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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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November 12, 1952

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

You may be interested in the enclosed copy of a letter which I sent to Neumann today.

Abe Goodman has asked me to let you know that he and his wife expect to be in Cleveland and vicinity during the Thanksgiving Day Weekend. He wanted to know whether he and Mrs. Goodman could call on you during that period.

With warmest regards, I am

As ever,

Harold P. Manson

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CONFIDENTIAL

to Dr. Emanuel Ne^umann New York, November 12, 1952

Addendum to my letter of November 10th

This will unquestionably be rather academic by the time it reaches you, but I would like you to know my view about Irving's participation in the Jerusalem Conference dealing with the reorganization of the American Zionist scene.

I argued against his participation in this meeting long before BG's blast against the ZOA was reported in the New York Times. I felt - and still feel - that the chances are very slim for achieving the type of reorganization of the American Zionist Council which would not endanger the interests of the ZOA. If I have been right in assuming that this Conference is likely to be a failure and that its "success" would depend on Miller's readiness to make certain compromises affecting the independence and functions of the ZOA, then why get into it in the first place?

Moreover, I have very definite reservations with respect to the manner in which this Conference has been initiated. While the chairmen of the Jewish Agency certainly have a right to issue invitations to such a meeting, I question whether the Prime Minister of Israel is entitled to do so. The initiative assumed by BG is, to say the least, disquieting.

I wish to emphasize that the above observations refer exclusively to the Conference called by BG, Locker and Goldmann, and are in no way related to the Actions Committee meeting, which is a chapter in itself. Correct me if I am wrong, but I have a hunch that your position on Irving's going to Jerusalem has been largely determined by your thoughts on matters related to the Actions Committee. I can certainly imagine that you would like to have Miller on the scene to share responsibility for actions that may have to be taken (or avoided) on behalf of the ZOA in the course of the Actions Committee sessions. It is therefore unfortunate, from my point of view, that the Conference on the future of American Zionism has been arranged to coincide with the Actions Committee meeting, as it is quite difficult to make it clear that while Miller's participation in the former meeting is inadvisable, there are some compelling reasons to warrant his presence on the scene during the Actions Committee deliberations.

I must add that I agree fully with Lipsky's contention that any conference on the reorganization of the American Zionist Council should rightly be held in the United States - although even here the chances of success would be very limited. I also agree with Lipsky that this is not a matter to be decided by the leaders of the Government of Israel. Of course, Lipsky's motivation in taking this position is considerably different from my own.

Finally, I think you should know that Silver has expressed to ^emy very strong objections to Irving's participation in the conference.

Needless to say, I hope that my pessimistic analysis of this question will prove to be incorrect. I know what a difficult task you will have on your hands during the coming weeks and I send you, in addition to my warmest regards, my fervent wishes for success.

As ever,

Harold P. Manson

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December 24, 1952

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

After our telephone conversation of today, I phoned Harry Shapiro in order to obtain precise information on the situation in the higher echelons of UJA administration.

I learned that Schwartz is primarily a "front-man," and requires the services of an overall administrator who supervises all the departments of the UJA. This function was first carried out by Mr. Nisselson, who resigned a few years ago. His successor was Moritz Gottlieb who died recently.

To the best of Harry's knowledge, the job is still vacant. He would most certainly like to be invited to accept this position, though, for obvious reasons, he has not and will not put himself forward as a candidate.

If, as is rumored, Schwartz will leave the UJA during the summer, this position will acquire even greater importance. The non-Zionists would obviously seek to exercise even greater control over the entire UJA setup than they now enjoy. With Harry Shapiro in ^{this} key spot, however, there will at least be a measure of protection for Zionist interests. The political changes now taking place in Israel would seem to make greater Zionist representation in the UJA mandatory.

Quite apart from these considerations, it should not be overlooked that Harry is unquestionably the best man in the UJA organization, and his record will prove it.

With warmest regards, I am

As ever,

Harold P. Manson

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December 29, 1952

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Following our telephone conversation today, I phoned Mr. Vandenberg's office. I was informed that he is away on vacation, and was put through to his assistant, Mr. Minick.

Mr. Minick informed me that Vandenberg will return to work either next Monday, January 5th or Monday, January 12th. He promised to phone me on Monday in order to let me know what the situation is and, if Vandenberg has returned by then, to set up an appointment.

With warmest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Harold F. Manson

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OFFICE OF DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

Commodore Hotel
New York 17, N.Y.

January 5, 1953

Dear Rabbi Miller:

I have your letter of December 26th.

I accept with great pleasure your invitation to serve
as an Honorary Sponsor of the dinner to be given to Dr. Silver.

Sincerely yours,

John Foster Dulles

copy

UNITED STATES SENATE
Committee on Appropriations

January 8, 1952

Rabbi Irving Miller
President
Z. O. A.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Rabbi Miller:

This is to acknowledge with thanks your letter of December 26.
I am returning the card which accompanied it.

I am very happy to serve as Honorary Sponsor of the dinner to
be given on February 5 to honor the birthday of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver. I
hope it will be a real success.

Dr. Silver has rendered great service in the leadership of the
Zionist Movement and in American public life and I wish him well in the
future.

With best wishes and kind personal regards,

Sincerely

HOMER FERGUSON
Michigan

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January 7, 1952

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Arieh Gelblum has sent me the enclosed cartoon which shows how the new Coalition is viewed by Al-Hamishmar.

With warmest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Harold F. Manson

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Memo

HAROLD P. MANSON

January 7, 1953

Dear Dr. Silver:

I was disturbed to learn that you had not received my letter about the proposed meeting with Vandenberg. I am enclosing a carbon copy, as well as copies of letters from W. D. Dulles and Sen. Ferguson.

Similar letters have been received from Sen. Brewster, Dr. Churgin, Gov. Fine, Julian Freeman, Frank Gannett, Sen. Ives, Judge Steinbrink and Sen. Taft. I asked that a copy be sent to you in each instance. If you are missing any of them please let me know.

As ever,

Harold

828 Linn Drive
Cleveland 8, Ohio
February 8, 1953

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

Dear Dr. Silver,

We are writing to you with the hope that you may help us to settle in Israel. We are American born and in our early twenties; we were married last July.

I am a graduate of the Middlesex County Vocational School of New Brunswick, N. J. as a plumber and have over four years' experience in that field, including a year in the U. S. Army from which I was honorably discharged in December, 1951.

My wife is a graduate of Flora Stone Mather College with a B. A. degree and is also a graduate of the Cleveland Beth Midrash L'Morim. She has been teaching Hebrew school for six years for the Cleveland Hebrew School and Institute.

We have written to the Jewish Agency. Since then, we have been given conflicting views and advice. We would like the privilege of having you grant us an interview, at your convenience, where we may have the opportunity of getting your advice and counsel. Living in Cleveland, and having the "Zechus" of being so close to you, Dr. Silver, we know that you are the one person to whom we can go in confidence.

We trust you will grant us an interview.

Sincerely yours,

Morton and Judith Heifetz

Morton and Judith Heifetz
828 Linn Drive
Cleveland 8, Ohio
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February 19, 1953

Miss Elizabeth Rice
The Temple
Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Rice:

The enclosed copy of an editorial in the New Leader should be called to Dr. Silver's attention upon his return; or, if you intend to send various items to him in the course of his trip, you may wish to include this piece.

Please inform Dr. Silver that the New Leader is put out by anti-Communist militants among the Socialists and Liberals, and that it today enjoys a considerable degree of prestige.

It was very nice to see you again in Cleveland and I do hope that you will not hesitate to be in touch with me when you are next in New York.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Harold P. Manson

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Editorial in the NEW LEADER of February 16, 1953

DR. SILVER EQUIVOCATES

For one whose reputation as a Jewish clergyman and Zionist leader is as eminent as Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver's, his reactions to the outbreak of anti-Semitism behind the Iron Curtain are, to say the least, peculiar.

Shortly after the Prague purge, Dr. Silver was quoted as saying that he could not "believe" that the Russian or Czech Communist regimes would indulge in anti-Semitism, and urged that we await "proof" until we condemn these "friends." (This statement was front-paged by the DAILY WORKER, which was then hard put to find a prominent American to "explain" the Prague bloodbath.)

Last week, as tens of thousands of Jews and others were fleeing an epidemic of Soviet genocidal terror, Dr. Silver said at his sixtieth birthday dinner:

"It is not too late for some authoritative statement or act on the part of the highest Soviet leadership to clarify the situation, set the record straight, relieve the minds of men of fear and suspicion..."

The dinner at which Dr. Silver spoke was held by the Zionist Organization. Yet it was Governor Dewey who uttered the words that should have come from the Rabbi:

"Zionism as such has now become a crime behind the Iron Curtain, and merely being born a Jew is now cause for hanging."

A day later, the former General Secretary of the U.S. Communist party, Earl Browder, unwittingly made the retort Bar excellence to Rabbi Silver in the N.Y. Post:

"I don't occupy myself with whether the charges are true or false, or whether they really constitute anti-Semitism.

"Their practical effect is to set in motion wheels for the ultimate destruction of 2,500,000 people who are identified by their origin."

We don't know whether Rabbi Silver would accept the new SOVIET

ENCYCLOPEDIA as authoritative enough "to clarify the situation," but it has done so admirably well. It announces that Jews are not a national minority because they are not a "historic, concentrated, stable community of people." If anyone accuses the U.S.S.R. of anti-Semitism, it can now retort that there is no such thing as the Jewish people. Indeed, the ENCYCLOPEDIA adds that "the Jewish question in the Soviet Union does not exist" - all that exists is, according to the official count, 3,020,000 Jews, who will now, presumably, be made to conform to official theory by disappearing. Israel - where Jews are trying to erect a "stable community" - is reactionary; and Zionists - that is, people like Dr. Silver - are "agents of American and British imperialists."

Rabbi Silver, not incidentally, remains one of sixteen individuals who have not answered a telegram we sent on January 14 to thirty-five supporters of clemency for the Rosenbergs, in which we requested a "forthright condemnation" of Soviet anti-Semitism. The other fifteen, whose names we deem it worthwhile to call to public attention, are; Nelson Algren, Morris Carnovsky, Howard da Silva, Arnaud D'Usseau, Rev. Stephen Fritchman, Dashiell Hammett, Ray Lev, Frederick J. Libby, Rev. John H. Melish, Rev. William H. Melish, Anton Refregier, Paul Robeson, Mary Church Terrell, Mary Van Kleeck and Rev. Harry F. Ward. Paraphrasing Dr. Silver's appeal to Soviet leaders, we would say that it is not too late for him to make "some authoritative statement" that will "clarify" his own attitude toward Soviet anti-Semitism.

March 13, 1953

Mr. and Mrs. Morton Heifetz
828 Linn Drive
Cleveland 8, Ohio

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Heifetz:

The appointment which I scheduled for you on Monday, March 23rd, will not be possible inasmuch as Dr. Silver is expecting an out-of-town guest on that day. I shall, therefore, have to postpone your appointment until Wednesday, April 1st, at 2:00 P.M. I hope this will be convenient for you.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Rice
Secretary to Dr. Silver

April 2, 1953

Mr. Harold P. Manson
Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

My dear Harold:

There is a couple here who want to settle in Israel. The man is a graduate of a vocational school and has had some years of experience as a plumber. He had service also in the United States army. His wife is a graduate of a local college with a B.A. degree and has also been a teacher of Hebrew. They are prepared to go. They have corresponded with the Jewish Agency. They will have living quarters when they get there. What is troubling them is the cost of transportation, plus the freight rates for shipment of their furniture, plus the tax which they will have to pay on their belongings when they arrive. Is there any fund for Aliyah for Americans? It seems that what is involved here is some \$400 to \$500 inasmuch as they have some money themselves to pay towards transportation charges.

With warmest regards and all good wishes to you and Josie for a very happy Pesach, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

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April 3, 1953

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Josie and I wish to thank you and Mrs. Silver for remembering to send us the photographs taken at your birthday dinner in Cleveland. They will preserve the memory of a wonderful evening with two beloved people.

Did you receive the album which I commissioned Archer, the photographer, to prepare from the pictures taken at the New York celebration? I had urged him to rush it to you so that it would arrive prior to your departure for the West Coast.

And speaking of pictures - what a beautiful portrait of you in this week's Life! I was also glad to see that the caption included references to your role as a Zionist leader. But, despite the pleasure which this photograph will undoubtedly bring to countless readers, Life has still a great deal to atone for.

Having shifted to less pleasant subjects, let me add one more note of indignation. I received from Knopf's an advance copy of David Horowitz's "State in the Making," which purports to be a history of the political struggle which culminated in the establishment of Israel. Even a cursory run-through convinced me that this is a highly distorted account and yet another cynical attempt to re-write history. Your role is, to say the least, played down. There is not one mention of the American Zionist Emergency Council. Men who played secondary roles (including Horowitz himself) are converted into world statesmen, etc.etc. In short, I'm mad - mad enough to have informed Marvin Lowenthal that I wish to review it in his next issue and in any other important publication that will accept such an article.

Of course, a more careful reading of the book may cause me to modify my opinion - but I doubt it.

I trust that you, Mrs. Silver, Raphael, and Daniel (if he could get home) had a fine Seder, and Josie joins me in wishing all of you a hag sameah for the remainder of the holiday.

As ever,

Harold P. Manson

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AMERICAN PEOPLES ENCYCLOPEDIA
YEARBOOK

179 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago 1, Illinois

April 6, 1953

Mr. Harold P. Manson, Editor
Zionist Quarterly
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Manson:

Enclosed herewith is copy of a letter dated March 13, 1953, directed to The American Peoples Encyclopedia and signed by J.L. Teller, Director of Information, The Jewish Agency for Palestine. We thought this letter might be of interest to you and I would like to have you let me know what you think of his comments.

Sincerely

Franklin J. Meine
Editor-in-Chief

copy

THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE
16 East 66 Street, New York 21, N.Y.

March 13, 1953

Miss Elizabeth Wagner
The American Peoples Encyclopedia
179 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago 1, Illinois

Dear Miss Wagner:

Thank you for sending us the tearsheet of the Jewish Agency picture which you used in your Yearbook.

I must say that I am distressed over the many errors in this piece.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann (should be spelled with two N's) was not co-chairman of the World Zionist Congress. He was President of the World Zionist Congress.

You state that the resolution adopted by the World Zionist Congress (last paragraph on page 1183) was "a decisive victory" for a bloc led by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver. The granting of a special status to the Zionist Movement advocated by Dr. Nahum Goldmann in his opening address, was the evident desire of all Zionists. No single bloc or individual should be given credit for this resolution.

There was no bloc of "American delegates," as inferred in your article. The American delegates represented various parties, each with its own views.

No single individual can be described, under the multi-party system, as "the leader of American Zionism." Such description gives the American Zionist Movement a monolithic Character which it neither desires nor possesses.

The top officials for the World Zionist Movement were elected by democratic ballot. No single party prevailed at that Congress. It is a misstatement, therefore to impute that any single leader was prevented from occupying office, because of the influence of any one party.

Very truly yours,

J. L. Teller
Director of Information

ZIONISM, 1951

by

Harold P. Manson

The future of the Zionist movement, its organizational and ideological problems and its relationship to the State of Israel - these issues, which arose following the establishment of the Jewish State in 1948, remained unresolved and acute in 1951.

Zionist spokesmen had repeatedly declared that a strong Zionist movement would be indispensable to the State of Israel for an undetermined period: Israel's precarious position in the Middle East and its critical economic situation underlined the continued need for an effective World Zionist Organization. Moreover, it was pointed out, a vigorous Zionist movement is also essential for the health and vitality of Jewish life throughout the world. Nevertheless, some- including leading personalities in Israel - had questioned or opposed the continuance of the Zionists' special status in relation to the Jewish State. In the three years since Israel's establishment, the position of the World Zionist Organization, and of American Zionism in particular, had been drastically reduced.

Only a World Zionist Congress - the highest deliberative body of the movement - could provide a definitive solution to these problems. The first gathering of this kind since the birth of Israel was therefore awaited with more than the usual interest. After a number of postponements, the Twenty-third Zionist Congress was scheduled for mid-August in Jerusalem.

The various Zionist parties formulated their positions in advance of the Congress. The Zionist Organization of America, at its

national convention held in June at Atlantic City, New Jersey, unanimously reaffirmed "the fundamental conception of the world Zionist movement as the recognized and accredited body representing the Jewish people in relation to Israel." Recalling the historic role of Zionism in mobilizing the spiritual, material and moral resources of the Jewish people in behalf of the Jewish State, the convention stated that "the World Zionist Organization must continue to possess special status and retain freedom of action in its own proper spheres... The World Zionist Organization must possess constitutional independence and autonomy in the administration of its activities. The component parts of the world Zionist movement should similarly enjoy full administrative autonomy within the sphere of their competence."

This policy proved to be the chief subject of debate in Jerusalem. The advocates of a powerful and influential movement, led by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland, Ohio, scored a decisive victory when the Congress unanimously considered it "essential that the State of Israel, through appropriate legislative act, grant status to the World Zionist Organization as the representative of the Jewish people in all matters that relate to the organized participation of Jews the world over in the development and upbuilding of the land and rapid absorption of its newcomers."

An attempt was made at the Congress to supplant the traditional Basle Program of Zionism with a new "Jerusalem Program." This was vigorously opposed by the American delegates, who contended that the long-standing aims of Zionism still await total fulfillment. They ^eheld that, instead of substituting new aims, the Congress should define the tasks of the movement. This view

prevailed in the final vote. Zionism's tasks were listed as follows:

- A. The strengthening of the State of Israel.
- B. The ingathering of the exiles in Israel.
- C. The fostering of the unity of the Jewish people.

The Congress then outlined the work of the World Zionist Organization:

- A. The encouragement, absorption and integration of immigrants and Youth Aliyah (the youth immigration program); the stimulation of agricultural settlement and of economic development; the acquisition and development of land as the property of the people.
- B. Intensive work for chalutzit (pioneering) and hachshara (pioneer training).
- C. The effort on a large scale for the mobilization of funds for the purpose of carrying out the tasks of Zionism.
- D. The encouragement of private capital investment.
- E. The fostering of Jewish consciousness by the propagation of the Zionist idea and strengthening of the Zionist movement; the imparting of the values of Judaism, Hebrew education and ^{the} spread of the Hebrew language.
- F. The mobilization of world public opinion for Israel and Zionism.
- G. Participation in the effort to organize and intensify Jewish life on a democratic basis and the maintenance and defense of Jewish rights.

Notwithstanding its accomplishments in the sphere of world Zionist policy-making, the leadership of American Zionism did not fare well in the matter of the composition of the movement's executive bodies. The largest party at the Congress,

the Mapai, headed by Israel's Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, refused to yield to arguments that the widest possible coalition should prevail in the new Executive; nor did it agree that the leader of American Zionism, Dr. Silver, should be invited to occupy high office in the World Zionist Organization.

Since the Congress, some doubt has been expressed as to the ability of a narrowly-composed World Zionist Executive to implement the statesmanlike policies adopted in Jerusalem for all sections of the movement.

At the same time, American Zionists continued to demonstrate throughout 1951 their readiness to undertake and carry out all practical tasks - the campaign of the United Jewish Appeal, the Israel Bond Drive, and the development and welfare projects sponsored by the various Zionist bodies in this country - on which Israel's future depends.



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April 10, 1953

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Dr. Franklin J. Meine, Editor-in-Chief of the American People's Encyclopedia, has sent me the enclosed copy of a letter from J. L. Teller, Director of Information of the Jewish Agency. Teller charges that my article in the 1952 Yearbook ("Zionism, 1951"), which dealt primarily with the World Zionist Congress, contains "many errors" and "misstatements."

I have re-read the piece (a carbon copy of which is enclosed) and am convinced that it was accurate in every respect. I shall, of course, send a full reply to Dr. Meine. In that connection, I would like to have a direct quotation of Goldmann's position on the status and autonomy questions before he became chairman of the Agency's American Section. I have been unable to find it in my own files and wonder whether you might have something along these lines in Cleveland. Of course, if this involves too much trouble just forget about it.

It is somewhat amusing that Teller feels he must rush to Goldmann's defense in this way - even when Goldmann isn't being attacked.

With warmest regards, I am

As ever,

Harold P. Manson

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May 7, 1953

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Your brother Maxwell phoned today to inform me that he has received a request for information from Mr. Vinograd of Tel Aviv, who is evidently writing a biography of you in Hebrew. This is the first indication I have received that such a project is being undertaken. In response to Maxwell's request for information concerning Vinograd's background and capabilities, I could only say that I know the gentleman to be one of the most active officials in the General Zionist Party. However, I know nothing about his background that would qualify him as a serious writer.

Do you know about this venture, and has Vinograd been in touch with you about it?

With warmest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Harold P. Manson

HPM/pm

May 8, 1953

Mr. Harold P. Manson
Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

My dear Harold:

Thank you for the letters which you sent me. Mr. Vinograd undertook to write my biography and has proceeded apace. He did not, of course, consult me as to whether he should or should not do it. He is a great "chasic" of mine, as you probably know and he has undertaken this as a labor of love. I saw in the Haboker the other day one of the chapters which is to appear in the book, and it is not badly done. He has been gathering material from all sources and has written to many people. I am, of course, assuming no responsibility for the work whatsoever. My office has sent him some material which he has requested.

With warmest regards to you and Josie, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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June 18th, 1953

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I wonder whether you have seen the enclosed story in the New York Times which appeared on June 9 but was called to my attention only a few days ago. I have a hunch that Rosenwald was brought into the picture by Milton Eisenhower. In any case, it is a disquieting item.

Some time ago you asked me to provide you with an appraisal of the Hebrew book, "Bet Habuboth," which had been recommended to you by Rokach. I must confess that I have failed to do so until now because of the "block" I encounter when confronted with new accounts of the Jewish catastrophe in Europe. I have made a few attempts to read the book, but can't manage to get into it. I imagine that the many memoirs, diaries and novels on the tragedy, which I have read in the past, have brought me to a saturation point. If there is no special hurry on this, I will keep the book until I manage to read it; or if you prefer, I will send it on to you.

Knowing of your deep interest in both Jewish antiquities and contemporary Israel art, I strongly recommend a visit to the current exhibition at the Metropolitan when you are next in New York. Josie and I are enthusiastic over it - not merely because of the way the art critics have been praising her father's work. The whole thing has been done with intelligence and a sense of history.

With warmest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Harold P. Manson

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HOOVER AND M'ARTHUR DINE WITH PRESIDENT

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

WASHINGTON, June 8 — Former President Herbert Hoover, General of the Army Douglas MacArthur and Cardinal Spellman were among thirteen guests that President Eisenhower had at dinner tonight in the White House.

The gathering was described as a private social affair and brought together a group of persons with widely varied interests.

The other guests were Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., chief of the United States Mission to the United Nations; John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State; George M. Humphrey, Secretary of the Treasury, and Martin P. Durkin, Secretary of Labor.

Also Edward L. Ryerson, chairman of the board of the Inland Steel Company; Lessing J. Rosenwald, Philadelphia philanthropist; Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, the President's brother, who is president of Pennsylvania State College; Harry A. Collier, described by the White House as a California business man; Palmer Hoyt, publisher of The Denver Post, and Rear Admiral Lewis L. Strauss, U. S. N. R., New York banker, former member of the United States Atomic Energy Commission and now an administrative assistant to the President.

The President has made it a practice to have guests at breakfast, luncheon and dinner with persons from all walks of life, officials as well as private citizens.

The word about tonight's dinner was that it was strictly "social."

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June 26, 1953

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I expect to be leaving for my vacation on July 1st and plan to be away from the office throughout the entire month. However, I had hoped to have an opportunity to discuss some important matters with you in the course of the summer - prior to the ZOA Convention. If you and Mrs. Silver plan to come East for your vacation, or if you expect to be in New York during the month of July, please let me know.

It will not be too difficult for me to come into town, as we shall be fairly close to New York. We have rented a cottage on Fire Island, and I can be reached % General Delivery, Fair Harbor, Fire Island, New York. (I will let you know if there is any change.)

Josie joins me in wishing you and Mrs. Silver a very pleasant summer.

With warmest regards, I am,

As ever,

Harold P. Manson

HM/mb

August 4, 1953

Mr. Harold Manson
Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

My dear Harold:

The enclosed is a continuation of the Deutsch correspondence. I simply do not know what this man wants of me. Perhaps you can find time to write to him.

I trust that you and Josie have had a fine vacation. With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:ER

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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August 7, 1953

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. & Ansel Rd.
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed are carbon copies of letters
which I sent off to-day to the Deutsches,
père et fils.

With warmest regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

Harold P. Manson

HPM/mb

August 7, 1953

Mr. Eliezer Deutsch
% Engel
2807 King's Highway
Brooklyn 29, New York

Dear Mr. Deutsch:

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver has informed me from Cleveland that your father has written to him once again concerning your situation.

I gather from your father's second letter to Dr. Silver that you have been encountering difficulties since we last met in my office at Dr. Silver's suggestion. As I told you at that time, I deeply regret that there are absolutely no employment opportunities in the Z.O.A. now and that my knowledge of the T.V. field, in which you are interested, is so very limited. However, if you believe that another talk with me might prove helpful to you, please feel free to phone me for an appointment during the coming week.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Harold P. Manson

HPM/nb

August 7, 1953

Mr. Armin Deutsch
24 Geulah St.
Tel-Aviv, Israel

Dear Mr. Deutsch:

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver has called my attention to your letter to him concerning your son, Eliezer. Needless to say, Dr. Silver is not in a position to deal with this matter directly, inasmuch as Cleveland is quite some distance from New York.

I met with your son following your first letter to Dr. Silver and have just sent him another note, a copy of which is enclosed. Please be assured that we shall do whatever we can in his behalf, though I regret that we are unable to offer him a position in the Z.C.A.

It may set your mind at ease somewhat to learn that when I last saw your son he appeared to be in excellent health and good spirits.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Harold P. Manson

HPM/mb