi German Christians, a counter-demand for the dismissal of the Rev. Dr. Joachim Hossenfelder, head of the Nazi movement in the church, and the remarks at a Nazi churchmen's mass meeting by Dr. Reinhold Krause, chief of the Berlin section of the German Christians, that parts of the Old Testament should be rejected.

Bishop Mueller's promise today

was taken as a notable victory over the Nazi German Christians by former Bishop Friedrich von Bodelschwink, the Rev. Dr. Martin Niemaeller, one of the suspended pastors, and their friends.

Further negotiations were pending regarding the demands of Dr. Niemaeller and others for the removal of the Rev. Dr. Hossenfelder, whose position was considered untenable by the von Bodelschwink faction because of his strictures against foreign churches and because of his attitude of tolerance toward the remarks of Dr. Krause.

Dr. Mueller agreed also to rebuke high church officials who sat, unprotesting, in the Sportpalast when Dr. Krause was reported to have suggested the elimination of the crucifix as a religious symbol.

The fate of Dr. Niemaeller and the Revs. E. F. Rabernau and F. Scharf, who also had been ordered suspended "for offering resistance to the National Socialist and the German Christian spirit with regard to the necessary reconstruction of the German Evangelical Church," depended tonight on whether Bishop Mueller removed Dr. Hossenfelder, who as Bishop of Brandenburg had suspended these pastors.

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THE UNIVERSAL CHRISTIAN COUNCIL
287 Fourth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

AMERICANS AIDED IN REICH PROTEST

Federal Council of Churches
Reveals Cooperation With
German Protestants.

OFFICIALS WENT TO BERLIN

Statement Remarks on Catholics
Standing With Associates in
Religious Freedom Crisis.

The 3,000 German Protestant pastors who protested Sunday against Nazi domination were stimulated by American Protestants, who have been cooperating with their German colleagues for months, according to a statement issued by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ yesterday.

The problem was not only taken up at the Universal Christian Council in Serbia in September, according to the statement, but since then the American Protestants have been in correspondence with the German pastors by letter and cable for months and on various occasions in the past eight months have sent officials to Germany to confer with the German pastors.

The statement says in part:

"In four important respects what happened in Germany yesterday has profound significance.

"First, it is clear that Christians are resisting Nazi efforts at Aryanizing the church and that their voices have increasingly to be heard and heeded.

"In the second place, these same Christians are as staunchly resisting State domination of the church.

"In the third place, the so-called free churches, such as the Baptist and Methodist, have been able thus far to maintain their identity and liberty of action.

"In the fourth place, it is clear that Catholics and Protestants are standing together to a degree hitherto unparalleled in Germany, finding common ground in their basic loyalty to Christ. The reason is that both Catholics and Protestants find themselves confronted by the danger that worship of the State will be placed above every other loyalty. They know the danger of the proposal made by extremists in Germany that Christianity should be entirely swept aside to be replaced by a revival of the worship of the old Teutonic pagan deities.

Intense Interest Here.

"In this whole struggle in Germany the churches of America have an intense interest, for the issues at stake, especially in the effort to build the church on racial lines and the threatened domination of the church by the State, confront the churches everywhere. The united influence of the Protestant churches, functioning through the Federal Council of Churches, has been an important factor in this decisive battle for spiritual freedom.

"Correspondence by letter and cable has been proceeding for months and on three different occasions during the last eight months officials of the council have been sent to Berlin for direct conference with church leaders. Most important of all, the Universal Christian Council, of which the Federal Council is virtually the American section, faced this problem at its meeting in September in Serbia, near the famous Serejevo, where the World War started. There, in the presence of seven official representatives of the German churches, the whole situation was thoroughly reviewed by leaders of practically all the non-Roman church world.

Cooperation Decided Upon.

"Under the joint chairmanship of the Bishop of Chichester and Dr. S. Parks Cadman, the council decided to continue cooperation with the German churches, while at the same time it retained liberty vigorously to dissent from certain of their policies. The chairman communicated to the Reichsbishop the grave concern of Christians outside of Germany with any denial of the biblical basis of Christianity and of any exclusion from full church rights of so-called non-Aryans. He likewise stressed the universal objection to the denial of freedom of conscience and freedom of speech in church matters.

"Internal forces [in Germany] working against mad nationalism and racialism have recently been shown to be greater than the outside world suspected, but they needed the cooperation of sympathetic spirits outside of Germany. Within recent weeks a high official of the Council spent an hour with Mr. Hitler and urged him to allow the protesting groups in the German churches to present their case directly to him. Mr. Hitler's reply was: 'Tell them from me that I shall be glad to see them at any time.'

"This most recent visit in Berlin of a representative of the American churches is but the latest development of a long series of contacts preceding the revolution and carried on since it began. While victory is not yet assured, the prospect is distinctly promising in the light of reports that the Reichsbishop will rescind the Nazi rulings in church matters."

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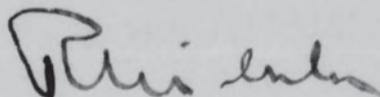
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Jewish Daily Bulletin
122 East 42nd Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Bienstock:

I have received the article by Rabbi Silver which you sent me. I quite agree with it. The German church has been heroic in keeping anti-semitism out of the church, but it has done very little to combat the same evil in the State.

Sincerely yours,



Reinhold Niebuhr

THE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NEW YORK

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JOHN HAYNES HOLMES

STUDY
26 SIDNEY PLACE
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

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It should be remembered that the Christian churchmen are the only organized group in Germany which has dared to defy Hitler. Why should there, at this moment, at least, be any suspicion that these heroic men are not prepared to carry out their opposition to the Nazi regime to the end, and thus fulfil the uttermost logic of their position? Rabbi Silver as a Jew should be among the first to know what the Hitler terror means, and thus to understand that these Christian pastors were hazarding their property, their positions, their personal liberty, perhaps their very lives, in refusing to do Hitler's will. All honor to these who are not Laodiceans at all, but worthy disciples of their Master!

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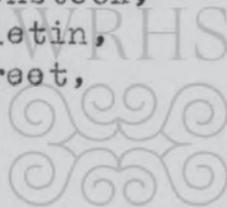
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John Haynes Holmes

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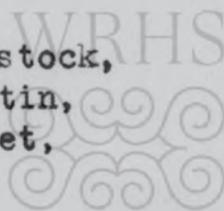
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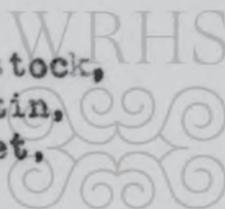
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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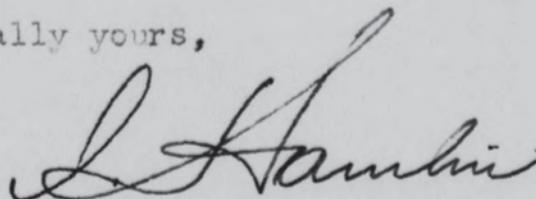
I have read with a great deal of interest your article in last Sunday's Jewish Daily Bulletin, and I wish to congratulate you for your courage, truth, and right attitude towards the upbuilding of our home-land.

I wish that other public-spirited men in the Zionist Movement would have the same attitude and understanding for the achievements and program of Labor Palestine. Then, of course, Revisionism and all other reactionary tendencies would not have any chance of making headway in our Jewish life.

I hope you will have no objection if I will send your article to the Davar, as I know that your expressions and opinion will be a great encouragement to the Histadruth and to the Jewish workers throughout the land.

With best wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,



Isaac Hamlin, National Secretary

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

I was greatly interested and very much impressed by your recent column in the Jewish Daily Bulletin, calling attention to the evils of land speculation in Palestine. It seems to me of the utmost importance to sound these notes of caution in order to direct public opinion to the necessity of developing Palestine along the lines of the Zionist ideal at its best. It seems surpassingly strange that some of our leading rabbis and Zionist leaders who proclaim social justice so vehemently forget, or deliberately refuse to "set their own house in order" first, by correcting the economic maladjustment which threatens the Jewish Yishub in Palestine.

Again a hearty *חן וחס*

Sincerely yours,

Israel Goldstein
Dr. Israel Goldstein
President

IG:ES

October 18, 1934.

Mr. Isaac Hamlin, National Secretary,
League for Labor Palestine,
1225 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Hamlin:

Let me thank you for your kind letter
of October 1st and please pardon the long delay in
answering it. I have been confined to my home with
the grippe.

I am glad to know that my article has
created the amount of interest which it has. Of
course I have no objection to having you send this
article to Davar. I plan, during the year, to
follow with one or two editorials along the same
line. That may do some good.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

October 16, 1934.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, President,
Jewish National Fund of America,
111 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Goldstein:

Let me ask your pardon for delaying to acknowledge your kind letter of October 7th. I have been confined to my home for the last two weeks with a bad attack of grippe and this is my first day back at my desk.

I appreciate very much what you say about my editorial in the Jewish Daily Bulletin. I am glad that it has created the amount of interest which it has. I hope to return to the subject again before very long.

If you knew a little more about the keen personal rivalries and animosities which exist between the Zionist leaders you would know why there has been such amazing silence on the subject.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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SOMEONE SENT ME YOUR FINE REASONED AND CALM ARTICLE

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October 23, 1934.

Dr. Bernard Heller, Director,
B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation,
University of Michigan,
Corner East University and Oakland Aves.,
Ann Arbor, Michigan.

My dear Bernard:

Thank you so much for your kind letter. I am glad that you liked my editorial, and I am happy to note the manner in which these editorials of mine are being received throughout the country.

I should very much like to come to Ann Arbor this season but I am afraid that it will not be possible. My schedule is pretty well filled for the year and I am not taking on any additional work. I have not been well these last few weeks and I must go at a much slower pace than I have heretofore.

With all good wishes, and hoping that I may have the pleasure of seeing you again in the very near future, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

October 24, 1934.

The Honorable James W. Gerard,
1014 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Gerard:

Let me thank you for your kindness
and thoughtfulness in wiring me as you did. I am
happy to know that you enjoyed my editorial.

I hope to have the pleasure of seeing
you again soon in New York. With all good wishes,
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

WRHS




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JAMES N. ROSENBERG

165 BROADWAY

NEW YORK

October 24, 1934.

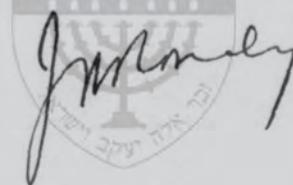
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th St & Anfel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Your article in the Jewish Daily
Bulletin of October 21st is a corker.

Cordially yours,

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Dear Abba -

I just finished reading your article 'Vorsection'. You have struck a most timely and true note. I felt as you do - for a long long time - though I could not express it as forcefully and as beautifully as you did. We have it seems to me a great deal to learn from the Catholics, Negroes and the Chinese. The first manifest a dignity and unconcern of the bars and battings of the Protestant bigot - the Negroes a stoicism which is exhilarating and the Chinese - a trust and a confidence in the potency of the pacific ideals. You may differ with me in my characterization of the latter perhaps because of the adoption of the Western modes & objectives of the young Chinese - it however does not alter or detract from the truth and timeliness of your article.

By thinking clearly and speaking courageously as you do in your columns - you are doing a great service to Judaism & American Israel.

Best
Believe

I would love so much to have you deliver a lecture to us sometime. Will you do it? Please say yes.

November 1, 1934.

Mr. James H. Rosenberg,
165 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rosenberg:

Let me thank you for your kind note of October 24th. I am pleased to know that you enjoyed my editorial of October 21st. I was particularly pleased to receive a telegram from Mr. Gerard complimenting me upon that editorial and thanking me for it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

MHS:BK

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November 5, 1934

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th Street & Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, O.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I read your article in the "Jewish Daily Bulletin" of last Sunday on the Transfer Agreement, and as you name it, "Orange Jews".

It seems to me that I would be in a position to give you some explanations which, though they need not alter your attitude, would, however, give you another angle of the question, which you have to take into consideration.

I am going to be in Cleveland on Saturday, November 17th, as well as Monday, the 19th. Please arrange your matters so that you should be able to give me at least an hour's time. There are a number of things which my comrades of the Histadruth wished me to convey to you, - things that cannot even be put into writing. I am sure that you will find these things of great interest.

As soon as I will come to Cleveland I shall telephone you.

Awaiting patiently our conversation, I remain

Sincerely yours,

B. Zuckerman

JAMES N. ROSENBERG
165 BROADWAY
NEW YORK

November 5, 1934.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am glad to have your letter.

I hope that you are opposing this dangerous,
ill-advised project of the Jewish World Congress.
I can imagine nothing calculated more certainly to
give food and ammunition to the paid propagandists
of Hitlerism and to the professional anti-Semites.
Do let me hear from you as to your views regarding
this World Congress. I most earnestly hope it will
be abandoned.

Sincerely yours,

James N. Rosenberg

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

November 16, 1934.

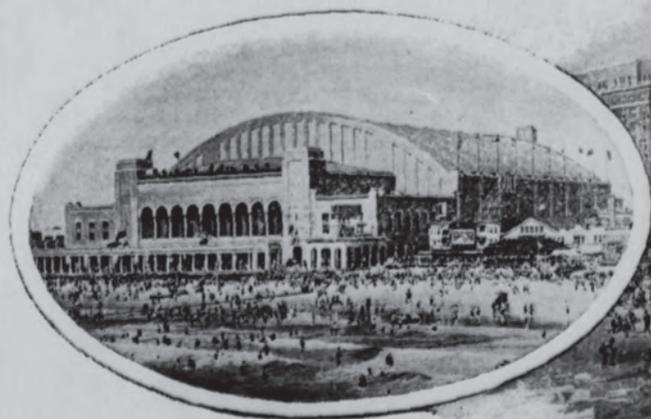
My dear Rabbi Silver:

My parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Sampliner, and I certainly enjoyed your address Monday before the final session of the New Jersey State Teachers' Association in the ballroom of the Convention Hall.

I thought you might be interested in the enclosed editorial, written by one of your enthusiastic admirers who not so many years back belonged to the Sunday school of The Temple.

Very truly yours,
Louis H. Sampliner.

Louis H. Sampliner,
Literary Editor,
ATLANTIC CITY NEWS.



November 27, 1934.

Mr. Louis H. Sampliner,
Literary Editor,
Atlantic City News,
9 S. North Carolina Avenue,
Atlantic City, N.J.

My dear Mr. Sampliner:

Let me thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing to me and in sending me the editorial which you wrote. I had it reprinted in The Temple Bulletin last week, a copy of which I am enclosing herewith.

I hope that I may have the pleasure of seeing you the next time I visit Atlantic City. With all good wishes, to you and to your parents, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Enc.

Professor Samuel S. Cohon
201 Hearne Avenue, Avondale
Cincinnati - Ohio

Dec. 18'34

Dear Friend:-

Just a line to felicitate you on
your last article. I am glad that
you put some of the "Educators"
in their place. Did you notice Dr.
Hauer's hockum that children should
not be taught about God since

the educators themselves do not
believe in Him? This is characteristic
of the new revelation that has come
from the Morningside Heights. The
Jews cannot want anything better.

With cordial greetings, I am

Faithfully yours,

Samuel H. Cohen

Temple Beth Zion

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JOSEPH L. FINK

December 27, 1933

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Friend :

I read with delight your article in the
Sunday issue of the Jewish Dailey Bulletin on
"Prescribing for Israel". That was a needed and
wholesome word of rebuke and counsel. You are doing
a great piece of work.

Greetings as ever,

Sincerely,

Joe

The Congregation Beth Israel, Hartford, Conn.

OFFICE OF
ABRAHAM J. FELDMAN, RABBI
145 BALLARD DRIVE
WEST HARTFORD, CONN.

December 19, 1934.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
East 105th St. & Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Abba:

Just a line to say that I am with you in your controversy with "the Jewish educators". You may recall what I said in my Conference Sermon. Some of them were quite indignant over what I said and wrote some warm letters on the subject.

The fact of the matter is that in my conversations with some of them at their National Conference in Atlantic City, the brazenness and cynicism of some of them like our friend Friedland, Golub, Dinin and others was quite amazing to me, and I think the more these men can be brought out in the open and the more aggressive we, the religious leaders, become, the better for the cause of Jewish education and Jewish life. The same, of course, is true with reference to the social workers.

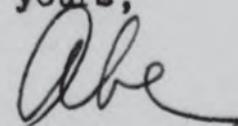
I have a similar feeling with reference to the National Council of Jewish Federation & Welfare Funds. From my conversations with some of their leaders, their approach is also distinctly secular. Indeed, unless I do them a grave injustice, they are motivated partly by a desire to relegate the synagogue to second or third place in Jewish life and to usurp for themselves the position of authoritative leadership in all matters Jewish. Is not one of their points in their platform as adopted in Chicago last year, to become "the authoritative public opinion formulating body of Jewry"? I am not sure that I am quoting the exact words, but this is the substance. I wonder how you feel about it?

They are to hold a conference in New York next month and I think a public statement on the subject may help them to see the light. I am thinking seriously of having reprints made of my Conference Sermon for wide circulation. The Conference, as you know, does not make reprints of the sermons. I would have to pay for that myself. Do you think it is worth while?

With warm personal greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

P. S. Under separate cover I am sending you clippings from the Jewish Ledger of which I am editor, of a controversy I have recently had with one of our Zionist leaders. I should be glad to have your reaction.



December 31, 1934.

Rabbi Abraham J. Federman,
145 Ballard Drive,
West Hartford, Conn.

My dear Abe:

Let me thank you for your letter of December 19. I am glad that you enjoyed my editorials on the Jewish educators in the Jewish Daily Bulletin. It may interest you to know that some of the letters published in the Bulletin by Jewish educators were "inspired". Friedland who took the articles particularly hard, and one or two others of his friends sent telegrams to all the heads of Jewish Bureaus of Jewish Education in the country urging them to rally to the defense of their jobs by writing strong articles to the Jewish Daily Bulletin. I have seen a copy of the telegram which was sent out.

I do not know much about the National Conference of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. They invited me to attend their New York Meeting and to address them. I could not accept the invitation. I agree with you that this organization bears watching.

With all good wishes to you and yours, I remain

As ever,

AHS:BK

P.S. I did not receive the clippings from the Jewish Ledger which you said you were sending me.

J.D.B. comments

[December 1934?]

ROBINSON CRUSOE SCHOOL
STURBRIDGE, MASS.

Dear Dr. Silver

I want to tell you how
much I appreciate your
articles in the Jewish Daily
Bulletin. Yours is the
clearst voice American
Jewry, and I hope you
will continue your writing
and increasingly assert
your leadership.

Cordially

Joshua Heberman



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January 2, 1934

Mr. Victor M. Bienstock
Jewish Daily Bulletin
122 East 42 Street
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Bienstock:

In Dr. Poling's absence I wish to thank you for your letter of December 22 enclosing a copy of the article by Rabbi Silver. I am sure that Dr. Poling will be very much interested in seeing this and will appreciate your thoughtfulness in having sent it to him.

Very sincerely,

Estelle Feinle
Secretary

EF:VW

January 10, 1934.

Dr. John Haynes Holmes,
The Community Church of New York,
26 Sidney Place,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Holmes:

Mr. Bienstock, of the J.D.B., sent me a copy of a letter which you wrote commenting upon my editorial "A Church of Laodiceans?". He sent me quite a number of other letters from Christian clergymen commenting on the same editorial. You are the only one who seems to have been "chagrined" and "shocked" upon reading this "disgraceful" editorial and to have discovered in it "snarling taunts" and insults.

This editorial followed one which appeared two weeks earlier in the J.D.B. called "A Little More Resistance, Please!" which was addressed to the Jews of Germany. I am enclosing herewith a copy of it. You will see that I speak in high praise of the clergymen who dared to resist Hitler, extolling their courage for daring to speak when all the other elements in the German population failed. I call upon the leaders of German Jewry to follow the courageous example set by these Christian clergymen.

Your repeated assertion that you find nothing wrong with what I said but everything wrong with the spirit in which it is said, leads me to believe that what is wrong in this case is not the spirit in which the editorial was written but the spirit in which it was read. I suspect, my dear Dr. Holmes, that there is something "eating you" and I wonder what it is. Your letter was written in extreme bad taste, I might almost say in insolence of spirit, and suggests that some motive other than disinterested truth-seeking

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prompted its writing. Your suggestion that my editorial reveals a prejudice against Christians which matches the prejudice against Jews makes me blush in shame for you.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. I have just seen a letter of Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr in which he writes: "I quite agree with it (my editorial). The German church has been heroic in keeping anti-Semitism out of the church, but it has done very little to combat the same evil in the State."



THE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NEW YORK

MINISTER
JOHN HAYNES HOLMES

STUDY
26 SIDNEY PLACE
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

January 12, 1934.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have your letter of the 10th this morning, and would say that I have nothing to retract or even defend in my letter to Mr. Bienstock the other day. It speaks for itself, and if I were handling the question today, I should write that letter exactly as I wrote it originally. I should have been ashamed of myself had I not been "chagrined" and "shocked" at the spectacle of a Jewish rabbi looking at his Christian brethren in Germany today, fighting the only fight that is being fought against the Hitler tyranny, and calling them "a Church of Laodiceans." And let me add that I am ashamed of the Christian clergymen who read your editorial and found nothing in it to disturb them. Your reference to these Christian clergymen does not acquit you, but only serves to expose them to the same indictment.

It amuses me that you should attempt to defend yourself by referring to another editorial which I had not seen and did not know about. This editorial does you credit, and I am, therefore, glad to have it, but I cannot see how it effects the case in question. If a man is being tried in court for assault and battery on his wife, it would hardly be regarded as evidence in his defense that he had given her a bouquet of flowers two weeks before. At bottom, all I can make out of your two editorials is that it is time you made up your mind where you stand in regard to the German Christians and a little fraternal sympathy and good-will might help you a good deal to that end.

It is similarly amusing to find you turning your attack not upon what I wrote but upon my inner motives and purposes. The familiar trick of shifting the issue! You say that you suspect that "there is something eating me." Well, perhaps there is. It may be that I am feeling a little irritated at the sneers and taunts which I am encountering every now and then from a few of my Jewish brethren with regard to the German Christians. You are not the only one who has enjoyed this pastime-- for example, I have on my desk a recent editorial from the Jewish "Tribune." This editorial has several paragraphs of sarcasm directed at "the revolt of the 4000 Protestant clergymen," and ends up with the deliberate insult that "a careful analysis.... indicates that these revolting clergymen entertained (no) thought other than the narrow, selfish idea of self-preservation in the face of danger." I call such a statement, all of a piece with

yours, a disgrace. The Protestant clergymen are fighting Hitler on their own battlefield, and it is damnable to blame them for not fighting at this moment on every battlefield. When they have won their own right to speak and act, even survive, it may be hoped and expected that they will extend their battle line to defend other hard-pressed groups of the population. At any rate, merely as a matter of tactics, to say nothing of justice and brotherhood, I believe that the Jews should do everything in their power to hold up the **hands** of the German Christians, and not be guilty of condemning what they are doing because at the same moment they are not doing something else.

In closing, let me say that I am not conscious of any ill-will against yourself nor any of my Jewish brethren. I have long since gotten beyond the question of personalities in controversy. I wish you had done the same. It is a question of truth and good spirit that we are concerned with here, and nothing else.

Believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

WRHS

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Glenn Haynes Holmes

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 10th Street at Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

January 16, 1934.

Dr. John Haynes Holmes,
The Community Church of New York,
26 Sidney Place,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Holmes:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of January 12th. It is not my desire to enter into any lengthy correspondence, over this unpleasant matter. For some unaccountable reason you assume that the editorial was written in a spirit of cynicism, with "sneers" and "taunts". I assure you that it was written in deepest earnestness with no desire to condemn and with no attempt at sarcasm. Had I wished to be sarcastic, my sarcasm would not have been of so subtle a nature that only one minister among many could detect it.

I am not attempting to "defend" myself. I am not resorting to any familiar "tricks" to shift issues. I am not asking to be "acquitted" of anything. What sort of language is this that you permit yourself to use? I have never known a pacifist clergyman whose letter bristled with so many terms of belligerency and invective as yours. I am afraid that you have accustomed yourself to such an emotionally high-strung vocabulary that you have simply lost your sensitiveness to the true meaning and implication of words.

May I simply suggest to you that you sit down quietly and calmly and re-read my editorial without any pre-conceived opinions, and without looking for trouble and see whether, in all conscience, you have not deeply wronged me?

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. There is a strange statement in your letter: "When they (the Protestant clergymen) won their own right to speak and act, even survive, it may be hoped and expected"

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that they will extend their battle line to defend other hard-pressed groups of the population." This seems to be amazingly naive. I know of no instance in the fourteen years prior to the advent of Hitler to power when the clergymen of Germany were free to speak their minds, that four thousand or four hundred clergymen in Germany denounced anti-Semitism and the racial madness of the Nazis. Had they done that the story of Germany might have been quite different and the clergymen might perhaps have been spared their present desperate struggle.



THE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NEW YORK

STUDY

MINISTER
JOHN HAYNES HOLMES

January 18, 1934. 26 SIDNEY PLACE
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I share with you the feeling that there is little use in our continuing our correspondence over what is indeed a very unpleasant matter. The more I think of it, the more profoundly I regret that we have tumbled into this bitter controversy, and, therefore, curse the day that our friend, Bienstock, sent me your article for comment. May I be pardoned for reminding you that I never went into this thing on my own initiative, and once again find reason for deploring my pestilential habit of answering letters when they come to my desk. I am still wondering how Bienstock happened to send me your article. Was he trying to stir up trouble? He must have had some reason for believing that those whom he asked for comment would not indulge in mere fatuous Amens. The whole thing begins more and more to take on the air of mystery, and I am wondering if I have been betrayed.

Now that I am writing you, I must still report that I am in exactly the same mind that I was in the beginning, and have found absolutely nothing in this last letter of yours to persuade me that I have wronged you. It hurts me to think that any man should think that I have been guilty of injury, most of all a colleague of mine whom I know and have always greatly admired. But as I look back over the course of this discussion, I see nothing that I would change on my side, or could change if I would be faithful to myself. Look at what happened! You wrote an article for the "Bulletin" and Mr. Bienstock sent it to me with the request that I comment on it. This prompted me to feel that there was something in the article challenging, and I read it with great care, and, as you know, with vast indignation and, may I add, astonishment. In accordance with your request in your last letter, I have re-read your article, and I find myself reacting now just as I did in the beginning--feeling now as I did then that your application of the epithet "Laodiceans", one of the most vicious words in the vocabulary of the Christian church, was a disgraceful and a shameful thing. I then was guilty of what you evidently regard as the monstrous offense of saying frankly what I thought. Your reaction is that of one who seems to regard himself as immune to criticism. I can't imagine why! Far greater and nobler men than you and I have been criticized in their day by those who disagree with them. I marvel at your sense of impeccability.

Well, to get back to the story. You followed my statement of honest opinion with a slashing letter in which, as in your second letter, you offered no discussion of the issue between us, but attacked me personally. If any wrong has been done on either side, I beg to submit that it has been done to me, in view of your hunting out of unworthy personal motives in explaining a perfectly obvious statement of honest opinion. There are two things that I always hate in a controversy--the one is shifting the issue, and the other is attacking the motives of one's opponent. I not only hate these things, but I suspect them, for I have been in enough controversies to know that almost invariably they are resorted to by the man who is unwilling to discuss the point at issue. But I am not interested in attacking you, excepting to remind you that I should like to have you give me some reply to my charge that you have been unjust to the German pastors. I shall be glad to continue our controversy on this basis, and I am ready to be convinced that I am wrong in what I have said, but I shall not go on exchanging letters upon this basis of personal abuse.

In closing, may I take advantage of this opportunity to submit to your consideration certain statements about the German situation which have just come to my attention. First, I beg to cite a despatch in last Sunday's "Herald-Tribune," written by John Elliott, one of the best known and most trusted of our European correspondents. In a long despatch from Berlin, about the church conflict in Germany, he writes in his opening paragraph as follows:

"When the time comes to write the history of the Third Reich the Germans will probably recall with greatest pride the resistance made by the intrepid Protestant parties to the effort by the Nazi state to subjugate the Evangelical Church. At a time when the rest of Germany seemingly is goose-stepping in line behind the Brown Shirt leaders, 6,000 clergymen had the courage to show that the spirit of Martin Luther is still alive in the land and that there are still men to be found in Germany who dare to call their souls their own."

Secondly, I have just been reading Charles S. MacFarland's "The New Church and the New Germany," (Macmillan). Dr. MacFarland writes with studied moderation. I think he errs on the side of understatement, and even criticism of the German Protestants. He evidently is bending over backward in the endeavor to be fair, and from this standpoint says some things about Hitler that I think are not only grossly inaccurate, but also a bit ridiculous. But his objective approach to the ^{problem} ~~man's mind~~ is worthy of all praise, and makes the more impressive his summary of the situation. On page 179, in a passage wherein you

will note, he registers the acceptance by the German pastors of the Nazi political tyranny, he writes as follows:

"The profoundest sensation has been that of admiration for the great body of the German pastors--among them not a few originally highly motivated "German Christians"--who have withstood the mighty sweep of material force with spiritual power.

"They, too, had assented to or were compliant with, or accepted with toleration, a human domination of all else, which is perhaps the most consummate in all history. But they would not and will not yield the Christian Church, gospel and ministry, to human monarchy or monarch.

"And, when the Evangelical Church of Germany has found itself and is extricated from political entanglements, we may be confident that a renewed feeling of goodwill and brotherhood will pervade Germany that will not be limited by race and will embrace all their human brethren.

"In their maintenance of the foundations of the Christian faith, the Christian pastors have revealed a courage, in a moment of seeming utter defeat, which will command the admiration and respect of the entire Christian world. No one should take more pride in them than Adolf Hitler. And if the leaders of the New German state are looking for those who best typify the nation's character and honor at its best, they have not far to seek. As they endeavor to inspire courage and loyalty in German youth, let them be sure that they know it themselves when they see it."

One further word! You refer in your post-script to the failure of the German pastors to denounce anti-Semitism in the days before Hitler came to power. You are quite right in making this charge. Dr. MacFarland substantiates it. See page 76, where he says, "So far as is known, there had never been any visible or vocal church protest against the anti-Semitism of the Nazi party before it came into power." I feel just as you do about this, but would remind you that this is not the question we are discussing. If you want to discuss this, I shall join you hand and heart in denouncing this failure of the German Protestants to meet a cruel situation. But it is to be remembered that the Christians were not the only people in Germany who refused to take Hitler and his movement seriously. I felt, in 1931, that not even the Jews were concerned about the anti-Semitism campaign.

Everybody I talked with, Jews and Christians alike, took the man and his movement as a joke. To return to the point at issue, my thought is that the German Christians, like the German Jews, the German Social Democrats, and a lot of other Germans, have learned something about Hitler since last March. I think that the Christians are acting upon this lesson with superb heroism and I again suggest that they deserve something better than the name of "Laodiceans."

Believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

Glenn Hayes Holmes

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Cleveland, Ohio.



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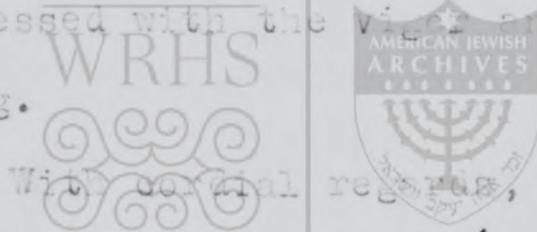
THE RABBI'S STUDY

Jan. 30, 1934

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
% The Temple,
E. 105th St. at Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, C.

Dear friend,

I want to say Amen to your editorial
" Statesmen in Duodecimo " in Sunday's Jewish Daily
Bulletin. I heartily subscribe to your viewpoint
and am impressed with the vigor and directness of
your writing.



Sincerely,

Philip

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My dear Silver:

I want to express my personal appreciation of the article you wrote in a recent number of the Jewish Daily Bulletin with regard to relief efforts for the victims of German persecution.

We have been engaged in the past month or so in an earnest attempt to bring about a united front as between the Joint Distribution Committee and the American Palestine Campaign. There has been a great deal of delay on the part of our prospective partners. We have accepted proposals made by Dr. Jonah Wise to find them later on rejected by other members of the Committee. It seems to me that what prevents an open-hearted and frank union of both forces on the basis of building constructively in Palestine and alleviating distress outside of Palestine is the inability of our friends on the Joint to get rid of anti-Palestine prejudices. They still refuse to admit the possibility of Palestine serving substantially in a constructive way to meet the present situation in Germany.

Under the circumstances, we shall probably have to go it alone, and in going it alone, we shall probably have to use every argument possible to substantiate our position. We are, therefore, intending to use your article as a reprint for general circulation as soon as a public statement is made with regard to the situation. We are holding back now until the arrival of Mr. Warburg, which is to be on this Thursday. While in London, Mr. Warburg did his best to persuade members of the J.D.C. to enter into an equitable arrangement for the distribution of funds. The Committee here rejected his suggestion. We are waiting to present the facts to him upon his arrival before making any public statement.

I hope, therefore, that we have your permission to make use

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

February 13th, 1934

of your Bulletin article and trust also that in the conduct of the campaign, on an independent basis, we may have the benefit of your support in the presentation of our appeal to American Jewry.

Very sincerely yours,

Sam Lipady

Chairman, Board of Directors.

LL/P



February 19, 1934.

Mr. Louis Lipsky,
American Palestine Campaign,
111 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Lipsky:

In reply to your letter of February 13th, permit me to say that you have my permission to use my editorial as a reprint for general circulation. I am writing an editorial this week on the importance of uniting the two funds in one single campaign. I believe that every avenue should be explored and every pressure brought to bear for a unified campaign.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

The Congregation Emanu-El
Arguello Boulevard and Lake Street
San Francisco

IRVING FREDERICK REICHERT
RABBI

February 27, 1934

Rev. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abe:

Under the pressure of immediate duties, I frequently fall behind in my periodical and Temple Bulletin reading. Such was the case last week, so that it was only this morning that I read your editorial in the Jewish Daily Bulletin and your Temple publication entitled, "Relief Is Not Enough". I was astonished to see how closely I had expressed in my sermon last Saturday morning several important ideas contained in your article. Especially did I emphasize the correlation between Jewish civil and political rights and economic and social liberalism in general. Like you, I used the French Revolution as an illustration.

Such a striking coincidence indicates several things; possibly among others, that I have so avidly read everything you have written since our student days, that it is not surprising that I should come to think in some matters along the same lines as you.

Let me compliment you on the series of editorials you have been writing for the Bulletin. They are timely, vigorous, and admirably written.

With cordial greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

Irving

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Rabbi Louis Witt
Dayton, Ohio

April 17, 1934.

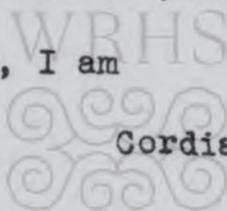
Dear Silver:-

I have been reading your editorials in the "Jewish Daily Bulletin" and I admired the literary style and the moral vigor, as well as the forthright Jewishness, of most of them, but after reading your last one on "A Charonic Enterprise" I was just moved to sit down to tell you what a splendid piece of work it is. I admired, especially, its "guts", which means, good sense, fine prevision, and high morale. Such qualities alone constitute leadership in a crisis, and God knows we need leaders in the present crisis. May we both live to see your words come true.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Witt



April 23, 1934.

Rabbi Louis Witt,
Congregation B'nai Jeshurun,
408 Richmond,
Dayton, Ohio.

My dear Witt:

It was indeed very thoughtful of you to write me about my editorials in the Jewish Daily Bulletin and I appreciate it very much. I have been receiving some interesting reactions to these editorials from time to time which lead me to believe that they are timely and to a degree helpful.

I trust that you are well. I look forward with pleasure to seeing you at the Rabbinical Conference. It is a long time since I have seen you.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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

Dear Abba:

Your letter of June 7th reached me in due course - together with the clipping from the "Jewish Daily Bulletin".

What you say about the temporary economic development and the more rapid urban development, as compared with the agricultural development, may be correct. Of course, there has been very great development in the growing of citrus fruits, but this is not strictly speaking agricultural development. The problem is an extremely difficult one, due not only to the natural aptitudes of our people, but also to many objective difficulties, including the difficulty of acquiring land, lack of cooperation of the Government (to put this but mildly) and lack of public funds. My only consolation is the fact that the Palestinians themselves are keenly alive to the importance of this question and efforts are now being made to develop two lines of agriculture, which are almost new:

1. horticulture in the hilly districts, such as the cultivation of plum and peach trees, apple trees, etc.; and
2. vegetable raising and dairy farming, which is now getting an impetus precisely because of the great increase in the urban population.

Tel Aviv, with its 100,000 souls to-day, is an excellent customer for vegetables, milks and eggs, as well as fruits, and those who have been specializing in vegetable raising have been doing pretty well. This will undoubtedly lead many people to take up that branch of work.

The gates of Transjordan are still kept locked by the British Authorities, but somehow since the now celebrated act of the Emir, there is a feeling everywhere that the opening of Transjordan for colonisation by Jews has now become a question of practical politics. The other day two Arabs from Assalt came to see me, proposing that a Development Company be organised for Transjordan, this in cooperation between a group of Transjordanians - who themselves would subscribe at least LP.10,000 - and Jewish investors. This company, they said, is to pave the way for systematic Jewish activity in Transjordan.

The economic conditions in Palestine are still quite good, despite certain undesirable aspects, such as speculation in

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Tel Aviv, in urban property and orange lands.

The most serious thing about the whole general situation is the internal division in the Zionist Organisation and the Yishub, which has been badly aggravated by the Stavsky trial. As matters now stand, practically the entire Yishub - outside of Labour, of course - feels more strongly than ever that the verdict of guilty was unwarranted and most people are convinced that Stavsky was not the assassin of Arlosoroff. Judge Valero's dissenting opinion has created a profound impression on most people. I must say that I myself have gone through a certain evolution in this matter. I began by being inclined to think that the Revisionists did it, especially since Labour was so overwhelmingly sure of its ground. Later, I became doubtful and now at the end, I became almost convinced that this crime was committed by Arabs. It is an all too common occurrence. If a man walks with a woman at night in a deserted place, they are very likely to be accosted by Arabs. The usual form is to ask for the time. Certainly, the first accounts given by Mrs. Arlosoroff, immediately after the murder, fit in almost perfectly with the typically Arab crime.

I am glad to hear that Virginia and the children are well; so are Fannie and our children. We have been seeing a good bit of your sister and her two children. In fact, they have become the playmates of Nathania and Gaby.

With all good wishes to you and with kindest regards from Fannie and myself, I am

As ever, sincerely yours,

Emmanuel

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DR. HENRY J. BERKOWITZ

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PORTLAND, OREGON

February 13, 1935.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th St. and Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Abba:

Your column in the Sunday Jewish Daily Bulletin is the thing I turn to first. You always have something significant to say.

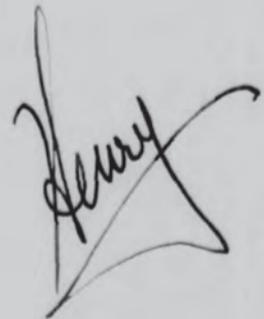
I wish to ask a "shailah" on your article^{in the J.D.B.} of February 10th entitled "The Lesson", in which you denounce Nationalism in your most effective style. My question is this: Sharing as I do your hatred of Super-nationalism, how is one to harmonize resurgent Jewish Nationalism therewith? You say correctly, "Super-nationalism is definitely provincializing the individual. Instead of lifting him to an outlook of world citizenship it is sharply restricting him intellectually and emotionally to his own little corner. Modern Nationalism is definitely ghettoizing the individual." Can this not be used as an argument against Jewish Nationalism?

I ask this question as one whose thinking has turned very strongly toward Palestine and cultural Nationalism. Yet I have been greatly troubled by the conflict which the above question sets forth. I therefore ask sympathetically, and not critically, that you help clarify my thinking on this important point. From the pulpit I have stormed against the threat of intense Nationalism, feeling at the same time that we Jews may be bitten by some of the same virus.

I will appreciate it if you take the time to drop me a line on this subject. Meanwhile, let me tell you again how I enjoy contact with your mind through the medium of your splendid writings.

Faithfully your friend,

HJB:GL



February 19, 1935.

Dr. Henry J. Berkowitz,
Congregation Beth Israel,
Nineteenth and Flanders,
Portland, Oregon.

My dear Henry:

I enjoyed receiving your letter of February 13. I trust that you are well. It is some time now since I have seen you. I missed you at the last Rabbinical Convention.

Regarding your "shailah" based on my editorial "The Lesson," I would suggest that you would find my full position outlined in my editorial of two weeks ago which was called "The Total Program." I would suggest that you read it in the light of the questions which have presented themselves to you.

My position is as follows: Nationalism is a good thing. It is as instinctive as one's love of one's own home. Super-nationalism is bad because it is intolerant and exploiting and is an artificially stimulated mood.

Jewish nationalism is also good. Unfortunately it is defective -- lacking a national center. Zionism aims to correct this defect -- to fill in the lacuna, as it were, in Jewish national life. Low blood pressure is as much a defect as high blood pressure.... Jewish super-nationalism is quite as bad and as vicious as all other kinds of super-nationalism. Nationalism is a necessary means but is not the end. The end is internationalism -- good will and cooperation on the basis of the recognition of the rights and liberties of all existing nations.

The proposition seems to me to be quite simple. We want to safeguard the rights of the individual but at the same time we want to insure the welfare of society as a whole, so that the task of civilization has been right along out to coordinate personal freedom with social responsibility. This, also, is the task of civilization in relation to nationalism and internationalism -- how to insure cultural, national self-determination for all peoples while at the same time making possible peaceful cooperation among them.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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February 27, 1935

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I read your article on Brotherhood Day in last Sunday's Jewish Daily Bulletin and was very much gratified to learn how whole-heartedly you endorse it. Confidentially this project was conceived by the educational department of The American Jewish Committee. For the past two years it has been largely supported and directed by that department.

Brotherhood Day was planned as an event around which a great deal of educational activity could be crystallized in the direction of immunizing the minds of America against all forms of group hostility.

This activity is one of many we carry on, of which the public is unaware.

Sincerely yours,

Morris Waldman

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Dear Rabbi Silver,

I thoroughly enjoyed
your article on "No Liquidation"
and find myself wholly in accord
with your sentiments and logic.

With personal regards,

Sincerely yours,
Abraham Nowak

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland - Ohio

January 28, 1936

Mrs. Joseph Krauskopf,
4715 Pulaski Ave.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Krauskopf:

Let me thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing to me. I am happy to know that you approve of the thoughts expressed in my article "No Liquidation". I have been receiving very gratifying reactions to it from all parts of the country. It is important at this time to hold steadily before the eyes of our people just what is involved in the German-Jewish situation.

With all good wishes, and thanking you again for your thoughtfulness in writing to me, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

[January 1936?]

MRS. JOSEPH KRAUSKOPF
4715 PULASKI AVENUE
PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Bravo for the excellent
stand you have taken in your
article published in this week's
edition of the "Jewish Exponent".

I see you are one of the Dele-
gates to the Conference to be held
in Washington, early in Feb., and
I hope you will be able to
move the Conf. to accept your
viewpoint.

When I read in the papers the
suggestion that - it was supposed -

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PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.

These Englishmen were coming
over here, to make, I thought
it must be some newspaper's
misrepresentation, or garbled
guess, I could not believe that
any idea as disgraceful could
find lodgment in any respect-
-able Jewish mind.

The Jews are at War, through
no choice of their own, and now
must stand by their guns and
face their destiny. My heart bleeds
for the Jews in Germany, but their
suffering is alike to the soldiers
who are at the front in a battle.
For here now to hand over their

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birthright to become salesmen
of their enemies goods, so as to
save their own skins, would be
deserving of the contempt of the
world.

With best wishes

Cordially yours

Sybil F. Krauskopf

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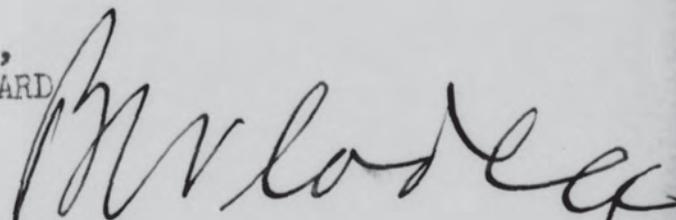
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I just read your statement "No Liquidation" as printed in the last issue of the Anti-Nazi Economic Bulletin. I cannot tell you how pleased I am to know that a man of your standing and influence is ready to take the stand you do. For the last 4 or 5 months I have been saying exactly the same thing with not much effect, for the reason that as a Socialist and especially as a former Bundist, I am not supposed to approach the Jewish problem from the proper angle. I am not sure that you will enjoy being in my company on this question, but I enjoy being in yours.

Very truly yours,
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THE GATEWAY TO THE JEWISH MARKET

February 17, 1936

Mr. B. C. Vladeck, General Manager,
Jewish Daily Forward,
175 East Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Vladeck:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of February 13 and for the expression of your reactions to my article "No Liquidation". I am happy that you agree with me on this vital subject. William Zukerman, of London, sent me, a few days ago, an article of his which he printed in "World Jewry" in which he, too, takes the identical position on the subject of the so-called "Jewish mass exodus" from Germany. I have requested the Anti-Nazi Economic Bulletin to reprint it. Perhaps you might be interested in presenting it through the medium of your great paper. I do not know whether readers of the Yiddish press have had access to my article.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS: BK