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December 28, 1938

Mrs. Julius Fryer
2077 East 4th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Minnie:

It had been suggested that an admission charge be made for the Masaryk lecture. Some have thought that non-members who may wish to attend the lecture should be permitted to attend it upon the payment of a fifty cent admission. Others feel that the members of The Temple would not be averse to paying a twenty-five cent admission with non-members paying fifty cents. What do you think about it?

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BX

MRS. JULIUS FRYER
1397 EAST BOULEVARD
CLEVELAND, OHIO

December 29, 1938

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Inasmuch as there seems to be some difference of opinion about the nature of the Masaryk lecture, I think it is only fair to the committee to get their suggestions rather than to take the responsibility of a decision. I shall call a meeting for Thursday, January 5th, or Friday, January 6th at the Mid-Day Club, and we can go over all these matters together.

Please have your secretary call my office, Main 1972, indicating the day you can meet with us.

Cordially yours

Winnie

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[1938?]

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Dear Rabbi Silver,

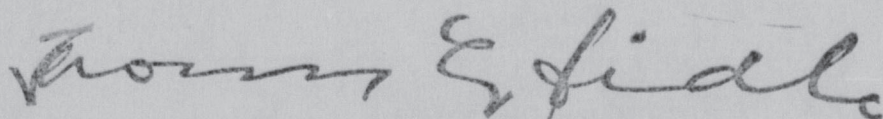
The American people owe a debt to Czechoslovakia for the relative peace that the world still has today. Her stupendous sacrifice was in a certain measure the price of our peace. This Committee therefore does not hesitate to appeal to you to give freely, whole-heartedly, for the relief of 200,000 Czechs, Slovaks and Sudeten German refugees who, in giving their all, make it more possible that America should enjoy the normal tenor of its life.

Stripped of almost half her industries, of a third of her territory, thousands of her people in flight before an army of occupation, Czechoslovakia, deserves your aid. Had she fought, the world today would probably be in flames, swept with war and passion, trade disrupted, financial markets in chaos, taxes headed skywards, even your peaceful home under the possible menace of unspeakable catastrophe. Through this plan of relief Americans can make good a small part of what they owe to the forbearance of the people of Czechoslovakia.

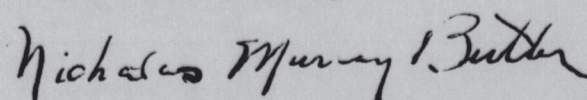
Every penny you give, without deduction for expenses, goes to the 200,000 dispossessed in Czechoslovakia, through the Czech Red Cross, and through Dr. Alice G. Masaryk, daughter of the late Thomas Masaryk, founder and first president of the Czechoslovak republic. Every penny you give will help allay the suffering of miserable people sleeping on straw, many of them without heat, some of them mothers with newborn babes, many of them children orphaned in flight. The Prague government and all local organizations are straining their resources to meet the problem.

Surely we need not dilate on the need. Cleveland certainly wishes to do her share. Please send your contribution promptly, to Guaranty Trust Company, Fifth Avenue and 44th Street, New York City, New York. Contributions deductible for income tax purposes.

Sincerely yours,



Thomas L. Sidlo
Chairman of Cleveland Committee



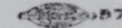
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Chairman of American Committee

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January 5, 1939

Mr. Hitchcock
Somerset Hotel
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Hitchcock:

I am very happy that it will be possible for Mr. Masaryk to come to Cleveland on Wednesday, February 8th and to address The Temple. I would appreciate receiving from you an early confirmation of this engagement.

If you have any publicity matter regarding Mr. Masaryk, I would be grateful to receive it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR RELIEF IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

405 WEST 117TH STREET, NEW YORK CITY

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January 6, 1939

Members of the American Committee
for Relief in Czechoslovakia,

Dear Friends:

Two months have passed since this Committee was first launched and you will be interested in hearing what progress has been made on the relief fund for Czechoslovak refugees.

The organization of our effort has been quite decentralized, depending on the initiative of leaders in various cities to form committees and conduct local drives as best suits their local circumstances.

In Pittsburgh Mr. R. Templeton Smith is Chairman and Mr. Edward O. Tabor, Executive Secretary, of a committee of 75 members. A dinner with 200 guests was followed by 2,000 letters. Very effective support of the newspapers and radio stations was secured and the drive in Pittsburgh has brought in over \$5,300. so far.

In Philadelphia Judge Joseph Buffington is Chairman and Mr. Joseph R. Wilson, Executive Vice-Chairman of a committee of 13 leading citizens. A mail appeal to 1,000 prospective contributors has brought in \$1190. to date.

In Houston, Texas, Mr. A. Dee Simpson is Chairman of a local committee. Dr. and Mrs. Henry R. Maresh gave a Silver Tea in their home during the drive. Houston has raised \$1261.50 to date.

San Francisco and the Bay Region has been organized by Professor Lincoln Hutchinson and a committee of 6 members with 40 leading citizens as sponsors. Their efforts have brought in \$1498.50 so far.

We are in correspondence with friends in Boston, Baltimore, Buffalo, Cleveland, Chicago, Minneapolis, Omaha, San Antonio and Los Angeles in efforts to organize similar local committees. Mr. Albert St. Peter helped on the drives in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh in December and Mr. R. N. Watts is visiting Dallas, Denver, Kansas City and St. Louis to initiate efforts in January.

The enclosed three folders have been issued by the American Committee and 13 news releases, the latter through the cooperation of the Phoenix News Publicity Bureau, whose Director, Miss Pauline E. Mandigo, volunteered her services.

The Czechoslovak National Alliance in Chicago, (Mr. Jan A. Cervenka, President) has cooperated loyally with us and has sent in \$5,000. so far - \$3,000. of which was from the Czech National Alliance in Omaha, (Mr. Stanley Serpan, President). Five Czech organizations in Philadelphia have contributed \$625. - in Bridgeport, \$50. The Czech and Slovak organizations in Pittsburgh are cooperating loyally in the effort there. It will be of interest that Czechoslovak organizations in this country sent over \$54,000. to our knowledge to causes in Czechoslovakia since the first crisis in May.

The total of our Fund to date is \$27,334.

Some of our friends were concerned lest the resignation of Dr. Alice Masaryk from the presidency of the Czechoslovak Red Cross might reduce to some extent confidence in this whole campaign. In a cable to President Butler on December 17, however, Dr. Masaryk stated that she is still in direct contact with the work of the Czechoslovak Red Cross and devoting all her time to the refugee problem.

The joint committee of Unitarians and Friends which has been set up to raise a fund for relief in Czechoslovakia has allied itself with the American Committee and sent Dr. Robert C. Dexter to Prague in November to investigate the situation.

This brief report is submitted to the Committee and local organizers in order to indicate progress to date, which is quite encouraging in spite of the innumerable campaigns being conducted constantly in the United States. We must keep on working, and appeal to each member of the Committee to

- 1- Launch an effort in some form in your community
- 2- Stimulate your acquaintances to send in contributions
- 3- Send us names and addresses of persons who can be approached from this office
- 4- Write out and mail your own check if you have not yet done so.

Through the efforts of President Butler a small fund for administrative expenses has been separately provided. This insures that every cent contributed will be spent for relief purposes only.

With best wishes for the New Year,

Yours very sincerely,

Brackett Lewis
Secretary

January 10, 1939

Mr. Edward B. Hitchcock
Plaza Hotel
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Hitchcock:

I was very happy to receive your letter confirming our engagement with Mr. Masaryk for Wednesday, February 8th. We shall look forward eagerly to his coming.

You will recall that in my long distance conversation with you, I stipulated that this be Mr. Masaryk's only address in Cleveland. This is important in view of the unusual expense to which we are going - far more than The Temple customarily pays as an honorarium.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would let me know at once the subjects of Mr. Masaryk's addresses so that we may select one.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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Jan. 23, 1939

Henry Montor
New York, N.Y.

PLEASE RUSH EITHER PHOTOGRAPH OR CUT OF MASARYK
SILVER



January 25, 1939

Mr. Edward B. Hitchcock
Plaza Hotel
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Hitchcock:

Do you know now when Mr. Masaryk plans to arrive in Cleveland? I should like to arrange to meet him. Does he plan to stay over night? If so, I would either make a reservation for him at a hotel or Mrs. Silver and I would be very happy to have him as a guest in our home. I should like to arrange a dinner at my home for him for a small group of people prior to his lecture in the evening, if that is agreeable to Mr. Masaryk.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

THE PLAZA, NEW YORK

January 26,
1939.

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

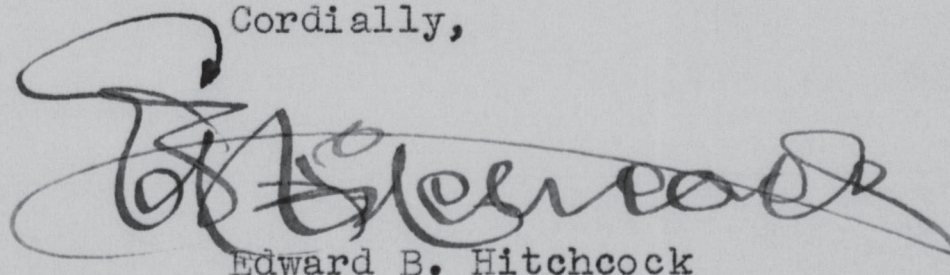
Dear Dr. Silver:

Thanks for your letter of January 25th regarding Mr. Masaryk's visit to Cleveland on Wednesday, February 8th. He will arrive in Cleveland some time during the day, but I can't tell you just when.

It will not be possible for him to stay over-night, as he must catch a night train back to New York for engagements here on Thursday. Hence, he will not be able to accept your hospitality for the night. I see no reason it would not be quite possible to take dinner with you, however, provided the group is small; but I shall have to advise you about this later after I have talked to Mr. Masaryk who is now in Washington.

With personal regards and good wishes, I am,

Cordially,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'E. B. Hitchcock', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Edward B. Hitchcock

BENEŠ-MASARYK MEETING

CLEVELAND PUBLIC AUDITORIUM, SUNDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 2

Sponsored by

Cleveland Committee for Relief in Czecho-Slovakia *and* Joint Committee for Relief in Czecho-Slovakia

EXECUTIVE OFFICES: 2258 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio ▪ Prospect 2840

THOMAS L. SIDLO, *Chairman*
ELEANOR FARNHAM, *Manager*

March 4
1939

Dear Dr. Silver:

Cleveland will have the signal honor of welcoming a great international figure - a man of immortal stature - when Dr. Eduard Benes, former president of Czecho-Slovakia, comes to speak in the Public Auditorium on Sunday afternoon, April 2nd at 3 o'clock.

On the same platform with him will be another great and heroic figure, Jan Masaryk, son of the founder of Czecho-Slovakia and former ambassador from that country to Great Britain.

The meeting is sponsored by the Cleveland Committee and the Joint Committee for Relief in Czecho-Slovakia, and the proceeds from admissions will be turned over to the Red Cross for relief in a country now flooded with refugees and disrupted in its internal economy.

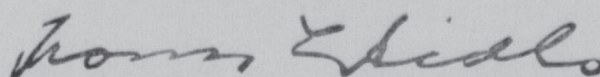
We feel that every believer in the principles of democracy will be eager to join in this civic welcome to Dr. Benes. I am writing to you in particular to invite you to become a member of the special sponsoring committee for this event.

This will entail no financial obligation to you, but we expect that you will give the meeting your moral support and promotional influence.

For your information, tickets for the meeting will be priced at fifty cents, \$ 1 and \$ 1.50, with box seats at \$ 2.50 or \$ 10 a box. Tickets will be available at a downtown box office and at the office indicated on this letterhead.

May we have your reply to this invitation as promptly as possible.

Cordially yours,



Thomas L. Sidlo, Chairman

March 7, 1939

Mr. Thomas L. Sidlow
2258 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Sidlow:

I shall be very pleased to serve as a member of the special sponsoring committee of the Benes-Mazaryk Meeting.

I am also enclosing a check for \$10 for a box.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

BENES-MASARYK MEETING

CLEVELAND PUBLIC AUDITORIUM
SUNDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 2

Sponsored by
Cleveland Committee for Relief in Czecho-Slovakia
and
Joint Committee for Relief in Czecho-Slovakia

EXECUTIVE OFFICES: 2258 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio PRospect 2840

THOMAS L. SIDLO, *Chairman*
ELEANOR FARNHAM, *Manager*

March 15, 1939

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Rabbi Abba H. Silver
The Temple
Ansel Rd. & East 105th
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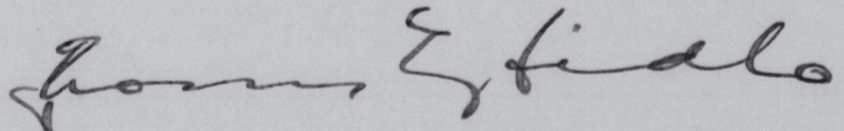
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your letter of acceptance of membership on the sponsoring committee for the Benes-Masaryk Meeting and for your check in payment for a box. The tickets are enclosed.

I am sure I can count on your personal enthusiasm and interest toward the success of this event, which we hope to make a notable civic occasion, to bring the message of the meeting to your congregation in whatever way you deem best, either from the pulpit or through the membership of your various groups.

I hope I may call upon you for any further help should the need arise and again express my pleasure at your readiness to help this cause.

Cordially,



Thomas L. Sidlo, Chairman

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March 20, 1939

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
The Temple,
Ansel Road and E. 105th St.,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Abba:

It seems to me that those of us who believe so firmly in democracy should do everything possible to encourage the people of our churches to attend the Public Auditorium on Sunday, April 2nd, at 3 p.m. to hear Mr. Benes and Mr. Masaryk.

We are going to put an article concerning this meeting in our church paper, and I intend to speak of it from the pulpit next Sunday.

I do hope that you will do whatever you see fit in the matter in order to have an attendance amounting to a demonstration at the meeting. It would not only be a tribute to these two martyrs to democracy and freedom, but it would be symbolic of Cleveland's interest in the world crisis.

Faithfully yours,

Dilworth Lupton

March 23, 1939

Mr. Thomas L. Sidlo
2258 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Sidlo:

The enclosed contribution was
anonymously made at the close of the Temple
Service last Sunday morning for the victims
of Czecho-Slovakia and I am therefore sending
it on to you.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

Before he sailed back to Europe,
April 1, 1939, JAN MASARYK
asked that his personal greetings
be sent to you, with his apprecia-
tion for your kind interest in his
visit to the United States.

