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Ohio Sesquicentennial, 1953.



FRANK J. LAUSCHE
GOVERNOR

STATE OF OHIO
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
COLUMBUS 15

June 20, 1953

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The citizens of your native State of Ohio appreciate your great contribution to the American way of life. On the occasion of this, our Sesquicentennial Year Celebration, I join your fellow Ohioans in an invitation for you to participate in a homecoming planned in your honor by your former school chums, old friends, the Mayor and other civic and business leaders.

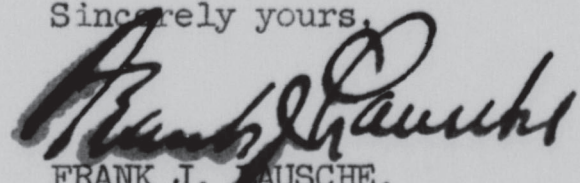
This civic celebration will take place on Monday, October 19th.

On Tuesday, October 20th, you, together with other famous Ohio sons and daughters, will be feted in Cleveland with a parade, a spectacular testimonial banquet and a coast-to-coast television broadcast, 8 PM to 9 PM, featuring the Assembly of Famous Ohio Personalities with Cleveland's Bob Hope acting as Master of Ceremonies. This is a firm television commitment.

Louis Bromfield, famous novelist, journalist, renowned conservationist and farmer of Mansfield, Ohio, and Allen James Lowe, civic and business leader and Chairman of the Mayor's Reception Committee of Cleveland, are co-chairmen for this gala affair, and for the statewide program.

May we have your early acceptance of this invitation, so definite plans can be completed soon? I am looking forward to greeting you personally on this special occasion.

Sincerely yours,


FRANK J. LAUSCHE,
Governor of Ohio

STATE OF OHIO

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Assembly of Famous Ohio Personalities
October 19th and 20th, 1953

June 20, 1953

FRANK J. LAUSCHE, Governor
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LOUIS BROMFIELD
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Malabar Farm Mansfield

ALLEN JAMES LOWE
Co-Chairman
Carter Hotel Cleveland

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your native State of Ohio has given eight Presidents to the Nation. Ohio has probably produced more famous personalities than any other State. Attached is a partial list of Ohio's famous sons and daughters who are still contributing to Ohio's prestige throughout the Nation and the World.

On October 19th and 20th, 1953, during our celebration of 150 years of progress, Ohio wishes to honor you. Special "homecoming" plans are being made through the Mayor, the County Sesquicentennial Committee, the newspapermen and leading citizens of Cleveland for October 19th. It will be dignified and within keeping for such an illustrious son as you. On October 20th you, together with other notable Ohioans, will gather in Cleveland where your presence will be celebrated with a gigantic parade and a large testimonial banquet, which will be covered by a nationwide television broadcast and other press media.

Governor Frank J. Lausche is particularly anxious for this occasion to be an outstanding success and he is giving a great deal of his personal time and effort to make this one of the most historic events ever staged in America.

At your earliest convenience will you please advise us of your acceptance and make any suggestions you would like to have incorporated in each of these two events?

Our best wishes to you for continued success.

Most cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Louis Bromfield".

LOUIS BROMFIELD,
Co-Chairman

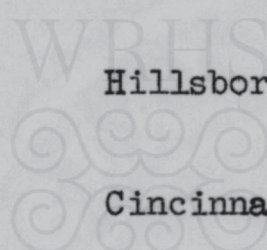
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ALLEN JAMES LOWE,
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Cleveland, Ohio



PARTIAL LIST OF OHIO'S FAMOUS SONS AND DAUGHTERS

ARCARO, EDDIE	Hamilton Co.	Famous jockey
BEATTY, CLYDE	Bainbridge	Big game hunter and animal trainer
BEIGHTLER, MAJ. BEN. ROBERT S.	Union Co.	Commander 37th Div. World War II
BOYD, WILLIAM	Guernsey Co.	Hopalong Cassidy
BRICKER, JOHN	Madison Co.	Served 3 terms as Governor of Ohio, Republican candidate for V. P. 1944, U. S. Senator since 1945
BROMFIELD, LOUIS	Mansfield	Novelist, Journalist, con- servationalist
BROWN, JOE E.	Holgate	Actor, comedian
BURTON, HAROLD	Cuyahoga	Assoc. U. S. Supreme Court Justice
CANIFF, MILTON	Hillsboro	Cartoonist called "Rembrandt of Comics"
CHARLES, EZZARD	Cincinnati	Former World's Heavyweight Boxing Champ
CLOONEY, ROSEMARY	Cincinnati	Popular singer
COMPTON, ARTHUR H.	Wooster	Physicist, Author, Nobel Prize in physics 1927
COMPTON, KARL T.	Wooster	Physicist, Pres, Mass. Inst. of Technology 1930-48, Chairman, Research & Development Board National Military Establish- ment 1950
COMPTON, WILSON	Wooster	Economist, Pres. State College of Washington since 1945
CROUSE, RUSSEL	Findlay	Dramatist, producer
DAY, DORIS	Cincinnati	Popular singer, dancer, actress
DILLARD, HARRISON	Cleveland	Winner of 110 meter hurdle races Olympic Games, Helsinki, 1952



EICHELBERGER, LT. GEN. ROBERT	Urbana	Commander Allied and U. S. Occupation Forces, Japan, 1946 Expert consultant on Far Eastern Affairs
FAIRLESS, BENJAMIN F.	Stark Co.	Head of U. S. Steel Corp.
FIRESTONE, HARVEY S., JR.	Akron	Industrialist, Pres. Firestone Tire & Rubber Co.
FROMAN, JANE	Tuscarawas Co.	Star of stage, screen & TV Popular singer
GABLE, CLARK	Cadiz	Movie star
GISH, DOROTHY	Massillon	Actress, star of silent screen
GISH, LILLIAN	Springfield	Actress, star of silent screen
HOPE, BOB	Cleveland	Comedian - stage, screen, radio & TV
HUMPHREY, GEORGE	Cleveland	Secretary of the Treasury
JAGGER, DEAN	Allen Co.	Movie star
JANIS, ELSIE	Franklin Co.	Actress and Author "Sweetheart of the A.E.F." in W.W.I
JEPSON, HELEN	Summit Co.	Metropolitan Opera Star
KAYE, SAMMY	Cleveland	Orchestra leader
KETTERING, CHARLES F.	Loudenville	Invented self-starter for auto
KILBANE, JOHNNY	Cleveland	Former Featherweight Boxing Champion of the World
KING, ERNEST J.	Lorain	Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Fleet World War II
LAUSCHE, FRANK J.	Cleveland	Only four-term governor in the State.
LE MAY, CURTIS E.	Franklin	General of Strategic Air Command
LEWIS, TED (Ted Friedman)	Circleville	Band leader
MARLOWE, JULIA	Cincinnati	Actress
MARTIN, DEAN	Jefferson Co.	Singer, comedian
MARTIN, FREDDY	Cleveland	Orchestra leader
MEREDITH, BURGESS	Cleveland	Actor



MERZ, CHARLES	Erie Co.	Editor of New York Times
MILLER, DON C.	Cleveland	One of Knute Rockne's famous "Four Horsemen"
MILLS BROTHERS	Piqua	Negro quartet and recording artists
MONROE, VAUGHN	Summit Co.	Singer, orchestra leader
MOOREHEAD, AGNES	Muskingum Co.	Actress
NANCE, JAMES J.	Ashtabula Co.	Pres. Packard Motor Co.
OWENS, JESSE	Cuyahoga	Sprinter and jumper "World's Greatest Living Athlete"
PARKER, ELEANOR	Cleveland	Actress
PEALE, NORMAN VINCENT	Greene Co.	Minister, lecturer, author
POWER, TYRONE	Cincinnati	Actor
RICKENBACKER, EDWARD V.	Columbus	Ace of World War I
RICKEY, BRANCH	Stockdale	Baseball manager "Father" of the Farm System
RODEHEAVER, HOMER	Hocking Co.	One of the greatest musical evangelists
ROGERS, ROY	Cincinnati	King of movie westerns
SILVER, RABBI ABBA HILLEL	Cleveland	Rabbi of largest reform Jewish congregation in America - The Temple
STRANAHAN, FRANK	Toledo	Golf champion
STUHLBREHER, HARRY	Stark	One of famous Notre Dame "Four Horsemen"
TAFT, ROBERT A.	Cincinnati	U. S. Senator - "Mr. Republican"
THEBOM, BLANCHE	Canton	Metropolitan Opera Star
THOMAS, LOWELL	Woodington	News commentator since 1930 World explorer
THOMAS, DANNY	Toledo	Actor
THOMAS, NORMAN M.	Marion	Leader of American Socialist Party



THURBER, JAMES G.	Columbus	One of foremost humorists of today
TRAUTMAN, GEORGE	Crawford & Franklin	Pres. National League Baseball
WALSH, STELLA	Cleveland	Holder of 65 world records and 33 women's AAA champaion- ships
WARNER, MAJOR ALBERT) WARNER, HARRY M.) WARNER, JACK L.)	Youngstown	Famous Warner Bros., who produced first motion picture in America, "The Great Train Robbery"
WILSON, CHARLES E.	Minerva	Secretary of Defense
WILSON, EARL	Lucas Co.	New York Post syndicated columnist



June 21, 1953

Mr. Louis Bromfield, Co-Chairman
Mr. Allen James Low, Co-Chairman
Development and Publicity Commission
21 West Broad Street
Columbus 15, Ohio

My dear Friends:

I feel highly honored at your invitation to participate in the Sesquicentennial program which your committee is planning for October 19th and 20th. I shall be most happy to attend these functions.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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June 24, 1953

Governor Frank J. Lausche
Columbus 15, Ohio

My dear Governor:

Thank you for your kind letter of June 20th and for your gracious invitation to participate in the homecoming which is planned in connection with the Sesquicentennial Celebration of our State. I feel highly honored and I shall be most happy to attend the civic celebrations on October 19th and 20th.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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