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October 25, 1929.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The National Child Labor Committee is planning a two day conference to be held at the Hotel Roosevelt, New York City, on December 16th and 17th, to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of its founding.

We are hoping that you can be one of our speakers at our banquet on Monday evening, December 16th. Dr. Felix Adler, the first Chairman of the National Child Labor Committee, will preside, and Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Governor of New York, has accepted an invitation to speak on this occasion.

We sincerely hope that you can attend our anniversary meeting as our guest and be our speaker at this time. May we not reserve a room for you at the Hotel Roosevelt for the night of December 16th, and put your name on our program?

Very sincerely yours,

Samuel McCune Lindsay
Samuel McCune Lindsay,
Chairman.

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October 26, 1929

Rabbi A. H. Silden,
East 105th Street & Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silden:

The National Child Labor Committee is planning a two day conference to be held at the Hotel Roosevelt, New York City, on December 16th and 17th, to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of its founding.

An Anniversary Committee is being organized in connection with the Conference. We would appreciate the honor of having you as a member of this Committee, and would be glad to hear from you as soon as possible whether we may include your name. Membership on this Anniversary Committee involves no obligation of any kind.

The Conference will open with an afternoon session on Monday, December 16th, followed by a banquet at which Dr. Felix Adler will preside and Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York will be one of the speakers. The third session will be held on Tuesday morning, December 17th, followed by a closing luncheon, at which Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin will preside, and Mr. Robert E. Simon, Miss Ruth Morgan and Mr. Owen R. Lovejoy will be the speakers.

We hope that you can come to our meetings, but inability to attend any of the sessions need not deter you from membership on the Anniversary Committee. We sincerely trust that you will become a member.

Very sincerely yours,

Samuel McCune Lindsay
Chairman

SML/IA

Oct. 28th, 1929.

Mr. Samuel McCune Lindsay,
National Child Labor Committee,
215 Fourth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Lindsay:-

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 26th asking me to serve as a member on your Anniversary Committee. I am, of course, delighted to serve on such a Committee. I hope that your Conference will be eminently successful.

With kindest regards, permit me
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

P.S.

Please note the correct spelling of my name is
Abba Hillel Silver.

card

Oct. 29th, 1929.

Mr. Samuel McCune Lindsay,
National Child Labor Committee,
215 Fourth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Lindsay:-

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 25th in which you invite me to deliver an address at the Twenty-fifth Anniversary meeting of the National Child Labor Committee on Monday evening, December 16th. I shall make every effort to be with you on that day.

Please reserve a room for me at the Hotel Roosevelt.

With kindest regards and looking forward with pleasure to meeting you, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

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October 29, 1929.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
105th St. at Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am writing to express the appreciation of the National Child Labor Committee that you have consented to let us include your name as a member of our Twenty-fifth Anniversary Committee.

Very sincerely yours,

Wiley H. Swift

Wiley H. Swift,
Acting General Secretary.

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October 30, 1929

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

My dear Dr. Silver,-

I am acknowledging your letter of October 29th, to Dr. Lindsay, and am forwarding a copy to him at Columbia University.

May I say that the entire National Child Labor Committee is gratified that you can be one of our speakers at our Twenty-fifth Anniversary Dinner on Monday Evening, December 16th.

We would like to have you select your own subject. I believe that Dr. Lindsay wrote you that our presiding officer would be Dr. Felix Adler, First Chairman of the National Child Labor Committee, and that Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York, is also to speak. The speeches at this session will not, of course, be technical child labor talk, and you may go as far afield as you wish in discussing the question. We would appreciate knowing as soon as it is convenient what title you have chosen for your talk in order that we may have it on the program.

Yours very sincerely,

Wiley H. Swift
Wiley H. Swift
Acting General Secretary

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ANSWER



Nov. 6th, 1929.

SUBJECT OF MY ADDRESS quote WHY THE LIBERAL CARRIES ON quote

A. H. SILVER

Nov. 6th, 1929.

Mr. Wiley H. Swift,
National Child Labor Committee,
215 Fourth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Swift:-

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your
wire of today requesting the subject of Rabbi Silver's
address on December 16th.

Rabbi Silver wired you today as follows:

"Subject of my address "Why The Liberal
Carries On."

(signed) A. H. Silver."

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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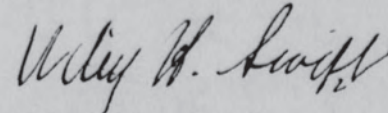
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, D.D.,
The Temple,
East 105th St. at Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you for your prompt response to
our telegram of November 6th. We have put
down the subject you suggested, namely,
"Why the Liberal Carries On".

A copy of the announcement program will
be sent to you in the near future, and any
changes in the wording may be made before
the final program goes to press early in
December.

Very sincerely yours,



Wiley H. Swift,
Acting General Secretary.

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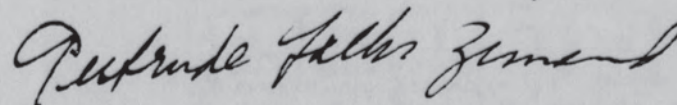
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th St. at Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am enclosing a copy of the announcement program for our Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Conference. Your name appears as one of the speakers, and I would be very glad to have any corrections in the subject for your talk or in your name and title which you would like to have made in the final program.

If I do not hear from you by Monday, November 25th, I will assume that it is correct as it now stands.

Very sincerely yours,



Gertrude Folks Zimand, Director,
Research and Publicity.

GFZ:HJ

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November 19, 1929

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am enclosing a complimentary ticket for the dinner meeting at which you are going to speak. We are hoping that you can remain over for our sessions on Tuesday and would like to have you as our guest at the speakers table for the luncheon meeting. I would appreciate hearing as soon as you can conveniently let me know whether this could be possible in order that we may complete our seating arrangements.

We have reserved a room for you at the Hotel Roosevelt and, of course, we shall want to meet the expenses of your trip to New York.

Sincerely yours,

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November 29, 1929

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

An unusual opportunity for nation-wide distribution of the important addresses at the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Conference of the National Child Labor Committee is offered to us if the addresses meet news requirements and if the material is made available well in advance.

If you can not furnish your complete address in advance, will it not be possible for you to dictate 300 or 400 words of the main points and high spots of what you will say and have it in our hands not later than Thursday, December 5th, for newspaper purposes? This will enable us to give the abstract of the address to the Associated Press in time for distribution in its mail service and also to have it reach newspapers in distant parts of the country for release on the day of delivery.

We greatly hope you will find this convenient. You will thereby multiply the audience which will be reached by your message, and it will be a very important contribution to an informed public opinion on our problem.

Sincerely yours,

Samuel McCune Lindsay
Chairman

P.S. We also have requests for photographs for newspaper use. Can you send us at least one, and preferably two or three, unmounted glossy prints of your photograph for such use? We should like to have these immediately, if convenient, and if not, not later than December 5th.

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the best sense of the general
public at a given time



Dec. 34, 1929.

Mr. Samuel McCune Lindsay,
National Child Labor Committee,
215 Fourth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Lindsay:-

At your request I am enclosing herewith a brief abstract of the address which I am to deliver before the Twenty-fifth Anniversary Conference of the National Child Labor Committee on the subject, "Why The Liberal Carries On." I trust that you will find it satisfactory.

With kindest regards and best wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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December 11, 1929.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Through the courtesy of Station WOR, arrangements have been made to broadcast Governor Roosevelt's speech at our anniversary dinner on Monday, December 16. We regret that we cannot broadcast the entire program, but this proved impossible.

The broadcasting of a single speech necessitates a very rigid time schedule in order that the Governor may appear at the exact time allotted by the radio station for his talk.

I am therefore enclosing a time schedule for the entire evening program. We greatly regret that it is necessary to limit the speakers of the evening to twenty minutes each, but as you will see the program is long, and even with the limitations that we have set, Governor Roosevelt will not come on the program until 10.30.

I am sure that you will realize that such a schedule is necessary, not only because of the broadcasting, but in order not to prolong the program unduly.

We are looking forward to hearing you on Monday evening, and hope that you can remain for the luncheon session the following day.

Sincerely yours,

Samuel McCune Lindsay
Samuel McCune Lindsay,
Chairman.

SML:HJ

Time Schedule for Anniversary Dinner

National Child Labor Committee

9.00-9.20	Program of Music
9.20-9.25	Dr. Lindsay introduces Dr. Adler
9.25-9.40	Dr. Adler
9.40-10.00	Miss Abbott
10.00-10.05	Dr. Adler introduces Rabbi Silver
10.05-10.25	Rabbi Silver
10.25-10.30	Dr. Adler introduces Governor Roosevelt
10.30	Governor Roosevelt

One of the foes of modern liberalism is the Usurping Machine. The rapid industrialization of society has not only surrounded man with machines but has given the machine terrible power over his physical, intellectual and social life. It is folly to rail at the machine-age and to think that the machine has not brought great blessings to mankind. The machine has given to the working-men of our age a standard of living higher than that possessed by his brothers in toil at any time in human history - shorter hours, higher wages and better conditions of employment. It has removed the curse of serfdom from industry. It is removing the back-breaking drudgery from it. In the long run, the machine not only does not rob men of their jobs, but multiplies their job tenfold. The machine has given to all men greater security, greater comfort, greater contacts. It is slowly but surely knitting the world more closely together.

But the machine which standardizes production also comes to standardize the producer. It tends to mechanize man, to absorb him into the process. The machine demands a rigid, machine-like organization of human servitors around it. They must conform to a given pattern, else the machine cannot work smoothly. As a result the thoughts of men who serve the machine are frequently driven into grooves. They move with the alignment of pistons...Men carry over into their social and cultural life this machine discipline - the passion for uniformity and organization. They grow to dislike and to distrust any manifestation of individualism. Thus our human values are becoming machine values, our judgments - mass judgments, and our reactions - mechanical. The ideas of men are becoming stereotyped. Their religion, their politics, their amusements, their tastes are becoming all of a kind - drab and monotonous.

Standardization and regimentation so indispensable to modern industry and commerce are nevertheless fatal to liberalism, for the very essence of liberalism is the free and full development of men, each according to his native gifts and capacities, each according to his distinctiveness and uniqueness.

12/16/1929

The machine not only standardizes man but frequently exploits him. Man's interests are subordinated to that of production. Oft-times men and children are brutally used up by the machine. I read where many industries today refuse to employ men who are over thirty-five or forty years of age. Such men are regarded as too old to keep pace with the high speed and tension of modern industrialism. They are accordingly scrapped, thrown on the human waste-heap.

The machine also calls for a machine-type of education which trains youth to become efficient producers but not well-rounded, full-orbed human beings. Men are coming to think primarily of jobs, careers, professions, success, and not of the great adventure of living. The rich sap of human life is being drained to oil the wheels of industry.

But in the eyes of the liberal, man comes first, - the machine last. The profitable production and distribution of commodities is a necessary part of social existence - but only a part. Social life has other requirements. A nation's greatness is not its material wealth. It is the high tone and quality of its moral and cultural life. A nation's real treasures are those which serve as nutriment to the souls of men. Man was meant for more than a job - whether that job pay three or three hundred dollars a day. Man is born to enjoy the fullness of life, to enrich and cultivate his mind, to sensitize his being to beauty, to adventure in the realms of the spirit. Industry must not so completely monopolize his energies and cripple him as to leave him unfit for this fuller life. It must neither standardize him nor consume him. It must not usurp his life.

"Why The Liberal Carries on"
for Nat'l Child Labor Committee

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December 18, 1929.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I wish to thank you on behalf of the officers and trustees of the National Child Labor Committee for your kindness in attending our anniversary conference and for the splendid talk which you gave at our dinner meeting.

We realize that it is asking a good deal of a busy person to come to New York and give us of their time, but we feel that the interest aroused by your talk will result in a very definite strengthening of the sentiment throughout the country against child exploitation and in favor of increased educational opportunities.

May I again express my regret that due to the definite hour for the radio connection to broadcast the governor's speech it seemed necessary to shorten your talk? We were a little behind the schedule when your talk began, and yet were under the necessity of having the governor start at 10.30. I trust that you will understand how this happened and how extremely sorry we are that it occurred.

We desire of course to meet the expenses which you incurred in connection with your talk. May we not ask you for a statement of the amount?

Very sincerely yours,

Samuel McCune Lindsay
Samuel McCune Lindsay,
Chairman.

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December 21, 1929

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am returning to you under separate cover the two
photographs which you kindly sent for our use in connection with the
Committee's Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Conference.

We appreciate very much your courtesy in allowing us
to use these photographs.

Very truly yours,

Gertrude Folks Zimand

Gertrude Folks Zimand
Director, Research and Publicity

Dec. 26th, 1929.

Mr. Samuel McCune Lindsey,
National Child Labor Committee,
215 Fourth Ave., New York.

My dear Mr. Lindsey:-

Permit me to thank you for your
kind letter of Dec. 18th.

I need not tell you that I appreciated
the courtesy of the National Child Labor Committee in inviting
me to participate in its Twenty-fifth Anniversary program.
I regret of course that the crowded program compelled me
at the last moment to curtail my address and to deliver it
under a certain strain. I understand, however, fully the
unusual conditions which prevailed.

My traveling expenses amounted to \$50.

With kindest regards and wishing you
continued success in your great service, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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January 8, 1930

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

We are planning to print the proceedings of our twenty-fifth anniversary conference which was held at the Hotel Roosevelt last December. A stenotyped report was taken of the talks and I am enclosing a copy of yours in order that you may make any corrections or additions that you care to. Due to the time limit on the speeches, I know that some material which had been prepared was not included in the talks as given.

We have had many requests for these talks and in order not to delay their publication too long, may I ask whether if we have not heard from you by Monday, January 20th, we may assume that your copy is correct in its present form. We, of course, will read it over carefully for typographical errors and make any editorial changes necessary in transferring a spoken speech to a printed article.

Very sincerely yours,

Gertrude Folks Zimand

Gertrude Folks Zimand, Director
Research and Publicity

Jan. 15th, 1930

Gertrude Folks Zimand, Director
Research and Publicity,
National Child Labor Committee,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Miss Zimand:-

I am enclosing herewith a corrected
copy of the address which I delivered before the 25th
anniversary celebration of the National Child Labor
Committee.

I trust that you will find it satisfactory.

With kindest regards, permit me
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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January 28, 1930

Miss Irene Rothenberg,
Secretary to Rabbi Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th Street at Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Miss Rothenberg:

I hope you will excuse my delay in answering
your letter of January 21st addressed to Dr. Lindsay.

We did have two photographs of Rabbi Silver
which we sent to the newspapers and we have made every effort
to recover them but so far have been unsuccessful. As you
undoubtedly know, newspapers have a habit of hanging on to
photographs for their "morgue" so that another time they have
them on hand.

I am very sorry about it and of course would
be very glad to reimburse you for the cost of the photographs.

Sincerely yours,

Gertrude Folks Zimand
Gertrude Folks Zimand, Director
Research and Publicity

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November 4, 1932

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple, East 105th Street & Ansel Rd
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am very anxious to have your consent to signing the statement "A National Foundation in a Time of Stress" which I sent you on October 28th. We should like to be prepared to issue this at an appropriate time after the election and I am counting on your signature to add much weight to it.

May we hear from you within the next few days?

Sincerely yours,

Courtenay Dinwiddie
Courtenay Dinwiddie
General Secretary

CD:HR

November 7th, 1932.

National Child Labor Committee,
331 Fourth Avenue,
New York City.

Att: Courtney Dinwiddie

Gentlemen:-

I beg to advise you that Rabbi Silver is now in Europe on a sabbatical year and therefore will be unable to comply with the request made in your letter of November 4th.

Very sincerely yours,

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H. A. LEVY