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# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

41 EAST 42nd STREET  
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

April 13, 1951

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have not contacted you regarding the Morning Journal situation before now because it has been extremely fluid without any definite pattern of action to be taken. Because of the financial intricacies and complications which could not be solved, it was necessary for the Jewish Morning Journal to cease publication.

Today, however, there is a course of action which seems to have the possibilities of saving the paper and resuming publication. These are the facts:

1. The writers and typographical workers union are prepared to put up \$25,000 each - a total of \$50,000 - to re-organize and operate the Morning Journal under new management.
2. Hapoel Hamizrachi is prepared to put up \$50,000 for the same purpose.
3. Mizrachi has made an offer of putting up \$100,000 for the same purpose.
4. There are some of our own people (sympathetic to you) who have indicated to me at the outset an interest in purchasing the Morning Journal.

The financial situation as of now involves the stock of a holding company owned by the bank, Major Schwamm and Rabbis Bergman and Reichman. They owe to Mr. Weinberg of The Day a total of \$140,000 which they were supposed to pay off at the rate of \$3,000 per month. At this moment, they already have defaulted on two payments. Therefore, Mr. Weinberg has scheduled a foreclosure sale of the stock of the Jewish Morning Journal Corporation for Monday, April 16th.

During the past several days, there have been negotiations with Mr. Schwamm and the rabbis to see whether they would turn over the stock before the foreclosure sale. There is still a possibility that they may do so. If they do not do so, Mr. Weinberg will hold his foreclosure sale on Monday morning, and it is almost a certainty that the paper will not be revived.

I am meeting this weekend with people from the unions, Hapoel Hamizrachi and Mizrachi for the purpose of securing of each of them a definite written

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commitment in accordance with the figures given you above. If I secure these commitments, the only problem left is to get Mr. Weinberg's cooperation in giving satisfactory terms for the re-payment of the existing debt so that we may take over the newspaper, revive it and continue its publication.

I am writing this to you purely for your information. At this moment, I still do not require your intervention with Mr. Weinberg. I shall endeavor to negotiate with Mr. Weinberg either prior or during the sale. However, if he is adamant and refuses to listen to reason, I shall impose upon you by communicating with you by telephone immediately and to secure your good offices with Mr. Weinberg. I know that you are deeply interested, just as I am, in the revival and survival of the Jewish Morning Journal and that we will both do everything possible to that end.

With kindest personal regards and Shabat Shalom, I am,

Sincerely yours,

  
Abraham A. Redelheim

P.S. In the event that you are not available on Monday morning at the Temple or at your home, please be good enough to wire me via ZOA where I can reach you, if necessary.

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