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September 21, 1935,

Rabbi A.H. Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio,

Dear Rabbi Silver:

During your absence from the city, a great deal of excitement arose when, following the latest anti-Jewish outbreaks in Germany, the local Yiddish news papers, led by Leon Wiesenfeld, convoked a conference of delegates representing the various Jewish organizations of the city, to plan for a huge mass meeting in the Public Auditorium to protest against the Nazi discriminations.

The call to attend this conference came exclusively through the columns of these Yiddish publications (World, Forward and Freiheit). A few days before the scheduled date of the conference, Mr Wiesenfeld phoned me and Mr Kollin as officers of the American Jewish Congress and invited us to sponsor the meeting jointly with the Jewish Labor Committee. As this conference was consonant with a similar gathering held in New York, Boston, Chicago and other communities, under A.J.C. auspices, we consented, although I objected to the manner in which the conference had been called, pointing out that only those who had the good fortune of reading those worthy Yiddish journals had notice of the meeting - and it was then too late to use other methods of notification.

However, the conference assembled and more than 300 delegates representing 82 Jewish organizations attended. Mr Kollin presided, and despite the fact that the meeting was packed with radicals, it was very orderly and dignified. Following some addresses, resolutions which I had prepared, were adopted. I enclose the Plain Dealer article concerning the gathering.

As with few exceptions the delegates were representative of only one segment of local Jewry, I suggested that before any further procedure was taken regarding the proposed mass meeting, ~~until~~ the views of such leaders as E.M. Baker, Eugene Wolf, Louis Bing, Max Simon, Mrs Sigmund Herzog, et al., should be first obtained. Accordingly, these and about fifteen additional men and women were invited to a luncheon meeting at the Hollenden to discuss the problem. Louis Bing, speaking for himself and Mr Baker, objected to a mass meeting, and similar sentiments were voiced by Mr Simon and others. As a result, the meeting adjourned without any definite action being taken.

Then followed a series of articles and editorials in the Jewish World, denouncing those who opposed the mass meeting and attacking Mr Kollin for not obeying the "mandate" of the conference of the 82 organizations by immediately organizing the protest meeting.

In order to determine whether or not these delegates would still favor a mass meeting despite the opposition of the "Hollenden group," it was decided to call a second conference - again through the medium of the Yiddish papers.

A group of "left-wingers" led by Mr Bendoff of the Freiheit, demanded

the immediate calling of the protest meeting, and a motion to that effect was made and seconded. A substitute motion was offered by way of an amendment providing that the entire question be referred to a committee of 25 or more. The latter motion prevailed, and a committee of 55, comprising a fair cross-section of the Jewish community, was appointed.

Mr Kollin, who had been acting as chairman of these meetings, left town for several weeks (probably suffering a breakdown from the verbal bombardments he was then receiving) and I was asked to act as chairman in his stead. Only a few of the reformed element on the committee of 55, attended its meeting. The sentiment of those who expressed their views was overwhelmingly for the protest meeting, but Eugene Wolf and Sidney Weitz sponsored a motion that the question be again referred - this time to a smaller committee consisting equally of those who represented the views of those who attended the Hollenden meeting, and those who favored action. As chairman, I appointed a committee of 26 in compliance with Mr Wolf's motion and this group assembled at the Temple. Among those who attended were Mr Wolf, Sidney Weitz, Louis Bing, Max Simon, Mrs Herzog, Mrs Benj. Levine, Mrs Emil Brudno, Elmer Scheuer, Henry Rucker, and Philmore J. Haber - in addition to the sponsors of the original conference.

After much discussion the committee approved the following plan which I suggested as a compromise between the mass meeting advocates and those who wished to maintain a discreet silence:

The calling of a city-wide conference of representative leaders of Jews, Catholics, Protestants, labor, the Masons and other groups opposed to the Nazi policies. This conference is to concern itself with the intensifying of the economic boycott, and with the endeavor to bring about America's withdrawal from participation in the Olympic Games scheduled to be held in Berlin next year.

I appointed a small committee to lay the plans for this conference, but it was informally agreed at the meeting that no definite action be taken until you and Rabbi Brickner returned and were consulted regarding the matter.

In the meantime, however, at the request of New York headquarters of the American Jewish Congress, I personally undertook to do some preliminary work regarding the Olympics question. By reason of my former editorial connections with the Press and the Plain Dealer, I was able to prevail upon Stuart Bell, sports editor of the Press, to turn over his column to me for a day, to discuss this matter. (I enclose the article) I believe I will be able to do the same with the other newspapers.

But more important, I contacted James Lee, the Cleveland representative of the American Amateur Athletic Union who will be the local delegate to the U.S. Olympics Committee which convenes in New York in December to pass final judgment on the question of America's participation. I induced Mr Lee to invite me or any one we may wish to delegate to attend the annual meeting of the Cleveland Committee of the Athletic Union, scheduled for October 7th, and to present a brief supporting the contention that the Cleveland delegate should vote against America's participation in the Berlin Olympics.

I have compiled a great deal of material on the subject, but before preparing this brief, Mr Kollin and I would like to meet and discuss the situation with you. We believe that in view of the nation-wide agitation against the games, America's withdrawal is within the realm of possibility and no opportunity should be lost to bring about this telling blow against Hitlerism, which if accomplished,

would be as effective as an official pronouncement from our government itself.

As there remain only a few days within which to prepare for this October 7th meeting of the local Athletic Union, may I suggest a conference between yourself, Mr Kollin, myself and one or two others who may be helpful in this matter.

Some action must also be taken regarding the Jewish-Gentile conference sanctioned by the committee of 26 a few weeks ago.

I will phone you for your suggestions regarding these questions.

Respectfully yours,

Albert A. Woldman





by **STUART BELL**

Catholics, Jews Target Olympic Ideals Roughed Nazis Might Bar Owens

THE question of Catholic and Jewish athletes appearing in the 1936 Olympic games at Berlin, capital of a nation whose government has waged unmitigated discrimination against these faiths, has become so agitated that this column is being turned over today to Al Woldman, attorney. He says: Dear Mr. Bell:

Jeremiah T. Mahoney, New York, president of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States, has publicly announced that he would vote for the withdrawal of American participation in the 1936 Olympic games scheduled to be held in Germany in 1936, if reports of Nazi discrimination against athletes on religious grounds were confirmed.

The Commonweal, national Catholic weekly, editorially calls for a Catholic boycott of the Berlin Olympiad because "participation in the approaching games means indorsement of willful and violent persecution."

'American Indians Could Be Ruled Out, Too

ANYONE who cares to "confirm" the seemingly endless reports of Germany's violations of the Olympic ideal of fair play and good sportsmanship needs only to refer to the following:

The recent government order dissolving the Deutsche Jugendkraft, a Catholic sports organization.

Numerous discriminating and destructive actions against German organized labor, Catholic youth and liberal groups, which necessarily prevents the athletes of these elements from participating in the international games.

Decree of Sept. 22, 1934, categorically forbidding Jews from participating in sports or exercises in a body.

The application of the "Aryan" paragraph of the German law, if strictly enforced, would exclude the participation of Negro athletes, such as our own Jesse Owens. It would also exclude American Indians, Asiatics and teams from nations whose dominant bloodstreams are not within the German definition of "Aryan."

Barring of Jews from tennis, skiing, cricket and chess clubs and life-savers' associations.

Government order forbidding German-Jewish Maccabee team of 100 athletes to participate in the World Maccabiade in Prague.

"Hagibor," Jewish sports association, declared illegal and its property confiscated.

Ban on Jewish coaches by Nazi student associations.

Edict by Hermann Wilhelm Goering, premier of Prussia, barring "non-Aryan" horsemen from participation in horse shows and tournaments.

Order of the Deutscher Turnverein and affiliates expelling all Jewish members.

Peace-Loving Swiss Already Have Withdrawn

NUMEROUS police orders forbidding the calling of any meeting of any Jewish association, including sports clubs.

Various government edicts imposing on all German Jews humiliating conditions which automatically bar every self-respecting Jew from participation and make it virtually impossible for any self-respecting Jew from any part of the world to enter Germany without subjecting himself to the degradation that would be involved in his participating in the Olympiad either as a contestant or an observer.

Space limitations alone prevent a detailed recital of the entire sordid record.

The holding of the Olympics in a country which has thus trampled upon every standard of civilized conduct is an affront to all humanity and a travesty of the spirit of sportsmanship.

One nation—Switzerland—has already withdrawn from participation. Sports leaders of England, France and Italy are deliberating similar action. Shall liberty-loving America do less?

Silence and inaction at this time are tantamount to an indorsement of the Nazi policy of discrimination and oppression.

You, Mr. Bell, and other sports editors can render a monumental service for the cause of clean sports, decency and fair play by urging and prevailing upon the American Olympic Committee not to send our athletes to the German Olympics until Germany satisfies the world that all and not merely some of the fundamental principles of sport and of the Olympic games have been restored.

Respectfully, Albert A. Woldman

JEWS HERE RALLY TO PROTEST NAZIS

79 Organizations Represented in Resolutions to Congress and President.

Modeling its procedure somewhat after a similar gathering in New York Monday night, the Cleveland Jewish community last night in an emergency conference moved to marshal public sentiment for a national protest against the latest measures of the Hitler regime against the Jews of Germany.

The conference, which was held in Forest City Hall of the Hebrew Benevolent Association, 10512 Hathaway Avenue N. E., was sponsored jointly by the local division of the American Jewish Congress and the Jewish Labor Committee. It was attended by 250 official delegates representing 79 Jewish organizations. Similar conferences are being held in other cities.

In ten-minute addresses, emphasized by applause, A. A. Woldman, executive secretary of the local division of the Jewish Congress; Meyer Weintraub of the Daily Forward, Rabbi David Genuth of the Kinsman Jewish Center, Leo Weisenfeld of the Jewish World, Rabbi Israel Porath of the Oheb Zedek Congregation and David Copland, president of Cleveland Lodge, B'nai B'rith, spoke in favor of six resolutions, which were later passed unanimously, and urged a public demonstration of protest at an early date in Public Hall.

Call on Congress.

These resolutions, substantially the same as those adopted by the New York meeting, called upon Congress and the president to express official condemnation of Nazi treatment of dissenting religious and minority groups, appealed to American citizens to strengthen and extend the economic boycott against Germany, called upon the League of Nations to exercise clauses dealing with abstention of trade agreements and the United States to abrogate existing trade agreements with Germany, urged American refusal to participate in the forthcoming Olympic games at Germany's invitation, asked American educational institutions to refuse further exchange of professors and students from Nazi Germany and urged that all Jewish agencies present a united front in support of these proposals.

Action was taken authorizing the calling of the public meeting of protest, in which Catholic and Protestant organizations are to be invited to participate, as soon as a representative committee can make proper arrangements.

Woldman, Weintraub, Weisenfeld,

Copland, Louis Singer, Joseph Bendoff, A. Resnick, Charles Auerbach and Meyer Adkin were named to help Abraham Kollin, president of the local division of the Jewish Congress, who presided, to nominate and organize this committee.

Kollin read telegrams, originally addressed to the New York meeting, expressing the sympathies of several United States senators and congressmen with the purposes of the meeting, among them messages from Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas, Senator Robert F. Wagner of New York, Senator Edward P. Costigan of Colorado and Senator William E. Borah of Idaho.



C O P Y

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

2737 Devonshire Place
Washington, D.C.
September 22, 1935

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Silver:-

The meeting of the American Olympic officials is only two and a half months away, and yet we Jews have done little or nothing in the way of protests or opposition, which should be reflected at that meeting.

The time is short, and the least we could do is to organize groups in all cities to solicit signatures against American participation in the Olympics on the grounds of discrimination, which is so un-American. There is no hope for any action by Congress. None of them would risk such action during an election year. If we start out now to get ten million signatures, on the order of the Crusaders, and this should be taken up by us as a Crusade, and the only weapon we have at the present time, which we may regret afterward for not having used it, it may have a decided beneficial influence at that meeting for a decision for withdrawal, and may even cause other countries to follow our decision.

As one of the outstanding Jewish leaders in this country, I call upon you to take up the fight now.

Yours very sincerely,

Signed: M. Bernard Shaber

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September 23, 1935

Mr. M. Bernard Shaber,
2737 Devonshire Place,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Shaber:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of September 22 and for your thoughtfulness in writing to me. The subject of the Olympic games is one which is absorbing our attention a great deal and considerable work is being done in all parts of the country in contacting with newspapers, sports editors, officials of athletic organizations, etc., etc. The suggestion which you make about getting up a petition to have ten million signatures has its definite merits. I am sending it on this morning to our head office in New York and am soliciting the opinion of a few people who have been working on this subject.

With all good wishes for the new year, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

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20- West 47th St

September 23, 1935

Mr. Ge E. Harriman,
Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Harriman:

I am enclosing herewith a letter which I received this morning from Mr. Shaber of Washington, D.C. There seems to be some merit in his suggestion of a petition. Take the matter up with the people with whom you have ^{been} contacting regarding the Olympic games and keep me informed of the progress in this connection.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Doctor Silver:

As we wired you last night in answer to your telegram, we received the following communication from Mr. Albert M. Greenfield after I had tried continuously for three days to get in touch with him by phone or personally:

Dear Mr. Harriman:

I have your letter of September 19th and regret that the pressure of matters here in the past few days have prevented my speaking to you when you telephoned.

It is rather late for me to attempt to contact His Eminence as he is probably at the Eucharistic Congress. However, I hope to be able to speak to Cardinal Daugherty on the subject of your communication, upon his return to the City.

(Signed) Albert M. Greenfield

I do believe that Greenfield will do what he can and I certainly shall keep after him to work on Cardinal Daugherty.

We are in the midst of a great many activities which comprise the following: We are as you know, sending out a quarter of a million appeals to the Hebrew Congregations during the High Holy Days. Already some 250 Synagogues have been contacted and their Presidents have agreed to distribute the appeal letters. As of this morning, the Synagogues represent 190,000 seat holders. It looks as if we should have a good representation by the time the job is finished.

Also, in connection with the Olympics, we are distributing 100,000 business reply cards at the Yankee Stadium tonight, prior to the Louis-Baer fight. These cards read as follows: Read - Sign- Mail I am against the participation of American athletes in the Berlin Olympics in 1936. Then there is a check space offering further information and room for signature and address of the recipient.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver - continued.

We should secure some very good names for solicitation from this distribution.

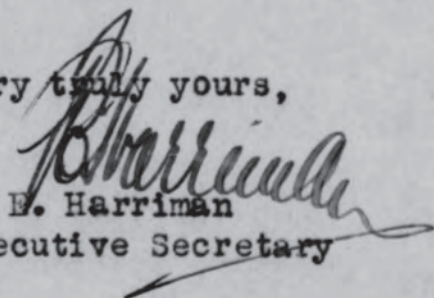
Of course, you know about the Eucharistic Congress pamphlet which you have undoubtedly seen but of which I am sending you a further copy, just in case.

Now, all this brings me up to the main point. These activities which are, I believe, in line with what you have advised and what you think is right, cost a great deal of money. The High Holy Days appeal has meant an investment of approximately \$1100.00, this including printing, folding, distribution, etc. etc. The Stadium card project has cost, or will cost, around \$250.00. As a result our funds are getting desperately low, and the Executive Committee have asked me to approach you to see if you cannot help us out. Of course, this money spent is largely in the form of an investment. It seems incredible if an appeal to one quarter million people should not produce returns. If only five out every hundred answer our appeal, and this is certainly not a high figure, we should receive 12500 contributions. But in the meantime we are absolutely strapped and if you can send us some money to tide us over until we start getting back some of our investment, you will be helping us tremendously.

You realize, of course, that at the moment it is absolutely impossible to go to Mr. Untermeyer. He is in such a state of mind that it is hard to say what he might do were he again approached for funds. This is the consensus of opinion of the Executive Committee as well as my own and you will remember that we decided at our meeting last week that if we are to do things on our own and really get somewhere we will have to do it without Mr. Untermeyer's financial assistance. I need not tell you why.

With all good wishes,

Very truly yours,


G. B. Harriman
Executive Secretary

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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My dear Doctor Silver;

Thank you for your letter of September 23rd together with letter from Mr. M. Bernard Shaber of Washington.

Curiously enough, a committee is in formation under the name of the "Move the Olympic Committee", which is preparing to circularize such a petition as Mr. Shaber suggests. I think such a petition might be useful, certainly cannot be harmful. I feel more strongly than ever, however, that there should be a co-ordination of the many groups and committees working against American participation, for unless there is some sort of coordination and some plan by which each committee carries out a definite series of functions, there is bound to be a most harmful duplication and overlapping of effort. Will you let me know if you agree with me on this point, although I am fairly certain that you do.

With all good wishes, believe me

Sincerely yours,

G. E. Harriman
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September 27, 1935.

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

Dear Doctor Silver:

You may remember that I mentioned while you were in New York, the fact that our group in Pittsburgh is very anxious to arrange a big public meeting in the interest of the boycott during the latter part of October.

We have now received word from Mr. Oscar Robins, who, although a member of the Administrative Board of the Jewish Congress is actively affiliated with the Anti-Nazi Boycott Council, a group representing various Jewish and non-Jewish interests, that such a meeting is proposed for October 22nd and 23rd. The group arranging the meeting is especially anxious to secure your cooperation. May I ask you, therefore, to write to Mr. Oscar Robins 2542 Beechwood Blvd., Pittsburgh, Pa, as to whether you can be present to speak on either date suggested. I am sure such a speech will be tremendously helpful to our cause and may have very far reaching results in the Pittsburgh and Tri-State region.

With all good wishes for a Happy New Year, believe me

Sincerely yours,

G. E. Harriman
Executive Secretary

GEH:BZ

September 30, 1935

Mr. G.E. Harriman, Executive Secretary,
Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League,
20 West 47th St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Harriman:

The Paramount is showing newsreels of Nazi Germany. I saw one last night - pictures of the Nuremburg Congress. Up until recently the newsreels consistently omitted German pictures. Why did they change their policy? Has any representation been made to them?

What response did the New York exhibitors get from the moving picture people who are propagating the Olympic games?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. Of course I am in hearty agreement with you that there should be an early coordination of all the groups and committees that are working against our participation in the Olympic games and that some unified plan be agreed upon.

October 1, 1935

Mr. G. E. Harriman, Exec. Secretary,
Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League,
20 West 47th St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Harriman:

I received a form letter today from the "Move the Olympics Committee", 170 Broadway, signed by Samuel K. Maccabee, Chairman, containing the information that "Fair-Play Petitions" are to be circulated to procure five to ten million signatures against holding the Olympic games in Berlin. Is this your group? Please let me know at once and I shall start the wheels moving in this part of the country.

Very cordially,

AHS:BK

October 1, 1935

Mr. M. Bernard Shaber,
2737 Devonshire Place,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Shaber:

It might interest you to know that a committee has now been organized in New York called "Move the Olympics Committee" offices at 170 Broadway, which is launching a Fair-Play Petition to procure five to ten million signatures throughout the country against holding the Olympics in Berlin.

I would suggest that you contact with the organization so that you might take the leadership in organizing your part of the country to procure these signatures.

With all good wishes for a happy new year, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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Dear Doctor Silver:

With reference to your letter of September 30th and October 1st, both of which reached us today:

Regarding the first, we are going after the Paramount people through the Independent Theater Owners Association, Inc., a group of exhibitors of which Mr. Louis Myers is a director. They will bring pressure upon the Paramount people as they have already done in the case of the Olympic film. I understand that the Paramount people returned a rather evasive answer to the exhibitors regarding the Olympic film, but under our direction they are going further in order to force the Paramount people to stop the practice of showing German news-reels. Paramount's excuse is that they do not show propaganda but merely news pictures which are comparable to news published in any newspaper. There is a certain amount of truth in their statement for as recently as Sunday last, the New York Times published a picture of the open air theater being built in connection with the Olympics and surely one cannot accuse the New York Times of publishing Nazi propaganda. However, if the exhibitors take a determined stand that they will not show these German reels thereby letting Paramount know how they feel in the matter a good effect may be achieved.

With reference to your letter of October 1st, regarding the "Move the Olympics Committee" of which Mr. Maccabee is Chairman, this is not our Committee, which will function under the name of the Fair Play In Sports Committee. However, as

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver - continued.

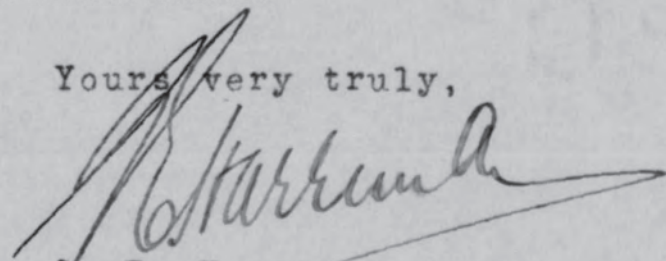
our Committee does not intend to distribute petitions and as the Maccabee Committee may be able to do some good work along these lines, I believe that it will be most helpful to them if you can aid them in their distribution work in your district. Of course, Doctor, one point must be stressed. These petitions should not bear purely Jewish names. In fact, if it were possible to distribute them very widely in Catholic districts and among the labor people, it would be decidedly helpful. By that I do not suggest for a moment that no Jewish names should go on them, but I do think non-Jewish names should be particularly sought.

I may tell you that the Fair Play in Sports Committee has approached some 100 of the most prominent men in this country to join them and I am very hopeful as to its prospects. I will keep you fully informed as to its progress.

By the way, you have not as yet let me know if we can expect help through your organization or Cleveland friends. We do really need money badly and I do trust that you have been able to do something for us.

With all good wishes,

Yours very truly,



G. E. Harriman
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Doctor Silver:

We are working on the next issue of the Bulletin and wonder if you can find time to give us an editorial. We have not had one from you for such a long time that we would very much like to print one if you can give it to us. If you can, will you let us have it by the end of next week at the latest?

Thanking you in anticipation and with very kindest regards,

Very truly yours,

G. E. Harriman
Executive Secretary

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October 8, 1935

Mr. G. E. Harriman, Executive Secretary,
Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League,
20 West 47th St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Harriman:

I am enclosing herewith an editorial
for the next issue of the Economic Bulletin.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK
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October 9, 1935,

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Doctor Silver:

We understand that you will be in New York on October 21st to address the Hadassah. We are very anxious indeed to hold an Executive Meeting on that date so as to have the benefit of your advice and counsel. Could you let me know at your very earliest, please, where and at what time it would suit you to meet our group.

I wrote you several days ago regarding an editorial for our forthcoming issue of the Bulletin. I trust that you have had time to prepare a few hundred words as, as I pointed out before, it has been a long time since an editorial of yours has appeared in our publication.

With all good wishes,

Very truly yours,

G. E. Harriman
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October 11, 1935.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Doctor Silver:

I thank you for the editorial received yesterday.
It is very fine indeed.

I hope we shall hear from you shortly as to where
and what time you can meet our committee on October
21st.

We understand from Mr. Robins of Pittsburgh that you
have accepted the engagement to speak for the Anti-
Nazi groups in Pittsburgh on November 6th. Thank
you, dear Doctor, for this cooperation as well.

With all good wishes,

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Very truly yours,

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October 11, 1935.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Doctor Silver:

This will acknowledge your letter of October 10th together with a resolution passed by the Cuyahoga Council of the American Legion which may prove quite useful.

Thanking you for sending it to us, I am

Sincerely yours,

G. E. Harriman
Executive Secretary

GEH:BZ

October 14, 1935

Mr. G. E. Harriman, Executive Secretary,
Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League,
20 West 47th St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Harriman:

Someone showed me the enclosed clipping of the New York Times. It would be of interest to trace the name of the company which ordered the ten dirigibles and to publicize the fact.

I shall be in New York next Monday. I have an address at noon at the Commodore and in the evening I shall speak at the Brooklyn Jewish Center. I may have an hour for a conference with you in the afternoon. Please get in touch with me Monday morning.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

October 15, 1935

Mr. G. E. Harriman, Executive Secretary,
Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League,
20 West 47th St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Harriman:

There has been complaint registered in our office that the local branch of Sears-Roebuck has been carrying German-made goods. I know that their name is on the list of our Economic League. Have you had any correspondence with the national office, particularly with Mr. Lessing Rosenwald? I understand he is chairman of the Board and that he is active in Jewish affairs. Please give me this information.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially,

AHS:BK

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

In behalf of the Anti-Nazi Boycott Council of Pittsburgh, I wish to express our deep appreciation of your kindness in agreeing to address the public meeting to be held at the Carnegie Music Hall in Pittsburgh, Wednesday evening, November 5th, to promote the cancellation of American participation in the Olympic games in Berlin, and to strengthen the boycott of Nazi German goods.

Sincerely yours,

S. L. Fuss
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October 17, 1935.

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

My dear Doctor Silver:

Thank you for your letter of October 15th with reference to Sears-Roebuck carrying German goods. Sears-Roebuck are now flagrantly violating the boycott. We have tried pressure on General Wood and on both the Rosenwalds. So recently as last week J. David Stern used his influence on Lessing Rosenwald.

He reported that his efforts were unsuccessful, that Rosenwald replied that as an officer of a company whose stock was held by the public, he did not feel justified in allowing his personal inclinations to rule the company's policy. A very weak and evasive answer.

To our own communications Messrs. Rosenwald had never replied. Might I suggest that a strong personal letter from you be sent to these gentlemen and that you induce as many of your prominent friends as will do so to write similar letters.

Mr. Clarence H. Low, who has joined our Board and whom I hope you will meet on Monday, claims to have a strong contact through Mr. Rosenwald's sister which he has offered to use.

The only possible thing to do is to exert pressure and more pressure on these gentlemen, although William Rosenwald is not of as much importance as Lessing.

With kindest personal regards.

Yours very truly,

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor Silver:

A meeting of the Executive Committee will be held Friday afternoon, October 25th, at 3 P.M. at the home of Mr. Samuel Untermyer, 927 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Sincerely yours,

G. E. Harriman
Executive Secretary

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MILTON M. ALEXANDER
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October 24, 1935

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

During the past few months I have become involved in the boycott movement, serving as chairman of our local Conference of Jewish Organizations. We have made considerable progress, checking over a hundred stores, contacting merchants, and publicizing adherents to the boycott.

Yesterday, I had a two-hour conference with Bishop Gallagher of Detroit. I discussed with him the possibility of getting the active participation and support of the Catholic church in our movement, and he is much interested and, of course, greatly disturbed by conditions in Germany affecting the Catholics.

He was much impressed by a conversation that he had had with a German-Catholic churchman attending the recent Eucharist Congress. The latter, after telling Bishop Gallagher of German persecutions, was asked: "What is the answer?" The German priest replied: "Boycott!"

Bishop Gallagher told me that he would bring the entire question of German protest and of our boycott before the coming Conference of the Catholic Church in America, to be held at the Catholic University in Washington, D. C. on November 11, 12 and 13. He said that he was anxious to have and expected the active support of Bishop Schrembs of Cleveland and Archbishop Curley of Baltimore. He agreed that it would be a good thing for me to ask you to have a talk with Bishop Schrembs and to prime him with information on the boycott, its desirability, and promises of success.

If you can see your way clear to have such a conference with Bishop Schrembs--and possibly figure out some approach to Archbishop Curley--I think it may be possible to work out an arrangement whereby the full power of the American-Catholic public can be put back of the boycott.

I hope that you and your family are enjoying the best of health and that you are not permitting pressure of business to affect your poise and good nature.

Cordially yours,

Milton M. Alexander

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MORRIS D. WALDMAN, Secretary
HARRY SCHNEIDERMAN, Assistant Secretary

October 24, 1935

Dear Dr. Silver:

Mr. Waldman has asked me to write to you in connection with the Olympics. As you know, the Committee has been cooperating through Jewish and non-Jewish organizations in creating a united effort in this matter. Without going into the details, I am sure you realize that most of the activities reported have not been accidents.

As for the anti-Olympic work in other countries, I can report to you that some of it is being done, particularly in Holland and in the Scandinavian countries. There appear to be greater limitations for the European nations than for the United States, since so many take their cue from their Foreign Office. We have, however, been incontact with leaders in other countries and are hoping for the best.

The Mahoney statement is being reprinted and will shortly be circulated to where it can do the most good.

We agree with you that the campaign ought to speak of transferring the Games. While we are attempting to do that, the opposition is, however, using its howitzers to create an impression that it is Berlin or nothing.

Sincerely yours,

Sidney Wallach
Sidney Wallach per n.s.

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

SW:MS

October 24, 1935

Mr. G. E. Harriman, Executive Secretary,
Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League,
20 West 47th St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Harriman:

I believe that the matter of the Sears Roebuck and Company should be brought up before the Executive Committee which you have called for Friday and some ways devised by our organization to bring to bear upon the situation. It is altogether disgraceful that the company of the late Julius Rosenwald should be a leader among those who are breaking the Boycott. The Jewish press should be informed about it if negotiations fail.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BX

October 25, 1935

Mr. Jacob Billikopf,
235 S. 15th St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Billie:

Let me thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me the article. I read it with keen interest.

I haven't seen you in so long that I have forgotten how you look. I trust that my wandering through the country will soon bring me to Philadelphia where we will have a chance to see each other again. I have been fine and so has my family. We spent a delightful summer in Europe - Virginia and the children most of the time in Switzerland, I part of the time in Switzerland attending the Zionist Congress and the rest of the time in Russia.

There has been considerable unfavorable criticism launched against Lessing Rosenwald on account of Sears-Roebuck and Co. still buying goods from Germany. Do you know him well? It would be a mitzvah to persuade him to do the right thing. He is prejudicing himself for any future leadership in American Jewry.

With best wishes to you and Ruth in which Virginia joins me, I am

As ever yours,

AHS:BK

343 John R. Street

October 25, 1935

Mr. Milton M. Alexander,
Detroit,
Michigan.

My dear Mr. Alexander:

Thank you so much for your letter of October 24. I shall contact with Bishop Schrembs. I have already written to someone in Baltimore to contact with Archbishop Curley of Baltimore. If Bishop Gallagher will take the initiative in the work, a great deal can be accomplished. I am happy that you are so active in this important work and I am glad to know that Detroit is finally bestirring itself. I shall keep you in touch with developments.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

October 25, 1935

Rabbi Edward L. Israel,
Har Sinai Temple,
Bolton and Wilson Sts.,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Ed:

There will be a Conference of the Catholic Church of America at the Catholic University in Washington, D.C. on November 11, 12 and 13. Milton M. Alexander, of Detroit, writes me that he had a talk with Bishop Gallagher, of Detroit. He discussed with him the possibility of getting the active participation and support of the Catholic church in the Boycott movement. He writes that Bishop Gallagher is much interested and is greatly disturbed by conditions in Germany as affecting the Catholics.

The Bishop is much impressed by a conversation that he had with a German-Catholic churchman who attended the recent Eucharist Congress held in Cleveland. The latter, after telling Bishop Gallagher of German persecutions, was asked: "What is the answer?" The German priest replied: "Boycott!"

Bishop Gallagher will bring the entire question of German protest and of the Boycott before the coming Conference in Washington. He is anxious to have and expects the active support of Archbishop Curley of your city.

Are you on friendly terms with Archbishop Curley? If so, it would be an excellent thing for you to have a talk with him, presenting him with information on the Boycott, its desirability and its promise of success. If you do not know him well enough for such a conversation, perhaps you can interest some other prominent man in your city to approach the Archbishop.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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October 25, 1935

Rabbi Abba M. Fineberg,
Temple Beth El,
708 Eighth St.,
Niagara Falls, N.Y.

My dear Fineberg:

Thank you so much for your telegram.
I had a telegram forwarded this morning. I hope
that a good resolution will come out of the YMCA
Conference.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

October 28, 1935

Mr. G. E. Harriman, Executive Secretary,
Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League,
20 West 47th St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Harriman:

I have just received a copy of the October
issue of the Economic Bulletin. It looks all right.

In the next few days you will receive a
check of \$100 from Mr. Louis Horkheimer, of Wheeling --
my father-in-law.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

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October 29, 1935.

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

Dear Doctor Silver:

Thank you for your letter of the 24th.

The matter of Sears Roebuck Company was taken up by the Executive Committee on Friday last and it was decided that a strong article be published in our next Bulletin and that the same should be given wide distribution through the Jewish and anglo-Jewish press.

We quite agree with you that this situation is disgraceful. The Rosenwald brothers' only excuse for their firm's boycott violation being the very lame one that they are merely officers of a public company and that they cannot let their personal inclinations interfere with the interests of their stockholders. I don't want to be slangy, but here's a case where one might say "laugh that off".

You asked me to remind you about Mr. Louis Kirstein and the possibility of his contributing to the League. This is the reminder and I certainly hope that you can induce Mr. Kirstein to help us.

With all good wishes, believe me

Yours very truly,

G. E. Harriman
Executive Secretary

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October 30, 1935.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Doctor Silver:

Thank you for your letter of October 28th. I am glad you think the Bulletin looks good and thank you also for the good news that we may expect a contribution from your father-in-law.

The Mahoney Dinner seems to be going over very well indeed. The League is staying in the background, in fact, out of sight, which is as it should be. The sponsoring committee for the dinner consists of about 500 of the most prominent people in town and the so-called special sponsoring committee reads like a veritable "Who's Who".

I trust that you will have a successful meeting in Pittsburgh next Wednesday night and I am sure that you will help to make the affair a huge success.

With all good wishes, believe me

Yours very truly,

G. E. Harriman
Executive Secretary

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The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

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We beg to advise that you and the Hon. Richard J. Beamish, former Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are scheduled to be the principal speakers at the Public Meeting on November 6th, at the Carnegie Music Hall, Pittsburgh, for the withdrawal of American participation from the Olympic Games in Germany and the promotion of the Anti-Nazi Boycott.

We expect to begin the meeting about 8:30 o'clock with a few introductory remarks by the chairman, and also by P.T. Fagan, President of the ^{Pittsburgh} Central Labor Union and by William S. Haddock, President of the Allegheny Mountains Amateur Athletic Ass'n. which should not take more than a total of twenty to thirty minutes at the utmost. Perhaps about three-quarters of an hour each for you and Mr. Beamish would be a reasonable disposition of the remainder of the evening.

Kindly advise me of the time that you expect to arrive in Pittsburgh and at what station so that we may arrange to meet you. We would very much like you, if possible, to arrive in time to grant an interview for a statement to appear in the press in the afternoon of November 6th, preceding the mass meeting.

Assuring you of our keen appreciation of your kind cooperation, I am

Very sincerely yours,

S.L. Fuss
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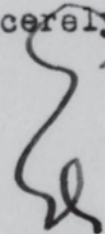
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
East 105th St. at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

I am taking up the boycott matter with Archbishop Curley through the best possible channels. The archbishop has been extremely cordial and cooperative in our activities. It is possible that the change in the attitude of the Nazi government toward the Catholics may somewhat lessen his sense of common sympathy, but we are going to make the effort.

Heartiest personal greetings.

Sincerely,



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MORRIS D. WALDMAN, Secretary
HARRY SCHNEIDERMAN, Assistant Secretary

Dear Friend:

Although we are sure that you are generally familiar with recent events in Germany, as reported in the press, we are confident that you will be interested in receiving the accompanying digest of the latest legislative and administrative decrees and judicial decisions affecting the status of Jews. These include the official text of the so-called Nuremberg decrees, which deprive the Jews of their citizenship, prohibit marriage between Jews and "subjects of German or racially related blood," forbid Jews to engage non-Jewish domestic help under forty-five years of age, etc. The digest also contains the decree providing for the separation of Jewish from non-Jewish pupils in public and private schools, and recent judicial decisions which show how the courts are applying the Nazi race dogma in disputes involving relations of all kinds between Jews and so-called "Aryans."

We need not tell you, I am sure, that the Committee is fully alive to the profoundly serious implications of these latest developments, that they are the subject of continuous and unremitting consideration, and that the Committee may be relied upon to cooperate actively with those forces which recognize the vital importance of combating the spread of the pernicious doctrines now prevalent in Germany.

Sincerely yours,

Morris D Waldman

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Enclosure: Nazi Germany's Latest Anti-Jewish Measures.

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(BOARD IN FORMATION)

November 1, 1935.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Doctor Silver:

You may remember that you mentioned when you were in New York that we should re-print Mahoney's letter to Lewald. Here it is. The Committee on Fair Play in Sports is giving the pamphlet wide distribution throughout the country. I am sure it will please you.

With all good wishes,

GEH:BZ

Sincerely yours,

G. E. Harriman
Executive Secretary

ARTHUR I. ZEIGER
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR
PITTSBURGH, PA.



Nov. 5, 1935.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Friend:

Posterity would never forgive us for our crime in permitting the 1936 Olympics to be held in Nazi Germany.

I am enclosing a few B. O. G. seals as samples. In order that they might perform their mission several million of them should be distributed.

This letter is sent you in the hope that you will give me some suggestion as to how the plan could be put across on a national scale.

Very truly yours,

Arthur I. Zeiger
Arthur I. Zeiger

AIZ:ELR

ENC:

November 7, 1935

Mr. Louis E. Kirstein,
Wm. Filene's Sons Company,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Kirstein:

As you probably know, I am very actively identified with the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi movement of America. This organization has since 1933, in a very quiet and effective way, carried on the Boycott throughout America. Among its leaders and officers are the Hon. James W. Gerard, the Mayor of New York, La Guardia, George Gordon Battle, the Hon. James M. Beck, Judge Arthur S. Tompkins, Frank P. Walsh and many others. The Anti-Nazi League has been responsible for organizing the Boycott work in many of the large cities of the United States through friendly contacts, without creating antagonisms, without picketing, threats, etc. Our Research Department studies carefully the German goods imported into the country and through our monthly Economic Bulletin, we are in touch with tens of thousands of business and commercial organizations in this country, informing them where substitutes for German goods can be had.

Our budget has been met during the last three years principally through private contributions of both Jews and non-Jews who understand the importance of bringing economic pressure to bear upon the Nazi Regime. Of course we give no publicity to these contributions and for that matter to most of the things which we do.

Would you be interested in making a contribution to the work of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League? It would be deeply appreciated and would be very helpful at this time.

I trust that your campaign has been successful. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

November 7, 1935

Mr. G. E. Harriman,
Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League,
20 West 47th St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Harriman:

I have just returned from the Anti-Nazi meeting in Pittsburgh. It was a glorious affair. The Carnegie Music Hall was packed to overflowing. The speakers were William S. Haddock, president of the Allegheny Mountain Amateur Athletic Association, P.T. Fagan, president of the Pittsburgh Central Labor Union and Richard J. Beamish, former secretary of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania. They all spoke splendidly. I believe that the movement received definite stimulus through the meeting.

Mr. Beamish made public the interesting information that upon inquiry in Washington, he learned that Major-general Sherrill never was and is not in any way connected with the Army. It would be interesting to know where he got the title of Major-general.

I hope that the Mahoney dinner will prove a great success. I was informed that the delegates from the Allegheny County to the December Conference of the A.A.U. are pledged to vote against holding the Olympics in Berlin.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

November 7, 1935

Mr. Leon Falk, Jr.,
Farmers Bank Bldg.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Falk:

I was very happy to see you yesterday in my room at the Hotel and to have had the few minutes conversation with you. I am very sorry that we did not have a longer time to spend together so that we could have talked over in greater detail some of the grave problems which confront us today and in which we are both interested. I hope that you attended the meeting last night. I thought it was the finest gathering of its kind that I have attended in recent years. The four non-Jews who spoke gratified me with the manner of their presentation of the subject. Not one of them presented the issue as a Jewish one. In my own address, I stressed the broad human angle of the problem.

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With all good wishes and hoping that I may have the pleasure of seeing you again in the near future, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



LEON FALK, JR.
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November 8, 1935

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

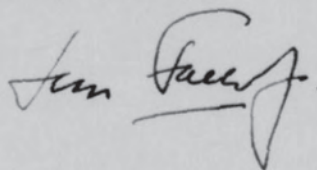
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am in receipt of your letter of November 7 and agree with you that the meeting was a very splendid one.

I note that the Anti-Nazi League is quietly soliciting funds, and I am pleased to enclose my check which might be of some help to you.

I also wish to take this opportunity of thanking you for having come to Pittsburgh.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leon Falk, Jr.", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

LF/JB
Enclosure

November 11, 1935

Mr. G. E. Harriman, Executive Secretary,
Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League,
20 West 47th St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Harriman:

I am enclosing herewith a check for \$100, a contribution which I obtained from Mr. Leon Falk, Jr., Farmers Bank Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa. Mr. Falk is a very prominent citizen of Pittsburgh. I believe he is at present head of the Jewish Welfare Federation of that city and I am happy that he has indicated his approval of our work by sending me the enclosed check. Please acknowledge it directly to him. Mr. Falk does not wish any publicity attached to this contribution.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

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November 12, 1935.

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

Dear Doctor Silver:

You know, we are preparing to turn the Economic Bulletin over to Mr. N. C. Zuckenberg who will publish it under our supervision as an independent publication. Mr. Zuckenberg will defray all expenses of our present circulation while we, in turn, will pay a small fee for new subscribers far less than it costs us today to get out. We will have full control of both advertising and editorial policies and it seems to be the general opinion that by this means the Bulletin will prove more valuable to the League even than it is has in the past, at no cost whatever to the organization.

It has been suggested, however, that the present name is not ideal for a publication for which it is proposed to get general circulation. When I say general, of course, I mean people interested in our cause, but to whom a name like Economic Bulletin might seem cold. A list of proposed names has been suggested of which the Committee seems to prefer "Human Rights", successor to the Economic Bulletin, Official Organ of the N.S.A. N.L.

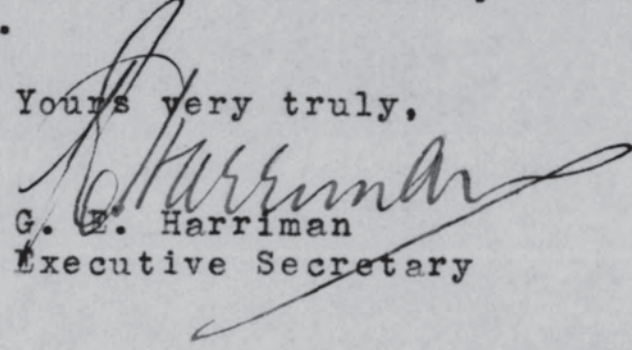
Will you let me have your reaction to this suggestion and if you can do so, will you suggest some other possible name, although this seems the best choice of those submitted so far?

I also wish to acknowledge receipt of your good letter of November 11th, enclosing the contribution from Mr. Leon Falk, Jr. of Pittsburgh. I will, of course, acknowledge his contribution direct and wish to thank you for its receipt as

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver - continued.

well, for I am sure that except for your appearance in Pittsburgh, we might not have had this very desirable donation. I may also tell you in passing, that we are getting in money from the letter appeal which an outside group is handling for us and also from the Mahoney Dinner of last Thursday.

Yours very truly,


G. E. Harriman
Executive Secretary

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TO THE SUPERVISORS:

We receive a great many letters from customers - organizations and individuals - requesting information on our offering merchandise for sale which has been made in Germany.

These are being answered with a statement that we have as customers people from many countries, and to serve them properly we offer all kinds of goods for sale; however, we specify in our catalog the country of origin when goods are imported so that customers may make their own choice.

To be certain that this statement is carried out each supervisor is to compile a list of all items to appear in the coming Flyer or General Catalog where Germany is the country of origin, furnishing one copy to his sales manager and sending a copy to the General Merchandise office for the attention of Mr. Gladstone.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICES

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Rabbi A. H. Silver
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East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

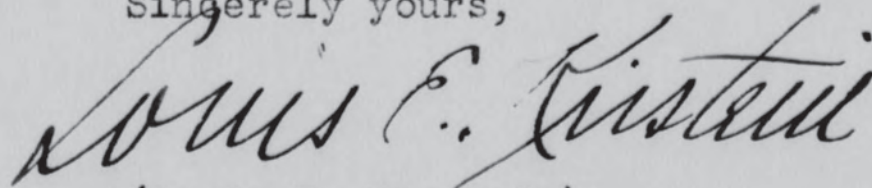
This is to answer your letter of November seventh which has been unanswered until now because I have been away.

I am sure you will realize what I mean when I say it is very much more difficult to say "no" than to say "yes"; but the fact of the matter is I am, as you know, a member of the American Jewish Committee and one of its Vice Presidents and am committed to all I feel I can do toward the work which they are doing with regard to the anti-Nazi movement. And with all the other obligations I have and looking forward to a joint campaign here also later for the same purpose, I feel I must conserve my resources for the things in which I am directly interested. A small contribution, I know, would be of no use, and a large one I do not feel I am in position to give.

I know you will realize it is not because I am not interested in the cause and I keenly regret that I feel unable to meet your request as you have always been very considerate of any requests I have made from you. I know you will appreciate my position.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Louis E. Kirstein". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large initial "L" and a prominent "K".

(Louis E. Kirstein)

SEARS, ROEBUCK AND CO.
Executive Offices

Philadelphia, Pa.
November 14, 1935

Mr. Salmon O. Levinson
Kennebunk Beach, Maine

My dear Mr. Levinson:

I want to apologize sincerely for not having previously replied to your letter of October 7th, but during the past few weeks I have been able to spend very little time in the office.

The principle involved has been given a great deal of consideration by the officers of this company.

The amount of goods imported from all countries is exceedingly small, and from Germany alone our imports are insignificant. Being a national institution, and serving people from coast to coast, we have come to the conclusion that it would be inadvisable for our company to attempt to eliminate any certain class of goods simply because a certain portion of our customers desired us to do so.

As an individual, I believe I am as ardently Jewish as any one with my background could possibly be. Personally I do not knowingly purchase goods from Germany. I consider this my personal affair and can exercise my own judgment as an individual in purchasing what I desire.

Insofar as the company is concerned, I am, as an officer of the company, forced to have different views from those which I hold as an individual. We have a large number of stockholders and have the entire population of the United States purchasing from us. As a consequence, I do not feel it incumbent upon me to use my position as an officer of the company to force my opinion on our stockholders and customers, possibly to the detriment of the company.

In the above, I have tried to give you as clearly as I possibly could my personal and the company's position with regard to this rather difficult problem. I trust this will be of some assistance to you in answering the correspondence which you have received on this subject, the copies of which are being returned to you herewith.

Please accept my thanks for bringing this matter to my attention.

Very truly yours,

(Sgn) Lessing J. Rosenwald

LJR:MTF
Encls.

November 14, 1935

Mr. G. E. Harriman,
Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League,
20 West 47th St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Harriman:

I am enclosing herewith an editorial on the
Olympic Games.

I do not approve of turning the Economic Bulletin
over to any individual for publication even if it is to be
under our supervision. I request that action be deferred
until we have had an opportunity to discuss it in fullest
detail.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:EK
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Doctor Silver:

Thank you for your very fine letter of November 7th which would have been answered sooner but for the fact that I have had to take it very very easy these days. I don't want to trouble you with my troubles, but due to a general run-down condition which the Doctor says, although I do not believe him, is largely due to mental strain and overwork, my right eye became affected some three weeks ago. The interior of the eye itself is in an inflamed state and I have practically lost the sight of it. Now, to make things even pleasanter, my specialist tells me that if there is no improvement within the next few days, I will have to go to the hospital for an operation.

This is rather a long winded excuse for not answering your November 7th letter as it was overlooked when I answered your communication of November 11th.

I have received the most glowing reports of the Pittsburgh meeting and am as sure as you are that it will be a definite help to our cause. Mr. Robins was enthusiastic about your speech and Mr. Beamish's and I am sure that the variety of the speakers, the different interests they represent, was an essential in assuring the meeting's success. Thank you again, for having gone.

The Mahoney Dinner was really splendid. The attendance was almost 1500 and the gathering was most enthusiastic. Mahoney's speech was a masterpiece and should certainly do good.

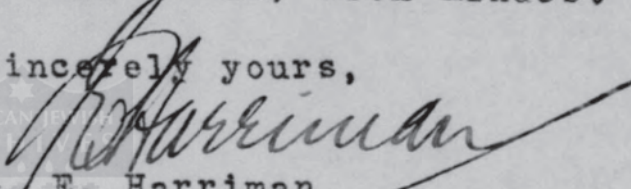
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver - continued.

So far as General Sherrill is concerned, Sherrill was never in the regular army. He was a.d.c. on the staff of two New York governors (sort of Kentucky Colonels) and on the outbreak of the war was appointed adj. gen. of the State National Guard with the rank of brig. gen. and was later in charge of the Draft Board for the State. In other words, a typical chocolate soldier.

It is going to be a cat and dog fight at the A.A.U. Convention but those who seem to know most, tell me that we have a fifty-fifty chance of winning. I certainly hope we will.

With all good wishes and renewed thanks for your magnificent cooperation, believe me, with kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,


G. E. Harriman
Executive Secretary

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November 15, 1935.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Doctor Silver:

Many thanks for the editorial which came in good time.

In accordance with your request we are deferring the matter of the Bulletin until such time when you will be with us to discuss this matter. However, in view of the fact, that if it should prove desirable after such a discussion, the one promoting it would want to start as early as possible in the season, may we know when to expect you here? We are being urged to make a decision as the proposal has been under consideration for several weeks.

Your prompt reply will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

B. Zeitlin
B. Zeitlin
Secretary to Mr. Harriman

P.S. I am writing for Mr. Harriman who underwent an operation on his eye this afternoon, before your letter and editorial arrived.

B.Z

Dear Abba - Had a long talk with Mr. R. Will write you
about it sometime. Quite sure I won't be able to ac-

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to L.J.R.

November 16, 1935

Dr. Jacob Billikopf
1432 Bankers Securities Bldg.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Go Rille

My dear Doctor:

Missing you during my last visit to Philadelphia
was a terrible disappointment to me.

I have read in the papers that the testimonial
dinner tendered to you was an outstanding event, and
I am sorry I was not there to personally witness the
worthy and glorious tributes that were paid you.

Mr. L. S. R. is not due in Chicago for about three
weeks.

The subject of German-made goods pops up every
now and then--the enclosed is a confidential release
that speaks for itself.

Sears are now buying less than ever from Germany.
Gloves are about the only items we buy in any quantity,
and the reason is that these particular gloves cannot
be obtained at any other source.

These gloves supply a definite customer demand--
and, in good merchandising, the first principle is that
"the customer must be served."

The glove buyer, who will soon leave for Europe--
and who, by the way, is a good "Yehudi" with whom I
have become acquainted intimately--tells me he is
planning his trip in an effort to find sources other
than Germany for this particular glove. Thus far, he
has been unable to find outside of that country the
material, the necessary skill, or the facilities for
making these gloves in sufficient quantities.

*of course, Sears
handles many
other products
JAB*

Dr. Jacob Billikopf - 2

This buyer has the same feeling in the matter as you and I. But there is no choice--unless he is able to create another source of supply.

Sears catalog mentions the source of manufacture when merchandise is of foreign origin, and the customer buys at his own discretion.

In the stores, the place of manufacture is stamped or labeled on imported articles, and again the customer is left with the choice.

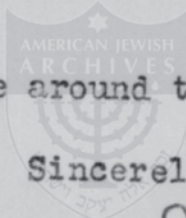
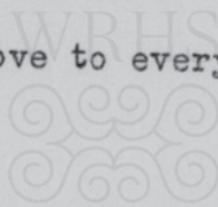
I hope this information helps to clarify the situation somewhat.

I am planning another trip East in the near future, and I do hope you will be there when I arrive in Philadelphia--there is so much I want to talk with you about. Merely anticipating this visit with you gives me a glow of pleasure.

Give my love to every one around the office.

Sincerely,

Nathan



Dear Abbed:

How are you? What
kind of summer did you
have?

Love to you

WRHS



all. Best love

To Belle



November 18, 1935

Mr. Leon Falk, Jr.,
Farmers Bank Bldg.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Falk:

May I thank you for your very cordial and prompt response to my letter. I am deeply appreciative of your fine spirit of cooperation. I trust that by this time you will have received acknowledgement from our New York office.

With all good wishes and hoping that I may have the pleasure of seeing you again in the near future, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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November 19, 1935

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. & Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor Silver:

An important meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on Thursday afternoon, November 21, at 2 P.M. at the offices of Mr. Samuel Untermyer, 30 Pine St.

Your attendance will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

G. E. Harriman
Executive Secretary

GEH:IB

November 20, 1935

Mr. G. E. Harriman,
Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League,
20 West 47th St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Harriman:

I was sorry to hear of your indisposition and I trust that by this time you are fully recovered. Take care of yourself.

I was in Canton a few days ago to open the Community Chest Campaign in that city and I persuaded the Jewish Federation to include our League in its allotment of funds in January. I also accepted an invitation to open the Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign in Youngstown on December 1, on the promise that they will include our League for a few hundred dollars in their joint drive. I thought that you would be interested in knowing these facts.

I believe that prominent space should be given in our December Economic Bulletin to the fact that Woolworths are flooding their stores with German-made Christmas toys; also that Sears-Roebuck & Co. are violating the Boycott.

I notice that Mr. Untermeyer horned in on the German steel situation in New York. He should not have done that. The matter was being exceptionally well handled by the steel interests and the labor unions. Our League ought to keep in the background whenever its services are not required.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

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November 23, 1935.

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

Dear Doctor Silver:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 20th addressed to Mr. Harriman. Mr. Harriman is not well yet and will not be in the office for at least the rest of this week, but I have conveyed to Mr. Harriman your very good advice and kind thoughtfulness.

The information concerning the response to your appeal to the Federations to support the work of the League is certainly very encouraging. I will make note of the fact in each case when the contribution comes in, for future reference.

We are working on Woolworth's, I believe for the last time. If within the next few days they fail to come through Woolworth's will certainly be included among the flagrant violators. We have been carrying Sears-Roebuck on our blacklist for some time.

Mr. Myers informs me that he is writing you about a large meeting in the Bronx in the hope that you can make it when you are next in New York. Can you give us some idea as to when that will be so that we may arrange a meeting with you? We hope you will make it soon.

Yours very truly,

B. Zeitlin

B. Zeitlin,
Secretary to Mr. Harriman

November 26, 1935

Mr. Arthur I. Zeiger,
Attorney and Counselor,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr Zeiger:

I would suggest that you communicate with our national office in New York and present the matter to them. The address is: Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League, 20 West 47th St., New York City. They will be in a position to inform you what is being done in connection with the Olympics and whether your "seals" idea is practical.

With best wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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November 29, 1935.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Ansel Road & East 105th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am writing to apologize for having cut out one sentence from your editorial in the current number of the Economic Bulletin. Your editorial arrived just before we were going to press with an editorial I had written and I was so pressed for space that I had to delete one sentence to get your editorial into the usual space.

I would greatly appreciate it if you could possibly send your editorial to me directly every month so that I have it no later than the 11th of the month. Incidentally, I am enclosing the editorial I had written, merely as a suggestion of the subject I had intended dealing with.

Cordially yours,

Bernard Postal

Bernard Postal

December 3, 1935

Mr. G. E. Harriman
20 West 47th Street
New York City, New York

My dear Mr. Harriman:

At Rabbi Silver's request, I have to-day sent you the following telegram over his signature: PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY KRESGE AND NOT WOOLWORTH IS AGAIN LISTED IN ECONOMIC BULLETIN AFTER OUR PROTEST?

I repeat what I said in my previous letter that until recently the Kresge Company has handled practically no German goods in their Cleveland stores and that they now inform us that since they are credited with handling German merchandise they see no reason why they should not meet their competitor, the Woolworth Company, that is handling a great deal of German merchandise.

I tried to explain to them that the Economic Bulletin was published and generally circulated in New York and that perhaps the Kresge Company in New York did handle German merchandise and the Woolworth Company did not. The Kresge Company emphatically denied this stating the imports from Germany for all of their stores was very small in comparison to that of the Woolworth Company. They also pointed out that these Economic Bulletins make no statement that these are New York stores and that these Bulletins are mailed all over the United States and that there is a large mailing of these Bulletins in Cleveland.

We feel that the Kresge Company has a strong point and that it has not been dealt with fairly in this score and we feel that after calling your attention to this, the name of the Kresge Company, especially when the name of the Woolworth Company is omitted, should not have appeared in this issue of the Economic Bulletin. We are fearful we have lost the progress made with the Kresge Company. Can you advise us what to do in the light of the present situation?

Yours sincerely,

DIRECTOR

Copy to Rabbi Silver.

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M BERNARD SHABER.

THERE IS NO DEPENDABLE SUBSTITUTE FOR WESTERN UNION TIME

C O P Y

Congregation Beth El
Detroit

December 6, 1935.

Mr. Isadore Morris
c/o Day and Day
Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Morris:

I know you will be pleased to hear that at the meeting yesterday afternoon, the Jewish Welfare Federation of Detroit appropriated the sum of \$5,000 for the prosecution of The Boycott of German Goods in Detroit.

It was our ability to cite the Cleveland precedent that quieted all opposition and carried the day.

It was also the willingness of Mr. Simon Shetzer to undertake the leadership that gave the members of the Federation Board confidence in the movement. We have you to thank for all these factors in our success. That was a highly productive trip you took when you came to Detroit to visit us the other day.

Do you mind telling me what is your impression of Miss Parker?

If anything brings you to Detroit again please call me -- I should like to chat with you on our common interests.

With kindest greetings and best wishes, I am,

Gratfeully yours,

(Signed) Leon Fram
Rabbi Leon Fram

P.S.

Please convey my greetings to Miss Chadsey.

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December 9, 1935

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. & Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor Silver:

A meeting of the Executive Committee will take place
at the home of Mrs. Mark Harris, 270 West End Ave.,
Thursday evening, December 12th at 8 o'clock.

Please make every effort to attend.

Sincerely yours,

G. E. Harriman
Executive Secretary

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HARRIMAN

December 10, 1935

Mr. G. E. Harriman,
Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League,
20 West 47th St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr Harriman:

I am enclosing herewith an editorial for this month's issue of the Economic Bulletin.

I shall be in New York on Monday, December 23 and will get in touch with you. I will probably remain in New York over Tuesday and Wednesday.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

December 11, 1935

Mr. G. E. Harriman,
Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League,
20 West 47th St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Harriman:

Did you see the report that the German press claims that America imported this year ten times the volume of German toys it imported last year? Clearly the chain stores have thrown the Boycott overboard. What are we doing about it? What is the last word from Woolworth's and Kresge's?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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December 12, 1935.

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

Dear Doctor Silver:

Thank you for your letter of December 10th and
for your editorial for this month's Bulletin.

I am indeed glad that you will be in New York on
Monday, December 23rd and trust that you will be
able to meet with our Committee at that time.

I returned to the office last Monday after a
rather bad time and am still a little shaky. My
eye is still bothering me a good bit and am af-
raid it will be months before it is in really
good shape. However, I am glad to be back on
the job and functioning once more.

With most cordial regards, believe me

Sincerely yours,

G. E. Harriman

Executive Secretary

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December 17, 1935

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

On Sunday, December 29th, our mutual friend,
Mr. Salmon O. Levinson, will be 70 years of age.

It is planned to mark the occasion by presenting
him with a bound volume containing letters of congratulation
from a large number of his friends.

I am sure that you will wish to be one of those
contributing to this volume.

Will you, therefore, kindly send me the letter
which you wish to have included. If it can be written on
a sheet the size of this, that will improve the appearance
of the book. Letters must reach my office by Tuesday,
December 24th. This makes necessary a prompt response.

Faithfully yours,

Paul Hutchinson

December 20, 1935

Mr. Paul Hutchinson,
Room 716 - 188 W. Randolph Street,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Hutchinson:

I am enclosing herewith a word of tribute
to Mr. Levinson. I am glad to know that his seventieth
anniversary is being celebrated.

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.



I should like to add my word of tribute to those of thousands of other friends and admirers throughout the world of Mr. Salmon O. Levinson on the occasion of his seventieth birthday. I have had the privilege of coming in contact, from time to time, with this magnificent personality and to have felt the impact of his spirit and the stimulation of his fine mind. Mr. Levinson has been a benefactor of mankind. He belongs to that rare group of consecrated men who devote themselves with overwhelming singleness of purpose to one great idea which because of their zeal and persistency, carves a way for itself in history. Mr. Levinson's heroic "obsession" has been the Outlawry of War which, because of his great championing, is now embodied in international law. The nations of the earth, while subscribing to the letter, are not yet ready to abide by the spirit of this Law of Levinson. But it is destined, nevertheless, to establish its sovereignty throughout the world in the days to come.

I greet this Friend of Mankind on his seventieth anniversary and I wish him and his beloved wife many more years of blessedness.

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December 23, 1935

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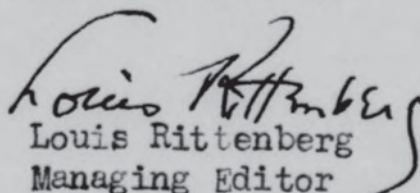
Dear Dr. Silver:

I am sending you herewith transcript of a letter addressed to us by Mr. Jacob de Haas, dealing with the Palestine-German Transfer Agreement.

We are eager to be fair in this question, and therefore would appreciate your reactions thereto.

Because of the holiday next week, we must go to press a day ahead. Consequently, we ought to have word back from you at the latest on Monday, December 30th.

Cordially yours,


Louis Rittenberg
Managing Editor

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Encl.

December 26, 1935

Mr. Louis Rittenberg, Managing Editor,
The American Hebrew,
212 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rittenberg:

The letter of Jacob De Haas which you sent me has, I believe, appeared elsewhere in print. An official statement of the Haavarah was recently issued by the Zionist Executive of Palestine. You have undoubtedly seen it. This week's issue of the "New Palestine" contains statements on the subject which answer most of the criticisms of Mr. De Haas. I am also enclosing herewith an article which appeared in the "Haolom", the official Zionist publication in London, which treats specifically of De Haas' charges of profiteering which he took over from Azriel Karlbach. You can easily get someone in New York to translate it for you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

December 26, 1935

Mr. G. E. Harriman,
Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League,
20 West 47th St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Harriman:

Will you please send me one copy of each
of the following Economic Bulletins?

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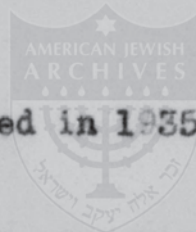
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Thank you kindly for your courtesy.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.



December 26, 1935

Dr. Benjamin Dubovsky,
% Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League
20 West 47th St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Dubovsky:

I tried to reach you on the telephone yesterday afternoon but your office did not answer. I had a long talk with Mr. Hyman of the J.D.C. He informed me that such a proposition had been made to the J.D.C. before, that they had seriously considered it but so far were unable to make any arrangements because of the opposition of the German government. He felt that the thing could not be done without the knowledge and consent of the government. He said he would, however, look into the matter again and let me know. He said he would also take up the matter of a possible transfer of Zionist accounts in Germany to the J.D.C.

Mr. Harriman called me up yesterday about an increase in salary. I understand that he is getting \$75. He wants \$90. I don't think the additional \$15 would break us. Nor do I believe that we ought to make an issue of his employment at this time. It would seriously hamper our work to have to break in a new man again. He is not perfect. I am sure that any man whom we will get will not be perfect. Let's work with him and help to develop him.

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

FRIENDS OF EUROPE

122, ST. STEPHEN'S HOUSE,
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OBJECTS :

1. To encourage effective co-operation for the prevention of war and the establishment of peace.
2. To provide accurate information about Nazi Germany for use throughout Great Britain, the British Empire, the U.S.A., Europe and wherever the English tongue is known.

Dear Sir,

December, 1935.

We draw attention to our Pamphlets and Monthly Survey of German Publications, which have been appearing now for nearly two years, and which have found a high place in British public life as a truthful account and interpretation of the dynamic forces which are shaping the life of the New Germany.

Friends of Europe realise that the German Revolution of 1933 contains forces, notably the "Aryan" blood doctrine, the New Nordic National Religion and the territorial conception of the future Third Reich which, in combination with rapid moral and material rearmament and the great practical capacity for war-making of the Germans, make the Nazi system a main potential danger to the peace of nations and the spiritual life of mankind.

On the basis of an adequate understanding of Nazi Germany, Friends of Europe desire to promote effective co-operation of peoples and Governments (a) in preventing war, and (b), in preparing for the constructive peace which is as truly in the interest of the great German nation as in that of the nations now living under the menace of international strife inherent in the Nazi outlook and programme. In this connection we draw your special attention to the series of consecutive studies of the religious situation in Germany which began in No. 18 (October, 1935) of the Monthly Survey.

Our publications—based on careful and continuous study of available Nazi sources—are intended to be of help to statesmen, teachers, creative writers, students, leaders of business life and servants of the Christian religion.

The minimum subscription is 3 Dollars for both Pamphlets and Monthly Survey to any address for one year, or 1½ Dollars per year for Pamphlets or the Survey separately. For the extension of our work generous donations are needed from all who realise its urgency and importance.

We trust it may enlist your support.

Yours faithfully,

Rennie Smith.

Secretary.

LEVINSON BECKER PEEBLES & SWIREN

One La Salle St. Bldg.

Chicago

December 30, 1935

Dear Mr. Rosenwald:

I have been away from Chicago most of the time since your letter of November 14 arrived. It would be very much more satisfactory to have a personal talk with you but as that is not probable I shall submit a few observations.

The questions involved in the Hitler regime are fundamental to the code of civilization. While the paramount plank in the Nazi platform is ruthless and official antisemitism, the same principle, or lack of principle thus exhibited, was bound to make itself felt with respect to the other religions and races. The throttling of freedom, in which there was set loose an unbridled license to people who were given a taste of power for the first time, has produced a type of sadistic cruelty without parallel in modern times. The Nazi attack on Judaism was bound to eventuate in an assault upon all religion. The mask of "Aryanism" is as false as hell. It is really barb-~~ary~~-~~ism~~.

The report published yesterday by High Commissioner James G. McDonald should, I think, convince you and those associated with you of the inescapable duty that rests upon us to cope with this menace to all we hold dear. McDonald advises the League of Nations to make exception to the general rule and lodge a severe protest with Nazi Germany against the vicious and inhuman treatment of German Jews and Christians. That, I say, is an exception to the rule that nations should not interfere in the domestic problems of other nations. I have contended throughout this campaign (contrary to the desire of many of my coworkers) that we should not urge our government to take any drastic action against or even file a formal protest with Germany. The reason is that, in my study of international law and relations, I have found that when a stern rebuke, or a boycott, or a "sanction," is official, that is, where it is done by a government, it is regarded as an "unfriendly act," and may easily lead to war. But when the same thing is done by individuals in their capacity as free men, it is not only allowable and proper, but it is a sacred duty. For example, I have recently protested to the Department of State against the United States becoming involved in the so-called "sanctions" against Italy for the reason above given. But the refusal of Jews, Catholics and Protestants to resent by the use of the only peaceful weapon we have, to wit, the economic boycott, in order to bring home to the Nazi leaders that we condemn their brutal outrages on innocent people is scarcely short of cowardly.

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LEVINSON BECKER PEEBLES & SWIREN

One La Salle St. Bldg.

Chicago

Mr. Lessing Rosenwald

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December 30, 1935

The only way in which Hitler and his tribe can be stopped within a reasonable time is by economic pressure. That is an effective and legitimate weapon. It merely constitutes a refusal to deal with a man, or a corporation, or a nation, that is criminal, cruel, or fraudulent. I can not imagine you, Lessing, buying anything yourself for your own personal use made in Germany. Our protest can be heard in no other way inside Germany, for public opinion is blindfolded and freedom of the press extinct.

The fact that your imports "from Germany alone are insignificant" would seem to relieve you altogether of any business reason. But in these times when the world is all agog, when the very fabric of civilization is being torn to tatters, when the theory of totalitarian government is even making headway in its economic aspects in this country, we must look to the high-minded business men of the country to put on such economic pressure as may be necessary to destroy the last vestige of this imminent peril. If it succeeds in Germany it is bound to succeed in other countries. According to a recent great British authority, there is only one-third of civilization that is free, only one-third of the people of this earth who really enjoy liberty. We are trustees for them. We are trustees for one another and we must subordinate every motive of materialism to this call to the spirit, if we would protect and preserve our beloved America.

For the first time in the history of antisemitism the Christians, both Catholic and Protestant, are lined up on the side of justice in defense of conscience against the scourge of antisemitism. This is the time of times to crush the serpent of antisemitism. It is not enough to scotch it; it must be destroyed.

I make bold to suggest that you should not let your modesty or the fact that you are a Jew prevent you from standing for a principle as wide as humanity and as deep as freedom. When men like John Haynes Holmes, S. Parkes Cadman, Harry Emerson Fosdick, and a hundred others of the greatest ministers of the country go the limit against this Nazi cruelty and injustice, it would be of tremendous value for a house so eminent and influential as Sears, Roebuck & Company to take its stand with them in defense of civilization and liberty.

I submit this to you in the name of and with affectionate memories of your father.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Lessing Rosenwald
Sears, Roebuck and Co.

Salmon O. Levinson

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LEVINSON BECKER PEEBLES & SWIREN
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CABLE ADDRESS "LEBEC"
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ONE NORTH LASALLE STREET
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January 3, 1936

Dear Dr. Silver:

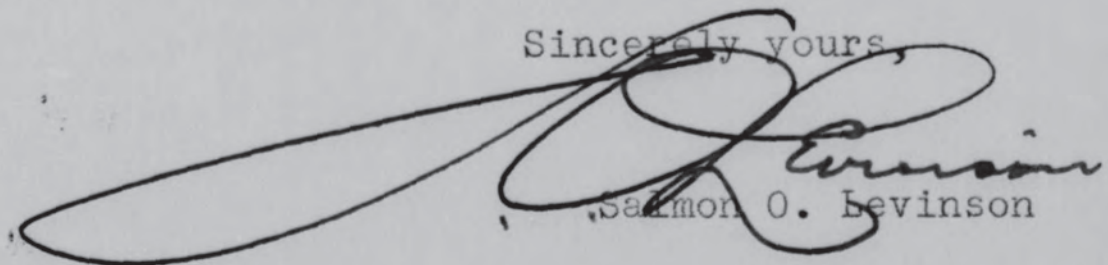
I am deeply grateful to you for the beautiful tribute, undeserved as I feel it to be, paid me on my birthday. We frequently dwell on the smallness of people in this world, but you have met, as I have, ~~the~~ broadminded and big-hearted people who are most encouraging and inspiring. In this class you are and I am thankful to be worthy to be considered by you.

I enclose copy of correspondence with Lessing Rosenwald, which I had at the instance of your Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League to Champion Human Rights, through Mr. Harriman.

It is a sad commentary on the great deal which the B'Nai Brith and the American-Jewish Committee supposed they had made with Hitler, namely, that if they refrained from our boycott there would be no additional pressure or persecution as to the Jews. In the past six months we have witnessed the stripping of our people from the last vestige of civil and almost human rights, and a process of inquisition and strangulation that almost staggers belief.

Again accept my thanks for your kindness and also my best wishes for a happy New Year for you and Mrs. Silver. May our paths frequently cross!

Sincerely yours,



Salmon O. Levinson

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
East 105th St. at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

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January 6, 1936

Mr. G. E. Harriman,
Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League,
20 West 47th St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Harriman:

Thank you for your courtesy in sending me the Economic Bulletins which I requested. There was, however, one which was omitted. I would appreciate it very much if you would send me a copy of the December, 1934 issue of the Economic Bulletin.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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January 8, 1936.

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

Dear doctor Silver:

We have had a little Office Committee meeting last night where several matters were discussed which I think will be of interest to you.

In the first place it was decided to send Mr. Leonard out as an organizer to cover to begin with the following cities:

Wilmington
Baltimore
Cincinnati
St. Louis

Kansas City
Tulsa

and possibly Columbus, Ohio and Indianapolis. We are paying Mr. Leonard a very modest salary and a fixed daily expense allowance plus transportation. Mr. Leonard has done this type of organizing before and we are not bound in any way so that if his work is not successful within a few weeks time we can recall him and try another man.

Another rather important matter we took up was a proposed monster massmeeting as a tribute to Mr. James G. MacDonald. We have in mind the hiring of Madison Square Garden and will conduct this meeting together with as many organizations as we can line up. Because of the expense entailed, we would make an admission charge but everyone believes that because of MacDonald's magnificent work and his more than magnificent report which is really a historical document, there should be no trouble in filling the Garden. So soon as we know whether these plans can be carried out we shall, of course, inform you at once for if it is in any way possible we would surely like you to be with us on such an occasion to address

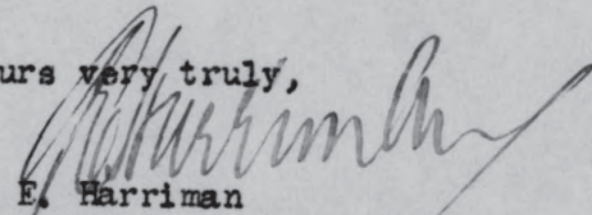
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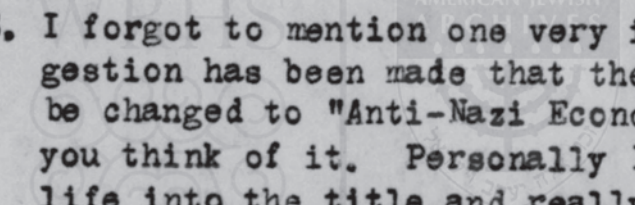
It was also decided to hire a publicity man at once. The suggested arrangement of Mr. Bert Adler seems entirely too vague for our purpose and we must have someone on the job constantly. So many things are breaking in connection with our work that we must be in a position to capitalize on events as they occur.

I would indeed like to know your reactions to these plans and in the meantime remain

Yours very truly,


G. E. Harriman
Executive Secretary

GEH:BZ


P.S. I forgot to mention one very important thing. A suggestion has been made that the name of our Bulletin be changed to "Anti-Nazi Economic Bulletin". What do you think of it. Personally I believe it puts more life into the title and really carries out the idea of the contents better than the rather dull and misleading title "Economic Bulletin". It is not an Economic Bulletin. It is an anti-Nazi Bulletin if it is anything. Please let me know how you feel about it.

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Miss Bessie Kline
Secretary to Rabbi Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Miss Kline:

With reference to your letter of January 6th, we should have advised you that there was no December 1934 issue. That is why you did not get one.

Yours very truly,

B. Zeitlin, Secretary to
G. E. Harriman

PERSONAL

January 9, 1936.

Professor Albert Einstein
112 Mercer St
Princeton, N.J.

Dear Professor Einstein:

I cannot tell you how happy I am over your letter. It brings me the heartening reassurance which I need in the midst of a great difficulty.

I am happy that you wrote as you did to Justice Brandeis and I shall see him on Saturday morning in Washington. I wish you might join me, but I presume you cannot.

I wonder whether you know that the proposal put forward, and you express it rightly, as a "ballon d'essai", has been mooted for sometime. You may recall that it was broached at Geneva about two months ago and we had some word about it from Dr. Goldmann. In one word, it is a world-wide extension of the transfer or Haavarah agreement.

Rothenberg, Lipsky and I telephoned to London to Simon Marks, who is a disciple and close friend of Weizmann, and we did so because of our consternation over this proposed criminal folly. Simon brushed it aside by saying it was Rot and yet the "Times" of today and the Jewish Telegraphic Agency for days have been mooting in different terms a proposal which I have no doubt springs from the fertile brain of Schacht, supplemented and reinforced by a group of German Jewish banking millionaires.

As soon as the thing happened, I wrote a statement for publication in the daily press and "The Congress Bulletin". I send you a copy herewith. My colleagues in the Governing Council of the Congress thought it was our duty to wait until after we could confer with the Joint Council, made up, as you may know, of representatives of the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress and the B'nai B'rith. We have tried to meet with them. They put us off on the ground that we must now wait until these three gentlemen arrive, and that will not be until the 21st or 22nd, before making any statement.

You know well that the "New York Times" is almost as accurate as any newspaper can be. They did not guess at this thing or imagine it. It came from authoritative sources and I feel that the Congress must repudiate it on every ground. As I see it, this proposal has referred to the saving only of Jews in Germany who have possessions, many of whom could have left Germany in the last two years but who have refused to do so because they continued to love their country and because they were unwilling to make sacrifices. Now that they cannot emerge from Germany with their possessions, they are willing to permit us to facilitate their emigration provided we can save the whole or a goodly part of their possessions. If these leave Germany, no one will be left to care for the poor German Jews who will remain.

More important than that consideration is the truth that by setting up of a bank with Jewish capital to facilitate the transfer with their

possessions of German Jews to England or America,--and neither England nor America will assent to the proposal, would serve notice that we are prepared not only to break the boycott, but that we are even prepared to be the industrial agents, the commercial travelers for the Hitler regime and its industry provided we can get German Jews with possessions out of their country.

There are these further considerations which to me are of supreme importance. We Jews dare not try to save ourselves without saving the other victims of the Hitler regime. If we break the front with our fellow-victims, the non-Jewish world has the right to say that we cannot be depended upon to battle on as long as we can make any kind of a peace, however dishonoring with our oppressors.

If there can be a more important consideration, it is this, and surely you must have felt it. To help Germany to export her goods and wares to other lands now, in other words, to support the Hitler regime industrially, is to serve notice upon Roumania, Poland, Latvia, Hungary and even Austria, that they treat Jews badly enough their fellow-Jews may be trusted to serve the oppressing country by facilitating its export through transfer or some other skillful device that may be invented.

We have a right to ask that England shall do one thing--open wider the gateway to Palestine or that England permit the immigration of Jews in large number into Transjordan.

This proposal is fatal to the Jews in every way and deadly to us insofar as it will proclaim to the world that Jews have no sense of responsibility to their fellow-sufferers and that they are concerned only with their own physical security irrespective of any hurt done to their honor.

I trust that Mrs. Einstein is very much better. I wish that sometime Miss Dukes would have the kindness to write and tell Mrs. Wise and me how Mrs. Einstein is.

Faithfully yours,

(S) Stephen S. Wise

SSW:s

PRESIDENT

January 10, 1936

Joseph C. Hyman, Secretary,
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,
7 Hamover Street,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Hyman:

As you know I am very actively interested in the Boycott Movement. I am Vice-president of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League and in the absence of Mr. Untermeyer who is on the coast, I am its Acting President.

I understand that a delegation of British Jews is coming to America to consult with those leaders interested in the German-Jewish situation concerning their future plans and activities. Press reports seem to indicate that the proposal of a Liquidating Bank and transfer arrangements may be considered at this conference which proposal would, of course, seriously involve the whole problem of the Boycott of Germany. I do not know what leaders are to be invited to this conference with the British Delegates, but as acting President of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League, I should like the privilege of attending the meetings so as to receive first hand information and perhaps have the opportunity to express a point of view which is held by our organization and which is shared by large sections of our people. Personally, as well as in my capacity as an officer of the League, I would appreciate an invitation to sit in with the people who are to discuss the matter.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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January 13, 1936.

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

Dear Doctor Silver:

With reference to your good letter of January 10th:

I am glad that you approve of the various matters I referred to you in my letter of January 8th. I am referring specifically to your inquiry regarding the purpose of the British delegation coming over here.

It seems, according to the best advices that there has been rather a confusion created in the minds of the public through a mixing up of two separate schemes. I send you herewith copy of the release of the Seven Arts Syndicate regarding this matter and I think you will agree that this statement clarifies the situation considerably. I am also sending you the statement we released on Saturday and which has already appeared in the Jewish and which we trust will break in the English press as well. We have, of course, released it to the Anglo-Jewish papers and Catholic press also.

We are watching the situation very carefully and we will work with other organizations if any liquidation plan is brought up. According, however, to the WNS report the purpose of the English visitors is not connected with the International Bank at all.

With all good wishes,

Very truly yours,

G. E. Harriman
Executive Secretary

GEH:BZ

P.S. We are looking forward to receiving your editorial.
May we expect it soon?

NAZI GERMANY IS THE ENEMY OF CIVILIZATION

REFUSE TO TRADE WITH THE ENEMY

January 13, 1936

Mr. G. E. Harriman,
Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League,
20 West 47th St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Harriman:

I am enclosing herewith an editorial for the January issue of the Economic Bulletin. Because of its importance in connection with the mission of the British delegates coming to the United States and the danger involved in the proposal to establish a Bank of Liquidation, I would suggest that this editorial be displayed in large type on the front page, and because of its length, carried over into the inside page.

I would recommend that our Executive Board adopt this statement as its official position and issue it to the press even prior to its publication in the Economic Bulletin. I believe the matter is very urgent.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. In the January issue there should be a severe indictment of the Sears Roebuck & Company and Lessing Rosenwald for their continued distribution of German merchandise. Buyers throughout the country should be asked to make their voices heard with that organization.

January 14, 1936

Mr. Louis Rittenberg, Managing Editor,
The American Hebrew,
212 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rittenberg:

On December 23, you wrote to me asking me for my comment on the Palestine Transfer Agreement. I suggested that you use the statement of the Executive of the Jewish Agency. I also enclosed an article from the Hebrew paper "Haolom." I did not feel at the time that I cared to make a statement on the subject of the Transfer arrangement with Germany. Since that time, as you know, the whole question has taken on a much larger aspect through the suggestion for universalizing the Transfer to enable mass emigration of German Jews. I believe the proposal to be so dangerous that I have written the enclosed article, which if you find acceptable, I should like to have you publish in the American Hebrew. It is strong, but I believe, not unjust. As you know, I was one of the organizers of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League and have been very active in its work ever since.

My one request is that if you publish this statement in the American Hebrew, that it be published in full, without changes.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

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January 14, 1936

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
the Temple
E. 105th St. at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor Silver:

We have been asked by the Labor Chest, which is actively cooperating with us in the prosecution of the boycott to send you the enclosed pamphlet, their most recent publication.

Yours very truly,

G. E. Harriman
Executive Secretary

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

Dear Doctor Silver:

Thank you for your very fine editorial received today which will be featured in the Bulletin as you suggest. So far as a general release is concerned, we have, as you know, already released a story stating the League's position on this matter. I think it doubtful whether, such being the case we can get adequate publicity for your editorial in the general press at this time. I am going to hold it for a general release until the arrival of the English delegation when it should prove tremendously valuable.

We are also going to run a story on Sears Roebuck and Lessing Rosenwald in the coming issue of the Bulletin.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

G. E. Harri man
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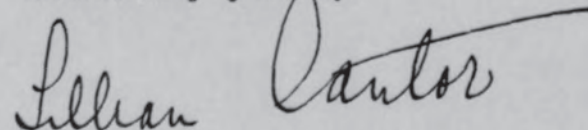
January 16th, 1936.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This will acknowledge receipt of your recent letter addressed to Mr. Joseph C. Hyman. Mr. Hyman is at present in California and it has been suggested that I advise you that since Lord Bearsted, Mr. Simon Marks and Sir Herbert Samuel plan to attend the National Conference for Palestine in Washington on February 2nd, 1936, you will no doubt have the opportunity of meeting the gentlemen there.

Sincerely yours,



Secretary to Mr. J. C. Hyman.

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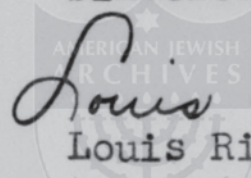
Louis Rittenberg, *Managing Editor*


January 17th, 1936.

Dear Dr. Silver:-

We learned that the JTA is distributing your article entitled "No Liquidation!". We regret that because the article is to be broadcast practically to every Jewish publication in the country, we cannot publish it.

Sincerely yours,


Louis Rittenberg
Louis Rittenberg,


Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

January 20, 1936

Editor,
The Jewish Chronicle,
47/49 Moor Lane,
Finsbury Pavement,
London, England.

Dear Sir:

I am taking the liberty of enclosing herewith a statement which I issued to the American press on the subject of the proposed extension of the Transfer arrangement which is now considerably agitating the American Jewish public. I thought that your readers might be interested in it.

You may recall that together with Mr. Samuel Untermyer, I organized the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League of America and that I am its present Vice-president.

You may also find in the statement a reference to the Palestine Transfer Agreement in the discussion of which I had a part at the last World Zionist Congress at Lucerne.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

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Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
Ansel Rd. and E. 105th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:-

I am returning herewith copy of correspondence between Mr. Levinson and Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald. Mr. Levinson's statement is, indeed, the courteous, cultured one.

Sincerely yours,

Philmore J. Haber

PJH/MM

P. S. I have composed the enclosed reply to Mr. Rosenwald, and, before it is sent by the League, would be glad to have your criticism, if any, about it.

Sincerely,

MM

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have your letter of Jan. 17th. The article has been sent out in full to the Anglo-Jewish weeklies and the Jewish press. You will realize that from a news point of view, your statement that the Palestine Transfer itself may have to be reconsidered was of particular interest.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Jacob Landau
JACOB LANDAU,
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January 27, 1936.

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

Dear Doctor Silver:

We received this morning a check for \$250.00 from the Cleveland office which, the devil being able to quote scripture in need, is like "Manna from Heaven". That is not quite true because, as a matter of fact, our finances have been doing fairly well. But it was gratifying to get the check particularly as the accompanying letter expressed an appreciation of what we have been doing and what we are trying to do. We know we have you to thank.

It seems as if the British delegation are doing their utmost to soft-pedal the liquidation bank idea. Frankly, I believe it was a trial balloon that exploded. I do not know how you feel about it but this morning's story in the Times regarding the proposed plan by which the wealthier Jews may remove their capital from Germany does not disturb us greatly. It is entirely tentative and on the face of it can apply only in a few cases. The dispatch reads more like Nazi propaganda than anything else.

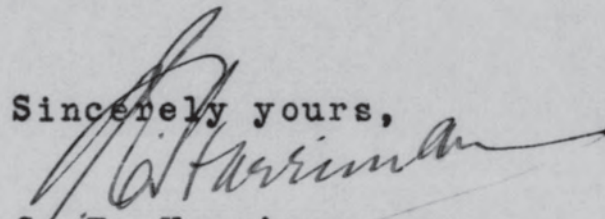
I had some letters from Mr. Untermyer this morning, the first word we have had from him since he left for the coast. He is evidently in a little better shape. In one of them he expressed his high regard for you and his deep appreciation of the services you have rendered in the cause of the boycott. He complains rather plaintively, however, that you have ceased communicating with him and that he valued your advice and assistance very highly, and feels rather lost without it. Far be it from me to

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver - continued.

suggest that as busy a man as you write the old gentleman, but I am sure that if you do you will please a very old and very sick man greatly.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,



G. E. Harriman
Executive Secretary

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January 28, 1936.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Doctor Silver:

We are going to press rather early with the Bulletin next month and it would be most helpful to us if we could have your editorial by February 7th. Your last one was so striking that we received numerous requests for extra copies containing it.

And now I am going to ask a favor of you. I am making a little collection of photographs of the leaders of the League for my office and I would be really grateful if I might have one of yours to put in a place of honor. If you can spare one you will be doing me a real favor.

With many thanks in advance and with cordial good wishes,

Most sincerely yours,

G. E. Harriman
Executive Secretary

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January 28, 1936

Mr. G. E. Harriman,
Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League,
20 West 47th St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Harriman:

I have received the Bulletin of this month. It is O.K.

Miss Chadsey, Secretary of our local League, plans to visit New York next week and to spend some time in the office. Please give her every assistance.

I would appreciate it if your Secretary would go through the newspapers and periodicals which arrive in the office and send me the reprints of my editorial "No Liquidation" which might appear in them or in the daily press.

I am still in the dark as to what the proposed plan to aid the German-Jewish immigrants is. Has our office been called into consultation? Have the leaders of the American Jewish Congress? Just who is being consulted by these British delegates who came over to consult with leaders of American Jewry?

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

January 30, 1936

Mr. E. E. Harriman,
20 West 47th St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Harriman:

Under separate cover I am sending you a photograph to be added to your "chamber of horrors" which you are building up at headquarters.

Please send me Mr. Untermyer's present address and I will be very happy to write to him.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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January 30, 1936.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Doctor Silver:

Thank you for your good letter of January 28th.

I am more than glad that Miss Chadsey is to visit us next week and you may rest assured that I will give her every assistance and attention. I have wanted to meet her for a long time, for I believe, and I think you will agree with me, that she has been splendidly efficient in her conduct of the Cleveland office.

We will check the papers carefully for your "No Liquidation" editorial and forward them to you. We did not know until yesterday that you had released it to the Anglo-Jewish press. Had we known in time we would have asked you to mention that it was appearing as an editorial in our Bulletin. It is a small matter but it might have been helpful.

Now as to the proposed plan brought to this country by the British high hat delegation. Doctor, they have no plan. The only thing they know is that whatever money is raised there must be nothing done which will in any way help German exports. They have been thoroughly scared off the idea of a public liquidation bank. They announced it in St. Louis and at the reception given them by the Joint Distribution Committee which I attended. One speaker after the other reiterated the slogan "no increased exports of Germany are contemplated in our plans nor will any plans which might lead to such an eventuality be considered."

In this connection it is interesting to note that the resolution passed by the audience contained these words, "the plans in no way contemplate or include any measures which will aid or facilitate in the export of German

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver - continued.

goods" to which was added that this assurance is regarded "an essential condition". It was really amusing to see William Rosenwald presenting this resolution. I am writing that gentleman today, pointing out how ridiculous his proposal of such a resolution is in the face of the Sears Roebuck attitude.

Frankly, I think that they are sincere. What these gentlemen had in their mind, to begin with one does not know. But the world objection to even a thought of such a proposal has had its effect. I understand that there was a good deal of friction between them and the people whom they consulted. Some of their American contacts were afraid that any plan so wide in scope and entailing such a large sum would interfere with domestic campaigns on the way. Frankly, and I say this advisedly, I do not think they will make any appeal to the public. They will try to get their money from a small group of very very wealthy men.

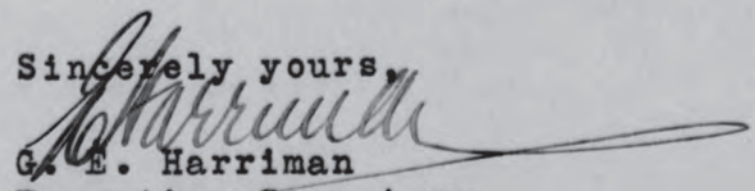
You ask whom they have consulted. Their main contacts has been with the Joint and Welfare Federations. As you know, they have also been talking to some of the Zionist leaders and will appear at the Zionist Conference at which you are scheduled to speak. Felix Warburg and Baerwald, of course, have been very much in the picture. They naturally would be. So far as we can learn they have not talked officially to the American Jewish Congress, although Lipsky, who advised them on their arrival is connected with both the Zionist and Congress organizations. We were not called in, which, under the circumstances is quite natural.

We did release a blast against the scheme proposed, which was followed by yourself but that was about as far as we could get. However, we feel that the danger of any boycott wrecking plan is over, for the time being at least. There is some talk of a private liquidation bank for the wealthier Jews which would take over the German Jewish property for gradual liquidation. This, however, is very nebulous, there is nothing official about it and is only a rumor. Perhaps you might be able to get further information on it while you are in Washington.

With all good wishes,

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Sincerely yours,


G. E. Harriman
Executive Secretary

50 Morningside Drive.

New York Jan 30, 1936

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

The Temple
Cleveland O.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This is not another open letter. I just want you to know that there reached me this morning, from one of the best and wholly neutral sources in Palestine not only a considerable review of the Haavarah but the following enclosures:

1 Clipping from L'Aurore, French Egyptian paper giving an account of a massmeeting in Cairo in which the leading Jews unanimously condemned Haavarah, dated Jan 2, 1936

2. Haavarah correspondence dated Nov 21, 1935 covering a protocol between Haavarah and E.I.A. (Entente Internationale de l'Acier) for a pooling of interests and a tonnage program in German metal importation, about 100,000 tons.

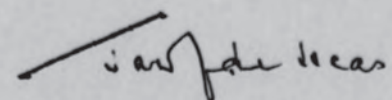
3. Copy of Arthus Luss of Haifa circular announcing he is accredited agent of Haavarah, and giving his prices for German typewriters.

4. Figures showing Haavarah under bids the German base price about 15%

5 Copy in French of Haavarah letter, dated Jan 19, 1935 written to German Minister in Cairo for aid in winning market for German goods.

I shall as opportunity offers make this all public. It confirms the worst, shows this German agency was busy to the end of 1935, and boasted that it had increase German business in Palestine 400 %. That Lipsky, "The Reconstructionist" and "Every Friday" argue for the new Haavarah deal suggest your associates are not kosher on the boycott, and skirts are not cleared by resolution. It will be a question who holds the cash, and if your Left friends will control the U.P.A. the results are too obvious.

Jacob de Haas



January 31, 1936

Mr. G. E. Harriman,
Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League,
20 West 47th St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Harriman:

I see by the papers that William Rosenwald was the one who introduced the resolution endorsing the campaign for the German-Jews and incidentally pointed out that the plan "in no way contemplates or includes any measures which will aid or facilitate in the export of German goods" adding that this assurance is regarded as "an essential condition". This should be displayed in the next issue of the Economic Bulletin with a question why Mr. Rosenwald, through Sears Roebuck & Co. is one of the worst violators of the Boycott in the United States.

Ask, too, why such a man is permitted to be a leader in Jewish life in America. You will probably find his statement in the New York Times or in the report of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

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February 1st 1936.

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

Dear Doctor Silver:

Thank you for your letter of January 30th.

I am awaiting eagerly the receipt of your photograph and can assure you that what you call a "chamber of horrors" will be graced by its presence, in fact, it may take some of the horrors off it.

I am also awaiting with impatience the report of your speech in Washington. I am sure it will be good.

Mr. Untermyer's present address is:

"The Willows"
Palm Springs, Calif.

I am sure that he will be glad to hear from you.

With renewed thanks and kindest personal regards,

Very truly yours,

G. E. Harriman
Executive Secretary

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

Dear Doctor Silver:

Thank you for your letter of January 31st.

As I reported to you in my letter of January 30th, that I was writing to Mr. William Rosenwald, here is my letter to him which I think covers the situation. We are, of course, printing this letter in the Bulletin and will, in fact, play it up in a front page box.

It seems as if the Palestine conference has gone on record very nicely against any proposed German export plan in connection with the emigration of the German Jews. I am waiting to hear what Mrs. Harris and Mr. Myers have to say about the conference. No doubt you saw them while in Washington.

The photograph arrived this morning for which many thanks. It has already gone out to the framer's and I am sure it will add lustre to my little collection.

With kindest regards,

Very truly yours,

G. E. Harriman
Executive Secretary

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WILLIAM ZUKERMAN,
JOURNALIST.

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107, FLEET STREET,
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Feb. 5th, 1936

Dear Dr. Silver,

I think that the enclosed article which appeared in the London World Jewry two weeks ago will interest you. For I understand, that you have written something to the same effect. If you could, please, send me your article on the subject I would greatly appreciate it.

Very Sincerely Yours,

W. Zuckerman

Unfortunately, I have not your address but am taking a chance.

50 Morningside Drive
New York, ~~Feb~~ 10, 1936

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Men do not take each other's advice otherwise my answer to you would be simply this, don't patronize.

Now I called your attention to the existence of a document dated November 21, 1935, which covered a contract entered into on that date, which presupposes that the Haavarah was doing business and proposed to do some more. It is not quite reasonable to presume that Haavarah was let in to a metals-cartel because it was not doing business. Nor is there any reason to believe that the Egyptian Jews protested against what happened a year ago.

I read the announcement you mention in the London "Jewish Chronicle" before it appeared in the JTA and as it does not square with a defense made for the Haavarah a few weeks before nor with the Shimson Company transaction, I have ignored both statements and have invited some of my correspondents to give me independently the low down on the situation. For the moment I conclude that the German stoppage of transfer has been used as an argument for if there has been a real suspension of this business Ben Gurion's defense, Lipsky's argument, the "Jewish Frontier," and other apologies would have been needless.

It is perfectly true that I have been opposed to the Histadruth, to all those phases which have assumed the characteristics of a racket. A whole series of events, from the Stafsky case on, have that distinct appearance, and unfortunately Jewish life in other directions is not free from the aspersion that some organizations are run for the benefit of payrolls.

In this particular matter I did not even know that the His-

tadruth was involved because I had never enquired into the component parts of the "Nir," and even now do not pretend to know the set up. What first caught my eye was the participation of the Jewish National Fund which I condemned as unworthy and improper. I know the Hanotiah people, and they are not Socialists, not even socially-minded. If you can clear your mind of the thought that I am animated in this by any party or other animus.

Just because I believe that the liquidation is in process and no one can stop it I believe the utmost caution must be exercised both as to the effect on the boycott and on Palestine. I am not at all persuaded that the Haavarah type of liquidation is essentially necessary, and if it is true that by their contract with the Reich they are entitled to a rake off of the emigrant's assets whether or not he uses their facilities, it appears that their interest is something else than that of salvaging German capital for the benefit of the emigrant.

Out of the whole mass of contradictory reports it still seems to be clear that the emigrant can cash in about as much by not using the Haavarah as by using its system. If that is the case what is the point of an organized breach of the boycott with all the pressure on Palestine and the opening up of new markets in the Near East?

The saving of capital in order to build up Palestine does not thrill me because it is not necessarily true as to the facts. One of my correspondents, a cold and somewhat distant person writes me that the Haavarah has smashed Palestine business, and he does not hesitate to tell me that the Palestinean depression is due to the German dumping which has forced all other goods

out of the market, and put a severe kink into all local manufactures. I do not know whether this is a fact, nor whether the surmise very current in Palestine that the British have viewed this dumping with sympathy because of its all effects on the National Home is justified. These statements do however suggest that the results are not the simple two and two of money coming out of Germany and going advantageously into Palestine. A detached observer of the Washington conference writes me, "I don't think the Britishers will raise much money here." Were I the kind of partizan you imagine me to be I ought to rejoice. In reality I am depressed because I think you have hurt the Jewish cause.

The liquidation of assets is no doubt an intricate problem. It is being worked at in other countries besides Germany. If everywhere the theory you uphold were set in motion paralysis would follow. The one thing a determined boycott could do would be to force Germany to permit the Jews to go on fairly decent terms. You and others have spoiled a moral cause by all this emphasis on "assets," and I have good reason for thinking the general Jewish public agrees with me.

Wise is refurbishing his end of the boycott which implies I presume that he knows he has sustained a defeat. The Non-Sectarian League in my judgment missed its cue. If it had forced Samuel to a show down of a black and white program an interesting situation would have developed.

Of course I think the clear thinking is on my side, but we will I hope live to fight another day.

Yours very truly

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

Cleveland O.

Jacob de Haas

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February 11, 1936

Dr. I. M. Rubinow, Managing Editor,
B'nai B'rith Magazine
Electric Bldg.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Rubinow:

Quite a few people have called my attention to an advertisement which appears on page 165 of the February issue of the B'nai B'rith Magazine from W. & J. Sloane in which Dresden china figures are advertised for sale. I am sure that the B'nai B'rith Magazine is not interested in advertising German goods. Or are these Dresden china figures not manufactured in Dresden? I think there ought to be some explanation made in the forthcoming issue.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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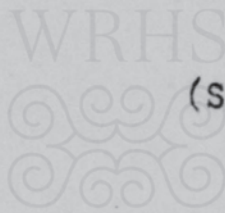
Dr. A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Doctor:

Read your article on Jews must fight to
overthrow the "Hitler Regime." These are my sentiments.
Enclosed find one dollar to help. Would like to join
Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League.

Yours truly,

(Signed) A. Saperstein



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"The Willows"

Palm Springs, Calif.,

February 12, 1936

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I was relieved and delighted at the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant. From your long silence I had begun to fear that I had in some unknown and unintended way offended you, and was greatly distressed at your long silence. You may not realize the depth of my appreciation of all your services to the boycott cause, and of your having in addition to the many other burdens assumed the tasks which I have been for the past year unable to perform because of my long continued illness. I do not know what we would have done without you, and want to take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation and that of the Cause for the extent to which you have taken up the burdens that I should have and would have liked to have carried.

My health is still poor, but I believe that it is on the mend, and that on my return to New York in the spring I shall be able, at least to some extent, to shoulder the burdens; meanwhile, I am relying on you and our Executive Committee in New York to carry the load.

I heard of your visit to the Palestinian Conference in Washington, at which you unanimously put through the two resolutions on the boycott. I have been especially interested in the re-statement of the position of the American Zionists in favor of the boycott, and in pledging its vigorous prosecution, and especially in that part of the resolution to the effect that "whatever plan will be adopted to assist the emigration of Jews from Germany must in no way be tied up with any scheme which would increase German exports or in any way strengthen the economic position of the Nazi Reich." I was very fearful of the effect of the adoption of the plan, and am thoroughly relieved that the protests against it in this country forced its abandonment.

With respect to the Palestine Transfer Agreement, I am distinctly consoled with the official statement, which I now learn was made at the Berlin Headquarters of the "Haavarah", that "Not a single deposit has been accepted in Germany during the year 1935 by the Haavarah for Transfer to Palestine." For a while, after hearing that you had agreed to the Transfer Agreement, which seemed to me to be a great blow to our entire movement, I was greatly disturbed and at a loss to know what to do. I did not want to take any action without consulting you, and I was rather surprised that I had not heard from you, but in the light of what you tell me we have apparently not been hurt. I am sure that the whole thing is capable

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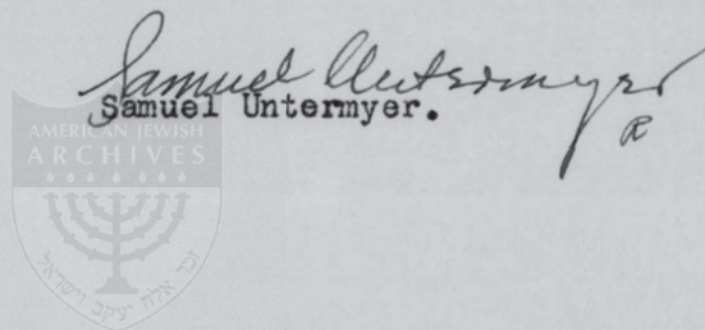
of a better explanation than I have yet received, and am at a loss to understand why Mr. Harriman did not take the trouble to put and keep me in possession of all the facts on so important a subject. However, all is apparently well now.

Trusting that I shall hear from you more frequently and at length on the affairs of the League from now on, and with kindest regards, believe me

Sincerely yours,

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(Dictated but not read)



February 14, 1936

Mr. G. E. Harriman,
Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League,
20 West 47th St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Harriman:

I am sorry that I will not have an editorial for this issue of the Economic Bulletin. I have been on the go most of the month and I am leaving again tomorrow morning for Purdue University. I have just received from Mr. William Zukerman, well-known writer, an article which appeared in "World Jewry", London, England, called "Jewish Exodus From Germany". It is an excellent article, almost paralleling the ideas which I expressed in my article of last month, "No Liquidation". I would suggest that you feature that in place of an editorial. Condense it, giving credit, of course, to that paper from which it is taken.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Enc.

P.S. I have written to Mr. Untermeyer.

February 14, 1936

Mr. William Zukerman,
66 Woodlands,
London, N.W.
England.

My dear Mr. Zukerman:

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in sending me your article "Jewish Exodus From Germany". I am enclosing herewith my article on "No Liquidation", which has been reprinted widely in the United States. It might prove helpful to have it reprinted also in England. I sent a copy of it to the Jewish Chronicle but I do not know whether that periodical will print it or not.

I am happy to know that your views so closely coincide with mine. The idea of liquidating a large Jewish center in Germany with the aid of Jewish philanthropy would be one of the most colossal blunders. It is difficult to make a shell-shocked generation of Jews realize how criminal and stupid such a procedure would be.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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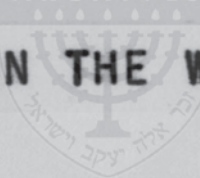
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In reply refer to
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February 15, 1936

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We have communicated with the Bloch Publishing Co., 31 West 31st Street, New York City, inquiring about certain pictures which they are importing from Germany. Their reply is that they are continuing to import these pictures even during the boycott because ^{the} articles are manufactured by a Jewish concern. They add that it is necessary to continue importing various religious articles from Germany for American institutions and Rabbis, including yourself.

This information is of course news to us, and we should be very much interested in learning whether it is true.

With best wishes, we are

Sincerely yours,

G. E. Harriman
Executive Secretary

GEH:IB

February 17, 1936

Mr. A. Saperstein,
307 W. Holly St.,
Bellingham, Washington.

My dear Mr. Saperstein:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of February 11. I have sent your contribution of \$1 to the headquarters of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League in New York and they will undoubtedly acknowledge it.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

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The Temple,
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My dear Rabbi Silver:

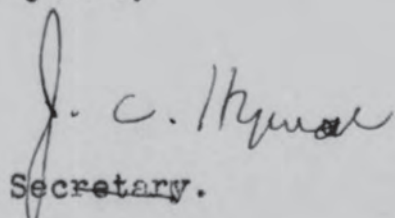
I have your letter of February 11, with reference to Mr. William Rosenwald. You said that you are writing to me, because you feel that I am the best man to handle this delicate matter.

I have had no information on this situation and, of course, do not know of any correspondence with Mr. Rosenwald concerning the question of the boycott. I do not know whether I can do anything in this matter, one way or another, but I do want to think about it in the light of all the questions involved.

It was indeed pleasant to be with you. I enjoyed your hospitality and appreciate your personal courtesies to me very much. I shall in due course communicate with you on the question that you raised.

With all good wishes,

Cordially yours,


Secretary.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor:

In discussing with Dr. Kalb, chairman of the Newark organization, plans for the membership drive for one million members which the League is going to start soon it was agreed that the initiation of the drive to enroll the State of New Jersey should begin with a banquet that will be held on Sunday, April 26, in Newark, NJ. Dr. Kalb authorized me to write to you requesting that you be so kind as to accept the invitation to be the guest speaker on that evening.

The most worthwhile representatives of the civic and cultural life of Newark and vicinity will be present. I trust that you will be able to accept this invitation. I feel sure that as one so devotedly interested in the boycott and the League that you will do so if at all possible.

Of course it is understood that if there are any extra expenses or charges that they will be met. I would, therefore advise that you inform me as quickly as possible, whether you will be able to accept and what the expenses incurred will be.

Respectfully yours,

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February 17, 1936.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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East 105th St. and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Doctor Silver:

Thank you for your letter of February 14th and the enclosure of Mr. Zuckerman's very noteworthy editorial in World Jewry.

I would not like to use this in the coming issue of the Bulletin. I feel, and I hope you will agree with me, that the Catholic situation gives us a rare opportunity to line up Catholic support and we are therefore devoting our editorial this month to the Catholic side entirely. You will remember that we decided some months ago to give the Bulletin a broader base of appeal and I feel that if we run stories appealing directly to Catholics and Protestants we will be accomplishing something worthwhile.

There is no reason, however, why we cannot run the Zuckerman story in the March issue and I will see that this is done. It is absolutely in line with your own ideas and I hope that you will not think that this is mere flattery when I say that your "No Liquidation" editorial aroused a tremendous furor.

We have just heard from Mr. Untermeyer and he was delighted with your letter. Let him hear from you once in a while because I know it makes him feel better.

With all good wishes and in the hope of seeing you shortly,

Most sincerely yours,

J. E. Harriman

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February 19, 1936.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Doctor Silver:

We received a visit today from Mr. Bloch of the Bloch Publishing Company, who called on us with reference to your letter to him of February 17th in response to our letter to you.

Mr. Bloch now assured us that his firm will in the future import no books or publications from Germany whatever no matter by whom published and I believe that we can have confidence in his statement. Books printed in Germany which have been on the shelves for years they will still sell. Frankly, I see no objection for this, as it is in line with our decisions in other cases. Do you agree, Please?

Yours sincerely,

G. E. Harriman
Executive Secretary

GEH:BZ

February 19, 1936

Mr. G. E. Harriman,
Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League,
20 West 47th St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Harriman:

I believe that your suggestion to devote the editorial this month to the Catholic situation is a good one. If Zukerman's story is too old for next month, you need not print it at all. I may have an editorial for you.

This morning's New York Times carried a story of the inroads which Germany is making in the American Boycott. Although the last part of the article seems to contradict the first part, there ought to be a display statement in our Bulletin giving the true status of the situation. Emphasis should be laid on the fact that only through its amazing subsidies and dumping practices which in the end are suicidal has the Nazi Regime been able to increase its exports to a point.

I understand from friends that the Boycott situation in St. Louis is bad. There seems to be no concerted effort there to build up a Boycott front. I would suggest that you communicate with the Rabbis of St. Louis or with such laymen as we have had contact with and canvass the situation.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Doctor Silver:

I have just been having a little argument with the irreplaceable and efficient Miss Zeitlin. I say that you have not seen a copy of this pamphlet as yet and she says you have. In any event, I would like your comment on it. It is really going remarkably well and we are receiving requests from all over the country for the pamphlet in quantities.

The New York Teachers Federation have taken a large batch and now we are working on Miss Selma Borchardt to help us with the National body. Even Mr. Untermyer was kind enough to say that it was very well worded.

I need not tell you how much we enjoyed seeing Miss Chadsey and only hope that we were helpful to her as we tried to be. She is a splendid person and I do not wonder that you have found her a real asset.

With all good wishes,

Very truly yours,

G. E. Harriman
Executive Secretary

GEH:BZ

February 19, 1936

Mr. L. Barsel,
Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League,
20 West 47th St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Barsel:

It would be quite out of the question for me to come to Newark on Sunday, April 26. I cannot get away from Cleveland on Sundays. Furthermore, I am going to be in Newark for a meeting in March and I cannot return again in April.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

At the very outset I want to assure you that we have bought nothing in Germany excepting religious material (books and a very few pictures). This material was purchased only from Jewish concerns, provided it was made or printed by Jews and published by them. We would not even buy a Jewish book if the printer was a non-Jew. What we did import was only on order from a rabbi or institution. We have been very strict adherents to the boycott rule. But it never occurred to us, for one moment, that this Jewish material was included in the ban. Nor did any one, at any time, call our attention to this.

Now that we understand the situation better, we have cut off any importation, are returning material sent us recently on order, or putting it aside not to be sold. It may interest you to know that ever since Houghton-Mifflin Co. issued the Hitler book, we have not purchased anything from it, have taken all its Jewish books from our list and shelves and have refused to supply any of these to customers wanting same.

I have always differentiated Jewish books from all other merchandise made in Germany. Now that it has been explained to us that one of the purposes of the boycott is to prevent sending any money into that country, no matter even if it is for Jewish publishers, we will abide by the rule.

We would like to have your advice on the following points:

- 1- Are we at liberty to sell books from Germany that were published before 1933, purchased and paid for previous to that date? We have many such books, some being in stock for years. Having been paid for, no money would be sent abroad. As all such books are dated, there can be no evasion if they were purchased since 1933.
- 2- What ought we do in a case like this? The first three volumes of the Heb.-Eng. Pentateuch with Rashi were printed before 1933, the other two volumes since then. The books are published by a London concern and bear its imprint.



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Cleveland, Ohio

The printing, however was done in Germany. This London publisher has no doubt paid for the printing long ago. Is he to be penalized by Jewish booksellers refusing to purchase any more copies, or would we be permitted to continue to import from the English publisher and owner of the books?

- 3- What should we do in the matter of subscriptions that had been placed through us on such works as the "Encyclopedia Judaica", the tenth volume of which was sent to you not long ago. This volume was sent to us in June, 1934. Must such subscriptions be cancelled if further volumes are to be issued? What is to be done with subscriptions to Jewish periodicals published in Germany, of which there are a fair number? Most of the subscriptions for books or papers have not been paid for in advance. Any countermanding or cancelling thereof by individuals or booksellers would make them, I believe, legally responsible for further issues, especially of subscription sets.

It is not a matter of profit, as our importations from Germany had not amounted to \$500.00 per year. I am thinking more of the loss that must be sustained by the innocent Jewish printer and publisher in Germany who have made their investments in Jewish literature. The only pictures we have imported were those by Bender, and of which about ten sets per year have been brought over.

I met with Mr. Harriman of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League the other day, who explained the matter and for the first time I had a clear picture of the whole problem and with which we are in full sympathy and have given our full support since the beginning. As I said before, it never occurred to us, nor was it ever brought to our attention that we should cut off all Jewish literature published in Germany. So far as we are concerned, there will be no further importations nor anything sold that bears a date from 1933. Of course we are deeply interested in anything that we can do on the question No.1. Here, we would be the only losers, as all such books were paid for and no payments are due German dealers.

I certainly appreciate your very friendly letter and can assure you that you will not find us remiss in any way after you tell us just what our policy should be. Until then, we are strictly adhering to no sale of German material.

Hoping to hear from you soon, and with best of greetings and regards,

Sincerely yours,

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February 21st, 1936.

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

Dear Doctor Silver:

Thank you for your letter of February 19th.

The Catholic editorial in the coming issue of the Bulletin is a good one and I am glad that you agree that it is timely. We certainly hope that you will have an editorial for us for our next month's issue.

Regarding the Times story of the German penetration of the boycott we enclose herewith a release which we issued the same day the news story appeared. It covers, I believe, the very points you bring up in your letter. I trust that you will consider it an answer to the Tolischus story. We could not get it into the Bulletin because the Bulletin was already on the press at the time the story broke. We may, however, make a feature story of the whole incident in our next issue. In fact, I shall advise the editor to do so. This release was sent out generally and I believe will click.

I am turning over the B'nai B'rith magazine letter to the Research Department and we will get into action regarding Sloane's. So far as the boycott in St. Louis is concerned, the situation is not satisfactory although we received word only last week that the town was pretty clean with the exception of two stores which were not cooperating and which our St. Louis friends asked us to name in the Bulletin and which was done.

Have you heard anything regarding the proposed Joint American Boycott Council to be formed by the Ameri-

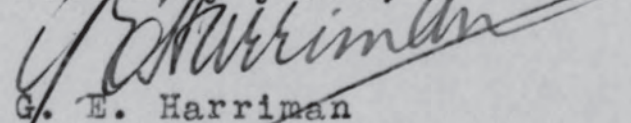
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can Jewish Congress and the Jewish Labor Committee. The Congress, of course, has been trying to put the boycott burden on other shoulders for some time past and have been talking about this American Joint Boycott Council since early last summer. They tried to draw us into it which would have been fatal to our organization for while the boycott is a loud talking point and a money raising one for the Congress, they have other fish to fry as well. So it is with the Jewish Labor Committee. Had we joined forces with them it would have meant that we were out of business.

Vladeck, who is the bright shining star of the Jewish Labor Committee has assured us again and again, as recently as yesterday, that this tie-up does not mean that the Jewish Labor Committee will not cooperate with us as well. We believe, however, that this Joint American Boycott Council is a bad move and have sent the accompanying letter to the Chairmen of the first joint meeting as well as releasing the same to the Yiddish press. Speakers on our radio programs, and as you no doubt know, we have two Yiddish broadcasts apart from two English programs, stress the same, which we also point out in our letter of protest. I would greatly appreciate your comments on this whole situation. Frankly, I do not think it means a great deal. They will make a lot of hullabaloo but it will not amount to much after all is said and done.

With all good wishes and many thanks for your continual assistance, believe me

Sincerely yours,



G. E. Harriman
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February 24, 1936.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
105th St. & Ansel Road,
Cleveland.

Dear Dr. Silver:

It is now two years since I have been editing The Economic Bulletin of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League. I now find that I can no longer afford to handle this assignment and I am therefore resigning effective with the February issue.

Although I will no longer be associated with the League in an official capacity you may count on my cooperation in its work to the limit of my time.

Very sincerely yours,

Bernard Postal

Bernard Postal

February 27, 1936

Mr. G. E. Harriman,
Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League,
20 West 47th St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Harriman:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of
the letter which I received this morning from
Mr. Bernard Postal. I assume that his official
resignation has come to you. What are your
plans for the future?

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Enc.

February 28, 1936

Mr. Bernard Postal,
Seven Arts Feature Syndicate,
220 East 42nd St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Postal:

Let me thank you for your letter of February 24. I am sorry that you no longer find it possible to continue to edit the Economic Bulletin and that you resigned from that position. I wish to thank you for the fine services which you rendered our common cause by your very capable and intelligent editing of the Bulletin. I trust that we may, from time to time, feel free to call upon you for advice and cooperation.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

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March 2, 1936.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Doctor Silver:

Thank you for your letter of the 27th. Of course, Postal's resignation does not really mean a thing.

I have been very much dissatisfied with his work for some months past and am in a way relieved that I can now get someone to do the work as it should have been done. Why he should trouble you with his letter of resignation, except for his own kudos, I cannot understand.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

G. E. Harriman
Executive Secretary

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Dr. Wise's personal address is

40 West 68th St.
New York, N. Y.

March 3, 1936

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, D. D.
The Temple
Cleveland, O.

Dear Hillel:

I have your letter, and am in agreement with practically all that you write excepting that I do not believe we could have gone on with the JDC in the present campaign. That their interests are antipodal to our own is shown in their attitude toward the English gentlemen, and the fact that they will go along.

I am declining to serve as an American member of the British Committee. I do not know what they will do, and I am terribly afraid, as you are, that some kind of a liquidation bank will be set up, and I would then be helping to wreck the Boycott, which I try to serve.

With most hearty greetings,

Yours,

Stephen S. Wise
National Chairman

SSW:FE

Dictated by Dr. Wise, but transcribed after he left for Milwaukee, Wisc.

CONGREGATION BETH EL
DETROIT

March 5, 1936

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
E. 105th St. and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency brought me the news the other day that the University of Michigan and Western Reserve University had accepted the invitation to participate in the celebration of the 550th Anniversary of Heidelberg.

I do not know whether Western Reserve is a privately endowed or a tax supported institution, but I feel that tax supported universities should be prevented from offering this implied endorsement to the Nazi regime. Are you doing anything about Western Reserve?

I have written a purely personal letter to President Alexander Ruthven of the University of Michigan.

Please let me know your views on this matter.

With kindest greetings, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leon Fram".

Rabbi Leon Fram

March 9, 1936

Rabbi Leon Fram,
Congregation Beth El,
Detroit, Michigan.

My dear Fram:

Thank you for your letter of March 5. Western Reserve University is a privately endowed institution and therefore our approach to it must be somewhat different than would be the case of a publicly maintained one. We have been in contact with Western Reserve University, with what success, I do not as yet know. I trust that you will be able to persuade the University of Michigan authorities not to accept the invitation.

How is the Boycott work going on in Detroit?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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March 9, 1936.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Doctor Silver:

It was great seeing you last week and I certainly appreciate your giving us so much of your valuable time.

Last month, you may remember, you said you would have an editorial for this month's Bulletin. May we have it as soon as possible, please? I want to give the new editor every chance to make a fine issue and I am sure one of your inspiring articles would be a great help in this connection.

You may remember the personal matter which I spoke to you about. I wonder if a letter from you to Mr. Untermyer might not be very helpful. Of course, there is no secret about my having put the facts before the Board and before you. Thanks most heartily for anything you can do for me.

Mr. Untermyer has left the coast and is on his way back and should be here before the end of the week.

With kindest personal regards

Very sincerely yours

G. E. Harriman
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NEW YORK March 13, 1936

Rabba Abba Hillel Silver,
% The Temple,
E. 105th St. & Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

May I remind you that we have not yet heard from you in answer to Mr. Bloch's long letter of Feb. 21. We realize, of course, how very busy you are but a number of important matters await determination, pending your reply.

We had planned to send out a special notice about the boycott matter and also to include same in the current issue of our Book Bulletin, but failure to hear from you has kept this in abeyance.

I tried to get in touch with you while you were in town last week and left a message at your hotel, but presume you failed to receive it.

For the reasons stated, we are most anxious to receive your answer.

With greetings, in which Mr. Bloch joins me,

Yours sincerely,

BLOCH PUBLISHING CO.

S. Kerstein

SK:af

March 18, 1936

Mr. Charles E. Bloch,
Bloch Publishing Co.,
31 West 31st St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Bloch:

Please pardon the long delay in answering your letter. I have been away from the city a good deal of the time and my correspondence has lagged. In the last few days I have been confined to my home with a cold.

I am glad to know that you are now pursuing a policy of active participation in the Boycott. I can understand the reasons which caused the confusion in the past. In reply to your specific questions, permit me to say that there is, of course, no objection at all to selling books from Germany that were published and purchased before 1933. In regard to the second question, I would suggest that you can render a service to the cause by contacting with the publishers of the Hebrew-English Pentateuch with Rashi and suggest to them that they ought to discontinue having their printing done in Germany. As regards the third question, I believe that an exception can be made in the case where subscriptions for sets have been ordered and where there is a clear legal responsibility to pay for the sets or the annual subscriptions.

I believe that your own good judgement can be trusted in all these matters. The important thing is that in this life and death struggle with the Nazi Government in which our one effective weapon is the economic boycott, that we exert ourselves to the utmost to employ that weapon most consistently and vigorously.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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March 18, 1936.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Doctor Silver:

Just a reminder that you promised us an editorial for this issue of the Bulletin. I hope that it is on the way.

Everything is running along very smoothly. I have not seen Mr. Untermyer as yet but expect to shortly. His health, I understand, leaves much to be desired. So does mine.

With all good wishes,

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Very truly yours,

G. E. Harriman
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
% The Temple
E. 105th St. at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am sorry to learn that you have not been well, but hope you have completely recovered by this time. I want to assure you again that we are still continuing our boycott of German made articles. We are probably the only Jewish booksellers here who do observe the rule; our competitors are not particular about it.

We are not importing any books and are not putting any on sale excepting those which we purchased and paid for before we were asked not to continue our dealings with the German publishers.

Some material, which was ordered before the lid was put on, has been received. We feel in duty bound to pay for this, as they were legitimate purchases. We shall not, however, put this material on sale.

As for the Pentateuch published in London but printed in Germany; we believe that these have long been paid for by the publishers and to refuse to purchase further copies would only be hurtful to these publishers, as the Nazi government can derive no benefit. I also feel certain that they are not having any more printing done in Germany, but shall write to them in regard to the matter to be certain of this.

Since the matter was first taken up with us by the Anti-Nazi League, we have refused to accept any orders which would require us to import the book from Germany or to sell anything we bought since that time.

I can only assure you again that, being in thorough sympathy with the Boycott movement, we shall continue to adhere strictly to it.

Hoping all this is acceptable and trusting that everything is well with you,

Sincerely yours,

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In reply refer to
Research Department

March 24, 1936

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

With reference to the Dresden china offered by W. & J. Sloane, we find that the goods in question are old importations and represent a very small part of the firm's stock. We are also assured by Sloane's that they had no intention of advertising or prominently displaying it, since they are heartily in sympathy with our cause.

Sincerely yours,

G. E. Harriman
Executive Secretary

GEH:IB

March 30, 1936

Mr. G. E. Harriman,
Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League,
20 West 47th St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Harriman:

Dr. Harry W. Ettelson, Congregation Children of Israel, Memphis, Tenn. has requested some literature on the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi boycott. I would appreciate it if you would send him whatever material you have available.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. Make mention of the fact that you are sending it at my request.

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April 1, 1936.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Doctor Silver:

Thank you for ^{your} note of March 30th. We are sending Dr. Harry W. Ettelson of Memphis, Tennessee, the literature you suggest mentioning that it is being sent him at your request.

How do you like this month's bulletin? I think Mr. Levy did a very nice job, don't you?

With all good wishes

Very truly yours,

G. E. Harriman
Executive Secretary

GEH:BZ

P.S. I saw Mr. Untermyer for the first time since his return last Monday. I found him in much better shape mentally and physically than we had expected. Although he is very weak and old he is not nearly the invalid we had feared. He asked very kindly after you and wanted to know what you are doing. Of course I told him that you bring in the boycott and anti-Hitler sentiment in every speech of the many you make.

He also consented very graciously to that personal matter of mine of which you know, so that is cleared up, thank goodness. Thank you for your help.

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April 7, 1936

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The enclosed is a copy of a letter which we received Mr. W. & J. Sloane. It confirms the information which we sent you on March 24th.

Sincerely yours,

G. E. Harriman
Executive Secretary

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C O P Y

W. & J. SLOANE
575 FIFTH AVE.
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March 24th, 1936

Mr. G. E. Harriman, Executive Secretary
The Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League to
Champion Human Rights, Inc.
20 West 47th Street
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Harriman:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 14th and would like to tell you how the incident to which you refer occurred. The buyer for the Gift Department of the New York Store purchased a large quantity of merchandise for the pre-Christmas trade, and through inadvertence, and not by design, certain pieces of so-called Dresden china figurines were included by the supplier in the purchase. The number of these figurines probably was less than a dozen, and their inclusion in the purchase was not intentional on our part. They have all been disposed of, and we do not intend to purchase such merchandise in the future.

During the rush of the pre-Christmas period, our advertising agency unfortunately, released an advertisement to the B'nai B'rith Magazine on very quick notice in order to make the closing date of the February issue of that magazine. In the copy of this advertisement, the figurines illustrated were described as "Dresden china figures". We understand that the advertising agency felt that the term "Dresden" had come to be used as a generic term for a type of decorative article rather than a piece of merchandise specifically made in a particular country.

We regret this incident which, you will appreciate, was an inadvertence due to the hectic rush of holiday business and which we hope did not embarrass the magazine or offend any of our customers.

With expressions of high esteem, believe me,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Richard L. McClenahan
Vice President

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April 11, 1936.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Doctor Silver:

We intend going to press with the Bulletin
some time next week. Do you think you could
have an editorial for us, please?

Everything is moving along splendidly. The
radio broadcasts are causing a lot of comment
and the "Visit Germany" pamphlet has made a
bull's eye.

With kindest personal regards,

Very truly yours,

G. E. Harriman
Executive Secretary

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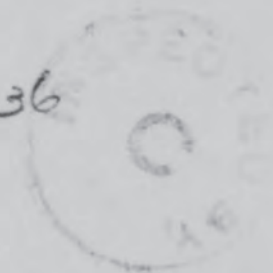
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April 24, 1936

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To G.E. Harriman

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FIFTY-FIVE JEWISH EDITORS DEMAND RESIGNATION OF JOSEPH M. PROSKAUER
FROM AMERICAN LIBERTY LEAGUE

Joseph M. Proskauer, former Justice of the New York State Supreme Court, is asked to resign forthwith his membership in the executive committee of the American Liberty League or to withdraw from the Jewish organizations with which he is affiliated, in an open letter addressed to him by Joseph Brainin, editor of the Seven Arts Feature Syndicate, which represents 55 English-Jewish publications throughout the country. This letter, published today in English-Jewish publications from coast to coast, bases its demand on Mr. Proskauer on the recent disclosures by the Senate Lobby Investigating Committee of anti-Semitic activity by leaders of the Sentinels of the Republic, an organization proved to be closely allied with the leadership of the American Liberty League.

Labeling the Sentinels of the Republic "an exact replica of Nazi organizations in Germany before the advent of the Hitler government, Mr. Brainin's letter accuses Mr. Proskauer of being "in exactly the same position as that handful of rich Jews in Germany who, under the delusion that they were safeguarding their own wealth and security, gave financial and moral support to the Nazi movement and have a share in the responsibility for the terror which Hitlerism has visited upon the German nation." At the same time the Seven Arts Feature Syndicate addressed a letter to Dr. Cyrus Adler, president of the American Jewish Committee, urging him to disown Mr. Proskauer, who is a prominent member of the American Jewish Committee and a former president of the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies of New York.

The text of the letter to Mr. Proskauer is as follows:

"For some time now your name has been associated with the American Liberty League, as a member of this organization and as a leading force in the direction of its policies.

"In the past fortnight it has developed that the leaders of the American Liberty League have simultaneously endorsed an organization known as The Sentinels of the Republic and have expressed their endorsement through funds subscribed to maintain this organization.

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"The Sentinels, through their officers, have clearly indicated that their group is anti-Semitic in purpose and that it looks to a United States Hitler to solve American problems. You can verify this for yourself in the exchange of letters, which are now public property, between Mr. Cleveland Runyon and Mr. Alexander Lincoln.

"We should like to know how you, as a Jew and one who has laid claim to Jewish leadership as a member of the American Jewish Committee and of other organizations, reconcile yourself to membership in the American Liberty League. From the outset it has been obvious that the Liberty League is Fascist in purpose. The Fascist character of the organization is proved beyond all doubt through the espousal of the anti-Semitic Sentinels organization.

"The Seven Arts Feature Syndicate represents 55 Anglo-Jewish publications in this country with an aggregate circulation of over half a million readers. Speaking in behalf of that large body of public opinion, we demand your immediate resignation from the Liberty League, and your public condemnation of its policies.

"There can be no question that your continuance as a leader of both the American Liberty League and Jewish organizations in this country is distasteful to every self-respecting Jew who feels that the recent revelations of the activities of the Sentinels are an exact replica of the development of the Nazi movement before Hitler's ascension to power, and consequently a direct threat to Jewish security in this country.

"You are in exactly the same position as that handful of rich Jews in Germany who, under the delusion that they were safeguarding their own wealth and security, gave financial and moral support to the Nazi movement, and have a share in the responsibility for the terror which Hitlerism has visited upon the German nation.

"You must therefore decide whether you wish to withdraw from the American Liberty League or from organized Jewish life.

"Because the subject of this communication is of such vital interest to so large a body of Jewish public opinion, we are addressing you in an open letter, to which we are giving simultaneous publication in all of our affiliated magazines and newspapers.

"We look to you for an immediate reply, which we will release to the same publications upon receipt."

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The text of the letter to Dr. Cyrus Adler is as follows:

"We address ourselves to you in behalf of that large body of Jewish public opinion which we serve through fifty-five newspapers in the United States, on a matter which vitally concerns the welfare of the Jewish people.

"We refer to the recent disclosures of a close connection between the American Liberty League and the Sentinels of the Republic. The Sentinels, you will recall, are an organization which is anti-Semitic in purpose and which looks to a United States Hitler to solve American problems. The exchange of communications between Mr. Cleveland Runyon and Mr. Alexander Lincoln, President of the Sentinels, is now public property, having been published in the press throughout the country. The Sentinels are subsidized by men who are leaders of the American Liberty League.

"It is with deep regret that we must point out to you that one or more leaders of the American Jewish Committee are also associated with the American Liberty League and therefore must be held responsible for its policies. For instance, the Hon. Joseph M. Proskauer, a member of your National Executive Committee, is associated with the American Liberty League and serves as a member of its Executive Committee.

"We have addressed ourselves in an open letter to Mr. Proskauer today, asking him to condemn the policies of the Sentinels, to resign from membership in the American Liberty League, or else to read himself out of the Jewish community by giving up all the offices which he holds in Jewish organizations, including your own.

"We feel that this matter is of such gravity that the American Jewish Committee should take immediate steps to define its own position in the light of Judge Proskauer's record since the rise of Hitlerism.

"It is our considered conviction that the American Liberty League is Fascist in purpose and that its development in the United States parallels exactly the development of the National Socialist movement in Germany.

"We should like to recall to you that in the early days of the National Socialist movement there was a small group of wealthy Jews who gave financial and moral support to the Nazi regime. These Jews must share the responsibility for the terror which has been visited upon the entire German nation by Nazism and by the threat which Nazism constitutes today for all civilization.

"Mr. Proskauer, if he should retain his membership in the American Liberty League, places himself in precisely the same position as the rich Jews of Germany who supported Nazism.

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"In this connection we recall to you that a little more than a year ago Mr. Proskauer gave utterance to a statement in the public press of this country indicating his espousal of the Liberty League policies. In an article which appeared in the New York World-Telegram of February 5, 1935, he brought an accusation of divided loyalties against Jews who regard themselves as members of the Jewish race and who act as a group to preserve Jewish rights. He identified the American Jewish Committee with these views. That statement was challenged by every self-respecting American Jewish citizen and by every Jewish group in the United States. The American Jewish Committee, however, remained silent on Mr. Proskauer's statement.

"We believe that this lack of disavowal of Mr. Proskauer's statement by you a year ago, and his continuance as a member of your organization, which is pledged to the defense of Jewish rights, is harmful not only to the American Jewish Committee but to the Jewish community of this country.

"We therefore ask, in the interests of the Jews of America, for a clear-cut statement by the American Jewish Committee on its attitude toward the American Liberty League and corollary organizations as they reflect upon the Jewish position in this country, its views with regard to Jews who are members of these organizations, and the immediate resignation of Judge Proskauer and others of his associates in or donors to the Liberty League as members of the American Jewish Committee.

"We believe that the Jewish community of America has the right to request such action by you as an expression of your deep concern about the possibility of Fascism in the United States and the danger it represents to Jewish rights and Jewish existence in this country."

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JOSEPH BRAININ,
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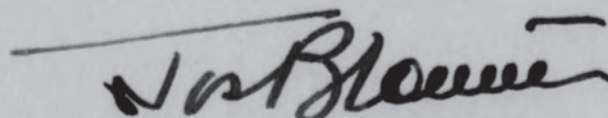
Dr. Abba H. Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th Street and Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I wonder whether the letters I sent to Mr. Joseph M. Proskauer and Dr. Cyrus Adler, copies of which are enclosed, have come to your attention. I feel that you, as one of the outspokenly articulate leaders of the American Jewish community, may have something to say on this subject. The Jewish gentlemen who are identified with the Fascist wing of American politics do not seem to be in the least perturbed at the fact that some of their money goes to support anti-Semitic activities and to further the projection of an anti-Jewish issue into the American political arena.

You have at various times forcefully expressed your views on the attitude of some Jews in Germany who in the days before Hitler's ascension to power did this very thing. I hope for this reason that you will find time to let me know what could be done in order to compel these American Jewish gentlemen to take note of the protests that have been raised against their affiliations.

Very cordially yours,



Joseph Brainin
Editor

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May 6, 1936

Mr. Joseph Brainin, Editor,
Seven Arts Feature Syndicate,
220 East 42nd St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Brainin:

Please pardon the delay in answering your letter of April 27. I have not been well and my correspondence has lagged.

I am not persuaded that the American Liberty League is an anti-Semitic organization. I understand that within the last few days it has publicly disavowed any anti-Semitic taint. I do not believe that we serve the best interests of our people when we force an anti-Semitic label upon an organization which has no anti-Semitic program. There are plenty of the other kind whom we have to fight and there will be plenty more. That certain leaders of the American Liberty League have also supported the Sentinels of the Republic does not, of course, change the status of the Liberty League.

You probably know that I have had "set tos" with Judge Proskauer before. I recall writing an editorial some time ago about the Judge in connection with some statements which he made on the subject of the Anti-Nazi Boycott. You will therefore readily understand that I am not interested in defending him. But he is a conservative or a reactionary in his politics and in his economics - which is the right of every man in a free country, if he so chooses, - and many such people are finding their way into the American Liberty League.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

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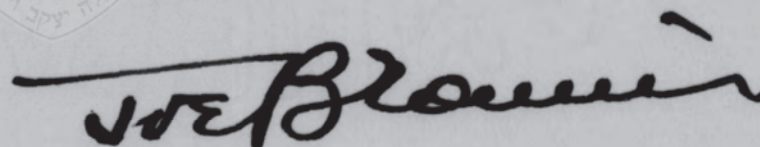
Dr. Abba H. Silver,
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Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thanks for your letter of May 6th. I believe that the enclosed statement, which I sent to one of my correspondents the other day in answer to a letter from him, will give you my reaction to your point of view.

With best regards, in which my father and Sally join me, I am,

Sincerely yours,



Joseph Brainin
Editor

JB:W

EXCERPTS FROM INTRODUCTORY ADDRESS
BROADCAST
BY
REV. CHARLES E. COUGHLIN OF DETROIT

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On behalf of this audience and on my own behalf may I welcome this opportunity to felicitate the gentlemen of the radio world who believe in practicing the spirit of free speech and who adhere to the sound philosophy that truth need have no fear of sophistry and of falsehood, its twin rivals. As long as this policy is adhered to these independent radio stations need have no fear of being nationalized or socialized under any government.

Without you to whom this hour belongs in every sense regardless of your race, your color or your creed---without you I could not even purchase twenty-six seconds of time let alone twenty-six hours. This I dare not forget, nor will I ever forget it, as I read letters from humble taxi man, from disparaged Jew, from colored washer-woman as well as from Protestant and Catholic and from citizen of no religious affiliation. And this I will not forget as I plan to chart my course safely distant from the destructive shoals of racial, of religious and of national bigotry.

I make mention of this because those who are hired to defend the tainted interests of the exploiting class both by innuendo and by malicious suggestion have endeavored at one time to turn against me, for instance, the good will of the Polish people and at another time to arouse resentment in the hearts of the Jewish people because of imaginary slanders supposed to have originated over this microphone.

In passing, may I remark that if there is anti-Jewish propaganda being maliciously circulated it will never find support from a Catholic pulpit. And be it recorded for the benefit of the slanderers of the Jew that to my knowledge not many Jews of any importance held office in Washington during the period of the past twenty years which was recently characterized as the "period of conspiracy against the poor." On the other hand I admire the majority of our Jewish people for withholding their support from the frenzied few who clamored for embargoes against Germany where Protestant and Catholic citizens are suffering at the hands of a Hitler a religious persecution surpassed only by the Communists of Russia and of Mexico.

In this contest for financial freedom both Catholic and Protestant, Jew and Gentile, black and white must stand shoulder to shoulder undivided by the paid agents of those few Jews or few Gentiles who either through ignorance or malice hold us fast in financial servitude. Not all Jews are in this. Thanks be to God, the vast majority of them as well as the vast majority of Gentiles are fellow sufferers and, if needs be, fellow battlers for our independence.

This admonition I leave with you today as we face the future unperturbed. Like the majority of you I am burdened with a debt of exactly \$179,000 but with immediate resources to carry on this work of broadcasting for three weeks longer.

Because of this I do not worry. For believe me, I can truthfully say that it is no personal pleasure or happiness to find myself constantly in the limelight of the public eye. Not that I fear it. But I detest and abhor being made into commercial copy when I view the serene lives of those, my more fortunate fellow priests, who unheralded and unsung accomplish their work in the silence of a simple countryside distant from the turmoil of the battlefield where I find myself today.

But returning from that excursion into the land of egoism, let me dwell once more on the theme of bigotry. I believe that it was a story book judge who on seeing the prisoner asked the clerk of the court: "What is this man charged with?" "Your Honor", said the clerk, "This man has three wives. He is charged with bigotry." "Why, you poor ignoramus," said the judge, "you don't know what the legal terms are. Bigotry is where you have two wives. When you've got three its trigonometry."

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My friends, we must learn this much from the judge's definition before we can carry our fight for liberty to a successful conclusion. We must avoid the three mistakes of being led astray by either racial or religious or political bigotry. "Together we stand. Divided we fall," is true today as of yesterday.

I have been an ardent supporter of this so-called new deal. I will never be a supporter of those who wish us to return to that yesterday which is as dead as feudalism. I make mention of this as I endeavor to gauge the future as bounded by the next few years. The past two years of the new deal, to my mind, witnessed the accomplishment of several notable changes for the betterment of society. Gold has been nationalized. Its price has been revaluated in theory only. Silver has been nationalized but not used to any great extent. The principles for the regulations of industry have been established. The control of credit by the Federal government has been enunciated. These are a few of the infants which we have brought to birth and placed in the newly-made cradles. Let me emphasize that they are only infants, totally undeveloped. While we have been busy rocking cradles, we have been likewise busy, engaged in digging graves. In one we have placed the corpse of child labor. In another are the remains of the sweatshops. In a third is the hide-out holding company which, by the way, at least as far as Michigan is concerned, received its unholy interment but last week in our State Supreme Court when the stockholders in these holding companies, seeking to avoid the payment of double liability, were dismissed with empty hands and saddened hearts. It is because of these graves and because of these cradles that we have hope in tomorrow. It is because we still have faith in the courage of our President and in the stalwart uprightness and integrity of his Secretary of the Treasury, Henry Morgenthau, Jr., faith in these men to nurse the financial infants into maturity and to keep the international bankers and Wall Street profiteers at a healthy distance from the Treasury Building. Because of our confidence in these gentlemen, I fully anticipate that the strike engineered by the capitalists soon will be dissipated. I fully anticipate that money will soon be loaned by the banks, even by banks that are half-owned by the R. F. C., banks which today are just as hard-hearted as the banks owned by Wall Street. Let them get started and get money out of the R. F. C. banks, one of which we have in Detroit and which is frozen tighter than an iceberg. Annual wages shall supplant the new impractical hourly wage system; that want in the midst of plenty shall cease and that our system of unbearable taxation shall be remodelled.

Of course, there are many new deal ideas with which I am not in sympathy. But I realize that our President and his associates are pioneering and therefore experimenting. But I am not at all in sympathy with the organized propaganda so adroitly conducted to damn him for feeding the hungry, for clothing the naked and for sheltering the homeless---conducted by men whose only philosophy has been negative as they cling to the past with its pagan theory in the supremacy of financial rights.

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

Dear Doctor Silver:

Thank you for your telegram addressed to Mr. Untermyer sent to the Hotel Commodore yesterday.

Unfortunately it was necessary to call the Dinner off and I must apologize for not having let you know previously. Mr. Untermyer's general condition precluded his attendance and it was the consensus of opinion that rather than holding the Dinner to him in absentia the entire affair be cancelled. This, you can imagine, was a great disappointment to us and it has also been damaging financially. We refrained from making big public announcement of the postponement of the Dinner feeling that such might cause alarm in the community regarding Mr. Untermyer's actual condition. This is the reason that you were not informed earlier.

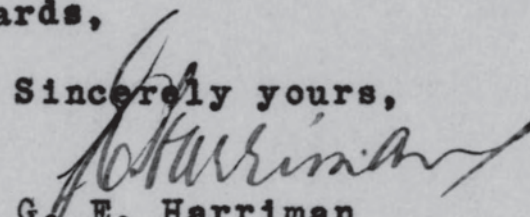
Our financial position is most unsatisfactory at the moment and I am wondering whether you have been able to do anything regarding the allocation from the Welfare Fund for our work here. You will recall that you felt fairly confident that such an allocation will be made and I can assure you that we will appreciate any help you may be able to extend to us.

Also, are we to have an editorial from you for this month's issue?

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, continued.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,



G. E. Harriman
Executive Secretary

GEH:BZ



May 26, 1936

Mr. G. E. Harriman,
Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League,
20 West 47th St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Harriman:

I do not know whether I advised you, some time ago, to write to the Jewish Welfare Federations throughout the country requesting them to include the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League in the general welfare fund campaigns which are being held. I visited quite a number of cities in the last few months to open their drives, and upon inquiry, I find that no request has come from our office for the inclusion of our cause in the allocation of funds. Every other organization makes such a request. Wherever it was not too late, I asked for such inclusion as for example in Indianapolis and Kansas City. There are numerous drives going on all over the country and I would suggest that you contact with federations immediately, giving an outline of the work of our organization and requesting a subsidy. I am going to Buffalo, next Tuesday, to open their drive. I am writing to them today asking them for a subsidy for our League. Please send them a letter over Mr. Untermeyer's signature to the same effect.

The Joint Distribution Committee of the New York Office or the United Palestine Appeal Office may be in a position to give you the names of the cities where drives are to be held within the next few months.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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June 1, 1936.

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

Dear Doctor Silver:

Herewith letter from the United Jewish Campaign of Buffalo sent to us for our information. You will note, of course, that the campaign was for relief and rehabilitation in which we do not quite fit. Undoubtedly that was the main reason that our organization was not included.

I wrote Miss Chadsey a week ago regarding the possibilities of our obtaining funds from Cleveland through your campaign.

I note that the Buffalo group congratulates you on the splendid success of the drive in Cleveland and so trust that we may share in the proceeds this year.

As I told you previously, the cancelling of the Dinner to Mr. Untermyer has been a very great blow to us from which we have not yet recovered.

We have certain plans in formation which we trust will ease the situation but at the moment we are very very short in funds. In fact, I may say - alarmingly so. If you can help us, please do for we need all the assistance we can possibly get at the moment.

With all good wishes,

Very truly yours,

G. E. Harriman
Executive Secretary

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June 3, 1936.

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

Dear Doctor Silver:

Thank you for your letter of May 26th received this morning and postmarked Cleveland June 2nd.

During the past few months we have approached every Jewish Welfare Federation throughout the country, using every name listed in the Jewish Year Book. I therefore cannot understand why the drive leaders informed you that they had received no request from our office. I know that we have on many occasions received forms from several funds requesting information as to our activities and from others letters advising us that our request will be put before their board when the question of allotment comes up. If you consider it wise we shall send a special letter once more, although as I previously stated, every one of them has been approached, including the Federation in Buffalo.

We received the letter addressed to you from the United Jewish Campaign for Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation of Buffalo which we returned to your office yesterday in which was stated that we were not included in this particular drive. However, this seems on the surface, to be a special emergency fund and not the general Welfare Organization.

I am however, writing to this organization as suggested by you and trust that this action and your presence may be helpful to our cause.

With all good wishes,

Very truly yours,

G. E. Harriman
Executive Secretary

Copy - Dr. Silver

Alfred W. Saperston, Chairman
United Jewish Campaign
922 Bank Bldg.
Buffalo, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Saperston:

With the inception of your drive to raise funds for worthy causes, I have been requested by Mr. Samuel Untermyer, President of our League, who is at the moment forbidden by his physicians to handle his correspondence personally, to request most urgently that our organization be included among those to be benefited by your campaign.

For over three years we have been in the forefront of the fight against Nazism. We have inaugurated, conducted and expanded the boycott of German goods and services, believing that this is the only method by which Hitlerism can be destroyed.

Our efforts have been largely successful in reducing German imports into this country by 43% in the year 1935 as against the 1932 figures. We are affiliated with a world boycott organization which was set up at the direct instigation of our League and which, under the leadership of the World Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi Council in London, directs boycott activities of organizations in 21 countries. We have established the only Research Department which can and does furnish American merchants and manufacturers with substitute sources of supply for German wares. We publish the only organ devoted exclusively to anti-Nazi activity, our Anti-Nazi Economic Bulletin, copy of which is enclosed. We have organized groups throughout the country for boycott work and have issued propaganda continuously against the Nazi menace.

We enclose herewith copies of two of our most recent pamphlets, both of which have been received enthusiastically throughout the country.

In conclusion I may say that we have been supported entirely by public subscriptions and we trust that

Alfred W. Saperston, Chairman (2)

because of the importance and necessity of our work, you will find it feasible to include us among the organizations to be aided by your community.

With thanks for your anticipated cooperation, believe me

Sincerely yours,

G. E. Harriman
Executive Secretary

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