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THE LEADING JEWISH MONTHLY IN ENGLISH

ISAAC ROSENGARTEN,
EDITOR

305 BROADWAY

NEW YORK 7, N. Y.

May 2nd, 1947.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver :

In recognition of the services rendered to Jewry by The Jewish Agricultural Society and of forty years of service by its Managing Director, Dr. Gabriel Davidson, the next issue of The Jewish Forum will be dedicated to the Jewish farm movement in the United States and to the man who has been at its head for so many years.

We are publishing in that number various statements from leaders in American life, and should deem it eminently appropriate if you could contribute to this dedicatory issue a statement of a paragraph or two commenting upon the value and significance of a strong agricultural element in the fabric of American Jewry.

May we expect your statement within a week or ten days ? (or even two weeks since you are doing so many other great things).

Yours very sincerely

Isaac Rosengarten
Editor

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To COMMANDER SIBUL JEWISH WAR VETERANS

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Care of or Apt. No. 15808 Damon Ave.

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Street and No. _____

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MAY I EXTEND TO YOU AND THE MEMBERS OF YOUR POST MY CORDIAL GREETINGS

AND BEST WISHES ON THE OCCASION OF THE CHANGING OF YOUR NAME TO THE

PAUL A ROSENBLUM POST #14. MAY YOUR FINE ~~DE~~ WORK CONTINUE IN THE FUTURE

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

National Headquarters • 50 West 77th Street • New York 24, N. Y.

TRafalgar 3-2900

MILTON H. RICHMAN
National Commander

*delivered
Aug. 7*

August 4th, 1947

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Silver:

Because of our mutual interests in Zionism, I have been delegated by the National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America, Col. Milton H. Richman, to extend, on behalf of himself and the organization, our most cordial invitation for you to be his personal guest at our 52nd National Annual Encampment to be held in St. Paul, Minnesota, October 15th - 19th.

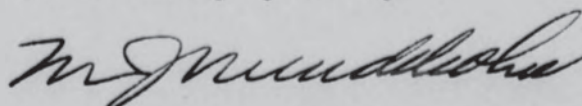
Particularly remembering that you are a former Honorary National Chaplain of this body, we would ask you to deliver the traditional Memorial Address on Friday evening, October 17th.

In recent years these Memorial Services have attracted capacity to overflowing attendance regardless of the size of the Temple where they are held. I hope that this invitation will meet with a favorable response.

In any event, I should like an opportunity to meet you at the earliest moment when you are available.

With Zionist greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,



M. J. MENDELSON, PNC
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

MJM:BCF

52nd NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT — ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA — OCTOBER 15-16-17-18-19

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I HAVE JUST BEEN INFORMED THAT NATIONAL CONVENTION JEWISH
WAR VETERANS INVITED YOU AND HAROLD STASSEN AS PRINCIPAL
SPEAKERS STOP I URGE YOU IF AT ALL POSSIBLE ACCEPT USING
THIS MEDIUM OF MAKING YOUR POSITION KNOWN ON POSSIBLE
VOLUNTEERS ETC PLEASE WIRE WHETHER YOU WILL BE THERE REGARDS=

JULIUS KLEIN.

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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RABBI ALLAH HILLEL SILVER:

=THE TEMPLE=

WE ARE PLEASED TO INFORM YOU THAT COLONEL JULIS KLEIN
OF 38 SOUTH DEARBORN STREET CHICAGO WAS ELECTED NATIONAL
COMMANDER OF THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE USA AT THE
52ND ANNUAL CONVENTION YESTERDAY. WE IN ILLINOIS ARE VERY
PROUD THAT COMMANDER KLEIN WILL BECOME THE SPOKESMAN
OF THE 800,000 WORLD WAR ONE AND WORLD WAR TWO VETERANS
OF OUR FAITH FIGHTING SIDE BY SIDE WITH THE AMERICAN
LEGION VFW AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS FOR GOOD AMERICANISM.
THE CHICAGO NEWSPAPERS HAIL HIS VICTORY. WE QUOTE THE LAST
PARAGRAPH FROM TODAY'S CHICAGO DAILY NEWS EDITORIAL. QUOTE
COL KLEIN IS A MAN OF UNUSUAL ENERGY AND A KEEN INTEREST
IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS. THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS HAVE CHOSEN
ONE WHO WILL COMBINE AGGRESSIVE LEADERSHIP, SEASONED JUDGMENT
AND FAITHFUL INTEGRATION OF THEIR WELFARE WITH THE OVER-ALL
INTERESTS OF THE NATION. UNQUOTE THE LAST PARAGRAPH IN
THE EDITORIAL IN THE CHICAGO HERALD AMERICAN READS AS
FOLLOWS QUOTE IN THESE DISTURBED AND DANGEROUS TIMES THE
NATION IS FORTUNATE THAT SUCH MEN AS COL KLEIN ARE WILLING
TO SERVE THEIR COUNTRY IN PEACE AS WELL AS IN WAR. UNQUOTE.
COLONEL KLEIN IS RETURNING TO CHICAGO TODAY. I AM SURE YOU
WILL BE HAPPY TO HAVE THIS INFORMATION **RESPECTFULLY**

HARRY HERSHENSON DEPARTMENT COMMANDER JEWISH WAR
VETERANS OF USA.

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To COL. JULIUS KLIEN

10-24-47 19

Care of or Apt. No. CHICAGO ILL.

Street and No. _____

Place _____

PLEASE ACCEPT THIS BELATED WORD OF CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR
ELECTION TO THE POST OF NATIONAL COMMANDER OF THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE UNITED
STATES. YOU HAVE RICHLY DESERVED THE HONOR AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT UNDER YOUR
SPLENDID LEADERSHIP THIS FINE ORGANIZATION OF JEWISH WAR VETEANS WILL PROSPER AND
WILL MAKE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO AMERICA AND TO THE CAUSE OF OUR PEOPLE.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

Sender's name and address
(For reference only)

Sender's telephone
number

JULIUS KLEIN
FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
38 SOUTH DEARBORN STREET
CHICAGO 3, ILLINOIS

CABLE ADDRESS
"JULKLEIN CHICAGO"

TELEPHONE
DEARBORN 4111

October 27, 1947

Rabbi Allah Hillel Silver
The Temple
E 105th St. and Anslie Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Just before leaving for the East Colonel Klein received your most gracious congratulatory message. He read it and was very thrilled, and will write you direct as soon as he reaches National Headquarters.

We are all very happy with Colonel Klein's election, even though it means a year of hard work devoted exclusively to the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. away from his family and business.

I believe you will be interested in seeing the attached editorials.

If you don't hear from Colonel Klein immediately, you will know that it is because he is swamped with correspondence at this time.

Respectfully,

Violet L. McMillan

Violet L. McMillan
Secretary to Colonel Klein

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JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES **OF AMERICA**

National Headquarters • 50 West 77th Street • New York 24, N. Y.

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October 29, 1947

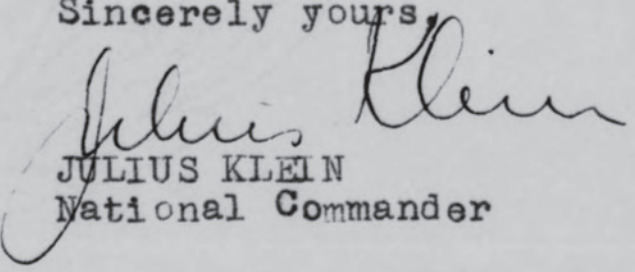
Rabbi Allah Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. and Auslie Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I was deeply touched at your very gracious message to my election as National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans organization. I recognize the serious responsibility of this office of heading the second oldest veterans organization in the nation. I shall try to show myself worthy of your confidence and do a constructive job in the interest of the nation, especially the veterans, a cause in which you also are so vitally interested.

Our contribution to Americanism in the past will inspire me to do even a better job in the future. I hope I can feel free to impose on you from time to time for your help and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,


JULIUS KLEIN
National Commander

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To COL. JULIUS KLEIN

Nov. 1947 19

Care of or Apt. No. BEVERLY WILSHIRE

Street and No. BEVERLY HILLS, CAL.

Place

SECRETARY SULLIVAN UNABLE TO ACCEPT OUR INVITATION FOR DECEMBER FOURTEEN. CAN YOU

SUGGEST ANYONE ELSE?

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

Sender's name and address
(For reference only)

Sender's telephone
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November 7, 1947

Col. Julius Klein, National Commander
Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.
50 West 77th St.
New York 24, N.Y.

My dear Col. Klein:

I have this day written to Mr. Patterson inviting him to attend the dedication of the Service Windows at the Temple on December 14, 1947. I am grateful to you for your kind offer to speak to Mr. Patterson about accepting the invitation. It will be an important occasion and would give Mr. Patterson an opportunity to deliver the kind of address that would have national coverage.

The Temple, as you know, is the largest Liberal congregation in the United States and had the largest number of men in the service of any Jewish congregation of the United States -- 765 in service and 22 who made the supreme sacrifice.

It would be very fine if we could receive a message from General Eisenhower and General MacArthur, and of course we would want a message from you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS: BK

MADE IN U.S.A.
Fidelity Union Skin
November 7, 1947

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Hotel Commodore
New York N. Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

My emotions have surged up and down with the changing tides of fortune at Lake Success.

I can sense something of the struggle underneath from what appears on the surface. It is certainly a battle of leviathans.

The situation is certainly more encouraging than I gathered from my conference a month ago with one of the key figures and this has encouraged me very greatly.

I think your battle plans have been magnificently directed and I believe the fundamental turn in fortune will be found finally to date from your assumption of command.

Meanwhile I like also to indulge the thought that the recent apparent change of tactics by the administration was something more than co-incidentally associated with the victory of Colonel Julius Klein at St. Paul which assured that a representative voice speaking for hundreds of thousands of Jewish veterans would be militantly raised for righteousness in this cause.

The appearance of such a champion on the field very greatly fortified your position and permitted you to move higher in the realm of statesmanship without further necessity on your part of even intimating political reverberations.

Any political regrets over the opposition awakening at the eleventh hour were entirely drowned out in rejoicing that we seemed finally in sight of the promised land and the bleaching bones of some of our shortsighted brethren in Washington and elsewhere would soon be decorating the desert of their last hopes.

Mrs. Brewster and I are hoping to spend Christmas week in Palestine if conditions here permit. Meanwhile I continue to be yours to command if you feel there is any way in which I can be of help.

Cordially yours,

OB;r

Owen Brewster, U.S.S.

Rabbi Silver
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19 November 1947

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As a soldier, I share your deep pride in the contribution to our victory made by members of your congregation. It is fitting indeed that the Memorial Windows and Alcove in The Temple be dedicated to their gallant service and to their comrades who gave their lives in freedom's name. These memorials will renew in all who visit The Temple an appreciation of the ideals for which your sons and brothers fought and died.

Sincerely,

(signed) Dwight D. Eisenhower

The Reverend Abba Millel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Rabbi Silver

PATTERSON, Belknap & Webb

(Curtis & Belknap)

One Wall Street

New York 5, New York

November 19, 1947

Colonel Julius Klein
Jewish War Veterans of the
United States of America,
50 West 77th Street
New York 24, New York

Dear Julius:

Hearty congratulations upon your election
as National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans. I
followed the case in the papers with keen interest.
I know that you will have a most useful term of office.

I have a high regard for Rabbi Silver and
would like nothing better than to be present and speak
at the ceremony on December 14. The fact is, however,
that I have an extremely heavy schedule for the month
of December and cannot see how I can fit it in. Please
convey my deep regards to Rabbi Silver.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Robert P. Patterson

Rabbi Silver

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

Washington, D.C.

21 November, 1947

Dear Colonel Kleins

I have received your letter dated November 14, 1947, in which you request that I give favorable consideration to the invitation of Rabbi Silver that I appear as guest and speaker at the forthcoming dedication ceremonies in the Temple on December 14th.

I have expressed to Rabbi Silver my appreciation and my sincere regret that a prior commitment of long standing prevents my acceptance.

Thank you very much for the courtesy of your letter.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

(signed) John L. Sullivan

Colonel Julius Klein
National Commander
Jewish War Veterans of
the United States of America
First National Bank Building
Chicago, Illinois

Rabbi Silver

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

19 November 1947

Dear Mr. Klein

This is to acknowledge your recent letter to General Eisenhower. I am enclosing for your information a copy of a letter the Chief of Staff has written to Rabbi Silver regarding the dedication ceremonies you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) J. H. Michaelis
Lt. Colonel, ADC
Aide to General Eisenhower

Mr. Julius Klein
National Commander
Jewish War Veterans
of the U. S. A.
50 West 77th Street
New York, 24, New York



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JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA

JULIUS KLEIN
NATIONAL COMMANDER

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
50 WEST 77TH STREET
NEW YORK 24, N. Y.

Beverly-Wilshire

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November 20, 1947

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105 St. & Anzle Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

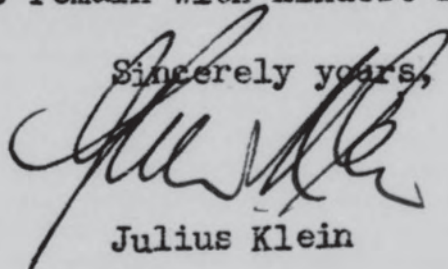
I am out here in California for a few days rest and now really have an opportunity to read the beautiful message I received from you when I was elected National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans, and I hope you will forgive my previous formal acknowledgment.

I must tell you again how honored and proud I was to hear from you. Your message means so much. This job will take me away from my business and family for a year.

I thought that close to six years of service in the recent war was sufficient to contribute my share as a citizen and as a soldier. Therefore I was reluctant to take this new assignment, but now I am glad I did, as it offers me an opportunity to continue to serve and especially show myself worthy of the fine tribute and message I received from you and others. Both Mrs. Klein and I are ever so grateful.

I do hope it will be possible for you to see me in the near future. I beg to remain with kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,



Julius Klein

JK/JC

Beverly-Wilshire

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November 22, 1947

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. & Anzle Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

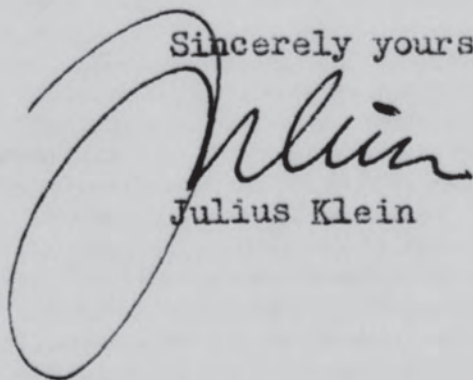
The community here yesterday gave me a very fine luncheon and it would interest you to know that your friend, Charles Brown (824 So. Broadway), president of the Jewish Community Council, an ardent Zionist, was most cooperative, but the only fellow who took exception to us and the presentation of my views and problems was Mr. Walter Hilborn, the Los Angeles envoy of the Council for Judaism.

I am really appreciative of the fine cooperation of Mr. Brown and I would be grateful to you if you would be good enough to drop him a note, sending him copy of the letter which Senator Brewster wrote you on November 7th in which he touched the reaction of my election as JWV Commander, to the cause of Zionism. I think it will make Mr. Brown feel good and justified in his most sympathetic views toward our cause.

For your convenience, you will find an extra copy of that letter. Will you be good enough to send a copy of your letter to Mr. Brown to my Chicago address, the First National Bank Building.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,



Julius Klein

JK/JC
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PATTERSON, BELKNAP & WEBB

(CURTIS & BELKNAP)

ONE WALL STREET

NEW YORK 5, N.Y.

ROBERT P. PATTERSON
CHAUNCEY BELKNAP
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RICHARD G. MOSER

JAMES F. CURTIS
COUNSEL

CABLE ADDRESS
CURTISITE

November 28, 1947.

Mr. Julius Klein, National Commander,
Jewish War Veterans of the United States
of America,
38 South Dearborn Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Julius:

I have your letter extending the invitation from our mutual friend, Rabbi Silver, to participate in the dedication of the memorial to members of his Temple who served in World War II.

I wish that it were possible for me to be present, both on account of the importance of the ceremony and on account of my high esteem for Rabbi Silver. I regret to say, however, that I have an extremely heavy schedule for the month of December and that I cannot see how I can fit this engagement in with commitments already made.

I know that you will express my disappointment to Rabbi Silver.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

RLP P



JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

50 WEST 77TH STREET, NEW YORK 24, N. Y.

1 December, 1947

JULIUS KLEIN
NATIONAL COMMANDER

Chicago Office
38 S. Dearborn
Room 782

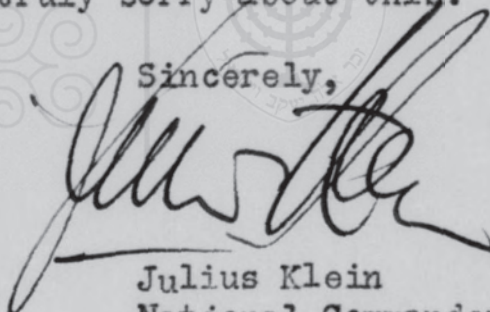
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. and Anslie Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

You will find attached herewith
letter from former Secretary Robert Patterson
in which he expresses his regrets for not being
able to attend memorial services at Cleveland.

I am truly sorry about this.

Sincerely,



Julius Klein
National Commander

JK:her

From the Desk of

Julius Klein

2 December, 1947

My dear Dr. Silver:

You will find attached a most courteous letter from Captain Armel expressing Secretary Sullivan's inability to accept your invitation.

WR Julius



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
OFFICE OF PUBLIC RELATIONS
WASHINGTON

26 November 1947

Mr. Julius Klein
National Commander
Jewish War Veterans
38 South Dearborn
782 First National Bank Building
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Commander Klein:

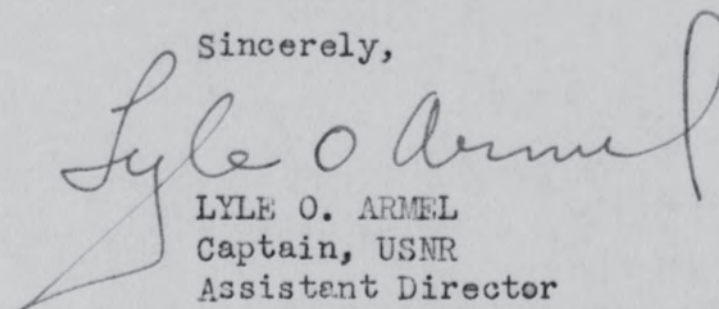
I do appreciate your letter of November 14th, enclosing a copy of your letter to Secretary Sullivan, and only wish I could have secured for you and Dr. Silver the affirmative answer we all had hoped would be possible.

You may be sure we realized the significance of the memorial service under your distinguished leader, Dr. Silver, and deeply regret that Mr. Sullivan will be deprived of the honor of participating therein because of a direct conflict with a previous commitment.

I am sure you realize the many invitations which come to the Secretary and also the accompanying disappointment when so worthy and gracious an invitation as the one from you and Dr. Silver, cannot be accepted because of the inevitability of conflict.

With kind personal regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely,


LYLE O. ARMEL
Captain, USNR
Assistant Director
Civil Relations Division

December 9th
1947

General of the Army Douglas MacArthur
Supreme Commander
U. S. Occupation Forces
Tokio, Japan

My dear General MacArthur:

Knowing of your long, untiring labors in the interests of Philippine freedom and independence, I am sure you must be proud of that government's action in supporting our own country's delegation to the United Nations in the instance of the vote on partition of Palestine.

The action of President Roxas' government was particularly gratifying to the more than 800,000 American veterans of Jewish faith, thousands of whom served under your command in freeing the Philippines from Japanese occupation. Beyond any question, the Philippine decision to vote by the side of the United States has strengthened democratic forces everywhere. The establishment of a National Jewish State adds to the ranks of the world's free governments a people who have demonstrated in the great wars of history their readiness to resist individual oppression and political domination with force of arms.

American veterans of the Jewish faith, six million of whose co-religionists perished in the totalitarian extermination camps of Europe, have been greatly heartened by the Philippine decision. They have seen again how American leadership, of the kind to which you have devoted so many years of your life, can show the way to justice and dignity for the small peoples of the world.

General Douglas MacArthur

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December 9th, 1947

For these magnificent endeavors, our organization,
in common with all Americans, is profoundly grateful
to you.

With warm regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Julius Klein
National Commander



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December 9th
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President Manuel Roxas
Presidential Palace
Manila, Philippines

My dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America, whose membership is representative of more than 800,000 American veterans of the Jewish faith who participated in the two great wars of this century, I want to express my deep appreciation for the action of the Philippine delegation to the United Nations in the vote on partition of Palestine.

As I noted in my cablegram of November 27th, 1947, these hundreds of thousands of Jewish soldiers were proud to fight side by side with the noble defenders of Philippine freedom in the Second World War.

In view of the United Nations decision, we feel that the granting of Statehood to the Jews of Palestine will serve to strengthen Democracy at a time when free government is being scorned and derided in many areas of the world. Knowing how much political independence has meant to the people of the Philippines, I am sure that you can share our sentiments with regard to the Jewish people of Palestine.

For your action in helping to bring about establishment of a State whose people have always demonstrated their readiness to bear arms in the cause of freedom and justice, I want to extend

President Manuel Roxas

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December 9th, 1947

the deep gratitude of the veterans of our faith
throughout the world.

I send you the warmest greetings of our organi-
zation and my own high personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Julius Klein
National Commander

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JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

50 WEST 77TH STREET, NEW YORK 24, N. Y.

20 December, 1947

JULIUS KLEIN
NATIONAL COMMANDER

Chicago Office
38 S. Dearborn
Room 782

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
E. 105th Str. and Anslie Rd.
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

I would deeply appreciate if you would send me for my files, copies of any literature in connection with your Memorial Services.

I also hope you have found time to drop a note of appreciation to Gen. MacArthur, Admiral Nimitz and General Eisenhower for their messages.

I was glad to be of service to you and was very pleased that you had my war time Cmdr., General Richardson, as your principal speaker.

Sincerely,

Julius Klein
National Commander

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JOSEPH F. BARR
Natl. Exec. Committeeman, 4th Region
7101 - 9th Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

March 9, 1948.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
c/o Sulgrave Hotel
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Rabbi:

I hope you will recall that when I spoke to you, at the Mayflower Hotel, as to the aid which the Zionist Organization of America and the Zionist Emergency Council could give the Jewish War Veterans in meeting the financial difficulty in which J.W.V. finds itself, I mentioned, in particular, help in securing allocations from the various community welfare funds. You were kind enough, at that time, to assure me that you would assist in connection with this matter.

I am advised by our National Executive Director Colonel Charles Schottland that a request to the Jewish Community of Cleveland for an allocation to the Jewish War Veterans will be considered on March 22nd. J.W.V. has been maintaining an office for veterans' assistance in Cleveland the cost of which runs into thousands which was inherited from the Jewish Welfare Board. Thus far, the City of Cleveland has not contributed either to the veterans' assistance activities or to any other program of the Jewish War Veterans.

At the last Executive Committee meeting it was voted that the situation in Cleveland did not require further continuance of the veterans' service activities. This, however, should not militate against an allocation at this time by the Jewish community of Cleveland to the general program of the Jewish War Veterans. Please accept my assurance, Rabbi, that unless the country at large sees fit to support the J.W.V. program it will be necessary for J.W.V. to draw in its horns on practically every form of the program.

I know of the tremendous influence that you exercise with the country at large, and particularly in your own city of Cleveland. It would be of tremendous help to us if you would make your interest known to the proper people in Cleveland, as well as in other cities.

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I would appreciate a letter from you which could be used as an endorsement of the program of the Jewish War Veterans in solicitation of funds.

With sincere thanks, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

J. F. Barr



National Headquarters
Jewish War Veterans
of the United States of America
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April 19th, 1948

HEADQUARTERS RELEASE NO. 56

IMPORTANT!

Palestine and Partition are in the hearts and on the minds of every Jewish War Veteran. The extreme gravity of the present crisis must be brought home to members of the Congress and the Senate in the most immediate and forceful terms.

The Policy Committee has approved a program, which, if successful, may bring our Government to revert to its original position on Palestine.

Simply stated, the program calls upon every Jew in America to ask each of his non-Jewish friends to "Write a Line for Palestine" to his respective Congressman and Senator. If Jews in every section of our country undertake this obligation immediately, Congress and the State Department should be flooded with individual letters from non-Jews, bringing home the vital fact that the partition of Palestine is not primarily a Jewish problem--that it is fundamentally a problem of basic justice and honor that concerns all Americans, regardless of religious belief. If each letter is different; if it is in the individual handwriting of a Congressman's non-Jewish constituent, the impact of the total effort--which should produce a flow of no less than 1,000,000 letters to Washington--cannot go unnoticed by even the most indifferent of public servants.

Your National Commander has appointed Comrade Burton Cooper of the Lt. Robert Bernstein Post, Brooklyn, National Chairman of the "Write a Line for Palestine" program. I now take this opportunity to appoint to the Committee for this project each Post Commander.

Program suggestions for putting this plan into effect on a scale designed to inspire the writing of letters by the million will reach you shortly. Meanwhile, the following preparatory steps should be initiated at once:

1. Post Commanders, as members of the National Committee of the "Write a Line for Palestine" program, should call an emergency muster for the purpose of informing all comrades of the basic facts of the project. These involve the widest possible contacts by all comrades with non-Jewish acquaintances--veteran and non-veteran alike--to request that they write individually to their Congressmen and Senators urging a return by our Government to its original position on partition.

2. Post Commanders should appoint immediately a special sub-committee to administer Post participation in the program. The name and address of the chairman of the sub-committee should be forwarded promptly to Comrade Cooper at National Headquarters so that maximum savings in time may be effected on all communications with respect to this program.

3. The sub-committee should take immediate steps to obtain the cooperation of all other Jewish organizations in your community so that the program may be given added impetus among non-veterans in your community.

4. The sub-committee should compile a list of all comrades who hold membership in the Legion, VFW and other general membership groups and insure that these comrades present the program to their fellow-veterans of non-Jewish faith with the least possible delay.

SPEED IN GETTING THIS PROGRAM UNDER WAY IS THE FIRST ESSENTIAL. That is why this release is being held to a minimum. That is why all JWV units are being urged to make this program the subject of an immediate emergency muster.

JULIUS KLEIN
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April 21st
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

On the morning of Sunday, May 30th, the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America will hold its Fifty-third Annual Memorial Service at Temple Emanu-El in New York City. This observance has been conducted by our organization yearly since 1896.

It was at the first of these Memorial Services, fifty-three years ago, that our organization was formed by American Jewish veterans of the Civil War. Through the years we have devoted ourselves to perpetuation of the traditions of national service rendered by Americans of Jewish faith who, with Americans of every religious belief and national origin, have fallen in combat in all the wars of our nation since the War of Independence.

Because our Memorial Service is dedicated, as well, to the continuing unity of all Americans in the preservation of our nation's security and freedom, we should be proud to have you as our guest on this occasion.

A formal invitation will follow upon your acknowledgment of this note.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Julius Klein

Julius Klein
National Commander

Jewish War Veterans of the United States

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May 7, 1948

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Hotel Sulgiave
60 E. 67th St.
New York City

Dear Dr. Silver:

Newark Post No. 34, of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, are dedicating a monument to the men and women of Newark who died in World War II. The cost of this monument and the site surrounding it at Schleifer Park on Elizabeth Ave., Newark, has been erected at a cost of approximately \$10,000.00.

The day for these exercises has been fixed for May 16, 1948, which is the same day on which the Jewish state in Palestine will come into being; it is our purpose to observe this event together with the dedication of the monument and because of your deep interest in the fate of Palestine, we respectfully invite you to be the principal speaker on this occasion. We feel that remarks made by you before such a large group as we anticipate to be present will bear fruit in adding to the ranks of Zionism.

The American Legion, The Catholic War Veterans, The Veterans of Foreign Wars and The American Veterans Committee as well as all of the Zionist organizations in this

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area will participate and in order to reach an even larger audience, we expect to have the proceedings broadcast through two of our local radio stations.

The State Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States as well as the County commander join in this invitation and we respectfully urge that you be good enough to accept this invitation.

In order to give us the opportunity to properly publicize your attendance, we urge upon you the importance of a prompt reply.

Respectfully yours,

Wm. L. Greenbaum,
Chairman
60 Park Pl.
Newark, N.J.

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JULIUS KLEIN
National Commander

May 12th, 1948

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Jewish Agency
16 East 66th Street
New York City

My dear Rabbi Silver:

You are cordially invited to speak at a Dinner to be given to Julius Klein, National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America, on the evening of May 22nd, at the Hotel Statler, Presidential Room, at 7:00 P.M., in Washington, D. C.

On this occasion, a plaque and medal will be awarded to General Witsell who is the Adjutant General of the United States Army.

Amongst the approximate number of 800 people who will be present at this Dinner, will be the following - Senators Taft, Ferguson, McMahon, the Honorable W. Stuart Symington, Senator Barkley, Christian Herter and Mr. L'Hereaux, The Director of the Visa Department. General Marshall and Senator Vandenberg are also expected to attend.

I believe that it will be to the advantage of the cause for which we are fighting so vigorously that you be present to address this gathering.

Would you be kind enough to advise me immediately if it will be possible for you to attend.

Very sincerely yours,

Abraham Kraditor
ABRAHAM KRADITOR, CHAIRMAN
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May 27, 1948.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Sulgrave Hotel,
60 East 67th Street,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

The work of Land & Labor for Palestine has had my very close attention and a good deal of my time from its very inception. I have enjoyed immensely working with Major Wellesley Aron, the Executive Director, who, in my opinion, has done a most difficult job extremely well. With very few exceptions, I have attended all the meetings of the Had Hoc Committee and helped in the policy formulations when necessary.

It is my belief that the work has reached a point which requires a complete review, which may very well result in a radical reduction in the personnel now employed in the organization. Recent occurrences have also made it necessary that some changes be made.

In my capacity as Chairman of the Palestine Affairs Committee, of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S., I am in charge of the "Aid to Palestine" work. This activity has resulted in the accumulation of certain funds, some of which have already been expended for materials through "Material for Palestine". Unfortunately, the associations with the personnel at the office of "Material for Palestine" has not been of the kind which induces the utmost confidence -- such as is the result of my work with Major Aron.

It has occurred to me, and I pass it on to you for careful consideration, that combining the work of "Material for Palestine" with "Land and Labor for Palestine" would result in several outstanding and important benefits for both activities.

First: You will transfer to Material for Palestine the dignity and high regard with which Land and Labor for Palestine is now regarded all over the Country, instead of the present feelings for the Material for Palestine office.



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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

Second: Land and Labor for Palestine now has a Country-wide organization which can be utilized more and more for both activities.

Third: Land and Labor for Palestine at this time would benefit if its present activities would be merged with activities which lend themselves to more open work.

Fourth: The fact that Major Aron would head both would, in my opinion, give great impetus to the success of the "Material for Palestine" work.

Should you desire to discuss the contents of my letter with me personally, I shall be glad to do so, if you will please designate the time and place.

Sincerely yours,

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JULIUS KLEIN
NATIONAL COMMANDER

Chicago, Illinois
June 29th
1948

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th Street and Ansley Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

For your information I am enclosing herewith a report from service director S. Henry Peine, with regard to Cleveland, and wonder whether we could have a small group in Cleveland get together and raise sufficient funds to carry on the service program of JWV. We had a similar situation in Chicago. I called my friends together and raised \$31,000.00 in one evening. I am confident that next year the allocation board in Chicago will be glad to include us for a like amount, so that it will not be necessary for us to have our own drives.

In view of the fact that no one is better informed than you are as to what JWV has done for Jewry at large, I would appreciate your discussing this matter with some of the leaders in Cleveland.

Sincerely yours,

JULIUS KLEIN,
National Commander

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Julius Klein
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FIELD REPORT

Date June 24, 1948

Submitted by S. Henry Peine Dates of Visit June 21, 22 and 23

Organization _____ City Cleveland

Executive ~~xxxxxxx~~ Henry Rucker Commander Bernard Dierenfeld

NOTE: It is suggested that in making out your report, you take into account the following:- Purpose and nature of visit; problems considered; recommendations; persons conferred with; and change of officer.

The purpose of my visit to Cleveland was to meet with Mr. Rucker, President of the Cleveland Welfare Fund, to ascertain what action will be taken on our request for additional allocation in order to maintain a full time service office in Cleveland.

I visited Mr. Rucker, as well as Mr. Irvin Newman and Henry Zucker of the staff of the Welfare Federation. I was informed that altho the campaign fell \$1 million short of its goal, each of the above mentioned gentlemen are sympathetic to our request and feel the necessity for continuing the service. They have therefore agreed to do everything within their power to raise our allocation to \$6500 so that at least a part time office may be maintained. However, they feel that psychologically this is a wrong time to seek an increase for JWV when all other allocations will have to be cut in order to reduce the original allocation commitments by \$1 million.

Mr. Rucker promised, however, that he would present this request of ours to the Central Budget Committee on Monday, June 28th, and if favorable action is not taken by the Committee, he will again present it to the Federation Executive Board on June 30th. Mr. Newman and Mr. Zucker of the Federation staff, both of whom I know personally for a long time, have promised to discuss this matter with several members of the Central Budget Committee in the hope that they may get them to act favorably upon our request.

Frankly, in view of the existing situation - their failure to reach their goal - I do not believe that favorable action will be taken. I have been assured, however, by Mr. Rucker and Mr. Newman that JWV would be given serious consideration for their 1949 request.

I met with Bernard Dierenfeld, Cuyahoga County Council Commander, (JWV) who informed me that several projects are being considered for the purpose of maintaining the office on at least a part time basis and that the entire Cleveland group of JWV feels that the office must continue. One of the projects he outlined is that an active member of JWV, Mr. Sam Deutsch who realizes the importance of the service work, has volunteered to contribute \$250. towards it, and would submit the names of several of his friends who would make a like contribution on condition that the office will stay open and

that these contributions are only for this year and that it will not be necessary to make further contributions next year.

I was told of another plan: a radio contest which should net several thousand dollars. However, if through the efforts of Sam Deutsch \$3000 will be raised, the contest would not be put on. If by some stroke of good fortune the Welfare Fund should grant us the total sum of \$6500, the projects outlined by Bernard Dierenfeld will not be entered into. The final outcome of this will be known about July 1st, 1948. I informed Bernard Dierenfeld and the JWV group at the meeting of the County Council on Tuesday June 22nd, that National will engage a half time representative as soon as they received the funds allocated by the Cleveland Welfare Fund, providing the allocation is \$6500. or the Cuyahoga Council raises the \$3000 and maintains the office with the full time secretary until then.

Herman Davidson, our previous accredited representative at the Cleveland office, has now established himself permanently in Cleveland in a business that would permit him to spend five half days each week at the office, and has expressed himself willing to take the position at \$150. per month.

Should the additional \$3000. come ⁱⁿ either through the Welfare Fund or the JWV and we receive the full \$3500 from the Cleveland Welfare Fund, I feel that the office with a full time secretary and a part time representative could be operated for the sum of \$4000 - \$4500 per year, which would leave National approximately \$2000. for its general program.

I feel that it is most important that the office stay open as I am reasonably sure that if the office is continued, the Cleveland Welfare Fund will substantially increase their allocation for 1949.

I later met with the newly elected Department Commander, Joseph Horwitz who has agreed to approach all posts outside of the City of Cleveland who operate within the jurisdiction of the Cleveland Regional office of the Veterans Administration for funds to support the veterans service program. He will keep us posted on results obtained.



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JULIUS KLEIN
NATIONAL COMMANDER

July 14th
1948

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

The Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America will conduct its 53rd Annual Encampment, September 14th to 19th, at Monticello, New York. More than 2,000 delegates from every section of the country are expected to attend. In addition, the proceedings are to be communicated to our membership of more than 100,000 through the pages of our national publication.

We should feel deeply privileged to convey your greetings to the assembled delegates and to the membership generally in the form of a message to be printed in our publication. Because of publishing deadlines, we should be grateful if you could forward a message to this office by August 15th.

Sincerely yours,

Julius Klein
National Commander

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July 27, 1948

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street and Ainslie Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I take great pleasure in extending to you an invitation to visit and inspect units of this command on Wednesday, August 4, 1948, at Fort Sheridan, Illinois. In keeping with past traditions, this has been designated as "Governor's Day" in honor of the Commander in Chief of the Illinois National Guard, Governor Dwight H. Green.

The tentative program calls for reception of guests, and inspection of camp at 11:00 A.M., lunch at noon, followed by observation of Antiaircraft firing. This tour will afford the Governor and guests an excellent opportunity to observe the training our citizen-soldiers receive during their annual summer camp.

If you travel by automobile, Fort Sheridan is located on State Route 42, just north of Highwood, Illinois. Our area can best be reached by entering Gate #3. A North Shore Railroad Time Schedule between Chicago and Fort Sheridan is inclosed for your reference. Arrangements will be made to meet visitors coming in by train, drive them to camp and make returning train connections.

It is my sincere hope that you will find it possible to honor us with your attendance. I will appreciate your reply either to the address above or by telephoning Mrs. Anderle, LONGbeach 5784. Thanking you for your courtesy, I am

Sincerely yours,

Julius Klein
JULIUS KLEIN
Brigadier General
Commanding

ILLINOIS NATIONAL GUARD

NORTH SHORE RAILROAD TIME SCHEDULE

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Adams & Wabash

<u>Leave Chicago</u>	<u>Arr. Ft. Sheridan</u>
9:15 A.M.	10:29 A.M.
10:15 A.M.	11:29 A.M.
11:15 A.M.	12:29 P.M.
12:15 A.M.	1:29 P.M.

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<u>Leave Ft. Sheridan</u>	<u>Arr. Chicago (Adams & Wabash)</u>
3:25 P.M.	4:39 P.M.
3:55 P.M.	5:09 P.M.
4:25 P.M.	5:39 P.M.

* Ft. Sheridan is approximately 24 miles north of Chicago