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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Aix-Les-Bain, France

Dear Abba:

How goes it? I hope you have had an enjoyable crossing and that you are really relaxing. I trust also that you will find the hotel as attractive as we have all described it to you.

Sorry I could not see you off. I went down to the pier that morning but "shlemil" that I am, I could not get on board. Perhaps I should have slipped one of the guards a little bribe, but I have always been very awkward about such things. I did have a report from Sidney Marks.

Things here have been pretty quiet, punctuated occasionally with quite minor excitements.

Just what Frisch has accomplished in Israel, I still don't know, except that I gather the ZOA House project has been set under way. I understand that he has seen you and must have told you all about his talk with B-G and others. Some of his colleagues on his "Commission" came back, apparently disappointed with his conduct there, but I have not talked with them personally and haven't gotten the details.

There were going to be meetings of the Executive Committee and the Administrative Council of the ZOA, the week-end of August 6 and 7, but this morning I noticed the meetings have been postponed to August 20 and 21.

Trude-Rosmarin had a miserable article in the last issue of her paper on ^{the} Rifkind Report in which she attributed some of our recommendations to our lust for power, etc.. On my instigation, Margoshes ripped into her in his column, doing a magnificent job.

Today's "Day" contained an excellent editorial attacking "Montor", (who is in Israel) for blaming the American Zionists for the disappointing results of the campaign. I am enclosing the editorial. I am going to suggest that a little campaign be started to show up Montor and his group. As you probably know, Morgenthau and Montor have both resigned from the PEC, and with them have resigned Goldenberg, Rothberg and Wenetsky. I learned from Szold and Julius Simon that they were greatly disappointed with this group

who have not put any money into the corporation. But Montor wanted to run the show, and as Szold put it, "intrigued with Morgenthau who doesn't know what it is all about". The same Chassidim have apparently not contributed substantially to the UJA either, this year. All this ought to be shown up in due course. Neither has the plan of community representation in the UPA been implemented, to this day. Indeed Montor has been having a row with representatives of community funds, because of their desire to include capital investments in their 1949 allocations. What a picture!

Thanks for sending your instructions to Abe Goodman. Believe it or not, I have actually begun writing my book and intend to press forward with it. A great incentive is your repeated prediction that I will never write it. I will have my revenge!

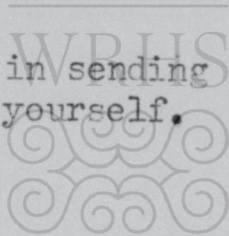
We are enjoying our place in Mt. Kisco very much, though I have been commuting thus far, quite regularly. I have even secured a fishing license ~~and~~ ^{and} go out on the lake, without a rod, but with all the receptiveness of a fisherman and that "oceanic feeling" that you get on the water.

Fan joins me in sending affectionate regards to Virginia, as well as yourself.

As ever,

Yours,

Emanuel



Air Mail

3rd August, 1949.

Mr. Emanuel Maumann,
521 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, U.S.A.

My dear Emanuel,

Thank you for your letter of July 28th, which I read with much interest.

I am glad that you are enjoying your Summer at Mont Kisce. We like it here very much, although it has been very hot. Virginia has been taking some medical treatments here, and I have been vegetating under a grand manner.

I saw Daniel Frich in Paris; nothing much to report. He seemed to be a little put out about his reception in Israel. He did not get any charter and did not achieve unity between the groups of the General Zionists.

I had a long talk with him about making project of his administration along the lines that I spoke of at the Convention, otherwise the Organization will die on his hands for lack of having any impressive and challenging purpose to serve. He has not got over his prejudices against the Corporation, whatever the causes might be, but I think that he is prepared for a new orientation. He should be seen soon after his return and a careful plan worked out in advance of the meeting of the Administrative Committee.

He is firm in his opposition to the Confederation and is determined to pull the Z.O.A. out of it; in this, he should be encouraged; but he should be advised to prepare his friends in the Administration beforehand, so that when the show-down comes, as it will have to come, with Goldstein and his followers, he will not be defeated.

I had one or two pleasant meetings with Naditch, in Paris, and with Mr. Salomon, whom you probably know from Israel, an industrialist who has an intelligent understanding of the whole political and economic situation.

Virginia joins me in sending our love to you and Fan.

As ever yours,