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114 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK

October 13, 1927.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Silver:

We are very anxious to have you speak at one of the sessions of the Annual Conference, to be held in Cleveland on October 30th.

I hope it will be possible for you to prepare a statement somewhat on the lines of the interview you gave out, but giving more about the constructive plans that have been evolved since the holding of the Basle Congress.

We are engaged in a terrific struggle to change the course of the movement, and at the same time not to impede its progress. This involves both self_criticism and constructive planning. The self_criticism interferes with the constructive planning if precaution is not taken, while engaged in criticism, to hold out a reassuring prospect for the future. If we can make this policy effective at the Cleveland Conference, we shall have turned the corner.

A number of us intend coming to Cleveland on Friday. I hope it will be possible to discuss matters with you in advance of the Conference in order that your counsel and cooperation may go into the making of the program of the Conference.

With best regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

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President

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114 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK

October 21, 1927.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Silver:

In order to prepare the addresses to be delivered at Cleveland in a form that will ensure their publication in the daily press the following morning, I suggest the preparation of your address, in advance, in order that the publicity department here may have mimeographed copies made of it for the general as well as for the Jewish press.

not later than Thursday morning.

facilitate an effective publicity for the important addresses that are to be delivered in Cleveland.

With best regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

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National Headquarters: 111 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK

January 23,1928

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Unfortunately for the New York Campaign and for myself, I have been assigned the task of conducting the New York Campaign this year. When I accepted this easy task I as sumed that I would have the full cooperation of our leaders and that you would be available for the campaign, as in previous years.

Now I am told that "circumstances" may make it difficult to secure you for any engagements for the New York Campaign. I positively refuse to recognize such "circumstances" and will continue to believe that you will not withhold your cooperation at this time. Both the campaign and I need sympathy and where are we to get it, if not from old friends?

Accordingly, I officially and unofficially, formally and informally, request that
you give us eight days from Sunday, March 4th.
to Sunday, March 11th. inclusive. On Sunday,
March 4th. we will have our banquet in Flatbush and on Sunday, March 11th. our banquet
in Brownsville. The success of the campaign
in these two sections depend on these affairs.
Between these two dates we are planning to
hold functions in other parts of the city.

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Please favor me with your acceptances, so that I may continue the work of the campaign with the assurance of your personal cooperation.

Awaiting your reply, I remain with kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

SAMUEL BLITZ,

Campaign Director





January 24th, 1928. Mr. Samuel Blitz, 114 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y. My dear Mr. Blitz:-Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 23d. not be available for the U. P. A. Campaign in New York City. For further information consult Mr. Louis Lipsky. With kindest regards, permit me to remain Very sincerely yours, AHS,IR

The VANGUARD

A Magazine of Progressive Jewish Life PUBLISHED MONTHLY

32 UNION SQUARE NEW YORK, N. Y.

February 13, 1928

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:-

It is becoming clear to many that the split at Cleveland has wrought havor in American Zionism and that very great efforts are required to bring the Zionist movement to a higher plane.

THE VANGUARD, copies of which have been sent you, under separate cover, is an independent magazine serving the cause of Jewry and Zionism as the progressives understand it, and open to all who wish to contribute their constructive thoughts to the problems of the day.

Mr. Jacob De Haas has opened with a strong article, and I take the liberty of inviting you to share your thoughts with our readers on Zionism as it is and as it ought to be.

Trusting that you will find the time--and the desire-to add your potent voice to the discussion, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Isaac Zaar

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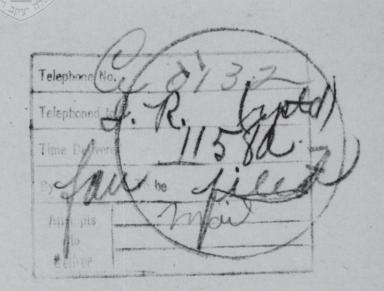
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JEWISH DAILY BULLETIN.

The Jewish Daily Bulletin 611 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

In your issue of July fifth your report of the Pittsburgh Zionist Convention reads that Abraham Tullin had stated to me that the reason why Lipsky had declined to run again for President was because he "does not dare to run for if he runs the judges will have the district attorney on his trail" stop This is absolutely false stop Nor did I make any such statement to Jacob Fishman stop Whatever I stated to Fishman was in strictest confidence and in the nature of an inquiry stop Fishman undertook to speak to Lipsky about it privately stop He proceeded however to violate a confidence and to spread a rumor for political ends stop If I had wished to make a statement to the Convention or to a caucus I could have done so without the assistance of Fishman stop When I learned of the pernicious spread of the rumor I requested some of the leaders of the administration and especially Lipsky to put a stop to it stop I also requested Lipsky not to permit his final decision in the matter of being drafted for the presidency to be influenced by it stop He promised to do so stop This was four thirty Tuesday morning stop At eight o'clock I left for Cleveland to officiate at a funeral of one of my members stop That evening Lipsky telephoned me from Pittsburgh and told me that the matter had not been kept from the floor of the Convention and that my name had been bandeed about considerably stop He also informed me of the vote of the Convention on the new constitution and of his decision to permit himself to be re-elected to the presidency stop He asked me to be one of the Vice Presidents stop I told him that in view of what had transpired I could not accept the office stop I promised however to help him in the hard year ahead of him sten Lipsky's deadliest enemies are not in the opposition They are to be found anothe the political corrietors script mones and entropoled office holders was al to be be fortends.

JULIAN W. MACK
WOOLWORTH BUILDING
NEW YORK

July 14, 1928

Dear Silver:

Judicial work from early morning till midnight has prevented my answering your letter and prevents it at this moment. I sent the letter to Tulin and De Haas and enclose you herewith their statements. I shall write you again on Monday.

Kind regards.

Julian M. Muck

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

July 16th, 1928. Judge Julian W. Mack, Woolworth Bldg., New York, N. Y. My dear Judge Mack:-Thank you for your kindness in permitting me to see the statements of Mr. Tulin and Mr. DeHaas which I am returning herewith. I have but a few comments to make on both of these statements. The whiskey which Mr. Tulin had following his address must have completely befuddled him. He seeks to give the impression that I pumped him for information. In reality he poured forth his information unsolicited in a torrential stream accentuated with much vehemence and gesticulation. I can excuse him only on the assumption that he was mentally fagged, over-heated, over-stimulated and not well. Please remember that I did not go to see Mr. Tulin. I was not interested in anything Mr. Tulin had to say. I was directed to Mr. Tulin's room by Mr. DeHaas when I expressed a desire to see you. Could it ever occur to you or to any same man that I would tell Mr. DeHaas that Mr. Tulin had said that Mr. Lipsky had stolen money unless Mr. Tulin had actually made the statement, knowing full well that Mr. DeHaas could check up on it at any moment, with Mr. Tulin in the same hotel? Mr. Tulin furthermore, tries to give the impression that I left the hotel in a hurry; that Mr. Zeldin set up until seven o'clock in the morning for the purpose of getting hold of me but could not reach me. The fact of the matter is that Mr. Zeldin was in my room some time between four and six o'clock in the morning and told me that he intended to quit the opposition and we had a long chat about the entire matter. Furthermore, between the time of the spread of the rumor and my departure for Cleveland I was interviewed in my room by Mr. Brody and by two delegations composed of three members each, representing the administration forces, (Abe Goldberg inclusive) and I told them as I told Lipsky over the telephone, that they must squash the rumor and proceed with

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the peace negotiations as if nothing had happened. I recall now that I spoke to Mr. Lipsky over the telephone in the presence of Mr. Brody. I was accessible all night to anyone who wished to get in touch with me. Silver is not in the habit of running away from unpleasant situations.

Mr. DeHaas's statement is not a statement of facts, but a Midrash. He has evidently combined the conversation which he had with me, with two or three which he must have had with other people.

When I put to Mr. DeHaas the statement of Mr. Tulin, Mr. DeHaas did not reply, "he (Tulin) can not have told you anything of the kind. None of us know that Mr. Lipsky stole anything and none of us believe that there was any stealing involved." This is an after-thought of Mr. DeHaas's, a post-mortem revision. Furthermore I did not ask Mr. DeHaas about the Zion Commonwealth guarantee nor about the Lefkowitz note, nor as to whether the judges were unanimous in their decision. Mr. DeHaas is here drawing on his imagination. He volunteered all that information himself.

The most cowardly statement of DeHaas and one which throws a revealing light on the underlying methods back of his garnished report, is this: "I was rather struck by his attempt to convict Mr. Lipsky of stealing, and by his trying to extract from me confirmation of his suspicion that Maurice Samuel was perhaps dishonest." DeHaas knows very well that there was no such thought in my mind. I was simply trying to check up on the statement made by Mr. Tulin - a reckless and a dangerous statement. I have no particular reason for wishing to convict either Mr. Lipsky or Mr. Samuel or Mr. DeHaas or anyone of stealing. The fall of Mr. Lipsky may mean something to Mr. DeHaas. It would mean nothing to me. I was trying to help Mr. Lipsky, not to hurt him. If Mr. Tulin's charges were true, then the friends of Mr. Lipsky who were urging him to accept re-election were unintentionally crucifying him, for should these charges be substantiated at some subsequent time Mr. Lipsky would be completely demolished and the whole Z. O. A. would be endangered.

Mr. DeHaas's statement that I asked him about Mr. Weisgal and Mr. Lipsky and as to whether they had free

continued ... page 3 Judge Julian W. Mack. access to funds is also pure invention as is also the matter of the U. P. A. membership and Judge Lazansky, (page 5 of Mr. DeHaas's statement.) As evidence of Mr. DeHaas's lax memory and ability at improvisation I call your attention to his statement: "Silver then began to question me as to how much of all this Wise knew." It never entered my mind to question Mr. DeHaas about this matter as I was not interested. Previously on leaving the Convention Hall and meeting Mr. DeHaas I had commented to him on the action of Dr. Wise, stating that in rising to praise Mr. Lipsky on the floor of the Convention after the Convention had sustained Mr. Lipsky he had exposed himself to ridicule and to unfavorable comment on the part of the delegates who recalled his action on the night previous. Mr. DeHaas heartily agreed with me. I am lafraid my dear Judge Mack that one should use a dictaphone or a stenographer in conversing not only with some of the members of the administration but also with some of the members of the opposition. With kindest regards, I am Very sincerely yours, AHS/IR

Dear Silver:

Yours received on my return from Boston today. I am leaving town in a few minutes and have only barely time to acknowledge it.

I am having my secretary make copies and send them to Tulin and DeHaas. My function seems to be primarily an intermediary, but I shall write you fully at the first fair opportunity.

As ever yours

Julian h. heach

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