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January 3, 1935.

Mr. Victor M. Bienstock,  
The Jewish Daily Bulletin,  
221 Centre Street,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Bienstock:

I am enclosing herewith my seventeenth editorial  
for the Jewish Daily Bulletin.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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January 9, 1935.

Mr. Victor M. Bienstock  
The Jewish Daily Bulletin,  
221 Centre Street,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Bienstock:

I am enclosing herewith my eighteenth editorial  
for the Jewish Daily Bulletin.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.

January 14, 1936

Mr. Jacob Landau,  
Jewish Telegraphic Agency,  
230 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Landau:

I have been very much perturbed by the recent proposals for a Transfer arrangement with Germany whereby mass emigration will be made possible on the basis of Jews exporting German merchandise and supplying the Nazi regime with foreign exchange. I have written the enclosed statement which I believe, because of the seriousness of the proposal, should receive widespread publicity. I do not know what facilities you have for disseminating this statement. I should like to see it reproduced in toto in the Bulletin, if possible.

I am glad of the reorganization which you have achieved and I hope that the J.T.A. will now have smooth sailing.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



January 17, 1935.

Mr. Victor M. Bienstock,  
The Jewish Daily Bulletin,  
221 Centre Street,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Bienstock:

I regret that due to pressure of  
work I am unable to send you an editorial this  
week. I have been away from the city most of  
the week.

Please have a note in your Bulletin  
stating that due to the delay in receiving  
my editorial it will appear next Sunday.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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## JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY

221 CENTRE ST.

NEW YORK, N.Y.

January 18, 1935

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

When I sent you a telegram the other day, I had looked forward expectantly to hearing from you. Our situation is indeed most difficult.

I would greatly appreciate whatever action you can take.

Sincerely yours,

*J. Landau*  
JACOB LANDAU,  
Managing Director

JL/F



January 24, 1935.

Mr. Victor M. Bienstock,  
The Jewish Daily Bulletin,  
221 Centre Street,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Bienstock:

I am enclosing herewith my nineteenth  
editorial for the Jewish Daily Bulletin.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

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# JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY

221 CENTRE ST.

NEW YORK, N.Y.

Jan. 26, 1935

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am enclosing copy of a letter I  
have received from Mr. George A. Klein.

I am very much surprised I havenot  
heard from you in connection with my  
telegram.

I am taking this opportunity to  
send you a memorandum I have drawn up.

Sincerely yours,

*J. Landau*  
JACOB LANDAU,  
Managing Director

JL/F



*Jewish Telegraphic Agency*

MEMORANDUM

Statement of Issue

The great principle of freedom of the press is the issue between the Jewish Telegraphic Agency and the leaders of the Histadruth. The leaders of the Histadruth (the Labor party within the Zionist movement), clothing themselves with the authority of the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine which they control, have embarked upon the business of selling news in competition with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

This new service, styled "Palcor", operates from the offices of the Executive in Palestine. Funds of the Jewish Agency are being used for this purpose. The gentleman who is in charge of this service is an employe of the Executive. In London it also operates from the offices of the Zionist headquarters, and the salary of the man in charge of the Palcor service there is paid by the Executive in London.

Palcor has been established by the leaders of the Histadruth in order to control the news emanating from Palestine and to solidify their own position by a propaganda service which would serve their own partisan interests. The Palcor service makes no pretense even of impartiality. The Histadruth leaders, in order to give their news service added prestige and authority, have utilised the dominant position they hold in the Executive to launch this enterprise in the name of and on behalf of the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

Negotiations between the J.T.A. and the Executive

On December 2, 1934, I attended a meeting of the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine in Jerusalem and submitted to them the following proposals in writing:

- "1.- That all reports contained in the Palcor should be made available to the press through the J.T.A. The J.T.A. would undertake to incorporate them without any change whatever in all bulletins issued by the seven offices of the J.T.A.
- 2.- The J.T.A. to continue its own news service from Palestine. That the closest possible contact will be maintained with the Executive by the J.T.A. and every effort will be made to establish harmonious collaboration.
- 3.- The Executive to compensate the J.T.A. in view of the above undertaking of distributing Palcor news.

This arrangement would give assurance to the Executive that its aim of supplying the Jewish world with a comprehensive news service would be fully met. It would have the additional advantage of securing for it the wide publicity which only a general Jewish news service can obtain and make available to the Executive the numerous connections with newspapers and news agencies the J.T.A. possesses. It will obviate the competitive struggle between two news services creating a chaotic condition in the field of distribution of news.

I sincerely hope that these proposals will meet with your favorable consideration."

(signed) Jacob Landau



I pointed out to the Executive the advantages of a general Jewish news service in preference to an out-and-out Zionist news agency; that all other important aspects of Jewish life, like anti-Semitism, the fight for the maintenance of Jewish position and Jewish rights in the various countries of the Diaspora, questions of emigration, relief, etc., could not be ignored; that one truly influential news service was preferable to a number of agencies catering to the various parties and dealing with the various problems with which the Jewish community is confronted.

I showed them that an independent news service was more flexible and desirable; that new situations may arise which might necessitate arousing public opinion against policies or actions of the British authorities, and that if the news service were controlled by the Executive, as Palcor is, the Executive would be seriously embarrassed if approached by the Administration to refrain from what they would term hostile propaganda abroad. (As a matter of fact, our experience proves that the official Jewish leaders in every country, - when the government appeals to their patriotic sentiment, indicating that the interests of their country are damaged by the reports of the J.T.A., - have readily acted upon the suggestion of the government. This was, for example, the case when our Viennese correspondent was deported. At the time of the Heimwehr putsch in Austria, he telegraphed that Austrian Jewry was anxious about their fate in a Christian-Fascist corporate state. The Jewish leaders appealed at the request of the government to the American Legation not to intervene against the deportation of our correspondent. It can readily be imagined what pressure would be exercised on a group-controlled Jewish news service. It could not report developments as independently as it should.)

I also pointed out that the Jewish newspaper field was extremely small, that even the J.T.A. was faced with a considerable deficit from the very outset, and that the establishment of a new service was bound to create serious difficulties for the J.T.A. I particularly emphasized that to offer news by cable to newspapers and to charge subscription fees constituted actual competition with the J.T.A. Whether the Executive was controlling the J.T.A. or trying to replace it by an agency controlled by the Executive is in essence the same.

I argued that there was no need for the Executive to establish a news service. It should have a Department of Information giving information to every correspondent, and that department should not be headed, as is now the case, by a man who is a correspondent of a newspaper or running a competitive news service.

A few days after having submitted my proposals to the Executive, I was informed by Mr. Ben-Gurion and Mr. Shertok that they had not been accepted. No reasons were given for this refusal, and Mr. Ben-Gurion refused to enter into any further discussion.

#### Histadruth Control of the Agency Executive

The Executive is presided over by Dr. Ruppin who, as he himself admits, takes no interest in political questions, but devotes himself to his department (colonization). Dr. Berkson has resigned. Dr. Senator, who represents the non-Zionists, is affiliated with the Histadruth. Mr. Ben-Gurion, Mr. Shertok, Mr. Kaplan and Dr. Senator, therefore, form one



solid bloc, determining the policy of the Executive, and Mr. Gruenbaum is a lone figure. The situation in London is similar: Mr. Locker, a member of the Histadruth, exercises the determining influence, while the non-Zionists are not represented at all in the London Executive.

#### Executive Desires Control of J.T.A.

Members of the Executive have openly stated that they want the Palestinian part of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency to be controlled by the Executive. Mr. Ben-Gurion and Mr. Shertok, as well as Mr. Locker, have demanded a control of the J.T.A. by the Executive. One suggestion was that Palcor should be the representative of the J.T.A. in Palestine. After a protest which I uttered at a conference of representatives of the Palestine press against this attempt to subject the J.T.A. to a control, Mr. Ben-Gurion declared that no control was desired and that the Executive was determined to develop Palcor.

To subject the J.T.A. to the control of the Zionist Executive would largely destroy its usefulness. The general press, non and anti-Zionist papers, would no longer extend their confidence to us. Without impartiality and independence abandoned, we would be turned into the official publicity organ of one specific party.

#### Louis Marshall's Views on J.T.A.

Serious objections were entertained by the most eminent Jewish leaders against control of the J.T.A. by a communal board which might open the door to political influences on the J.T.A. Louis Marshall at the meeting at which the Committee of Sponsors of the J.T.A. was formed, emphatically expressed the opinion that the J.T.A. should not serve any party, but should be free and independent. He even doubted the advisability of establishing the Committee of Sponsors. He expressed the fear that it might interfere with the management or the editorial work of the J.T.A., and introduced a resolution which would obviate such an eventuality.

If this viewpoint, however, is to be abandoned, the control should not be exercised by one party, but by a board in which a variety of representative Jews should sit.

#### What Relationship of J.T.A. and Executive should be

To turn the J.T.A. into an official agency would be a short-sighted policy. The British Government could easily establish an official news system. If it has not done so, if it prefers to subsidize a private agency, like Reuter, it must be due to very valid considerations. If Reuter were officially controlled, McDonald would be interpolated about any report; he could not issue balons d'essays in order to sound public opinion, deny today statements which he yesterday inspired, and so on.

Reuter is not subjected to any control despite the fact that its service is actually subsidized. This subsidy is not made officially in order not to embarrass Reuter, which enjoys special rates with regard to cabling and to which a number of government departments subscribe. The arrangements are



of such a discreet and tactful nature that Reuter would never have to acknowledge publicly that it is at all subsidized. Only in our community are such questions, which are really of a delicate nature, made the subject of public discussion and controversy.

The Reuter service frequently publishes news which is unfavorable to the government. Whenever delicate problems come up, Reuter's representative calls on one or another governmental department, listens to the observations of the government official, and modifies his report if the suggestion of the official seems to him reasonable. There is mutual good-will and confidence, and no attempt is made on the part of the government official to actually dictate or control the Reuter service. Reuter jealously watches its independence. The government is not interested whether Reuter makes a profit or has a deficit, but the support it gives Reuter is merely based on recognition of the services Reuter renders by giving British news wide publicity and carrying news to those parts of the Empire where the number of newspapers is small but where the government's interests demand that an atmosphere friendly to Britain should prevail.

The question of subsidy was not one of the main points in my discussion with the Executive. The request was only made that if the J.T.A. was to distribute the Palcor service, additional expenditure attached to this work should be taken care of by the Executive.

The course on which the Zionist Executive is about to embark is extremely dangerous. It would eventually lead to the establishment of a Revisionist, Mizrachi, etc., small press services, none of them commanding the whole sphere of influence, the numerous contacts with leading agencies, newspapers, governments, statesmen, institutions, organizations, etc., which the J.T.A. has succeeded in establishing. It is the curse of Jewish partisan strife that in the heat of battle none of our parties has any use for a cool, objective, non-partisan recorder, but clamour for a news service each can control.

#### Hostile Actions of Histadruth Leaders

A number of steps were taken by Histadruth leaders in order to weaken or discredit the J.T.A.:

1. The Executive of the Histadruth cabled to the Histadruth in South Africa to boycott the J.T.A. because it was a "Revisionist" enterprise. A circular of defamatory nature was widely circulated by the Histadruth in South Africa.

At a sub-committee meeting of the South African Zionist Executive, the alleged Revisionist tendencies of the J.T.A. were disproved. It was decided, by a considerable majority, to publish an editorial favorable to the J.T.A. in the "Zionist Record", official Zionist organ. Thereupon, a member of the Zionist Executive in London caused a telegram to be sent to South Africa advising against publication of this editorial.

2. The Executive under the influence of the Histadruth leaders has withheld important news from the J.T.A. or handed it to the J.T.A. after it had already been made public by the Palcor. Although it was promised that this practice would cease, I am in receipt of a letter dated as late as December 27th from the Palestine correspondent that such is not the case.



3. Histadruth members of the Executive, while promoting a rival system, have endeavored through the use of threats to intimidate the J.T.A.

4. The Executive handed us an ultimatum in connection with the proceedings of the Action Committee, threatening us with the establishment of its own cable service in case we circulated reports about the Action Committee session emanating from other than official sources. (The ultimatum was superfluous. We prefer to receive official communiques - but the Executive Committee in the past did not issue such communiques in time. In addition, their communiques were inane. We would, nevertheless, have confined ourselves to these communiques if there were not a number of journalists who were members of the Action Committee and who would wire and write on the proceedings to their respective newspapers. The Action Committee was never able to enforce a sufficient measure of discipline on their members not to divulge the proceedings of the Action Committee.)

#### Laying the Revisionist Bogey

The origin of rumours that the J.T.A. is Revisionist are multifarious:

1. Oppositions always attract a great deal of public attention because of their intense activities. The fact that, for example, the British press frequently reports Moseley's speeches while only once in 6 or 7 months one by McDonald appears, certainly does not indicate that the British press is pro-Fascist.
2. Party passions have been inflamed to an unprecedented degree within the Zionist movement. The Histadruth members of the Executive take the view that the Revisionists are Fascists or Hitlerites, or as one of them said to me "certainly insane". They do not want us to report the activities or speeches of Revisionist leaders. They frankly state, "One cannot remain impartial with regard to the Revisionists, because they are a danger to the movement." The Histadruth leaders as a matter of fact resent the impartial attitude of the J.T.A., and expect us to fully identify ourselves with their own viewpoint, which is naturally impossible. As a matter of fact, one of the points on which the most severe criticism of the J.T.A. was based is the fact that the J.T.A. reported extensively on the Jewish colonization work in Russia.

#### The Post "Affaire"-Agronsky

Two years ago when the depression assumed very serious proportions, I was compelled to cut our budget most drastically in every part of our system. I wrote to Mr. Agronsky informing him that I had to cut his salary from £55 to £40 a month. I understand that £40 is not considered a meagre salary in Palestine. Mr. Agronsky replied that he would resign if I insisted on the cut.

Two weeks later, when I noticed that Mr. Agronsky had started an editorial column in the "Palestine Bulletin", I expressed my resentment in a cable that he had done this without consulting me first. We had been subjected to very



severe criticism because of editorials which Mr. Agronsky's predecessor had published, and I felt that such an important departure should not be assumed by a correspondent on his own initiative.

Mr. Agronsky, who had already offered his resignation because of the salary cut, seized upon this later development to make it seem that he was resigning chiefly because of my interference with his editorial conduct of the paper, as we well appreciated that it would be easier for him to arouse sympathy on these grounds than on the salary cut.

He then launched an effort to establish a competitive paper. I was most painfully surprised that Dr. Weitzmann and other influential Zionist leaders in no wise hesitated to back Mr. Agronsky by trying to obtain funds for him. Mr. Agronsky had always catered to Dr. Weitzmann and leaders of the Labor Party. Our Agency, just because it is impartial, cannot identify itself with any group or party within the Zionist movement. Instead of being backed by everybody, we find that nobody is definitely behind us because of our policy of not taking sides.

However, I felt that it would be detrimental to the best Zionist interests if there were two papers in the English language in Palestine, conducting an acrimonious fight against each other, and I did something so generous that it indeed bordered on folly. I gave up the control of the paper, turning 49% of the shares over to Agronsky's group, and 2% to Lord Melchett. Not a single cent was asked or received by myself or the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. We turned the paper over without one penny's worth of debt attached to the paper. The £2000 which Mr. Agronsky raised were to be put into the paper itself. If I had assumed that this step on my part would satisfy Agronsky and his group, I was soon to be disillusioned.

Mr. Agronsky had agreed that the name of the paper should not be changed. He began to exercise pressure on me to consent to a change of name. I agreed. He incorporated his group although he had not breathed a single word about this intention when we concluded our agreement. He went still further. He gave his corporation the same name as the paper. Thus he materially changed the situation to his advantage. Today Mr. Agronsky speaks of the "Post" as an entirely new paper.

Mr. Agronsky had agreed in the presence of Lord Melchett that in case he should not be successful the management would return to me. When I reminded him of his promise, I received a letter from Mr. Goldwater, the chairman of the corporation, that the company, if unsuccessful, would be liquidated in accordance with the laws of Palestine.

Lord Melchett, who was to act as arbitrator, on two occasions rendered a decision, or opinion, upon hearing from Mr. Agronsky and without awaiting my statement. The old saying, "Don't put your trust in princes", I am afraid is equally valid with regard to Twentieth Century lords!

Then the feeling was forced upon me that the intention was to ignore and nullify whatever influence I was entitled to, and I began to look around for a purchaser of my shares.

I tried to persuade Mr. Haskel to buy my shares for £2000. He was not at all anxious. Meeting Mr. Agronsky at the Prague Zionist Congress, I informed him of my intention to sell the shares. He asked whether I would not sell them to him. My reply was, "Certainly, with pleasure!" But he did not take me up. Weeks later I met him again in London.



I informed him that I was continuing my effort to sell the shares. He again made no offer! It took a few more months to complete the transaction with Mr. Haskel, which was finally concluded in November, 1933. During all these months not a single word was received from Mr. Agronsky indicating that he was willing to buy. Only after the shares had already been sold to Mr. Haskel, I received offers emanating from Mr. Agronsky. I was very glad to receive the £2000 from Mr. Haskel, which helped take care of some very pressing commitments.

The sales of the shares in the "Palestine Post" to Mr. Haskel was utilized by Mr. Agronsky to launch the rumours that the J.T.A. had submitted to Revisionist control. As a matter of fact Mr. Haskel has not purchased a single share in the J.T.A. The shares which Mr. Haskel bought from me have subsequently been sold to Judge Rosenblatt. Nevertheless the campaign against our Agency continues.

#### J.T.A. Threatened by Revisionists

It is absolutely preposterous and entirely unfounded that the J.T.A. is imbued with a Revisionist bias. During its entire existence of seventeen years, the J.T.A. has consistently maintained an attitude of loyalty toward the Zionist Executive. We have at all times given wide publicity to every announcement emanating from the Executive. Even during the last ten months at a time when the Histadruth was making life for us as miserable as possible, we have not discriminated against the Histadruth. We have paid a great deal of attention to the visits of Histadruth leaders like Mr. Locker and Miss Kaplan, etc., as even a casual perusal of the Jewish Daily Bulletin will prove.

No reader of the Bulletin could obtain the impression, I am sure, that we are campaigning for or against any particular group within the Zionist movement. If nothing else, at least the truly superhuman effort we made during the riots in 1929 to arouse public opinion throughout the world should have prevented any Zionist Executive from turning against our Agency and from establishing a press agency without first at least getting in touch with us and ascertaining whether some satisfactory arrangement could not be concluded.

As a matter of fact, the Revisionist Party is very resentful about what they consider the obvious reluctance on the part of our Agency to give them publicity, and I have on a number of occasions received threatening letters from them. Mr. Jabotinsky has frequently intimated that he would establish a news service which would give justice to Revisionist news. A few quotations from letters will prove my point:

One from Revisionist Headquarters informs us that "the headlines regarding the Stavsky case are unfortunately worded".

Mr. Jabotinsky in August, 1934, writes that his "friends are more than angry with the J.T.A. which reached the limit of unfairness when they circulated a totally fantastic story about a Betarist mortally, or semi-mortally wounding a member of another party... It is undeniable that our statements, even the most sensational ones, never get the honor of being transmitted in full by cable. They reach the public in a mutilated form and then it is too late to make the papers print them in full. Compare this with the display the J.T.A. gives every step of the Z.E."



The editor of "Our Voice", the New York Revisionist weekly, asks us to "examine carefully the headlines and contents of some of your cables on Revisionists...Such cables, skillfully colored news items in your weekly 'Review', and your refusal to publish my letter to Morris Rothenberg, give me the right to believe that your hush-up attitude toward OUR VOICE is part of a definite anti-Revisionist policy".

Criticisms of Histadruth-  
Controlled Executive against J.T.A.

1. Characteristic of the attitude of the Executive is the following incident. Mr. Melzer, the Jerusalem correspondent of the J.T.A., was frequently criticized by the Executive. According to them he was irresponsible and biased. The Executive exercised pressure on the J.T.A. to dismiss Mr. Melzer when in one of his reports he charged the Histadruth with having vowed revenge in a proclamation following the Stavsky acquittal. Mr. Melzer has been recently retained by Falcor!

2. Mr. Tenenblatt, to whose appointment in Palestine the Executive objected, is one of the two Revisionists among the many correspondents of our Agency. He holds no conspicuous position in the Revisionist Party, is not actively engaged in Revisionist work, and for the past six years or more has refrained from writing on political Zionist subjects. He has been our staff correspondent for the last sixteen years, almost from the very beginning of our existence. He was deported by the Austrian Government a year ago. He is an excellent journalist, knows his work, and we place every reliance on his integrity and sense of responsibility. He has not mastered English sufficiently to be useful in our London office; we cannot use him in Paris because of his lack of knowledge of the French language; he possesses, however, Hebrew and knows enough English to represent us effectively in Palestine. Needless to say we cannot dispense with one who has for sixteen years faithfully served our system, and barring him from Palestine would make him a burden to our Agency.

We have never enquired into the political views of our correspondents. Our instructions are that they must adhere to a policy of strict impartiality. If they prove to be partial, we reprimand them. If they continue a partial attitude, we dispense with them. But it is unjustifiable to bar a man from representing us on the grounds that his party convictions are not in consonance with those of the Executive.

3. I understand that Histadruth leaders point to inaccuracies of J.T.A. reports. I wish to say that the J.T.A. performs its work in the most conscientious spirit. Certainly mistakes occur, but they are inadvertent or honest mistakes. No work is so much subject to error as the reporting of news. An accident occurs on the street and of three eye-witnesses, each gives a different version in court. As the correspondent is rarely present at the spot where news development has taken place, he usually learns it from second-hand sources or from newspapers. It can readily be imagined that this news -- when cabled briefly to seven different offices, in each of which there is a different editor with a different knowledge of the background, and as cables are sometimes mutilated -- occasionally a word or phrase is misinterpreted. It is easy to pick out of the thousands of reports, which we handle in the course of a year, half a dozen or a dozen reports and build up a case against the J.T.A. All this is merely incidental. In the big lines of our work nobody can question our earnestness and our desire to perform our duty in a constructive sense.



May I mention that the Palestine Inquiry Commission in Jerusalem severely took to task Mr. Horowitz, the acting officer of the Executive, for "dreadful exaggerations" in his cablegrams to London of what actually happened. Also quite recently the Palestine Administration in its report to the Mandate Commission denied the assertion made by Professor Bodetsky and others that the Administration was permitting a large number of Arabs to enter Palestine. Such accusations are made against the Executive which does not have to send news out at a moment's notice, but has every opportunity to carefully check facts before reporting on them.

Frequently other political considerations are injected. When we reported the extensive restrictive measures the Palestine Administration had adopted in order to curb immigration, we were months later accused of having overstated the case and unnecessarily aggravating the public. Such criticism was particularly voiced by those in charge of collecting funds for Palestine. In the interests of such collections should the public be made to believe that conditions are satisfactory in Palestine? On the other hand, the necessity of exercising political pressure in order to obtain remedies from the Administration demands an aroused public opinion. For this reason there is frequently a contradictory view taken by the Zionist leaders with regard to what degree public opinion should be stimulated.

Often there is no insight displayed into the journalistic aspects of our work. A report which on a dull day might be of great interest is naturally pushed into the background when other extremely important developments are taking place. But each party is inclined to view its own activities in an exaggerated sense, and to miscomprehend the need on the part of the J.T.A. of maintaining a sense of proportion.

#### Reactions of Press to Palcor Service

Under the headline "Why a New Telegraphic Agency?", Doar Hayom, a Jerusalem daily, writes that "It is very much to be regretted that the existence of an institution like the J.T.A. is being undermined so nonchalantly."

The Yiton Meyochod, daily evening paper in Tel Aviv, says in part, "To know from experience how 'impartial' the publicity and the information of the new news service is."

Hayarden, Hebrew daily in Jerusalem, severely criticizes the Executive for its efforts to subject the J.T.A. to a censorship, and heads its editorial emphasizing the J.T.A. value, "The Jewish Agency wishes to Free Itself of an Impartial News Service".

The Tel Aviv daily Haaretz says that those who are responsible for the "new service ought to understand that if their news is colored in a partisan spirit, the game will not be worth while".

Boust'nai, the official organ of the Jewish Farmers Association in Palestine, edited by the Zionist leader M. Smiliansky, is no less severe in its condemnation of the new service: "Especially opposed to the J.T.A. is the Labor Wing, for this reason only--the J.T.A. refuses to color its news to suit the Laborites. The three editors of the new Palcor service are all Laborites. They are (good boys! They are kosher."

Chwila, the leading Polish Zionist newspaper in the Polish language, feels that "The new Palcor service has often been damaging to the Zionist tactics..."



J.T.A. Will Remain  
Strictly Impartial

It is needless to emphasize that the J.T.A. has not changed and has no intention of changing its policy of strict impartiality. The complaints which have been made against the J.T.A. are without any foundation whatever.

To be fair in the presentation of news, to be scrupulous and to guard against misrepresentation, is its policy which it follows with almost religious fervor. The J.T.A. is only too well aware of its responsibility and realizes the untold havoc one careless word may inflict. Never has a personal animus been injected into our work. It is truly impersonal. It has never tried to "get even" with its worst enemies by ignoring their public activities or dressing up reports which might hurt them.

In its seventeen years of work, the J.T.A. has built up a powerful Agency. Its connection with newspapers, news agencies and institutions of every type, Jewish and non-Jewish, is a real asset to the Jewish people and should not be trifled with. The J.T.A. deserves to be treated with such regard as the position it has obtained in the course of years merits. The J.T.A. has a great and earnest ambition to make the Agency as powerful and useful an institution as possible in the interests of our people.





January 29, 1935.

Mr. Jacob Landau,  
The Jewish Daily Bulletin,  
221 Centre Street,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Landau:

We should appreciate your giving the enclosed  
announcement publicity in your paper.

Thanking you kindly for your courtesy, I  
remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK  
Enc.

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.



January 29, 1935.

Mr. Jacob Landau,  
The Jewish Daily Bulletin,  
221 Centre Street,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Landau:

I shall be in New York on Tuesday, February 12, stopping at the Commodore Hotel. \* Please get in touch with me there when we can talk over a few matters of mutual interest.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Mooney, Hahn, Loeser & Keough

Attorneys - at - Law  
National City Bank Building  
Cleveland

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JOHN LADD DEAN  
EARL R. HOOVER  
DANIEL W. LOESER

January 30th, 1935.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi:

Will you kindly tell me what the enclosed is all about?  
In replying, kindly return the letter to me.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*Nate*

NL-K



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January 30, 1935.

Mr. Jacob Landau,  
The Jewish Daily Bulletin,  
221 Centre Street,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Landau:

Let me thank you for your kind letter in which you enclosed your memorandum as well as a copy of the letter which you received from a George Klein of Cleveland. The memorandum interested me very much. I know the troubles which you have had with the Agency Executive. I should like to discuss it with you when I am in New York. I wrote you, yesterday, that I will be in New York on Tuesday, February 12. Judge Mack had spoken to me about the situation and so did Rubashow who was in Cleveland over the week-end.

I am raising some money for the Bulletin which I shall have with me when I see you in New York.

The letter of Klein made me smile. It is part of the campaign of the local Talmud Torah clique to revenge themselves upon me for two editorials which I wrote in the Bulletin on Jewish education -- which editorials, of course, had no mention of or reference to the Cleveland Hebrew Schools. I am sure that you will not take the loss of \$10 seriously to heart. The four or five people here are a venomous lot but quite impotent.

I am sending an editorial on the statement of the 241 rabbis which will not jibe with some opinion which I saw expressed in the Bulletin. I hope that my editorial will sweeten up some of the reform rabbis who have expressed themselves out of sympathy with the stand which the Jewish Daily Bulletin took in the matter.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



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# JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY

221 CENTRE ST.

NEW YORK, N.Y.

Jan. 31, 1935

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

At Mr. Landau's request I am  
enclosing herewith copy of a letter  
received from Rabbi Lazon.

Very truly yours,

*Blaude Finley*

Secretary



(C O P Y)

Morris S. Lazaron  
1914 Madison Ave.  
Baltimore, Md.

January 27, 1935

Mr. Jacob Landau  
Jewish Telegraphic Agency  
221 Centre St.,  
New York City

Dear Jacob:

I have read with keen interest the entire  
correspondence. It seems to me that you  
have made out a case.

Many thanks for letting me see it.

Faithfully yours,

(signed) Morris S. Lazaron



January 31, 1935.

Mr. Jacob Landau,  
The Jewish Daily Bulletin,  
221 Centre Street,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Landau:

I am enclosing here my twentieth editorial  
for the Jewish Daily Bulletin.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



February 2, 1935

Mr. Nathan Looser,  
800 National City Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Nate:

I am returning herewith a letter which you received from the Cleveland Rabbinical Seminary. The institution is training young men for the orthodox rabbinate. It is headed off by Rabbi Levenberg. It is a small institution but I believe a worthy one.

I am also sending you a letter which I received this morning from Mr. Jacob Landau. You will see what the local gang is attempting to do by way of punishing the Jewish Daily Bulletin for publishing my editorials. Mr. George Klein cancelled his subscription and sent an infamous letter along with it, a copy of which I have in my possession. I suggest that you bring the matter of the attempted sabotage of the J.T.A. to the Budget Committee of the Welfare Fund.

You will also understand the reason why I have been urging you in the last two or three weeks to get some contribution from the Beaumont Fund for the Bulletin.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:AY  
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February 7, 1935.

Mr. Jacob Landau,  
The Jewish Daily Bulletin,  
221 Centre Street,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Landau:

I am enclosing herewith my twenty-first  
editorial for the Jewish Daily Bulletin.

With all good wishes, I remain  
Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK  
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## JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY

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Feb. 12, 1935

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

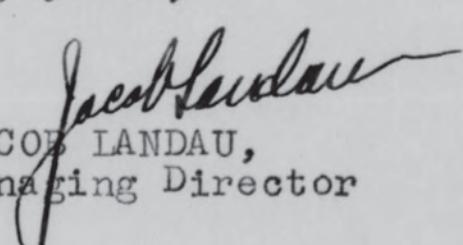
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have your letter of Feb. 11th. I had been looking forward to seeing you and am very sorry indeed that you did not come to town.

I wish to thank you for the check of \$250 which you enclosed. I am please that you are interested, and very grateful for your promise to try to raise more. I hope not as you say "a little more". Our situation is so dreadfully difficult that we really require help most urgently.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
JACOB LANDAU,  
Managing Director

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February 13, 1935.

Mr. Jacob Landau,  
The Jewish Daily Bulletin,  
221 Centre St.,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Landau:

I am enclosing herewith my twenty-second editorial  
for the Jewish Daily Bulletin.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



February 14, 1935.

Mr. Jacob Landau,  
The Jewish Daily Bulletin,  
221 Centre St.,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Landau:

I thought that you might be interested  
in the enclosed news item for publication in the  
Bulletin.

With all good wishes, permit me to  
remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



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## JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY

221 CENTRE ST.

NEW YORK, N.Y.

Feb. 27, 1935

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have a letter from the Jewish Federation of Cleveland, Ohio, asking us to appoint a representative to act for the J.T.A. on a committee in connection with the Welfare Fund Committee.

Your interest in our work makes me turn to you to ask if you would not represent us on this committee. You know our needs as thoroughly as anyone could, and I am sure you would do us justice.

Sincerely yours,

*Jacob Landau*  
JACOB LANDAU,  
Managing Director

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March 1, 1935.

Mr. Jacob Landau,  
321 Centre Street,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Landau:

In reply to your kind letter of February 27,  
permit me to say that I shall of course be very happy  
to serve as the representative of the J T A on the  
Welfare Fund Committee.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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## JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY

~~221 CENTRE ST~~  
230 Fifth Ave.

NEW YORK, N.Y.  
March 5, 1935

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am more than glad to know that  
we shall have you as our representative  
on the Welfare Fund Committee.

Thanking you for your kind interest,

I remain

Very sincerely yours,

*Jacob Landau*  
JACOB LANDAU

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March 5, 1935.

Mr. Jacob Landau,  
Jewish Telegraphic Agency,  
221 Centre St.,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Landau:

You may be interested in the enclosed resolutions which were adopted by the Executive Committee of the newly organized Zionist unit in Cleveland on Monday evening, March 4. These resolutions are in reply to those adopted by the national Administrative Committee of New York which were featured in the local English press Monday morning.

I am also enclosing herewith a list of the newly elected officers and board which were chosen at a meeting of the organization on February 27, attended by more than eight hundred people.

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc. - 2



March 19, 1935.

Mr. Jacob Landau,  
Jewish Daily Bulletin,  
1150 Broadway,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Landau:

I am enclosing herewith my twenty-sixth editorial for the Jewish Daily Bulletin. I am surprised that my last editorial reached you too late for publication for I am under the impression that it was mailed to you on Thursday. I would suggest that you disregard the last one and use the enclosed editorial for next Sunday.

I hoped to see you in Cleveland. Evidently you did not come to the city. Perhaps I shall have the pleasure of seeing you in New York Wednesday. I am stopping at the Commodore Hotel.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



April 4, 1935.

Mr. Jacob Landau,  
1150 Broadway,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Landau:

I am enclosing herewith my twenty-seventh editorial  
for the Jewish Daily Bulletin.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



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## JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY

230 FIFTH AVE.

NEW YORK, N. Y.

April 9, 1935

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

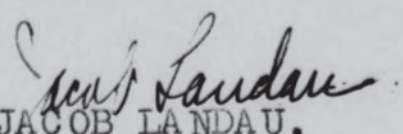
I know you will be interested to learn that Judge Irving Lehman contributed \$1000 to our Agency and has promised to consider joining our committee.

May I learn whether the budget committee of the Cleveland drive has already met? It would be of the utmost importance if Cleveland would see its way clear to allocate \$3000 to our Agency. This would give me an opportunity to also get the other welfare funds to follow suit and not give us as in previous years mere pittance.

Has Mr. Richman returned to Cleveland? I wonder whether he could not be persuaded to advertise in our paper. After all our paper has a considerable circulation in the various towns in which he has stores. People who have advertised in our paper have considered it a worthwhile medium and have stuck to the paper because they believed it brought results.

With many thanks, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
JACOB LANDAU,  
Managing Director

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April 10, 1935.

Mr. Jacob Landau,  
Jewish Daily Bulletin,  
1150 Broadway,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Landau:

I have been on the road all week, having addressed a meeting in Philadelphia on Monday and one in New York on Wednesday. I have, therefore, not had time to write an editorial for this coming Sunday. I will try to have one for you for next Sunday, Passover Week.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. The Jewish Welfare Fund has allocated \$1000 for the Jewish Telegraphic Agency for 1935. Our campaign opens on May 5.



# JEWISH DAILY BULLETIN

~~221 CENTRE STREET~~ NEW YORK.  
1150 Broadway

April 16, 1935

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have your letter of April 10th. I was extremely sorry that we had to miss your column again. I was very glad to hear that Cleveland is to allocate \$1000 to the J.T.A.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Jacob Landau*

JACOB LANDAU,  
Managing Director

JL/F



April 17, 1935.

Mr. Jacob Landau,  
The Jewish Daily Bulletin,  
1150 Broadway,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Landau:

I am enclosing herewith my twenty-seventh editorial  
to the Jewish Daily Bulletin.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



# JEWISH DAILY BULLETIN

~~222 KENTRE STREET~~, NEW YORK.  
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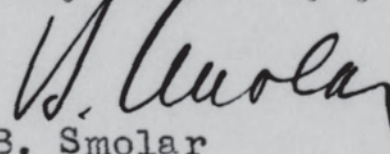
May 3, 1935.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

For some time we have not been receiving regularly your feature for the Sunday edition of our Bulletin. Won't you please see that your article reaches us every week not later than Thursday, as it is on Thursday that we map out our Sunday edition?

Very sincerely yours,

  
B. Smolar  
Editor.

BS:M



May 14, 1935.

The Jewish Daily Bulletin,  
1150 Broadway,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith the report of the  
successful Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign of Cleveland which  
ended with a victory celebration last evening. I thought  
that you might be interested in it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS: BK  
Enc.



May 29, 1935.

Mr. Jacob Landau,  
Jewish Daily Bulletin,  
1150 Broadway, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Landau:

I regret very much that due to pressure of work I have been unable to send you the weekly editorial in the last few weeks. My duties this year have been exceptionally heavy and I found it quite difficult to do justice to an editorial every week. I should therefore like to be relieved of the undertaking of being a regular contributor to the Jewish Daily Bulletin. I need not tell you that I enjoyed tremendously the opportunity which the Bulletin afforded me in the last two years to express my views on vital Jewish issues freely even when some of my views ran counter to the policies of your paper. I shall avail myself of the privilege from time to time to send you an article as the occasion presents itself and the spirit moves me.

May I suggest that you make some mention of this in the Bulletin in the near future as I have received quite a number of communications in the last few weeks wondering why my editorials have not appeared.

With all good wishes for success, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



# JEWISH DAILY BULLETIN

221 CENTRE STREET, NEW YORK.  
1150 Broadway

June 4, 1935

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am indeed most sorry that time does not permit you to continue the column in our paper. It is a most valuable feature which we will sorely miss. I will be very happy if from time to time you can see your way clear to contribute to our paper.

Sincerely yours,

JACOB LANDAU,  
Publisher

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June 24, 1935.

Mr. Jacob Landau,  
Jewish Daily Bulletin,  
1150 Broadway,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Landau:

I am enclosing herewith an article for the Jewish Daily Bulletin which in view of all that has gone before may be of interest to your readers.

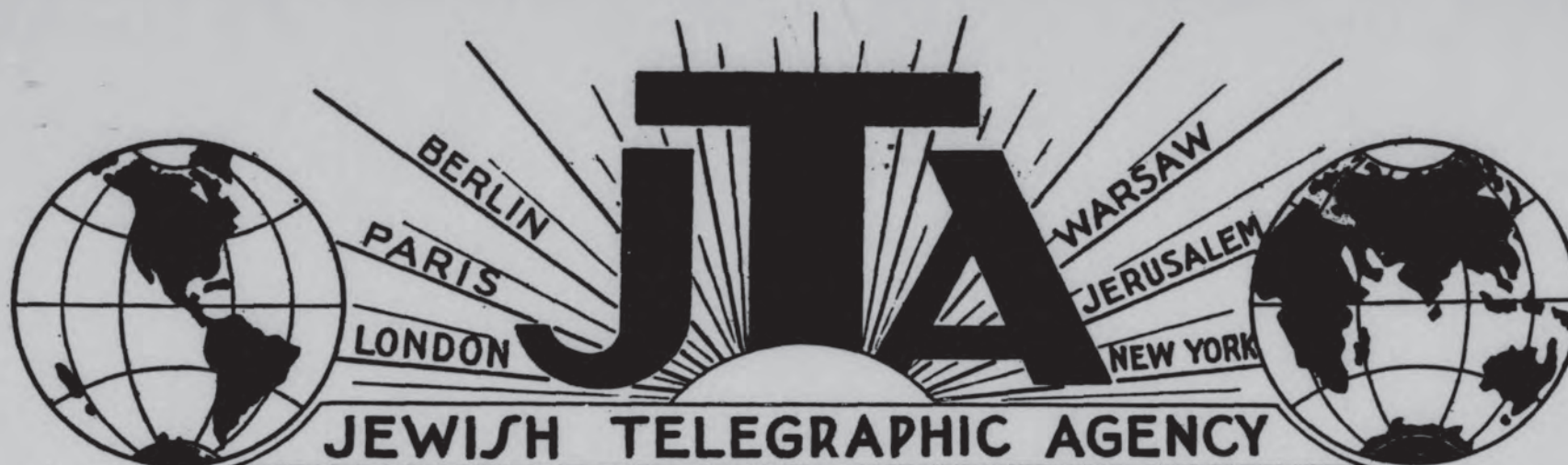
With all good wishes and hoping to see you in Atlantic City, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Enc.





122 EAST 42nd STREET :: NEW YORK CITY  
230 Fifth Avenue

August 1, 1935.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 105th Street and Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Silver:

Plans for the transformation of the J.T.A. into a community organization have been worked out, according to which all problems of management will be vested in an executive committee of five, to be responsible to a board of directors to consist of leading members of the Jewish Community. This plan has been devised in consultation with such men as Mr. George Backer and Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, the former managing editor of the New York World, who has declared himself willing to be at the disposal of the committee for whatever cooperation and advice he can give.

It has been decided that a news service of the J.T.A. be made available not only to the press but also to individuals and organizations. The latest Jewish news will be available daily in mimeographed form. In addition subscribers will receive the J.T.A. confidential surveys and reports from time to time.

There can be no doubt that at this time the functioning of a world-wide news gathering system is of vital interest to the press of the world in view of the rising tide of anti-Semitic agitation. More than at any other time do we require that the truth is made known to the public.

We wish to extend to you an invitation to subscribe to this personal service, and hope you will return the enclosed blank to us promptly.

Very truly yours,

*Jacob Landau*  
JACOB LANDAU,  
Managing Director.

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Jewish Telegraphic Agency  
230 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City

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My check for \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed; please send  
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HERBERT BAYARD SWOPE  
1270 SIXTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK

November 4, 1935

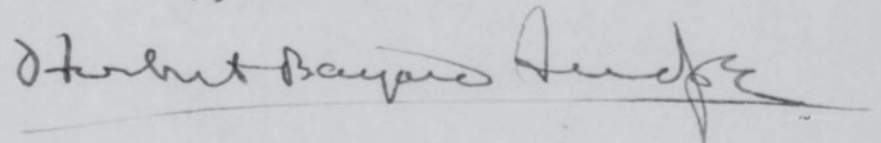
Dear Rabbi Silver:

At a luncheon conference held on October 30th at the Lotos Club, minutes of which I am herewith enclosing, you were named by me a member of the board of the board of control of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. The nomination was unanimously approved by all those present.

The purpose of this board is to supervise the work of the Agency and to safeguard its impartial conduct. Its composition of men and women who have no axe to grind is an important consideration.

I would appreciate your acceptance of membership on this board.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Herbert Bayard Swope". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
105th Street at Ansel Road  
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## JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY

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NEW YORK, N. Y.  
Nov. 4, 1935

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am enclosing the article of Rev. Arthur  
J. Culler as it appeared in one of our sub-  
scribers' paper, which I thought you might like  
to pass on to Rev. Culler.

Very truly yours,

*Blaube Finley*  
Secretary



November 11, 1935

Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope,  
1270 Sixth Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Swope:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of November 4. I shall be very happy to serve on the Board of Control of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. I have followed the work of the Agency for many years, in fact ever since its inception and I know of the outstanding service which it has rendered to our people by way of bringing to it authoritative information concerning all that is going on in the Jewish world. I am happy to know that you have lent your splendid support to this Agency.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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11. November 1935

Herrn Jacob Landau  
Jewish Telegraphic Agency  
220 Fifth Ave.  
New York City

Lieber Herr Landau:

Ich freue mich sehr, dass das Verstandnis  
fur die Bedeutung der J.T.A. sich nun durchgesetzt hat  
und Sie der ewigen finanziellen Sorgen (hoffentlich) nun  
enthoben werden. Auch ist zu hoffen, dass durch den Druck  
der hiesigen einflussreichen Leute der bedauerlichen  
Zersplitterung welche dem judischen Nachrichtenwesen  
droht, vorgebeugt wird.

Freundlich grusst Sie

Ihr

(signed) A. Einstein

(Translation)

Dear Mr. Landau:

I am very pleased to hear that the understanding  
of the importance of the J.T.A. has now come to the  
fore, and that you will be relieved of the eternal  
financial worries (so I hope). It is also to be hoped  
that the pressure of the influential people here will  
prevent the regrettable splitting-up which menaces  
the Jewish information service.

With kindest regards

Your

(signed) A. Einstein



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## JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY

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NEW YORK, N. Y.  
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
10311 Lake Shore Blvd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio

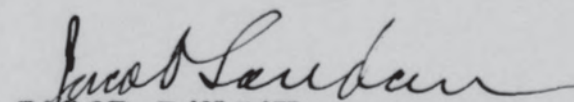
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I understand from Mr. Swope that he has recently written you to accept membership on the J.T.A. committee. I most sincerely hope you have accepted. The meeting was unique. As you must have noticed from the minutes, it was a most representative gathering and I do believe that at last the J.T.A. will be consolidated.

May I take this opportunity of thanking you for the many tokens of interest in our work we have received from you during these critical years.

I am enclosing copy of a note from Professor Einstein.

Sincerely yours,

  
JACOB LAN DAU,  
Managing Director

JL/f



## M I N U T E S

Of the Organizational Meeting of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency Board of Control, held Nov. 15, 1935, 4:30 P.M. at the office of Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, 1270 Sixth Avenue, New York City

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The following were present: Messrs. George Backer, Dr. Maurice Karpf, Walter E. Meyer, Miss A.R. Emmanuel for Mr. Felix M. Warburg, J. M. Kaplan, David Podell and J. Landau. Dr. Maurice Hexter, member of the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, attended the meeting as a guest. Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope presided.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Swope. Mr. Swope was elected temporary chairman and Mr. Jacob Landau temporary secretary of the meeting. Mr. Swope announced that a letter he had addressed, subsequent to the luncheon conference at the Lotos Club, to those who had attended the conference and a number of others had resulted in contributions and pledges amounting to approximately \$25,000. Among the pledges received he mentioned a promise made by Mr. John M. Schiff to contribute \$2500 annually for a period of two years if five others would promise likewise before December 31st; and a promise of \$2000 from Mr. Henry Ittleson if the entire sum of \$70,000 which was sought were secured.

Mr. Swope announced that a meeting of the stockholders of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Inc., had been called for Nov. 19th in order to permit the creation of a new board of directors. Steps are also being taken to effectuate a change in the charter of the J.T.A., making it a non-profit corporation, which will permit contributions to be deducted from income tax returns. The chairman also remarked that the Board is being established in order to give weight and body to the J.T.A. Mr. Podell offered to do the legal work necessary to transform the J.T.A. into a non-profit corporation.

Mr. Swope announced the transference of Mr. Landau's stock to a committee of trustees, consisting of Messrs. Backer, Horowitz and Landau. Mr. Landau thus surrenders all personal control of the property and necessarily over the policy of the J.T.A. The J.T.A. represents more than 18 years of unflagging effort and of exclusive commitment on the part of Mr. Landau.

The following were unanimously elected on the board of the J.T.A. on motion made by Mr. J. M. Kaplan: Dr. Cyrus Adler, Solomon Agoos, George Backer, Jacob Blaustein, Dr. Alfred Cohn, Louis J. Horowitz, J. M. Kaplan, Louis Kirstein, Jacob Landau, Albert D. Lasker, Walter E. Meyer, David Podell, M. Rothenberg, Arthur Lampert, David Sarnoff, Rabbi Silver and Felix M. Warburg. Each of them has indicated his interest; but in one or two cases final acceptance has not yet been made. Mr. Swope was authorized to extend an invitation to Mr. David Sarnoff to join the board.



The following resolutions were unanimously adopted on motion of the Chair:

1. The board shall have the right to enlarge or decrease its membership.
2. No liability whatsoever attached to membership on Board.

Mr. Swope nominated Mr. Louis J. Horowitz as chairman of the Board. Mr. J. M. Kaplan said he felt the work of the J.T.A. to be of great public importance and opinion-making, and that Mr. Horowitz could aid greatly in this work. He described Mr. Horowitz as a man of unusual ability, great organizing capacity, and successful at anything he would undertake. Mr. Horowitz was unanimously elected chairman of the Board. Mr. Felix M. Warburg was elected vice-chairman, Messrs. J. M. Kaplan and David L. Podell vice-presidents, and Mr. Jacob Landau secretary and managing director.

Mr. Swope suggested Mr. George Backer as president and treasurer. He pointed out that Mr. Backer had given generously of his time and money to the Agency and had familiarized himself with all its problems, and because of his literary inclinations had taken a deep interest in the work of the Agency. Mr. Backer was unanimously elected president and treasurer.

The following were unanimously elected members of the Executive Committee on motion of Mr. Kaplan: George Backer, L.J. Horowitz, Dr. M.J. Karpf, M. Rothenberg and Jacob Landau.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted on motion made by Mr. Kaplan: The Executive Committee shall have the power to expand or restrict its membership, and, further, that they shall be ex-officio members of all committees.

Dr. Karpf suggested that similar committees be established in London, Paris and Jerusalem. Mr. Swope mentioned that Mr. George Backer may go over to London in January for this purpose.

The following were elected unanimously at motion made by Mr. Kaplan to bring about cooperation between the J.T.A. and Falcor: Messrs. Warburg, Podell, Kaplan, Dr. Silver and the members of the Executive Committee.

Mr. Swope said that representatives of newspapers and such bodies as the board may deem desirable may be added to the Board in the future.

Mr. Swope read letters from Dr. Adler, Judge Mack and Judge Irving Lehman.

Dr. Adler wrote: "I too agree with the general tenor of the discussion as to the necessity of the maintenance of the Jewish



Telegraphic Agency. I have been interested in it from the time that Mr. Landau first came to this country. I know too that it has always proceeded with insufficient funds, and I believe that with proper support its news service could be greatly improved."

Judge Mack expressed regret at not being able to accept membership on the J.T.A.-Palcor committee because he had already served on such a committee, and felt under the circumstances he could not sponsor one or the other. "I have always said and shall continue to say, that a world Jewish telegraphic service is essential, and that for this reason J.T.A. must be supported, inasmuch as it has had so many years experience."

Dr. Hexter reported that he and Dr. Karpf had a long discussion with Mr. Ben-Gurion in London about the question of a rapprochement between the Palcor and the J.T.A. A proposal was submitted by Mr. Ben-Gurion at this meeting, which Dr. Hexter submitted to the Board, making it clear that Mr. Ben-Gurion indicated that this was merely his personal view. Dr. Karpf pointed out that at the meeting of the Administration Committee of the Jewish Agency for Palestine which took place in Lucerne, the J.T.A.-Palcor controversy was referred to the Executive. The Executive appointed a committee to deal with this matter, of which he is a member. This committee will study the report worked out by a previous committee appointed last January by the Administrative Committee of the Jewish Agency. He stated that he personally was opposed to the very principle of a politically controlled news service and was submitting a minority report to the committee to this effect. Dr. Hexter and Dr. Karpf indicated that Mr. Ben-Gurion's proposal might be considered as a basis of negotiation. They were in no way prepared either to accept this proposal or to urge it on the group.

Mr. Kaplan expressed the view that by allotting some seats on the board of the J.T.A. to the Zionist Executive, harmony could perhaps be established. Mr. Meyer stated that a Palestine orientated Jewish news service may not always prove to be in the best interests of the community. He could visualize that certain activities or developments in Palestine may be contrary to Jewish interests in other countries.

Mr. Swope said that he had followed the work of the J.T.A. for quite sometime and had convinced himself of its value. He was opposed to an official news service. Even to define what is news is extremely difficult, he pointed out. The same report which one day would be of great news interest, would cease to be so after a number of days in which the same kind of development repeated itself. If, for instance, a thousand Jews were killed in Germany or any other place today, it would be featured on the first page of every American newspaper. But if this were to happen day after day for a number of days, it would eventually be given only a few



lines somewhere on the inside pages. The news value of news is determined by its "shock impact". Mr. Swope differentiated between the intrinsic and extrinsic implication of Jewish news gathering. With regard to internal party strife, an Agency like the J.T.A. should be wholly inert. It was different with regard to extrinsic developments, those affecting the entire body of Jewry.

Dealing with other aspects of the Agency, Mr. Swope said that it would be of enormous importance if famous journalists or writers, men like Sinclair Lewis or H. G. Wells, could be sent by the Agency to Germany or other countries, and if their articles could be syndicated to newspapers throughout the world. He also referred to the importance of the J.T.A. being utilized by the general press as a tipping agency -- the papers themselves obtaining from their own correspondents reports on developments to which the J.T.A. had drawn their attention.

It was in his opinion of vital importance that an effort be made to obtain support for the Agency from as wide a circle as possible in order to avoid the possibility of pleading for special interests.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.





November 18, 1935

Mr. Jacob Landau,  
Jewish Telegraphic Agency,  
220 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Landau:

In reply to your letter of November 12,  
permit me to say that I did receive an invitation  
from Mr. Swope to join the Sponsoring Committee of the  
J.T.A. and that I wrote to him accepting the appointment.  
In the letter I took occasion to express my high opinion  
of the work of the J.T.A.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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## Jewish Telegraphic Agency

220 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK CITY

January 8, 1936

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

At a meeting of the board of directors of Dec. 23, 1935, the question of the transfer of Mr. Landau's shares to the board as well as his employment was taken up. The executive committee submitted the enclosed proposal of contract which has its approval. As you were not present, we are sending it to you. If we do not hear from you within a period of five days, I will take it that you have no objections to it.

Yours very truly,

*George Backer*  
George Backer,  
President



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NEW YORK, N. Y.  
Jan. 22, 1936

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

At the conference called by Mr. Swope a plan was adopted to get 1000 subscribers to our service at the rate of \$50 per year and in this way to consolidate the J.T.A.

More than a year ago you were willing to call a meeting in order to enable me to meet leading members of the community. I am wondering whether such a meeting could not be called by you at this time. Either Mr. George Backer, Mr. Warburg's nephew by marriage, or myself would address it.

I am going to be in St. Louis this weekend and most likely will come to Cleveland, and the board would be very grateful if such an opportunity were given us in Cleveland.

Sincerely yours,

*Jacob Landau*  
JACOB LANDAU,  
Managing Director

JL/f

(Mr. Landau is now on his way to St. Louis where he will be at the Chase Hotel, via Cincinnati, Indianapolis.)



HERBERT BAYARD SWOPE  
1270 SIXTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK

February 25, 1936

Dear George:-

I am prompted to write this note to you and Mr. Landau by the deep interest I have felt in the operations of the JTA since I took enough trouble to discover the nature of the work it is doing.

I am astounded that the JTA has not a greater circulation. I made an inquiry into the undertaking several years ago, when I was Editor of The World, and I then found it was doing a good job. Now, with conditions radically different; with the German volcano solidifying and intensifying the concern of every man and woman of tolerant mind or of Jewish blood, the JTA is serving an absolutely essential purpose. How can intelligent action be taken unless intelligent information is first provided? Therein lies the justification for the JTA.

I read regularly the report in its new form. I find it a model of condensation; of width of subjects; of information and of importance. It prints the news that every man and woman who has a specific interest in a specific subject should know; it prints news that is not to be found in the daily papers because the news has become repetitious or parochial or, for some other reason, it lacks availability for the daily press.

You are bringing to the members of the Jewish communities in this country the news they ought to know, though, God knows, they may not want to know. I imagine there are at least 5,000 leading Jews who may become subscribers to the service. That would be only one tenth of one per cent of the total numbers of Jews in America. It is true that the cost of the JTA service is, seemingly, high, but \$50 a year is actually cheap for a daily report covering the entire world, through cables from staff correspondents, and prepared in a manner at once simple and effective.

The point of this letter is to suggest that you make a drive for subscriptions. The JTA is a non-profit making institution, and I think that should be known. I am confident that the excellence of the product will win its own way once it has been examined. In helping the JTA, the subscribers are doing a bigger thing than charity, because, by anticipating emergencies, the need for charity frequently may be removed.

With warm regard,

Faithfully,

George Backer, Esq.,  
295 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City

*Herbert Bayard Swope*



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## Jewish Telegraphic Agency

220 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK CITY

February 28, 1936

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter sent this day to Mr. Nathan Loeser. I recall it was upon your advice that an attempt was made several years ago to secure an allocation from the Beaumont Fund. At that time, I believe, the trustees found it impossible to act upon our application because we were not a non-profit corporation.

You are no doubt fully aware of the reorganization of the J.T.A. into a communal enterprise. We are duly established as a non-profit corporation under the laws of Delaware.

You will be pleased to know that rapid strides have been made and that the J.T.A. today is more firmly entrenched than it has been for many years past. The drive for funds to secure the J.T.A. for the next two years has made considerable progress. A great deal of our indebtedness has been wiped out and it is the opinion of our Executive Committee that by the close of 1936, the J.T.A. will be in a healthy sound position.

Mr. Landau's brief trip to the south and far west was extremely successful. He secured the cooperation of a number of community funds which had never participated before, and was able to increase the allocations from other communities. Mr. George Backer, our president, sailed for Europe to join Mr. Landau in an effort to reorganize the European offices along the lines pursued here.

The Galland Fund of Portland have assured us of an allocation. We would appreciate immensely your interceding with the trustees of the Beaumont Fund for a favorable response to our application.

Sincerely yours,

*Ida Landau*  
IDA LANDAU,  
Acting Manager

IL/f



February 28, 1936

Mr. Nathan Loeser  
National City Bank Bldg.,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Loeser:

We received today from our managing director the following dablegram:

"MET COMMODORE LOUIS BEAUMONT ILEFRANCE  
AUTHORISED ME SAY HE FAVOURS WE RECEIVE  
THOUSAND FROM BEAUMONT FUND WRITE TRUSTEES  
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SIDERS IMPORTANT POINT OUT OTHER FOUNDATIONS  
NEWYORK GALLAND CONTRIBUTED ALSO EMPHASISE  
NEW SETUP NONPROFIT CORPORATION"

For your information the New York Foundation subscribed an amount from \$2500 to \$5000 for a number of years. Just recently when Mr. Landau was in Portland the trustees of the Galland Fund agreed to contribute to the J.T.A.

If you recall, I discussed this matter with you several years ago. At that time, the J.T.A. was not a non-profit corporation. Last November largely through the efforts of Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope and Mr. George Backer and other prominent communal leaders, the J.T.A. was reorganized into a community organization. The old corporation was dissolved and a non-profit corporation established. A board of control was elected consisting of Dr. Cyrus Adler, Solomon Agoos, Jacob Blaustein, Dr. Maurice J. Karpf, Louis Kirstein, Walter E. Meyer, David L. Podell, Morris Rothenberg, Arthur M. Lamport, Louis J. Horowitz, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Sol Kline, Samuel A. Goldsmith, Mrs. Edward Jacobs and Felix M. Warburg. Mr. Landau assigned his shares to this board. The officers of the corporation are George Backer, President, Felix M. Warburg, Vice-Chairman, David Podell, Vice-President, Arthur Lamport, Treasurer and Jacob Landau, Secretary and Managing Director. The Executive Committee consists of George Backer, Dr. Karpf, Arthur Lamport and Jacob Landau.

I am enclosing herewith a memorandum and some other materia which you may wish to have. We will gladly furnish you with any other data you may require. I sincerely trust that the Trustees



of the Beaumont Fund will consider our application favorably.

Sincerely yours,

IL/f

IDA LANDAU,  
Acting Manager





## MEMORANDUM

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency maintains seven (7) offices: New York, London, Paris, Berlin, Warsaw, Prague and Jerusalem, and correspondents in every larger Jewish center. The service of the JTA is utilized not only by Jewish papers the world over, but by the Associated Press, which turns the JTA reports over to 1,250 American dailies; Reuter, which is the most powerful news service of the British Empire; and Havas, the French agency.

The budget of the JTA, prior to the depression in 1928 and 1929, approximated \$250,000. It obtained about \$140,000 from the sale of its news and raised \$110,000 from the community. During the years of depression the agency was forced to drastically cut its budget. Its budget amounts today to \$125,000. Its income from the newspapers shrank to \$70,000.

The present budget of the JTA does not enable the JTA to function to the maximum degree of its usefulness. The following measures would be required to give the agency that scope which in the present volcanic state of Jewish affairs would be desirable in the best interests of the Jewish community:

- (1) It would be of the utmost importance to enable the JTA to employ internationally known American and British correspondents in such countries where the Jewish position is particularly in danger; i.e., Poland, where anti-Semitic agitation has recently assumed very dangerous proportions; Roumania, Hungary, Austria, Lithuania, Latvia, Greece and Turkey. The gathering of Jewish news has lately become, in a number of countries, a most difficult and hazardous undertaking. While following a ruthless anti-Semitic course, the governments of these countries are anxious to prevent the news from leaking out. The very presence of a prominent newspaper man like Wickham Steed, the former editor of the London Times, and other men of this caliber, would have a deterrent affect. These countries are not as powerful as Germany and depend on moral, financial and political factors in England, France and the United States. To draw a safety cordon around Germany and to prevent the example of Germany being followed by these countries is a command of political wisdom. If the Jewish position should break down in a number of European countries, the repercussion of such a development is bound to affect Jewish prestige even in the United States. In order to employ a number of outstanding newspaper men and to enlarge the budget of the agency for cable tolls, the budget would have to be increased with at least \$60,000.
- (2) Sometime ago the JTA entered into negotiations with the British authorities with regard to the sending out of a daily dispatch from the Rugby Station, the most powerful radio station of the British Empire. Such an



arrangement would be most effective in order to counter the propaganda which emanates from the German radio station in Nauen, which disseminates news throughout Europe and also to South Africa, South America and other countries. The British authorities were willing to make very far reaching concessions by cutting the rate into half, charging the JTA instead of eight (8) pennies, only four (4) pennies per word. Some additional arrangements would be required in the countries where this news is to be disseminated. With the sum of \$35,000 a daily dispatch of 1000 words could be arranged for. The propaganda value of such an arrangement cannot be sufficiently emphasized.

- (3) It would be desirable if the JTA were in a position to supply the smaller newspapers throughout the country with a mat or plate service. A similar service should be rendered in the German language to the German language newspapers in the United States. This service should include not only articles and features, but also cartoons. The most effective weapon in our fight against Germany is to make the Hitler regime ridiculous. It would have to carry material of general interest as well as articles the purpose of which would be to counter Nazi propaganda. Full light should be particularly thrown on the economic difficulties of Germany, proving the anti-Semitic course has not benefited Germany. The sum of \$25,000 would be required to make this service possible.
- (4) The JTA should be in a position to contract some of the most outstanding personalities, men like H.G. Wells, Sinclair Lewis, General Smuts, Winston Churchill and Lord Robert Cecil, for visiting Germany and arranging for the syndicating of their articles, their delivering lectures, speaking on the radio, etc. The agency would work out arrangements with general feature syndicates and lecture bureaus, and keep itself in the background. In view of the considerable amounts which these arrangements would necessitate, the sum which the agency would require for the carrying out and covering it with regard to possible losses, would be \$20,000. The effectiveness, however, of such propaganda, cannot be overestimated.

Altogether, including its present deficit of \$55,000, the JTA could, if it were in a position to raise \$195,000, render a most vital service to the Jewish community. The basis of the JTA has been recently broadened. Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, former executive editor of the New York World (one of the most influential and vital forces in the United States), recently called a conference in which participated Mr. Bernard Baruch, David Sarnoff, George Blumenthal, John Hertz, Samuel Zemurray, George Backer, Lessing J. Rosenwald and other outstanding persons. The following measures were adopted:

- (1) The agency was transformed into a community enterprise. Mr. George Backer is the president of the JTA. Mr. Felix M. Warburg is vice-chairman. Other members of the Board are Albert D. Lasker, Louis Kirstein, Dr. Cyrus Adler,



Jacob Blaustein, Arthur Lamport, who is also treasurer of the J.T.A., Dr. Maurice J. Karpf, a member also of the Executive Committee, Solomon Agoos, S. A. Goldsmith, Louis J. Horowitz, Walter E. Meyer, David L. Podell, Sol Kline; and some prominent Zionists like Morris Rothenberg, the president of the Z.O.A., Mrs. Edward Jacobs, President of Hadassah, and Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

- (2) Mr. Landau transferred his shares to the Board.
- (3) The Agency has been registered as a non-profit corporation.

With this new set-up, the JTA would be in a position to effectively carry out the various measures outlined above.





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## Jewish Telegraphic Agency

220 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK CITY

April 28, 1936

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

From previous reports which have been forwarded to you, you know that a plan was evolved by Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope at the meeting he called, to strengthen the J.T.A., by obtaining 1000 subscribers to the J.T.A. service. I am enclosing a copy of a recent letter Mr. Swope has written me on the subject.

I wonder whether we could not have your help in obtaining a number of subscribers to the J.T.A. service in Cleveland. I believe I can persuade Mr. Backer to come to Cleveland to address a luncheon meeting there. Mr. Backer has just returned from a trip to Europe.

I am enclosing a report on the work he has done there.

Looking forward to hear from you, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Jacob Landau*  
JACOB LANDAU,  
Managing Director

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Encl:



MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD APRIL 22, 1936, IN THE OFFICE  
OF DR. KARPf, 71 W. 47th ST.

Present: Mr. George Backer, Dr. M. J. Karpf and Mr. Jacob Landau. Mr. Lamport apologized for not attending due to his absence from town. Mr. Rothenberg was unable to attend, due to a trip to Chicago.

Mr. Backer reported on his trip to Europe. He visited the various offices of the J.T.A. and familiarized himself with the workings of the system.

Mr. Lionel Cohen, K.C., son of Sir Leonard Cohen, former president of the ICA, arranged a dinner meeting in order to enable Mr. Backer to meet some of the outstanding Jewish leaders in England. Among those present were Leonard Montefiore, president of the Joint Foreign Committee; Neville Laski, president of the Jewish Board of Deputies; Mr. A. Levinson, chairman of the Parliamentary Committee of the Jewish Board of Deputies; Mr. Leonard Stein, honorary counsel of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, Capt. Johnson of the Rothschilds and Mr. Jacob Landau.

Mr. Backer gave an outline of the J.T.A. work and recent developments in the United States with regard to the J.T.A.

Mr. Backer also met a number of other Jewish leaders, among them, Mr. Samuel Marks, Mr. Otto Schiff, Sir Herbert Samuel, etc., etc.

The sum of £1200 was raised during Mr. Backer's presence in Europe.

Sir Robert Waley Cohen displayed a particular interest in the work of the J.T.A. He promised to raise, together with Mr. Otto Schiff, the sum of £2000. Sir Robert indicated his willingness to come to the States during the fall or winter in the interests of extending the work of the J.T.A. and taking up other problems of propaganda.

The Executive Committee unanimously decided to propose to the next meeting of the Board of Directors to adopt Sir Robert Waley Cohen as a member as well as to coopt two or three other Jewish leaders in England and as members of the New York board.

Particular interest in the work of the J.T.A. was also manifested by Neville Laski and I.M. Sieff, as well as by Baron Robert de Rothschild in Paris.

Mr. Backer met in Paris Dr. Bernhard Kahn, Mr. Louis Cungre, Mr. David Weill, Mr. Leo Simon, Mr. Lecache, Prof. Oualid, member of the Executive Committee of the Alliance Israelite, Mr. Schwartschild, editor of Das Neue Tagebuch, and others.



Mr. Backer visited Poland where he studied the Jewish situation touring some of the smaller communities. He conferred with Jewish leaders as well as the American ambassador in Warsaw. A meeting was held in the house of Mr. Raphael Schereszovsky, which was attended by leading members of the Poland Jewish community. A committee was elected whose task it is to organize a J.T.A. committee. The members of this committee are: M. Eiger, Raphael Schereszovsky, and the following Jewish members of the Sejm, Dr. Emile Sommerstein and Dr. Henrik Rosmarin.

Mr. Backer also visited Germany, while Mr. Landau proceeded to Budapest. The Jewish community in Hungary entertains serious misgivings with regard to certain tendencies which have recently manifested themselves to oust Jews from their economic positions. The Jewish leaders felt that if the J.T.A. at this time could send a prominent, internationally known newspaper man to Hungary, a great service would be rendered to Hungarian Jewry.

Mr. Backer expressed the view that if the J.T.A. could be further strengthened it would exercise a very important function and that extension of the J.T.A. work at this time was an imperative need.

Mr. Backer while in Europe conferred with Dr. Nahum Goldmann who had been authorized by the Zionist Executive to negotiate with Mr. Backer in order to bring about an understanding with the Executive regarding the Falcor Agency. Following a meeting of Mr. Landau with Dr. Goldmann in Geneva, Dr. Goldmann wrote a letter to Mr. Backer informing him of the terms which might be the basis of an agreement. The proposals of Dr. Goldmann are attached hereto. Dr. Karpf stated that he was in receipt of a letter from Dr. Hexter informing him that the Executive had discussed the J.T.A.-Falcor issue and Dr. Hexter promised in his letter that he would forward a translation of the minutes as well as his own observations and recommendations. It was decided to give consideration to Dr. Goldmann's proposals after receipt of the information promised by Dr. Hexter in his letter.



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## Jewish Telegraphic Agency

220 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK CITY

May 29, 1936

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Sir Robert Waley Cohen, chairman of the Board of the Shell Oil Company, and president of the Federation of Synagogues in England, is offering to come to the United States in the interest of the expansion of the work of the J.T.A.

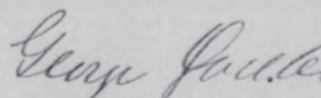
Sir Robert feels that altogether a much greater effort should be made to counter Nazi propaganda.

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Board of Directors of the J.T.A., to be held at the Chatham Hotel, Vanderbilt avenue and 48th street, New York, on Tuesday June 9th, 4 o'clock, where Sir Robert's offer will be considered.

In view of the importance of this matter it will be appreciated if you will make every effort to attend.

Sincerely yours,

GB/gf



GEORGE BACKER,  
President



June 1, 1936

Mr. George Backer, President,  
Jewish Telegraphic Agency,  
220 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Backer:

I regret very much that I shall not be able  
to attend the meeting called by the Jewish Telegraphic  
Agency for Tuesday, June 9 as I must be in Cleveland  
on that day.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours.

AHS:BK



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY HELD AT THE HOTEL CHATHAM AT ONE O'CLOCK

NOVEMBER 5, 1936

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The following were present:

George Backer  
Dr. Maurice J. Karpf  
Arthur M. Lamport  
Jacob Blaustein  
Mrs. Edward Jacobs  
Jacob Landau

Dr. Cyrus Adler, Mr. Felix M. Warburg, Joseph Willen, A. D. Lasker, Louis Kirstein and Solomon Agoos sent their regrets for not being able to attend.

Mr. George Backer presided.

Mr. Backer reported on the financial situation. He pointed out that for the first time in many years the income and expenditures of the J.T.A. were even. The expenditures of the J.T.A. for the year 1936 will amount to approximately \$150,000, the income from sale of news to \$80,000, leaving a deficit of \$70,000 which has been covered by contributions. About \$17,000 of the contributions came from Jewish welfare funds. The Agency, however, Mr. Backer stated was not in a position to function as effectively as it should in these times. He was particularly concerned about employing at least two American newspapermen who should constantly travel in order to cover more adequately important developments, particularly in those countries where the Jewish position is jeopardized.

A resolution was unanimously adopted to call in the second installment of the pledges made on the two year plan which was adopted at the meeting called by Herbert Bayard Swope and held on October 30, 1935.

It was decided to explore ways and means to send to Palestine an American trained newspaperman.

Mr. Landau reported on the arrangement which was effected with the Havas News Agency in Paris. The Havas Agency is carrying daily 350 words of J.T.A. news over its wires. The arrangement is proving to be very advantageous to the J.T.A.

Dr. Maurice J. Karpf reported about the negotiations with the Executive of the Jewish Agency regarding Palcor. A sub-committee appointed by the Executive worked out proposals according to which the Executive would appoint 50% of the members of the board of the J.T.A., as well as to name the representative of the J.T.A. in the



two most strategic points, London and Jerusalem. A discussion ensued in which the feeling was expressed that the acceptance of these proposals would be tantamount to subjecting the J.T.A. to the control of the Zionist Organization, and to destroy its impartial and independent character. It was unanimously decided to refer the matter back to the Executive for further consideration and to submit the conclusions arrived at to a meeting of the board of directors.

The question of changing the name of the J.T.A. was taken up, and the name ITA PRESS ASSOCIATION was suggested, and it was pointed out a general name would render the work of the J.T.A. more effective; on the other hand, it was appreciated that the name J.T.A. had been widely publicized over many years. It was decided to have the Executive consult subscribers of the J.T.A. with regard to the desirability of changing the name and to leave the final decision with regard to making the change and the date thereof in the hands of the Executive.

A resolution of thanks was unanimously adopted expressing appreciation for the cooperation Herbert Bayard Swope has extended to the J.T.A. George Backer was authorized to write to Sir Robert Waley Cohen and Sir Robert Mond expressing the gratitude of the Board for the assistance they have given to the J.T.A.

Dr. Karpf stated that Dr. Adler had asked him to present to the Board his views for a stronger emphasis on cultural news by the J.T.A. It was decided that an effort in this direction should be made, and Mr. Landau was asked to communicate with Dr. Adler with regard to this matter.

The following were elected members of the Board for the ensuing period:

Dr. Cyrus Adler	Albert D. Lasker
Solomon Agoos	Arthur M. Lampport
George Backer	Jacob Landau
Jacob Blaustein	Walter E. Meyer
Sir Robert Waley Cohen	Sir Robert Mond
Samuel J. Goldsmith	David L. Podell
Mrs. Edward Jacobs	Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Dr. Maurice J. Karpf	Felix M. Warburg
Louis Kirstein	Joseph Willen
Sol Kline	Ira M. Younker

George Backer at motion made by Dr. Karpf and seconded by Mr. Blaustein was elected president; Felix M. Warburg, vice-chairman; David L. Podell, vice-president; Arthur M. Lampport, treasurer; Jacob Landau, secretary and managing director.

The following were elected on the Executive Committee of the J.T.A.

George Backer	Dr. Maurice J. Karpf
Arthur M. Lampport	Mrs. Edward Jacobs
Jacob Landau	



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## Jewish Telegraphic Agency

~~220 FIFTH AVENUE~~ 347 Madison Avenue  
NEW YORK CITY

November 10, 1936.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple,  
E. 105 St. & Ansel Rd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

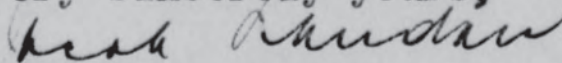
Dear Rabbi Silver:

It gives me much pleasure to inform you that at the annual meeting of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency you have been elected member of the Board. I take this opportunity of enclosing the minutes of this meeting.

As you will note from the minutes the question was discussed whether the J.T.A. should not adopt a general name. It was felt that it would render the work of the J.T.A. more effective, particularly as far as reports in the general press are concerned. On the other hand, the present name has been widely publicized for a great number of years. The name ITA PRESS ASSOCIATION was suggested. Final action has been left in the hands of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee has been asked to consult others with regard to this question.

I would greatly appreciate hearing your opinion with regard to this matter.

Very sincerely yours,



JACOB LANDAU,  
Managing Director

JL:GF



M I N U T E S

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY HELD

DECEMBER 2, 1936, ONE O'CLOCK AT THE CHATHAM HOTEL

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Present:

Mr. George Backer  
Dr. Maurice J. Karpf  
Mr. Jacob Landau

Mr. George Backer presided.

On motion made by Dr. Karpf it was unanimously decided to appoint the following as trustees to vote the stock held by Mr. Jacob Landau:

George Backer  
Jacob Blaustein  
Jacob Landau

Mr. Backer reported that on November 15th he received a letter from Dr. Karpf stating that the report contained in the minutes of the Board meeting on November 5th outlining the proposals for an arrangement between Palcor and J.T.A. was inaccurate. Dr. Karpf's letter was read and it was decided to send to the members of the Board of the J.T.A. a copy of the draft worked out in London by a Sub-committee of the Executive of the Jewish Agency.

The proposals read as follows:

- 1.) It is proposed that on both the Administrative and Executive committees of the J.T.A. Corporation Palcor interests shall have the right to name one half of the membership. An opportunity shall also be given to the representatives of Palcor interests to acquire, through purchase, a substantial portion of the voting stock of the Corporation.
- 2.) The Managing Editor of the J.T.A. resident in London shall be named by the Board, in agreement with the Palcor interests represented on the Board. It should be understood that the London Managing Editor shall have the right to nominate the personnel of his European staff, with the approval of the Board.
- 3.) The representative of the J.T.A. in Palestine shall be named in agreement with the Palcor interests represented on the Board.



- 4.) In both London and in Jerusalem Advisory Boards shall be named by agreement with the membership of the Board in New York.
- 5.) The functions and powers of the Managing Director shall be subject to the complete authority of the Board, and no contract entered into hitherto by the Board with the Managing Director shall give him any larger powers than the Board as reconstituted may give him. All contracts other than the contract made with the Managing Director shall be subject to revision by the newly constituted Board.
- 6.) The functions and future of the Palcor shall be determined by the Board in agreement with the present members of the J.T.A. Board.

Mr. Backer expressed the view that the proposals worked out by the Sub-committee of the Executive were not acceptable. To allow an outside body to name or appoint members of the Board of the J.T.A. would not be compatible with the aims of the J.T.A. as an impartial, independent news service.

After a considerable discussion it was decided to submit to the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine the following counter-proposals:

- 1.) An advisory committee to be established, fifty percent to be appointed by the Executive of the Jewish Agency, and fifty percent by the J.T.A. Board. This advisory committee to watch over the impartiality of the J.T.A., and to submit to the Board of the Executive Committee of the J.T.A. such grievances or recommendations they would determine upon.
- 2.) The Executive of the Jewish Agency to appoint an observer who would have the right to attend all meetings of the Board and the Executive Committee of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.
- 3.) The arrangement to continue for a period of one or two years with either party having the right to withdraw after a stipulated period if it should prove unworkable.
- 4.) The Palcor Agency to be discontinued.

Mr. Backer pointed out that the J.T.A. was endeavoring to follow a conscientiously impartial policy, and that the proposals as outlined above would give the Executive of the Jewish Agency further safeguards that a policy of impartiality would be followed. He felt that if impartiality was the real aim of the Executive, the proposals should prove satisfactory.



The following letters bearing on the subject were received from Dr. Cyrus Adler, Sir Robert Waley Cohen and Sir Robert Mond:

(From Dr. Adler)

September 22, 1936.

Dear Mr. Backer:

I have your letter of September 16th. I am in agreement with you that the enclosed memorandum will not offer a basis for a real discussion. You know of course, that at the meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Jewish Agency it was pointed out that the Agency had no jurisdiction over Palcor which was exclusively supported by the Zionist Organization.

(SIGNED: CYRUS ADLER)

(From Sir Robert Waley Cohen)

October 12, 1936.

You ask me to give you my views in the proposals made to the Board Sub-Committee. As regards (1) I don't think the matter should be regarded as one of representation, but it is of the utmost importance that your Agency should be organised with a view to efficiency and not to representation of this or that body. While, therefore, I think you should gladly welcome nominees of the Agency both on your Administrative and Executive Committee, I don't think there would be any point whatever in their appointing more than one or two representatives. I think the suggestion that they should acquire an interest in the voting stock of the corporation is a very good one.

(2) Here again, I think, the Managing Editor should be the best man that can be found, and that it would be entirely unsound that he should be nominated by anybody but the Board of the Corporation itself. It is entirely sound, I think that he should appoint his own European staff, but of course he must appoint also his own Palestinian staff with approval of the Board.

Paragraph (4) seems to me quite satisfactory, except that I don't understand quite what is meant by the phrasing "the membership of the Board." I think the Board as a whole must be supreme in everything.



(5) seems to me quite in order.

(6) I think it would be much wiser for Falcor to be dissolved. Tendentious Agencies controlled by the political organizations are bound to do much more harm than good and create great suspicion.

(SIGNED: ROBERT WALEY COHEN)

(From Sir Robert Mond)

September 24, 1936.

Yours of the 23rd. These are my views. The value, and the only value of the J.T.A. is the absolutely reliability of the news it distributes. The Administration and Executive Committee have to ensure that the Managing Editor and his subordinates do so. Everything else is of completely secondary importance.

I fail to understand the *raison d'être* of the six propositions. If above principle is rigidly adhered to, unless it is desired by some of the future subscribers, to cook the evidence, which would completely destroy the utility of the J.T.A. I should like to be quite clear as to this. In any case representation should be in proportion to subscription.

(SIGNED: ROBERT MOND)



[1936]

JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY  
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Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope is extending to the Board his advice and cooperation.

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PURPOSE OF JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY

To present the case of Jewry throughout the world to the public opinion of the world. To present to the Jewish people the factual base, impartial and objective upon which they may build their opinions and actions.

COLLECTION OF NEWS

The J.T.A. maintains offices in New York, London, Paris, Berlin, Prague, Warsaw and Jerusalem. It has correspondents in almost every population center where the Jewish community is sufficient in size to indicate that it is or might be a source of news. The J.T.A. offers the world the only comprehensive Jewish news service.

DISTRIBUTION OF NEWS

The following daily papers, weekly and monthly journals are users of the J.T.A. service:

UNITED STATES & CANADA

New York -- New York Times, New York Post, World-Telegram, New York Evening Journal, The Day, New York Jewish Daily Forward, Morning Freiheit, American Hebrew.



Philadelphia Jewish World, Jewish Daily Forward of Chicago,  
Cleveland Jewish World, Jewish Daily Eagle of Montreal.  
American Jewish Times, North Carolina.  
The Sentinel, Chicago  
Chicago Jewish Chronicle  
Jewish Advocate, Boston.  
B'nai B'rith Messenger, California  
Kansas City Jewish Chronicle, Missouri  
The Jewish Ledger, Louisiana  
Intermountain Jewish News, Colorado  
Jewish Journal, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.  
Jewish Community Press, California  
Jewish Ledger, Hartford, Conn.  
Reform Advocate, Chicago  
American Jewish Outlook, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle, Milwaukee  
The Jewish Press, Omaha, Nebraska  
Buffalo Jewish Review, Buffalo, N. Y.  
Every Friday, Cincinnati, Ohio  
Jewish Review & Observer, Cleveland, Ohio  
Jewish Exponent, Philadelphia, Pa.  
The Courier, New York City  
Florida Jewish News, Jacksonville, Fla.  
Washington Jewish Review, Washington, D.C.  
The Spokesman, Louisville, Ky.

#### ENGLAND

Jewish Times, Jewish Chronicle, Jewish Echo-Glasgow. Reuters Agency, the most powerful news service of the British Empire.

#### GERMANY

Judische Rundschau, C.V. Zeitung, Israelitische Familienblatt, Israelitische Gemeindeblatt, Judische Echo-Munich.  
(Cologne)

#### PARIS

L'Univers Israelit, Pariser Tageblatt, and the Havas News Agency which turns our news over to numerous papers. La Tribune Juive, Strassbourg.

#### SOUTH AFRICA

The Zionist Record-Johannesburg, South African Jewish Chronicle-Capetown.

#### AUSTRALIA

The Australian Herald

#### BOMBAY

Israelita.



SHANGHAI

Israel Messenger

POLAND

Warsaw--Haint, Moment, Dos Togblot, Nasz Przegląd.

Lodz----Volksblot

Cracow--NowyDziemnski

Lwov----Chwila

BUCHAREST

De Tziet, Israelita, Cisinau

PRAHA

Prager Tagblatt (daily general paper), Selbstwehr,  
Zidovske Zpravy

KAUNAS

Dos Vort, Zydu Balsas.

BUDAPEST

Zsido Szemle, Egyenloseg.

CERNAUTI, Rumania

Osjudische Zeitung

AMSTERDAM

Nieuwe Israelitische Weekblad

GENEVA

Nouvelle Presse Juive

PLOVDIV, Bulgaria

Haschofar

RIGA

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ZURICH

Judische Presszentrale, Das Judische Heim,  
Israelitisches Wochenblatt fur die Schweiz.  
De Joodsche Wachter of Scheveningen.

ZAGREB

Zidov

VIENNA

Der Judische Weg, Die Neue Welt, Die Wahrheit, Die Stimme,  
Neue Freie Presse (general daily paper), Judische Presse,  
Judische Front, Neues Wiener Tagblatt (general daily paper),  
Der Tag (general daily paper), Telegraf (general daily paper).

\*This list is not complete but is indicate of the scope of the  
J.T.A. service.

HISTORY

The J.T.A. was established more than nineteen years ago. It gradually branched out all over the world establishing a chain of offices and correspondents. In October, 1935, at a meeting called by Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope it was transformed into a public institution.





BUDGET

ESTIMATED MINIMUM BUDGET OF THE J.T.A. FOR A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS

NEW YORK OFFICE

	<u>Per week</u>	<u>Per Month</u>	<u>Per Year</u>
Salaries.....	\$ 751.50.		\$ 39,078.00
Correspondents.....	55.00		2,860.00
Cables & Telegrams from London to New York.....	250.00		13,000.00
Rent & light.....		\$135.00	1,620.00
Stencils.....	10.00		520.00
Paper and Ink.....	16.00		832.00
Office stationery, printing &... supplies.....			300.00
Newspapers.....			300.00
Telephone.....		80.00	960.00
Postage and Petty expense.....			5,200.00
Loeb & Troper.....			500.00
Collection and bank charges.....			150.00
Insurance J.T.A.....	7.05		366.60
Insurance, J. Landau.....			892.50
Traveling.....			2,500.00
Interest and discount.....			525.00
Taxes.....			135.00
Promotion.....			1,200.00
			<u>\$ 70,939.10</u>
Correspondents in Europe, Palest- ine and other countries and cable tolls from various European cent- ers, Palestine etc., to London... \$750.00 weekly.....			<u>39,000.00</u>
			<u>109,939.10</u>
Expenditures Offices Berlin, Paris Prague, Jerusalem and Warsaw			<u>38,894.67</u>
			<u>148,833.77</u>
Less estimated income.....			<u>80,000.00</u>
	Deficit		<u>68,833.77</u>

BUDGET #2

For extraordinary developments .. Poland, Germany, Palestine, ..... Rumania, etc., etc., providing... weekly \$500. for additional cable tolls.....			\$ 26,000.00
Plus Minimum budget.....			<u>148,833.77</u>
			<u>174,833.77</u>
Less estimated income			<u>80,000.00</u>
	Deficit Budet #2		<u>\$ 94,833.77</u>





BUDGET #3

To enable the J.T.A. to function to the fullest degree of its usefulness the following items should be added:

Employment of at least two American correspondents. Salary per week each \$150., per year for both.....	\$ 15,600.00
Maintenance, board, etc., per week each \$75., per year for both.....	7,800.00
Steamship & rail fare, each \$1000.... both for year.....	2,000.00
Average daily quota for cabling, 1000 words, special correspondents.....	36,500.00
Additional night rewrite man London.. week \$50., per year.....	2,600.00
Additional night rewrite man New York week \$50., per year.....	2,600.00
Additional day rewrite man London.... week \$50., per year.....	2,600.00
Additional day wewrite man New York.. week \$50., per year.....	2,600.00

Plus budget #2

Less estimated income  
Deficit Budget #3

72,300.00
174,833.77
247,133.77
80,000.00
\$ 167,133.77

BUDGET #4

Special features to be written by men like: Sinclair Lewis, Winston Churchill, H.G. Wells, Etc. etc.

30,000.00
\$ 197,133.77



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## Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Inc.

347 MADISON AVENUE  
NEW YORK CITY

April 28, 1937.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
E. 105 St. & Ansel Rd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

While in London a couple of weeks ago Dr. Maurice J. Karpf, Mr. Landau and I conferred with Sir Robert Waley Cohen, president of the United Synagogues and in charge of Jewish defense efforts in England. Sir Robert expressed the view that at this time the effective functioning of a system which gives objective Jewish news to the press of the world and aims at combatting news of an anti-Semitic nature is most important. Sir Robert offered to subscribe \$15,000 provided the Jewish Telegraphic Agency receives at least \$60,000 in the United States from organized Jewish communities. He feels the J.T.A. should be permanently supported by the organized Jewish communities and not depend on the solicitation of individuals. The sum mentioned by Sir Robert is a minimum amount. The J.T.A. requires the sum of \$200,000 in order to carry out its program to the maximum degree of its usefulness to the Jewish community. Detailed memorandum enclosed.

Some welfare funds have already acted. Cincinnati included the J.T.A. for \$1000, San Francisco for \$3000, and if your Fund and the other welfare funds would make proportionate increases we would be able to satisfy Sir Robert's condition.

On behalf of our Board I wish to urge your kind intervention with your welfare fund for an increased allocation to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in 1937. Early action enabling us to meet Sir Robert's pledge as soon as possible will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

*George Backer*  
GEORGE BACKER,  
President

GB/rg

P.S. You may be interested to learn that the controversy re Palcor has been eliminated after a number of conferences Dr. Karpf, Mr. Landau and I had in London with Mr. Shertok and Mr. Kaplan of the Executive of the Jewish Agency.



August 31, 1937

Jewish Telegraphic Agency,  
347 Madison Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Friends:

On board the Normandie yesterday, I gave your representative a statement on the Zionist Congress. I noticed part of the statement in the Jewish bulletin which I received today. Unfortunately it is quite inadequate, and because of the abbreviation, somewhat misleading. I wonder whether you would have an opportunity to issue the statement in full to the Jewish weeklies. While in Paris, I met Mr. Landau. He asked me for a statement and I told him at the time that I would give him a statement on my arrival in America.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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347 MADISON AVENUE  
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September 1, 1937

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th St at Ansel Road  
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

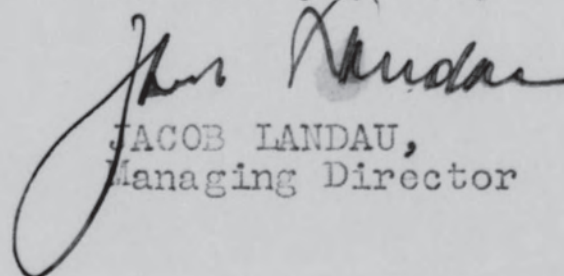
Your letter of August 31st reached me today. I left Europe on the same day as you on the Aquitania but got your letter in Paris in the nick of time enabling me to wire the London office to send you the bulletins which you requested. I hope you received them on the Normandie.

I am told by our office that we have sent out to the weeklies larger excerpts than was contained in our daily dispatch. If you will let me have another copy of your statement we will send out a feature to the weeklies in which we will incorporate the statement.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

JL:GF

  
JACOB LANDAU,  
Managing Director



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347 MADISON AVENUE  
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October 8, 1937

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
105 St and Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

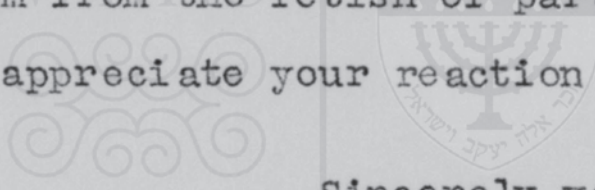
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am enclosing herewith a leaflet summarizing the ideas of the Viennese philosopher, Popper-Lynkeus. This memorandum is based on three premises: One, that no social system is desirable which permits a single human being to starve. Two, that both the capitalist and communist systems represent extremes and suggest synthesis attempting to combine the best features of both systems. Three, freeing the social problem from the fetish of party slogans.

I would greatly appreciate your reaction to the contents of this leaflet.

Sincerely yours,

JL:GF

  
*Jacob Landau*  
JACOB LANDAU



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## Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Inc.

347 MADISON AVENUE  
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November 15, 1937

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Board of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency cordially invites you to become a member of its National Council. This is in accordance with the resolution passed at our annual meeting to establish able representation of the J.T.A. in each important Jewish community.

The duties of Council members will be to represent the J.T.A. in their respective communities on matters arising in which the J.T.A. is concerned and to advise the J.T.A. Board on such matters.

Our Board sincerely trusts it may have your consent to serve.

Sincerely yours,

GB:GF

*George Backer*  
GEORGE BACKER,  
Chairman of Board



November 18, 1937

Mr. George Backer,  
Jewish Telegraphic Agency,  
347 Madison Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Backer:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of November 15. I shall be pleased to serve on the National Council. I was under the impression that I am a member of the Board of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. Does this supplant that office or supplement it?

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



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## Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Inc.

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November 22, 1937

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
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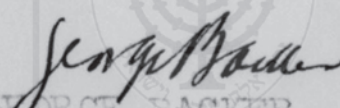
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am very pleased to have your acceptance to join the National Council. This office merely supplements the one you already hold on our Board, and is intended to insure the J.T.A. able representation before the Budget Committee of your Welfare Fund.

GB:GF

WRHS

Sincerely yours,

  
GEORGE BACKER,  
President



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# Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Inc.

347 MADISON AVENUE  
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April 8, 1938.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road at 105 Street  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver -

I have been informed that a leaflet containing a speech recently made by you is attracting favorable comment. Would you be kind enough to send me three or four copies.

Very truly yours,

*H. Wisengrad*

AMERICAN JEWISH  
ARCHIVES  
H. WISENGRAD  
Editor

HW:B



*Sent  
April 12-38*



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# Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Inc.

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NEW YORK CITY

May 20, 1938

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Cleveland Plain Dealer has accepted for publication from the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, four articles by Roman Slobodin. I should very much appreciate learning your reaction to these articles. Should you deem the articles to merit a counter-article we would appreciate having this article from you.

I want you to know that these articles were not released until after most careful deliberation by our Board members. The consensus was that the J.T.A. must publish them. The decision regarding the fifth article submitted by Mr. Slobodin was 'not to publish'. I am sending that along to you for your perusal only.

With kind regard,

Sincerely yours,

*Ida Landau*

IDA LANDAU,  
Acting Manager

IL:F

Encl:

P.S. Please return the article when you have finished with it.

*Mr. 15 (B)*  
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*Nov 18*  
*War*  
*Board*



May 23, 1938

Mrs. Ida Landau,  
Jewish Telegraphic Agency,  
1560 Broadway,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Landau:

Before I comment on the articles of Mr. Slobodin, let me ask you why these articles were not also submitted to me before they were released? You say that these articles were not released until after most careful deliberation by your Board members. To my best knowledge, I am still a member of your Board. At least, that is what Mr. George Backer, your President, informed me on November 22, 1937.

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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May 25, 1938

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have your May 23rd letter. I am properly rebuked. By Board members I refer to the members of the Executive Committee which maintains itself in close contact with J.T.A. affairs. There are only three or four of this Committee to whom we have easy access at all times. Whenever a matter crops up between meetings requiring deliberation and a quick decision, our procedure is to bring it to the attention of just as many members as are available. In this particular instance the members approached were George Backer, Dr. Maurice Karpf and Jacob Blaustein of Baltimore who happened to be in New York.

I might add that the articles reached New York via our London office where they were passed upon and released to us for publication.

We would appreciate your comment.

Sincerely yours,

IL:F

*Ida Landau*  
IDA LANDAU



May 27, 1938

Mrs. Ida Landau  
Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Inc.  
1560 Broadway  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Landau:

I am returning herewith the articles of Slobodin which you sent me. Frankly, I do not know what earthly purpose the Jewish Telegraphic Agency hoped to serve by having these articles published in the daily non-Jewish press. Just what do you expect the non-Jewish readers of these articles to do about it? Such reports may have some value in the Jewish press in helping us to get a correct understanding of what is transpiring in Palestine - assuming that all that Slobodin writes is the truth and the whole truth. But to warn the non-Jewish world that there is a "conspiracy of silence" on the part of the Jews in Palestine to keep the true facts from leaking out (a thoroughly preposterous notion in view of the fact that the newspapers daily report every piddling incident in Palestine), and to shout from the house-tops about the reality of Arab nationalism (a fact which everybody knows and everybody concedes), and lugubriously to warn of impending disaster, is just all too stupid.

The half-baked, thoroughly amateurish and somewhat irresponsible character of these articles is most fully illustrated in the fifth article which you fortunately suppressed.

May I suggest that hereafter, when you are considering the publication of such articles, I be given the privilege as a member of the Board to see them before they are released, a privilege enjoyed by the other members of your Executive Committee? Otherwise I see no point in remaining a member of your Board. Knowing that I was National Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal and that I was therefore vitally interested in any newspaper reports which had any bearing on Palestine, you might have extended to me this courtesy without being asked.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



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**Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Inc.**  
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June 3, 1938

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I cannot take issue with what you say in your letter of May 27th in that I feel very keenly that an error was committed on my part in not bringing these articles to your attention prior to publication. My only excuse is that it did not occur to me. I was so in the habit of consulting only those members who happen to be in New York. In the future all articles on Palestine of controversial nature or dubious content will be submitted to you prior to publication.

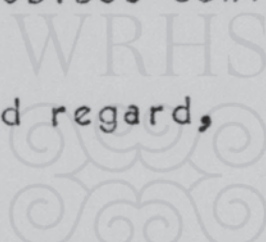
With kind regard,

Sincerely yours,

*Ida Landau*

IDA LANDAU

IL:F





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# Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Inc.

347 MADISON AVENUE 1560 BWAY  
NEW YORK CITY

July 5th, 1938.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:-

The following is a copy of a cable received Sunday  
from Mr. Jabotinsky:-

" 380 AUSTRIAN JEWS COMPOSED 200 BETAR 80 AGUDA 50 YOUNG  
MACCABI REST GENERAL ZIONISTS REACHED PALESTINE RECENTLY  
JEWISH AGENCY REFUSES HELP COLONISE THEM CHIEFLY BECAUSE  
MAJORITY BETARIM AND TRANSPORT ARRANGED BY US PLEASE EXERT  
EVERY EFFORT RENDER IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE COLONISE THESE  
PEOPLE WHO ABSOLUTELY DESTITUTE STOP AGENCY USUALLY AL-  
LOCATES L60 PER HEAD FROM RELIEF FUNDS DISTRIBUTED THROUGH  
THEM STOP WE ABLE COLONISE THESE PEOPLE AT HALF THIS COST  
STOP WE APPEALED AUSTRIAN RELIEF COUNCIL BUT ZIONIST  
MAJORITY INFLUENCED REFUSAL STOP MATTER VERY URGENT PLEASE  
ACT "

While I realize that this has certain political  
implication to the Zionist organization ( with which I am  
not familiar) I do hope that in view of the serious plight  
of these refugees that the human element could hold sway  
over the political element.

Would you see what can be done in this instance.

Sincerely,

*George Backer*  
GEORGE BACKER  
President

IL:j



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1560 Broadway

October 3, 1938

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have today written to Mr. Goldhamer at the Welfare Fund asking if possible to arrange to have Mr. Jacob Landau appear before the Budget Committee or Board of the Fund.

Would it not be possible while Mr. Landau is in Cleveland to arrange for a group of wealthy men of your community to meet, say at a luncheon, and be addressed by Mr. Landau. We should have some subscribers to our service in Cleveland, and I would appreciate your cooperation in regard to the meeting.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

GB:F

*George Backer*  
GEORGE BACKER,  
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November 10, 1938

WISHENGRAD JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY  
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HAVE NOT YET SEEN FULL TEXT OF WOODHEAD REPORT AND GOVERNMENT  
POLICY STOP I AM PLEASED THAT PARTITION HAS BEEN ABANDONNED  
STOP. HAVE OPPOSED IT FROM THE VERY BEGINNING STOP. I AM *satisfied*  
~~PLEASED~~ WITH THE PROPOSAL TO CONVOKE ~~XXXXX~~ ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE  
OF REPRESENTATIVES OF ARABS AND JEWISH AGENCY STOP IF CHOSEN SPOKESMEN *will be*  
MEN OF STATESMANSHIP, VISION AND GOOD WILL A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION  
MAY BE WORKED OUT STOP IT IS CLEAR HOWEVER THAT THE JEWISH PEOPLE  
CANNOT ACCEPT THE STATUS OF A PERMANENT MINORITY GROUP IN PALESTINE OR THE  
THE RESTRICTION OF JEWISH IMMIGRATION ON GROUNDS OTHER THAN THE  
ABSORPTIVE CAPACITY OF THE COUNTRY STOP I AM PERSUADED THAT OUR  
LEADERS WILL NOT ENTER SUCH A CONFERENCE IN ANY SPIRIT OF  
INTRANSIGENCE OR UNYIELDING DOGMATISM BUT THIS ATTITUDE ~~XXET~~  
IN ORDER TO BE HELPFUL MUST BE MATCHED BY A SIMILAR ATTITUDE ON  
THE PART OF THE ARABS. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ESPECIALLY MUST  
PLACE ITS FULL WEIGHT OF AUTHORITY BEHIND A SOLUTION WHICH WOULD  
REALIZE THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE BALFOUR DECLARATION AND THE  
MANDATE. IT MUST NOT PERMIT OTHER CONSIDERATIONS TO INDUCE IT TO  
*attempt to force* ~~IMPOSE~~ INTOLERABLE CONCESSIONS *from* ~~UPON~~ THE JEWISH PEOPLE.



December 23, 1938

Editor  
Jewish Telegraphic Agency  
347 Madison Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

In your Bulletin of December 20 reporting the address of Harold L. Ickes, you stated that the address was delivered at the Chanukah Dinner of the Cleveland Zionist District. For the sake of accuracy, please make the following correction. The now historic address was delivered at the dinner of the Cleveland Zionist Society of which Dr. Abba Hillel Silver is the President. The Cleveland Zionist District is quite another Zionist organization in the city.

Very cordially yours,

FM

F. M. FALKMAN, Recording Secretary  
14128 Superior Road

P.S. What is the name of your representative in Cleveland?



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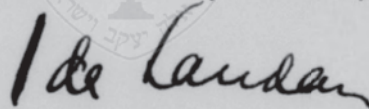
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
105th St at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are sending you herewith the minutes of the annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, the minutes of the annual meeting of the J.T.A. shareholders, consolidated statement of the J.T.A. for 1937, and a list containing the names of the members of the Board of Directors.

IL:F

Yours very truly,



IDA LANDAU,  
Assistant Secretary



MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF

JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY, INC

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY, INC., HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1938, AT THE HOME OF MR. GEORGE BACKER, 944 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y., AT EIGHT THIRTY (8:30) IN THE EVENING.

THERE WERE PRESENT:

GEORGE BACKER  
JACOB BLAUSTEIN  
HAROLD K. GUINZBURG  
JACOB LANDAU  
WALTER MEYER  
IRA YOUNKER

THE SECRETARY SUBMITTED THE FOLLOWING REPORT FOR THE PAST YEAR:

"DURING 1937 THE JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY SUCCEEDED IN CONSOLIDATING ITS POSITION. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE EXISTENCE OF THE J.T.A. THE CONTRIBUTIONS EXCEEDED THE OPERATING DEFICIT -- BY \$12,201.15. THIS WAS PARTLY DUE TO A RETRENCHING OF THE J.T.A.'S OPERATIONS AND PARTLY TO THE LARGER AMOUNT RAISED THROUGH CONTRIBUTIONS. WHILE IN 1936 ONLY \$79,946.21 WAS OBTAINED, IN 1937 THE AMOUNT WAS \$92,199.03. THE POSITION WOULD HAVE BEEN STILL BETTER IF THE J.T.A. WOULD NOT HAVE SUFFERED SOME LOSSES OF INCOME FROM THE SALE OF ITS NEWS SERVICE -- IN 1936 ITS INCOME WAS \$64,156.96, WHICH DROPPED IN 1937 TO \$58,841.55. THESE LOSSES ARE PARTLY DUE TO THE DISINCLINATION OF GENERAL NEWSPAPERS LIKE THE NEW YORK TIMES, TO TAKE REPORTS FROM A JEWISH NEWS AGENCY, AND PARTLY TO THE LOSSES THE J.T.A. SUFFERED BECAUSE OF ITS INABILITY TO CONTINUE SERVING THE JEWISH PAPERS IN GERMANY, AUSTRIA AND PARTLY IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. WHILE THE LIABILITIES AT THE END OF 1936 AMOUNTED TO \$55,900.88, BY THE END OF 1937 THEY AMOUNTED TO ONLY \$38,513.27. IN 1936 THE EXCESS OF LIABILITIES OVER ASSETS AMOUNTED TO \$28,669.92, AND AT THE END OF 1937 THEY AMOUNTED TO ONLY \$14,961.89.

"DURING 1938 THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE J.T.A. TOOK A TURN FOR THE WORSE. THE J.T.A. INCREASED ITS EXPENDITURES BY SENDING VICTOR BERNSTEIN, A COMPETENT AMERICAN NEWSPAPER MAN TO GERMANY, AND ROMAN SLOBODIN TO PALESTINE. THE DEVELOPMENTS IN AUSTRIA, ITALY, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, THE DAILY RIOTS IN PALESTINE, THE RECENT EVENTS IN GERMANY, IMPOSED HEAVY BURDENS UPON THE J.T.A. HOWEVER, IT IS VERY GRATIFYING TO NOTE THE INCREASE OF ALLOCATIONS FROM WELFARE FUNDS. IN 1937 THE TOTAL FROM THIS SOURCE WAS \$19,307.06, AND DURING 1938 UP TO NOVEMBER 25, \$31,171.57. AMONG THE WELFARE FUNDS WHICH HAVE INCREASED THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS -- CINCINNATI FROM \$1200 TO \$2000; PHILADELPHIA FROM \$1000



TO \$1500; BOSTON FROM \$2000 TO \$3000, AND A NUMBER OF SMALLER WELFARE FUNDS. HOWEVER, THE J.T.A. STILL DOES NOT RECEIVE ADEQUATE GRANTS FROM CLEVELAND, PITTSBURGH, DETROIT, AND PHILADELPHIA. THE ALLOCATIONS MADE BY SAN FRANCISCO (\$5000), LOS ANGELES (\$3000), CINCINNATI (\$2000), BALTIMORE (\$3000) ARE MORE SATISFACTORY.

"FOLLOWING A SUGGESTION MADE BY SIR ROBERT WALEY COHEN, MONTHLY REPORTS ARE ISSUED TO MEMBERS OF OUR BOARD KEEPING THEM INFORMED ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE J.T.A.

"IN NOVEMBER 1937, THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT CLOSED DOWN OUR BERLIN OFFICE. IN MAY OF THIS YEAR WE WERE COMPELLED TO TRANSFER OUR GERMAN LANGUAGE BULLETIN FROM PRAGUE TO PARIS.

"AT THIS TIME THE HERALD-TRIBUNE AND THE NEW YORK POST, REUTERS AND HAVAS, ARE MAKING USE OF THE J.T.A. SERVICE. NEGOTIATIONS INITIATED BY MR. BLAUSTEIN ARE PENDING WITH THE INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

"MR. JACOB BLAUSTEIN ASSUMED THE FUNCTION OF ACTING PRESIDENT DURING THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESIDENT. IT WAS DUE TO MR. BLAUSTEIN THAT THE ROSENWALD FOUNDATION, FOR THE FIRST TIME, MADE A GRANT OF \$1500 TO THE J.T.A., AND THAT PITTSBURGH AND PHILADELPHIA MADE GRANTS OF \$1000 EACH TO THE J.T.A., AND THAT PHILADELPHIA, AGAIN THANKS TO MR. BLAUSTEIN'S INTERVENTION, INCREASED ITS GRANT THIS YEAR TO \$1500.

"A NEW CORPORATION, OVERSEAS NEWS AGENCY, HAS BEEN REGISTERED BY US IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT A PREVIOUS DECISION OF THE BOARD. MR. SULZBERGER OF THE NEW YORK TIMES HAS INDICATED THAT THIS WOULD BE A DESIRABLE CHANGE TO FACILITATE THE PLACING OF JEWISH NEWS. AT THE SAME TIME THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT THAT THE GATHERING OF JEWISH NEWS UNDER THE NAME JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT IN A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES. MR. HERBERT BAYARD SWOPE AFTER CAREFUL STUDY OF THIS PROJECT HAS GIVEN IT HIS EMPHATIC ENDORSEMENT."

CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION ENSUED ON HOW THE J.T.A. COULD BE MORE DEFINITELY INTEGRATED AS A FACT FINDING AGENCY SERVING COMMUNAL INTERESTS AND MORE CLOSELY CONNECTED WITH THE NATIONAL JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS. DURING THE DISCUSSION THE DESIRABILITY WAS EMPHASIZED THAT THE J.T.A. DEVOTE MORE ATTENTION TO THE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE UNITED STATES.

AT A MOTION MADE BY MR. IRA YOUNKER AND SECONDED BY MR. WALTER MEYER THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS WERE ELECTED:

GEORGE BACKER, PRESIDENT  
JACOB BLAUSTEIN, CHAIRMAN  
EDWARD M.M. WARBURG, TREASURER  
HAROLD K. GUINZBURG, VICE-PRESIDENT  
JACOB LANDAU, SECRETARY



THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WAS ELECTED:

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JACOB BLAUSTEIN  
HAROLD K. GUINZBURG  
DR. MAURICE J. KARPFF  
EDWARD M.M. WARBURG  
JACOB LANDAU

WITH REGARD TO OVERSEAS NEWS AGENCY, IT WAS DECIDED TO TAKE STEPS IN ORDER TO INSURE THE LAUNCHING OF THE O.N.A. AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT. MR. BLAUSTEIN AGREED TO STUDY WAYS AND MEANS OF FINANCING THIS PROJECT.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING WAS THEREUPON ADJOURNED.

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SECRETARY.





MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

OF

JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY INC.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY, INC., HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1938, AT THE OFFICES OF THE JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY, 1560 BROADWAY, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, CITY OF NEW YORK, AT 4:30 O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON.

THERE WERE PRESENT:

GEORGE BACKER  
JACOB BLAUSTEIN  
DR. MAURICE J. KARPf  
JACOB LANDAU.

THE SECRETARY REPORTED ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PAST YEAR.

THE SECRETARY REPORTED THAT NOTICE OF THE MEETING HAD BEEN SENT TO ALL STOCKHOLDERS OF RECORD.

MR. BACKER, MR. BLAUSTEIN AND MR. LANDAU VOTING FOR THE SHARES THEY ARE HOLDING IN TRUST FOR MR. JACOB LANDAU ELECTED THE FOLLOWING AS MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

DR. CYRUS ADLER  
SOLOMON AGOOS  
GEORGE BACKER  
JACOB BLAUSTEIN  
SIR ROBERT WALEY COHEN  
MRS. EDWARD JACOBS  
DR. MAURICE J. KARPf  
HAROLD GUINZBURG  
LOUIS KIRSTEIN  
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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER  
EDWARD M.M. WARBURG  
JOSEPH WILLEN  
IRA M. YOUNKER

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS THEREUPON  
ADJOURNED.

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SECRETARY.



JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY, INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE

(NEW YORK, LONDON, PARIS, BERLIN, PRAGUE, WARSAW AND PALESTINE)

JANUARY 1, 1937 TO DECEMBER 31, 1937.

INCOME FROM NEWS SERVICE (INCLUDING MISCELLANEOUS INCOME)..... \$ 58,841.55

EXPENSES

SALARIES AND WAGES.....	\$ 62,324.58
CORRESPONDENTS' FEES AND EXPENSES.....	12,851.16
TRAVELING.....	7,561.40
CABLES AND TELEGRAPH SERVICE.....	15,817.80
TELEPHONE SERVICE.....	5,535.35
NEWS SERVICE, CLIPPINGS, NEWSPAPERS & PERIODICALS.....	4,682.01
POSTAGE AND MAILING SERVICE.....	7,003.98
STATIONERY, SUPPLIES, PAPER, INK, ETC. ....	5,546.30
RENT, LIGHT, HEAT AND CLEANING.....	4,457.53
INSURANCE.....	1,523.55
TAXES.....	2,324.65
LEGAL AND ACCOUNTING.....	1,035.22
REPAIRS AND DEPRECIATION.....	793.71
INTEREST AND BANK CHARGES.....	787.74
CARFARES, PETTY CASH AND GENERAL EXPENSE.....	2,383.70
	<u>\$134,628.68</u>

OTHER CHARGES

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT'S FEES AND EXPENSES.....	1,820.58
SETTLEMENT OF CONTINGENT LIABILITIES INCURRED PRIOR TO 1937.....	1,290.00
PROVISION FOR BAD DEBTS.....	236.90
INTER-BRANCH MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.....	<u>863.27</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES AND CHARGES..... 138,839.43

OPERATING DEFICIT..... \$ 79,997.88

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS..... 92,199.03

EXCESS OF ALL INCOME OVER ALL EXPENSES AND  
CHARGES..... \$ 12,201.15



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1560 BROADWAY  
NEW YORK CITY

February 28th, 1939.

Dr. A.H. Silver  
The Temple  
105th Street & Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I will be in Cleveland some time this Monday  
and would appreciate it if you could set aside an hour  
for a chat with me.

AMERICAN JEWISH  
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Sincerely yours

*Jacob Landau*  
JACOB LANDAU

JL:J

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May 19, 1939

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I returned just a few days ago from the extended tour I made and I know you will be glad to learn that in most communities there has been a very favorable reaction toward our request for substantial increases. In San Francisco, where for the last two years they gave us \$5000 annually, the intimation was that they would raise our allocation to \$10,000, and perhaps even \$15,000. St. Louis has already increased from \$500 to \$2000. Kansas City where we received only \$100, we have reason to believe that we may get \$1000 or \$1500. Chicago, which had originally decided not to include the J.T.A. as they were devoting the entire proceeds of their campaign to refugee and relief agencies, after listening to Mr. Jacob Blaustein who went to Chicago especially for this purpose, have decided on a minimum grant of \$12,500 for the J.T.A. You know the policy of Chicago is to give 10% of what each participating agency actually raises, and we are hopeful for an additional grant in the course of the year.

We are very anxious that Cleveland should at last give the J.T.A. adequate support. We have no chance to raise the \$207,600 for which we are aiming, unless each community gives us two or three times of the scientific minimum, which would be an equivalent of 1% of what they give to the United Jewish Campaign.

I am enclosing a letter in which Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope outlines the Overseas News Agency. I am afraid we will not be able to really go ahead with this plan unless the larger communities, like Cleveland, give serious consideration to our matter.

We have every reason to believe that Cincinnati, which gave us \$2000 last year, Baltimore and Boston which gave \$3000 each, and the other larger communities will substantially increase their allocations this year. However, there is no question that they will be very much influenced by Cleveland's decision.



May 19, 1939

Sometimes I am quite at a loss to understand the attitude of the welfare funds. I would understand were they to turn over their funds to a central committee before whom we would plead our case. However, as long as this is not the case each welfare fund should very seriously examine the needs of an agency like ours, which though not going out for millions, nevertheless performs an activity basic to all overseas efforts.

If Cleveland were to make a contribution of \$10,000 they would at last give us that support which in the interest of the community we should receive.

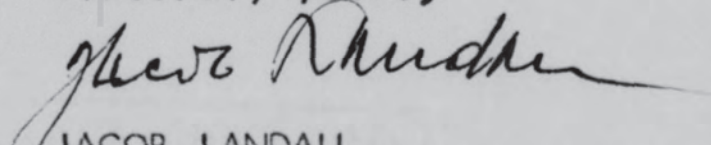
I am enclosing a detailed memorandum on the J.T.A. which we have especially written in order to give full insight into the work of the J.T.A. I do hope you will find time to read it.

We are right now being flooded with cables in connection with the Palestine situation. I am really scared about this new terrific increase in our expenditures, coming at a time when any number of other developments have imposed such heavy burdens upon us, that we once more find ourselves in a pretty difficult spot.

You will be glad to learn that there has been some rapprochement between the J.T.A. and the Zionist Organization. I understand an effort may be made to adjust the relationship between us and Palcor.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

  
JACOB LANDAU,  
Managing Director

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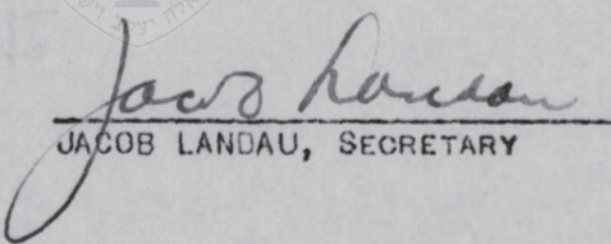
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### NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 1944, AT FIVE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON, IN MR. JACOB BLAUSTEIN'S SUITE (1052) AT THE BILTMORE HOTEL, MADISON AVENUE AND 43RD STREET, NEW YORK CITY, FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS, AND SUCH OTHER AND FURTHER BUSINESS AS MAY COME BEFORE THE MEETING.

WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO SEE YOU AT THIS MEETING.

  
JACOB LANDAU, SECRETARY



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May 15, 1944

Dear Rabbi Silver:

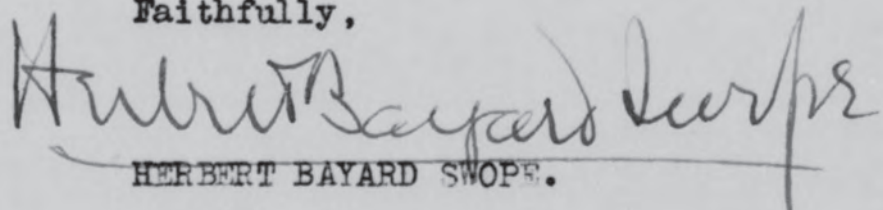
I would be pleased to have you join me and the other members of the boards of the O.N.A. and the Jewish Telegraphic Agency at an informal dinner meeting on Thursday, May 25th, at seven o'clock at the Yale Club, Vanderbilt Avenue at 44th Street.

This dinner meeting, I anticipate, will be the first of a series of similar meetings and will be addressed by Mr. John W. Pehle, Director of the War Refugee Board, which is playing a pivotal role in the refugee picture. We will hear a lot about Mr. Pehle from now on!

I have also invited a few non-board members as I have in mind the establishment of a New York constituency which would aid in broadening the basis of both agencies.

After Mr. Pehle's talk, we will take common council on these matters of common interest. These are complicated times and no one man has all the answers. Later on we will invite other figures -- authoritative in national or international matters -- to give us inside slants and a forward look. I will tell you more about that at the dinner.

Faithfully,

  
HERBERT BAYARD SWOPE.

P.S. There will be no fund raising at this meeting.

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[1944]

Mr. Jacob Landau,  
Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Inc.  
106 East 41st Street,  
New York City

My dear Mr. Landau:

Thank you for your kind letter of March 27th.  
I inquired of Mr. Montor with reference to your  
request and I was informed that at the meeting  
which was held the middle of November, it was  
agreed that the contribution to the Jewish  
Telegraphic Agency should be made in two semi-  
annual installments. The next installment,  
accordingly, would be due in the middle of May  
and I am sure that it will be sent to you on time.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:NEK

Abba Hillel Silver



[undated]

## M I N U T E S

(Prepared by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency for confidential circulation)

At the luncheon conference held on October 30th at the Lotos Club and called by Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, the following were present: Messrs. Herbert Bayard Swope, Bernard Baruch, Felix M. Warburg, David Sarnoff, Samuel Zemurray, Robert Lehman, Bernard Gimbel, Louis J. Horowitz, Lessing J. Rosenwald, John Hertz, George Backer, Isidor Kresel, Lester Hofheimer, Abraham Krasne, Jacob Blaustein, Jacob Landau, Walter Meyer, Arthur J. Goldsmith, David J. Podell, Louis W. Abrons, J. M. Kaplan, Hiram Halle, George Blumenthal, Col. Joseph Hartfield and Dr. Alfred Cohn.

Mr. Swope pointed out that some years ago at the request of Mr. Warburg and the late Mr. Ochs, he had made a study of the work of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency and had come to the conclusion that the maintenance of a service like the J.T.A. was necessary. This conviction has been strengthened by the developments which have taken place in Germany and by the wave of anti-Semitic propaganda felt everywhere. Life was not worth while without self respect, and it is the task incumbent upon all those who have Jewish blood in their veins and especially upon those whom a brilliant mind termed "foul-weather" Jews, to take intelligent action, which is impossible without the existence of adequate information. For this reason Mr. Swope had called this conference.

Mr. Felix M. Warburg concurred in the opinions expressed by Mr. Swope and also said, referring to a recently established Palestine news service, that an all-inclusive system like the J.T.A. was preferable. In view of the transformation of the J.T.A. into a communal organization and Mr. Swope's and Mr. Backer's participation in this organization, Mr. Warburg declared that he was glad to reassume financial support of the Agency.

Mr. Bernard Baruch stated that while in previous years he was doubtful about the necessity of an agency like the J.T.A., he felt that it was today performing a useful and necessary function.

Mr. David Sarnoff agreed with the former speakers, and emphasized the viewpoint that an active board be established in order to relieve Mr. Landau's necessity of devoting practically all his energy to the raising of funds instead of to the work itself which necessarily must suffer.

Mr. George Blumenthal voiced a similar view as Mr. Baruch, and pointed out that in his opinion it might be desirable for the Agency to adopt a general name instead of styling itself Jewish Telegraphic Agency, and to combine with other groups interested in the German situation, which would give the Agency



a more general character. He promised to give the Agency his support.

Col. Hartfield, Mr. Louis J. Horowitz and Mr. Samuel Zomurray endorsed statements made by Mr. Swope and promised their financial support to the Agency. Several of the speakers, notably Mr. Horowitz, expressed themselves as having been unaware of the conditions surrounding the J.T.A. and agreed that immediate action was necessary.

The question of whether it was more desirable for the Agency to charge \$50 or \$25 for its news service was discussed. The opinion prevailed that it would be easier to obtain 1000 subscriptions at the rate of \$50 a year, and that a consistent effort be made in that direction.

Mr. Swope appointed the following as members of a Palace-J.T.A. committee, to bring about harmony or a combination: Mr. Warburg, Judge Mack, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Backer, Mr. Zomurray, Dr. Cohn and Judge Lehman.

In addition to those just mentioned above, the following were also appointed to serve as members of the J.T.A. board: Mr. Albert D. Lasker, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Mr. Louis J. Horowitz, Mr. J. M. Kaplan, Mr. Jacob Landau.

Mr. Backer stressed the precarious state of the present financial state of the J.T.A. Mr. Landau thanked Mr. Swope for having called the gathering and making it possible for the problems of the J.T.A. to be considered for the first time by a group of leading members of the community.

Mr. Swope read a letter received from Judge Irving Lehman, excerpts of which follow:

"I believe that you and I are in entire accord concerning the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. The world must be kept informed of what is going on in Germany, and fair-minded men must be aroused to its significance...Only by collecting and supplying reliable information of what is happening day by day can we Jews make the public understand the significance of the situation, and arouse and sustain public interest in it. That cannot be accomplished by individuals or by any organization which has not an organized news service...We fail in our duty to ourselves and to the world if we do not support the only agency now in existence which we can be sure will give the whole picture, in all its ugliness and blackness. I hope that you will succeed in obtaining the necessary support for that agency."

Messages were also received from Prof. Felix Frankfurter and Judge Julian W. Mack.



Sept. 16th, 1929.

Mr. E. M. Baker,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Baker:-

You are undoubtedly acquainted with the work of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. It is a great news gathering agency which has its representatives in all parts of the world and which supplies the newspapers of all countries with fair and authentic reports of those important events which have a Jewish significance. Up to the time of the organization of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency we were at the mercy of non-Jewish agencies which were frequently hostile to us and which gave to the world distorted and prejudicial accounts of events which had great bearing upon the political or economic status of our people.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency has been on the alert to report any infraction of Jewish rights anywhere in the world, and governments have been deterred in well-known instances from anti-Jewish acts and legislation by the fact that there was such a Jewish publicity agency which could broadcast such acts to the entire world.

Thus recently the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was in position to supply the newspapers of the world with accurate and authoritative accounts of what transpired in Palestine and thereby served to arouse public opinion.. During the crisis in Palestine the Jewish Daily Bulletin, the organ of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, received daily over five thousand words of cabled dispatches, many of them sent at urgent rate costing 85¢ per word. It has incurred a deficit of over \$30,000. This well-nigh indispensable service is in danger of being discontinued if friends do not rally to its support in its present emergency.

I am convinced that it is of vital interest to our people that this news service shall continue. I am accordingly writing to a few of my friends requesting them to contribute to a fund of \$2000. which I hope to raise in our community. This sort of an appeal must of course, by its very nature, be limited to a very small group of people.

With kindest regards and thanking you for any response which you may make to my request, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



October 30th, 1929.

Mr. Sam M. Gross,  
c/o The May Co.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Gross:-

Under date of Sept. 16th I wrote you a letter inviting your interest in and support of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. My communication has probably escaped your attention for as yet I have not had a reply from you. I am anxious to complete the fund of \$2000. which I am raising.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency which publishes the Jewish Daily Bulletin is the only agency which gathers authentic Jewish news throughout the world and transmits it to the newspapers of Europe and America and is therefore an indispensable agency for the protection of the rights and honor of our people everywhere. Very frequently hostile non-Jewish news agencies spread distorted and prejudicial accounts of events which have great bearing upon the political and economic status of our people in the countries of the world.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency is a private enterprise which however renders a tremendous public service. Its value was recognized by such men as the late Mr. Louis Marshall, Mr. Felix Warburg, Mr. Adolph Ochs and others who have been giving it a generous measure of support. It has not been a self supporting institution and is not likely to be for some time.

Any contribution which you might make to the fund which I am raising will be deeply appreciated by me.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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