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National Labor Committee for the Jewish Workers in Palestine,  
1934.



# Hotel Doanbrooke

105TH STREET JUST NORTH OF EUCLID AVENUE

Cleveland, Ohio



April 15, 1934

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I want you to believe me that I write this in the spirit of sincere friendship. I do not hesitate to admit that your provocation by the recent Weisgal incident was entirely justified. Yet I feel that for the sake of Labor Palestine you should make a personal sacrifice and not withdraw your name as speaker at our dinner on April 29. Publicity has been given out already. Letters have been mailed in which you have been announced as speaker. I am sure that you appreciate the fact that it was quite impossible for us to tell Friedland that we did not want him after he was once asked to serve as chairman.

In the name of Labor Palestine, in the name of Joseph Springzak, I ask you to reconsider your withdrawal. By so doing you will defeat your enemies and make your self even bigger.

Sincerely yours  
Samuel M. Schmidt



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April 17, 1934.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
C/O The Temple, Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I want to confess quite frankly that I personally am very much disappointed that the recent Weisgal affair should have caused a misunderstanding between us. I consider myself one of your loyal friends and supporters of many years standing and it is most regrettable that a stranger like Weisgal can come in our midst and create such disturbance.

I assure you that I appreciate your own feeling in the matter and for that reason I believe that you realize that my position is not enviable.

Regardless of my own feelings in this whole affair, I had to, because of the committee and for the sake of the work itself, follow the course which I took. Mr. Friedland was invited by us to act as chairman even before the Weisgal matter came up. The committee found it therefore impossible to withdraw Friedland's name, since by so doing it would plunge our work in this controversy.

I had hoped that our long standing friendship and your great interest in our work and friendship for Sprinzak might move you to make a personal sacrifice on this occasion. I thought that a man as great as you are, could afford to make a personal sacrifice, without endangering your prestige. That is why I felt that I could prevail upon you not to withdraw your name as speaker.

I hope that this incident will not spoil our relationship in the future.

Very sincerely yours,

*Dr. I. Milcoff*



April 18, 1934.

Dr. I. Milcoff,  
202 Ten Thousand Euclid Bldg.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Milcoff:

Let me thank you for your letter of  
April 17th.

I wish to assure you that I have no feeling  
of unfriendliness toward you or toward your Committee.  
I realize your position in the matter fully. However,  
I believe that in justice to me, you ought to tell  
your Committee that it was you who first broached  
the subject to me and that it was on your initiative  
that the subject of who shall speak at the Sprinzak  
meeting and who shall not, was considered.

With kindest regards, I remain

Very sincerely yours,



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

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I was very happy to receive your letter of the 18th. It is a great satisfaction for me to know that you have no feeling of unfriendliness towards us.

You are absolutely right when you say that it was I who first broached the subject as to who shall speak at the dinner, and I have so informed my committee from the first. The reason I spoke to you about it was because somebody told me that you would prefer not to appear on the same program with certain individuals and I was anxious to please you. I agreed to it before consulting with my committee. It was after talking over the matter with my committee that it was decided that we cannot tell Fiedland that we do not want him after having invited him. Our work would have been endangered by such a move. I realize now that I might have avoided all this by not broaching the subject in the first place.

It is because of my great esteem for you and for the lofty position which you occupy in our efforts for Labor Palestine that I dare appeal to you once more to forgo your reluctance in appearing on the same programme with someone whom you would otherwise prefer to avoid. Dare I hope for your favorable reply?

Respectfully yours,

*Dr. Milcoff*



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Postal Telegraph

NATL LABOR COMMITTEE FOR PALESTINE HAMLIN SECTY.



May 25, 1934.

Mr. Joseph Sprinzak,  
Hotel McAlpin,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Sprinzak:

I should very much like to come to the national conference of the leagues on the 29th and 30th of this month. Unfortunately I cannot get away. I am scheduled to be in New York on the 2nd and 3rd of June and between now and then I must remain in Cleveland. I trust that you will have a very successful conference and that much good will come out of it.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK