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Navy Civilian Advisory Committee, 1946-1947.

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY'S
CIVILIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

19 July 1946

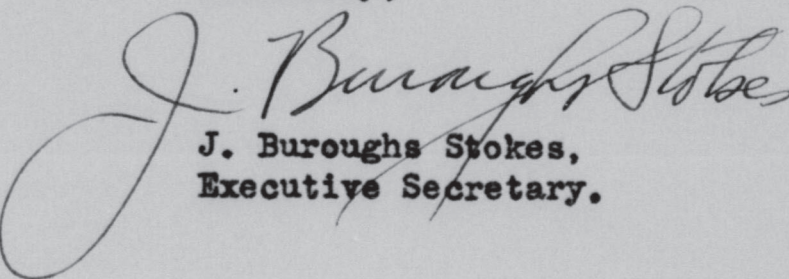
My dear Rabbi Silver:

At a regional meeting of the Civilian Advisory Committee held at the Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Illinois on 15-16 June, a subcommittee composed of all the clergy who are members of the Civilian Advisory Committee was designated to make a study to ascertain from naval chaplains what they think about their work and to make suggestions for improving their services which they render to the Navy. Bishop Oxnam was selected as Chairman of this subcommittee.

Bishop Oxnam desires a meeting of this subcommittee to convene in room 3032, Navy Department, Washington, D. C. at 10:30 on Wednesday, September 25, 1946.

It is hoped that you will be able to attend this meeting at which very important matters will be discussed. If you can attend, please advise me as soon as possible so that necessary arrangements for your transportation to and from the meeting may be made.

Sincerely,


J. Burroughs Stokes,
Executive Secretary.

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

Navy Committee

July 23, 1946

Dr. J. Buroughs Stokes
Executive Secretary
The Secretary of the Navy's
Civilian Advisory Committee
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Stokes:

I have your letter of July 19, addressed to Rabbi Silver, in which you advise him of a meeting of a subcommittee of the Civilian Advisory Committee which is to convene in Washington on Wednesday, September 25.

I deeply regret to advise you that it will be quite impossible for Dr. Silver to attend that meeting on that day. In the evening of that day the Holyday Services for New Year will begin, and will necessitate him being in his pulpit that evening.

Sincerely yours,

HARRY A. LEVY
Executive Secretary

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HEADQUARTERS
NINTH NAVAL DISTRICT
GREAT LAKES, ILLINOIS

31 July 1946

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

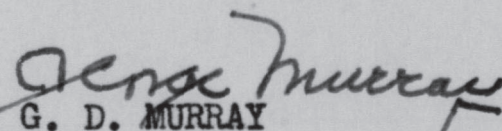
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I note with pleasure that you have been an active member of the Secretary of the Navy's Civilian Advisory Committee and your interest and effort in behalf of the naval service is greatly appreciated.

In order to make it possible for you to become better acquainted with the Navy in your vicinity a list of nearby naval establishments is enclosed. You are urged to feel free to visit any of these stations at your convenience. Should you desire to communicate direct with the Officer-in-Charge of the naval activity prior to your visit the addresses of these officers have been included in the above mentioned list. However, this is by no means necessary.

I hope that you will have opportunity to visit these Ninth Naval District activities in order that you may gain added experience to share with the committee in future meetings. I also trust that your work on this committee will be as interesting to you personally as it is helpful to the Navy.

Very sincerely,


G. D. MURRAY
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy
Commandant, Ninth Naval District

HEADQUARTERS
NINTH NAVAL DISTRICT
GREAT LAKES, ILLINOIS

List of Naval Establishments in the Vicinity
of Cleveland, Ohio

Officer in Charge
U. S. Naval Reserve Armory
Bayview Park
Toledo, Ohio

Professor of Naval Science and Tactics
Naval R.O.T.C. Unit
Ohio State University
Columbus 10, Ohio
(Telephone University 3148)

Professor of Naval Science and Tactics
Naval R.O.T.C. Unit
Miami University
Oxford, Ohio
(Telephone 727)

Commanding Officer
U. S. Naval Ordnance Plant
Raff Road
Canton 1, Ohio
(Telephone 30171)

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

30 September 1946

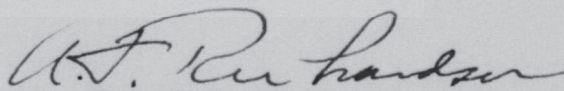
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple, East 105th Street and Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I enclose two copies of the Minutes of the meeting of the Subcommittee on Religion and Morals of the Secretary of the Navy's Civilian Advisory Committee, held in Washington, September 25th.

I join with the members of the Subcommittee in regretting that you were unable to be present at this very interesting meeting, and I am looking forward to the pleasure of seeing you soon.

Sincerely,


A. F. Richardson,
Commander, U. S. Navy,
Liaison Officer for the
Civilian Advisory Committee.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON RELIGION AND MORALS OF THE
SECRETARY OF THE NAVY'S CIVILIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WASHINGTON, D. C. - SEPTEMBER 25, 1946.

Members of the Subcommittee:

Right Reverend G. Bromley Oxnam, Chairman;
Reverend J. M. Dawson, D. D.;
Right Reverend Monsignor E. J. Flanagan;
Reverend J. Hugh O'Donnell, CSC;
Father Edward V. Stanford.

Representatives of the Navy Department:

Rear Admiral W. N. Thomas, (ChC) USN;
Commander A. F. Richardson, USN;
Commander George A. Rosso, (ChC) USN.

The Subcommittee on Religion and Morals of the Secretary of the Navy's Civilian Advisory Committee met in the Navy Department at 10:30 a.m. on 25 September 1946. Bishop Scarlett was at the last minute prevented from attending.

Consideration was given to the many implications of religion and morals insofar as the men of the Navy are concerned. It was concluded that the following interim report from the Subcommittee should be submitted to the Secretary of the Navy's Civilian Advisory Committee.

REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON RELIGION AND MORALS OF THE
SECRETARY OF THE NAVY'S CIVILIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Believing that the Religious and Moral development of naval personnel is fully as important as their physical development and mental training, the Subcommittee on Religion and Morals of the Secretary of the Navy's Civilian Advisory Committee makes the following interim recommendations:

1. That priority be given to the construction of suitable chapels at all naval establishments, and that where there is a permanent installation with permanent buildings, the chapel should be of the same character.
2. That on shipboard adequate office space be provided for the Chaplain where he can carry on counselling work with reasonable privacy; that improved facilities be provided for holding divine services. That more adequate provision be made for a crew's recreation room, particularly in the larger ships, which could be made available for holding divine services by building an altar into an alcove covered by a folding door.

3. That religious work is the primary duty of the Chaplain and that he should not be given collateral duties which would curtail or interfere with this; and that he should have competent assistants. (The Committee was pleased to learn that a Chaplains' Manual is in preparation which will clarify his duties and the scope of his responsibilities).

4. That in the training of officers, the Navy should emphasize the importance of the Chaplain's duties and the importance of cooperating with him; that the responsibilities, particularly of the Commanding Officers, for the religious and moral welfare of their men should also be emphasized. (The Committee noted with considerable satisfaction that the Navy Department is already engaged in the preparation of recommendations for emphasizing to officers the importance of the Chaplain's responsibilities).

5. That a change be made in existing legislation to make it possible for the Navy to provide a Chaplain for each eight hundred men.

The Committee expressed interest and concern as to the methods of handling the moral problems in connection with the V. D. program of the Navy and asks for information as to what steps are being taken effectively to handle this matter.

The Committee congratulates the Navy upon inaugurating a policy to provide opportunities for post-graduate studies for Chaplains after five or more years of service.

In conclusion, the Committee expressed its convictions that further investigation and studies are needed in this important area.

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY'S
CIVILIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

18 November 1946

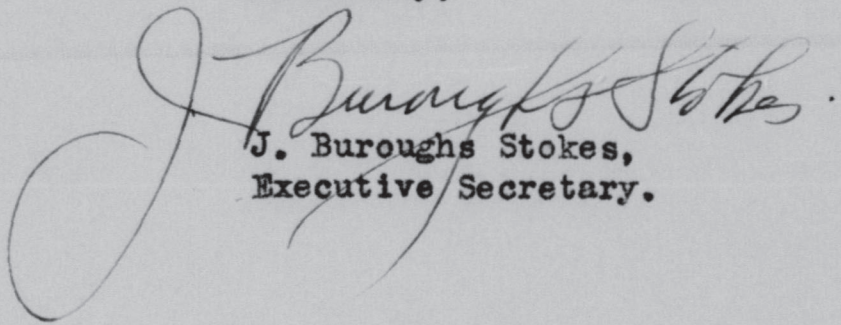
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th Street and Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Sub-committee on Religion and Morals of the Civilian Advisory Committee has been asked to consider a report which has been submitted by the Sub-committee on Health. A special meeting for this purpose has been tentatively called by Bishop Oxnam, Chairman of the Sub-committee on Religion and Morals, for Wednesday, December 18. The meeting, if agreeable to the members, will be held in the Navy Department, Room 3032, at 10:30 a.m.

Kindly inform me whether or not you will be able to attend this meeting as well as your transportation needs.

Sincerely,



J. Burroughs Stokes,
Executive Secretary.

November 19, 1946

Mr. J. Burroughs Stokes
Executive Secretary
The Secretary of the Navy's
Civilian Advisory Committee
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Stokes:

Thank you for your kind letter of November 18th,
inviting me to the meeting of the Sub-committee on
Religion and Morals of the Civilian Advisory
Committee on December 18th.

I should have been happy to come, but I am leaving
for Europe towards the end of this month and will
not return before the 1st of the year.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:GR

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON

6 February 1947

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In March of nineteen forty-six, you, along with sixty-four other outstanding citizens representing various fields of endeavor from all sections of the country, agreed to serve as a member of the Civilian Advisory Committee to assist the Navy in working out some of its post-war problems.

The Report of the Committee which, I am sure, will be of value in making life in the post-war Navy more interesting, instructive and attractive, particularly for the enlisted man, has now been received. The work of the Committee has been completed and is hereby dissolved.

Your continued interest in this Service as evidenced by your willingness to serve as a member of the Advisory Committee is solicited. If, at any time, naval matters come to your attention about which you think I should be informed, I hope that you will not hesitate to advise me.

Please accept my sincere thanks for serving as a member of the Committee.

Sincerely,

James Houshal

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
OFFICE OF PUBLIC RELATIONS
WASHINGTON

23 April 1947

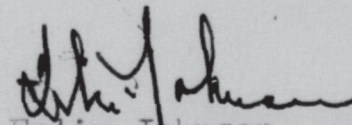
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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am enclosing a copy of "U. S. Navy War
Photographs" which I am sure you will find interesting.

Copies of this book are distributed to Naval
personnel who are being demobilized as a reminder of a
job well done. I hope that the copy I am sending will
remind you that the Navy is grateful to you for your
services as a member of the Civilian Advisory Committee.
Your continued interest in the service will be
appreciated.

Sincerely,



Felix Johnson
Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy
Director of Public Relations

April 25, 1947

Rear Admiral Felix Johnson
Director of Public Relations
U. S. Navy
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Permit me to thank you for your kindness
in sending me a copy of "U. S. Navy War Photographs."
I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Permit me to assure you that I stand ready
at all times to render whatever service I can to the
Navy.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK