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Dr. Jerome David
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My dear Dr. Davis:

I hope that the enclosed statement is satisfactory.

It was nice to have seen you last week, and I trust that we may have another such opportunity in the near future.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordial ly yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Dr. Jerome Davis' book, Peace, War and You, should commend itself to every lover of democracy and peace in our country. Dr. Davis most earnestly calls attention to the imminence of a third world war if the present dangerous drift is not halted. He points the way to constructive measures which may be employed to ease world tensions and to build constructively for freedom and peace in the world. Most helpful of all is the direct challenge to the individual citizen to assert himself and use his influence to give new direction to the foreign policy of our country.

Peace, War and You is a profoundly realistic and, at the same time, profoundly spiritual volume.

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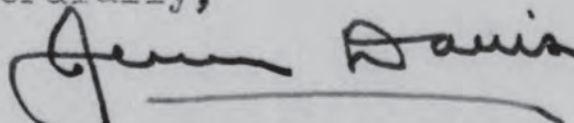
Dear Dr. Silver,

Many thanks for the fine statement which you gave for my book. Could you not take say fifty of these books at the special price of \$2.25 to use in your lectures and for your congregation? The retail price of the book is \$3. If you could tell me how I might get the book out to the Jewish leaders of the country, I should be interested. Perhaps you could send a letter to some of them and so get a few distributed?

Dr. Ralph Sockman and I saw Mr. Wilson the Defence Mobilizer at Washington. The next move is for him to arrange a meeting for all of us together. He will try and find a time that Cardinal Spellman could meet and then I am to communicate with you and Sockman to see if we cant get together and plan just what we shall do when we meet with the President of the United States and his cabinet. I will phone you just as soon as I get word about this. The steel strike will have to be settled first and then this is the next matter of business for Mr. Wilson. Please keep this confidential.

If you wish any of the enclosed leaflets let me know . They are free.

Cordially,


Jerome Davis

STOP MILITARY WASTE AND HELP BUILD PEACE

PART OF THE BROADCAST OF DREW PEARSON

JANUARY 27, 1952

NOW UNCOVERING THE WASHINGTON COVER-UP

Last week the President sent Congress the largest peacetime budget in history — most of it for the military. While much of that spending is necessary, I would like to propose certain ways by which we can reduce that crushing cost of government, yet not hurt our military strength.

We have to face the fact that the cost of government today is \$500 for every man, woman, and child in the nation. That's two thousand dollars per family, and gives every family the right to ask just where and why their money is being spent. It also means that we cannot keep on going into the red. For borrowing more money brings higher prices, more inflation, increases the cost of living for the old, the disabled, the widows, the white collar workers who can not afford it. Yet, today, we are going, every year, fifteen billion dollars in the red.

Therefore waste on the home front can undermine this nation just as dangerously as treachery on the battlefield. An admiral who will waste the taxpayers money on oyster-forks instead of buying guns is guilty of sabotage. A general who will use able-bodied GI's for servants is not patriotic. While we must pay the price of preparedness, we cannot afford the luxury of waste.

Most people don't know it, but our military men get by with very little scrutiny of their budget. Nobody knows exactly what's in it, partly because the military hides behind a wall of secrecy. Part of this may be justified, but the army even makes a military secret of the allotments it gives to military attaches abroad for servants, servants' uniforms, private chauffeurs, calling cards, even contributions to local charities — all are secret.

And though Congress is supposed to scrutinize the military budget, it doesn't. The House Appropriations Committee has only two staff experts to study the budget; and the Senate Appropriations Committee under 80-year-old Senator McKellar has just one. The result is that Congress is helpless in challenging the Defense Department on what it really needs.

However, I have been studying military spending for a good many years and here are certain ways that we can save millions.

The Navy now has a fifty-year supply of anchors; has accumulated 132-thousand oyster forks. The army has enough of certain jeep parts to last 104 years. And it cost money to guard this material, keep it from rusting, and handle the paper work.

HERE IS SOME WASTE IN MANPOWER!

Every base commander has four able-bodied GI's as servants. Army Chief of Staff Collins has six. . Admiral Fechteler, Chief of Naval Operations, has two drivers, two chefs, two orderlies, one supervisor and a boat crew of six — a total of 13 men. Secretary of the Navy Kimball has a private yacht, manned by a Navy crew of 26, with nothing to do but cruise week-ends on the Potomac. All are able-bodied men, qualified for sea duty and preferring it to waiting on the brass hats. Meanwhile the Navy is taking men off the nation's farms so fast that some day the brass hats may find they have plenty of flunkies to serve them at dinner but no food to eat.

HERE IS MORE WASTE IN MANPOWER:

Behind each man-with-a-gun we now have 25 men in uniform. Many in swivel chairs — including 361 generals and admirals in the Pentagon. At Fort Devens, Massachusetts, a law school graduate was made a truck driver. At El Toro, California, a Marine sergeant trained as a radio operator, was put to work issuing athletic equipment.

On Air Junkets WE ARE NOW WASTING HALF A BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR!

The Air Force has a fleet of 82 special planes to fly the big brass. Fifty-one of these, including eight luxurious Constellations, stand by in Washington, with 31 around the country to provide taxi-service for Army generals. Last year, the 51 planes assigned to the Pentagon made over 400 trips hauling the top brass, and 61 trips flying Congressmen. Meanwhile, the Navy was granted 213 million dollars last year for 91 planes merely for "administrative purposes" — not fighting — just "administrative purposes." This is two and a quarter million dollars per plane, or three times the cost of a DC-6 — normally used for flying brass hats.

The Office of the Secretary of Defense! — Now despite the appalling military waste, the admirals and generals are trying to get rid of any procurement scrutiny by Secretary Lovett. They want to continue bidding against each other and over-ordering. Last summer all three services screamed for machine tools, but when Secretary Lovett asked what the machine tools were needed for they couldn't answer. They just wanted machine tools regardless of the rest of the nation. But here's what happened.

Last summer all three services demanded 1500 vertical lathes — multi-purpose. The Air Force wanted 900, the Navy 200, the Army 400 — each costing one hundred thousand dollars. The Fisher Body division of General Motors finally tooled up to turn out the lathes, and last week Fisher Body asked where the armed services wanted the lathes delivered. Whereupon the Army and Navy replied that they found they now didn't need nearly so many, while the Air Force said:

"So sorry we only need eight." The Air Force had ordered 900 but found they needed only eight. Not eight hundred, just plain eight. That's the kind of inefficiency that can wreck the nation's economy — and Secretary Lovett deserves a lot of support in trying to stop it.

Now here are some other things we can abolish and save millions:

The Air Force paid 12 cents a pound for ten-penny nails, while the Navy paid 6 cents for exactly the same nails.

The Army Engineers paid \$1.48 for carpenters squares. The Army Transportation Corps paid \$4.35 for the same squares.

Jackson, Mississippi — The Army granted a three million dollar contract to the Elvair Corporation — which turned out to be two ex-convicts with a phony picture of a factory they did not own and only \$400 they had borrowed in the bank.

The Pentagon — The Army used five-and-a-half single-spaced type-written pages to describe the kind of ping-pong balls it wanted to buy; and four-and-a-half pages to describe toe-nail clippers for army dogs.

Fort Huachuca, Arizona — The Army abandoned Fort Huachuca, tore down 300 buildings, removed barracks and warehouses, sold the water reservoir and stripped the service clubs. Afterwards, the Army turned right around and bought back everything from the original buyers.

In my opinion these and certain other savings could knock four billion dollars from our huge military budget without injuring national defense a bit.

Next week I'll give further wanton waste in both the military and civilian branch of the Government.

TO HELP STOP MILITARY WASTE AND BUILD FOR PEACE
READ

PEACE, WAR AND YOU

By JEROME DAVIS

with an Introduction by Clarence Pickett of
the American Friends Service Committee

Dr. E. Stanley Jones, the world famous Methodist leader, says,
It challenges us to rethink our attitudes on peace and war and
offers a ringing challenge to get rid of war. . . . It should have our
earnest attention for the world is sick — nigh unto death, of war.

Pearl S. Buck says,
Your book provides the most useful handbook I have yet seen
in answering the usual arguments for militarism as a means to
peace and prosperity. . . . It is a compendium of inescapable facts,
brilliantly assembled in telling form and ready for use. . . . This
book should and must be read.

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Peace Organizations

The above book will be issued in April. The retail price is \$3.00 but if ordered
before publication will be sent postpaid and autographed by the author for \$2.25.
The book has excellent material for sermons and study groups.

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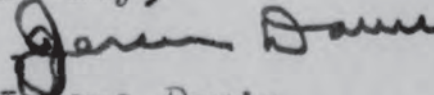
Dear Dr. Silver,

If you will turn to the Nation of April 19th you will find the entire back page devoted to an advertisement of my book Peace, War and You and your statement is included. I am deeply indebted to you.

Rabbi Goldberg here in New Haven is anxious to have this go to all the Jewish rabbis and suggested that you write them. I enclose a letter sent out by the former Moderator of the Congregational and Christian Churches of America to 4,000 ministers. He offers the book free to the ministers provided that they will give us the names and addresses of the five people whom they will agree to get read the book. I wonder if in the case of the rabbis since we have not raised a fund as Dr. Palmer did, we couldnt offer them the book at half price. Even then we will be losing money but I should be glad to do this. Would you be willing to send out a letter to all the rabbis on this basis? I could have copies of the ad in the Nation printed and sent to you to go with the letter. You could forward all replies to me and I could send out the book.

Please let me know about this.

Cordially,


Jerome Davis

P.S. I do not know what effect the resignation of Mr. Wilson will have on the plan to appear before the President but will keep you informed.

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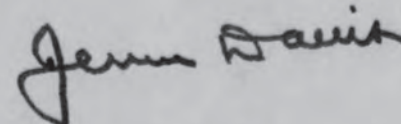
Dear Dr. Silver,

I was talking yesterday with Rabbi Eisendrath. He is willing to select 300 of the most outstanding and important Rabbis and suggests that we send them all a free copy of my book Peace, War and You but with a letter signed by you saying that if after reading the book they find that it has been of value they might like to make a contribution in order to send the book to others. I enclose a specimen copy of such a letter which you could phrase much better.

Dr. Eisendrath thought that you might be willing to sign such a letter. Would you care to send it out on your letter-head? If not I could send it out on this letter-head signed by you but I believe that yours would be more effective. We could do all the work and pay for sending the letter and the books out. Please let me know that you are willing to do this. If you want me to get out the letter from here then send me 300 letter-heads together with the wording of the letter as you would like to have it.

In regard to the matter with former Defence Mobilizer, Wilson I havent heard a word from him but if I do will let you know promptly.

Cordially yours,


Jerome Davis,

I want to call your attention to an outstanding book in the field of international relations, Peace, War and You. I am taking the liberty of sending you a copy. This book is free to you but if after reading it you find it valuable we should be happy if you felt like making a contribution towards its further distribution. We will then use the money to send out the book to others.

Sincerely yours,



Abba Hillel Silver

May 1, 1952

Dr. Jerome Davis
489 Ocean Avenue
West Haven, Conn.

My dear Dr. Davis:

Thank you for your letter of April 26th. I would gladly comply with your request to have copies of your book sent over my signature to my colleagues in the rabbinate, but I have made it a practice not to send unsolicited books, even my own, to friends and colleagues. I shall be pleased to sign a letter along with Dr. Eisendrath or Rabbi Bernstein, President of the Central Conference of America Rabbis, or such others as would care to join in signing such a letter, urging our colleagues to obtain the volume for themselves and to stimulate its distribution.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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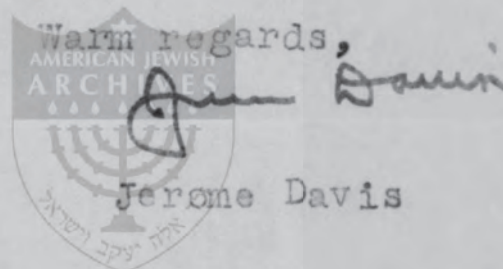
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May 21, 1952

Dear Dr. Silver,

Here is the draft letter which you and Dr. Eisendrath have agreed to sign. Make any changes in it you care to and send it back. I left off the salutation because I did not know what one you used. A copy of the letter has gone to Dr. Eisendrath who has agreed to sign it with you.

The project to see the President with the three faiths has apparently been hindered by the resignation of Wilson.



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My dear Friend:

We believe that you will want to read the book which has just come off the press, Peace, War and You by Jerome Davis with an Introduction by Clarence Pickett, Honorary Secretary of the American Friends Service Committee. The enclosed sheet gives interesting comments about the book.

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Perhaps after reading the book some of you will want to call it to the attention of your Congregation.

Sincerely yours,

Maurice Eisendrath
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Dear Rabbi Silver,

Happy New Year to you. I want to thank you for your help in making possible my trip to Israel. I found the experience most rewarding. In fact I have just finished a trip clear to Hawaii lecturing about it. I go down now as Visiting Professor at Fisk University for the Second Semester.

I enclose a leaflet which we reprinted as well as a prayer postal. They are both free and if you desire any for distribution please let me know.

Cordially yours,

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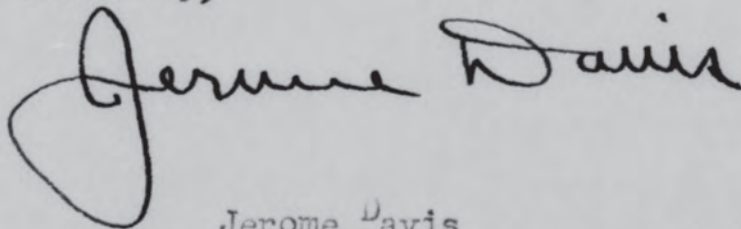
April 10th

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Congratulations on that fine letter which
you sent to Senator Langer along with other religious
leaders.

I enclose a little article of mine which is printed
from The Churchman. They are free. If you want more ,
let me know. By the way if you ever give a message on
foreign affairs we might like to reprint it. So send it to
me.

Cordially,


Jerome Davis

P.S. Would your Synagogue library care to have a copy of
the life of Margaret Dreier Robins, the social worker
of Cleveland and founder of the Womens Trade Union
League. It is a \$4 book but I should be glad to
send it free if you wish it.

Israel and the Arab States

An Interview with Ben Gurion

By Jerome Davis



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DR. DAVIS, who is a trustee of Oberlin College, is the author of several books, including the current volume, "Peace, War and You," with an introduction by Clarence Pickett.

VISIT A REFUGEE camp in Syria, Lebanon or Jordan with me. You will see rows and rows of tents, each one housing an entire family. The place swarms with children. Most of the adults are living in complete idleness. Needless to say the moral conditions are appalling. Yet there are, in all, 868,000 Arab refugees from Israel and a third of them are in such camps. Fifty per cent are fourteen years of age or under. The refugees are increasing at the rate of 25,000 a year since births vastly outnumber deaths.

As a result of all this the rate of pay for labor in Jordan, for instance, has fallen from 56 cents to 14 cents a day because refugees receive food and lodging free from the United Nations and hence can work for almost nothing.

By way of contrast, Israel is one of the most daring experiments of our time. It is a tiny country with only some 1,400,000 Jews surrounded by fifty million hostile Arabs who feel that they should own and control all the land now inhabited by Israel. Indeed, many of the Arabs openly declare that they would like to drive all the Jews into the sea.

While we were in Israel, almost every night, there were raids by the Arabs and shooting across the border from the Arab side. The people of Israel were worked up about it and later some of them took the matter into their own hands and retaliated

with a raid on the village of Kibya in Jordan. I found many Americans stirred up about this on my return, censuring Israel severely. Perhaps they do not know that in a single year — June 1952 to June 1953 — the Jordan-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission dealt with 184 border incidents. In all these cases it ruled only 25 times against Israel and 159 times against Jordan. Two wrongs do not make a right but the blame should be fairly apportioned. Actually, while I was in Palestine in July 1953, Israel called the attention of the United Nations to the increasing number of border incidents but no action was taken by the UN.

In spite of this danger from without, Israel is going forward working miracles in a desert soil. Great factories are springing up such as that of the General Tire and Rubber Co. and Fertilizers and Chemicals, Ltd. Irrigation projects are reaching completion which are transforming the desert sands into gardens.

I spent several hours with Ben Gurion, then Prime Minister of Israel. He received us in his spacious office in Jerusalem, the capital city. He was dressed in a blue suit, a pink shirt with no tie. His ruddy complexion contrasted pleasantly with his snow white hair. He began by saying, "If it depends on Israel, you can count on a speedy and lasting peace. The prospects of this peace are not better neither are they worse than before. The visit of Secretary of State Dulles has not changed the situation."

He declared that they believe so far as possible in friendship with all states and therefore diplomatic relations with

the Soviet Union were necessary.

BEN GURION admitted quite frankly that the budget could not be balanced now. Said the Prime Minister, "We have large desert lands which we want to transform. At the end of the war of independence less than 3% was cultivated. We were told certain areas were uncultivable but we found that they could be made productive. Today 20% of this land is tilled and we believe that eventually we will be raising crops on 60% of it.

"The country was thought to be poor. We have found that it is far richer than supposed. We discovered the mountains contain copper and iron. So far we have developed only the copper but we believe that we have millions of tons.

"The Dead Sea used to be thought of as utterly worthless. We have found it a floating mine of minerals of which potassium is one of the most valuable.

"The Nagib which was thought to be a hopeless desert, can be turned into pasture land as well as a center for industries.

"We want to secure our financial independence. At present we are importing two hundred million more dollars worth of material than we are exporting. We are, therefore, only 80% self-sufficient. We believe that in six years we shall be producing all the food we need.

"We do have a serious problem with our refugees. The greatest number of them came from Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia. In Russia the Jews are doomed to extinction as Jews. There are about two million of them there. I believe about half would leave if they could. In the Moslem countries there are about 700,000 Jews and they are not safe for a moment.

"If we had the opportunity I would take a million Jews from Russia today regardless of the cost to us. If such a

haven had only been available before World War II six million Jews would have been saved from extinction. We will never agree to limit our immigration because that would mean dooming Jews in other lands to extinction.

"The Arabs maintain that we should give up some of our territories but if you look at the map you will see how absurd this is. All of Israel includes only 8,000 square miles, less than one of your smaller states in America. On the other hand look at the size of the Arab countries. Jordan is five times as large. Iraq has 270,000 square miles, three times as big as all England. Syria has 170,000 square miles or over 21 times as large as Israel. Arabia has one million square miles and Egypt 300,000.

"In the light of this picture, I cannot believe that our poor land should be taken away from us. If necessary, we might exchange some of our land or make some adjustments. For we want to do all in our power to have permanent peace.

"You will remember that we accepted the United Nations division of the land for Palestine but the Arabs refused to accede and instead tried to take all our land away from us by fighting. How could 650,000 Jews stand out against fifty million Arabs? We were then fighting for our very lives. In this struggle not a single member of the United Nations lifted a finger to help us from being wiped out. We had to rely on ourselves and God alone. The flower of our youth died. It was our spirit that won. Now it would not be decent for the United Nations to try to establish the old boundary lines.

"In reality, we have been living in Palestine for the last 4,000 years. For even when we were scattered all over the earth, we were living in Palestine in our hearts. If we had not been here for 4,000 years we could not have fought."

BEN GURION then pointed to his Bible and said that book was part of the fiber of Israel. "Our people will give up their lives to maintain Israel if necessary. We are even less willing to give up Jerusalem. When our holy places were destroyed by the Jordinians not a single nation, not even a church, lifted their voice. Jerusalem would have been destroyed but for the heroism of the Jews. We have been in Jerusalem for lo these 3,000 years and we have sworn never to desert her. If Washington is America and if London is England and Paris, France, Jerusalem means more to us than any other capitol in the world.

"We are a strange people and for that reason disliked but our history, our scriptures, our culture is all one. Our spirit is one. Jerusalem is Jewish and will remain so.

"We are quite willing to stay where we are and make peace where we are.

"The little that has been done in this country is not due to one person but is due to the spirit of all our people. The past always plays a very great

part in our lives. Our prophets have played a great role and we want to fulfill the dreams of our people and our prophets. Sometimes we make mistakes. We are human beings but we try to do our best.

"The voice of peace proclaimed by the prophets will sometime prevail."

As I left Ben Gurion's office I could not help but feel, *It is moral power that ultimately decides the fate of nations.*

This whole problem is not easy of solution but I believe the United Nations, led by the United States and Great Britain, could bring effective pressure on both sides to settle their differences. Probably the United Nations should compensate the displaced Arabs and through new irrigation projects settle the bulk of them on new fertile lands in Syria. As the late Senator Robert Taft has declared, "Israel has taken in many displaced persons who would otherwise have been a continuing problem for the entire world and involved the United States in millions of dollars of expense. I think Israel is entitled to great assistance."

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Dear Mr. Gaudill,

You said you would give your suggestions on the Christmas
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It ^{might} ~~will~~ read on the face of the postal as follows:

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WHERE THERE IS DESPAIR, HOPE
WHERE THERE IS DARKNESS, LIGHT
WHERE THERE IS SADNESS JOY.

St. Francis

Will you join with me in doing some of
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- 1-Invite some one from abroad to your home
- 2-Send some CARE packages abroad to those in need
- 3-Make a ~~Christmas~~ gift towards the foreign work of your church or synagogue
- 4-Contribute to an unpopular but worthy cause
- 5-Send peace books as gifts

Please let me have any suggestions on this
postal. If you care for any of the enclosed leaflets me know. They
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Cordially,

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I enclose a postal that we got out with the approval of all three faiths last year. We now plan to issue another postal card in two colors. We will issue 100,000 for distribution free thru the churches and synagogues. I have already talked this over with Mr. Elson who is the pastor of the church to which Pres. Eisenhower belongs. He is all for it. I want it approved by you and Rev. Elson and for the Catholics Father Keller. I enclose a sample of the card with the material ~~you~~ typed in. Please return this to me here in Nashville with any suggestions that you may have for it. You will notice on the reverse side of the card where you put the address I have written in pen "This card has the approval of Rev. E. L. R. Elson of the National Presbyterian Church, of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of the Temple and of Father James G. Keller of the Catholic Church."

Since all cards are free and we will send out 100,000 to Synagogues and Churches we ought to have this approval.

Cordially,

Jerome Davis

Jerome Davis

P.S. I wrote this before phoning you. Please make the Jewish selection brief. Perhaps the Protestant selection could be the verse around the border. Note the changes in the wording suggested on the enclosed copy of a letter to Gaudill.

SEEK PEACE

God of the measureless universe . . . Creator of men's conscience . . . to Thee in this our fervent prayer for peace, we lift our voices in unison.

We . . . people of every faith . . . of every creed . . . join together . . . pleading for truth, justice and charity among men. We pray for Thy omnipotent aid in this hour of imperiled civilization.

That Thou shalt cast out forever from human thought that flaming intolerance which makes for war and breeds bloody aggression.

That the advocates of war shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.

We pray to Thee for the restoration of concord and amity among all the peoples of the earth.

That all persons recognize the liberty due religion, and for the renewal of the way of life that is fruitful of great and good works.

This, O Lord, is our fervent prayer, and this is our mingled tribute to Thy everlasting mercy.

AMEN.

AND DO GOOD P.S. 34:14

AND PURSUE IT

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland

Dear Rabbi Silver,

^{To you} After talking with you on April 27th I immediately sent off a preliminary draft of the postal to be sent out free thru the churches and synagogues. You kindly suggested that you would add a brief statement. This card has already been shown to Charles Taft in Cincinnati and other national leaders and we are eager to have it printed as soon as possible. Therefore, I should be grateful if you would return it to me here at the earliest possible moment.

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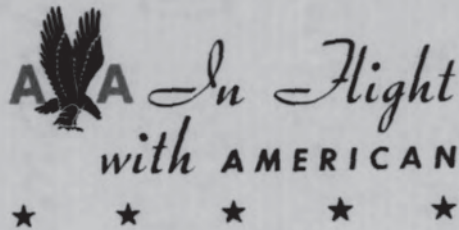


I enclose a circular on the United Nations which we are supplying free. Can you use any of them?

Cordially,

Jerome Davis

Jerome Davis



919 Eighteenth Ave. North
Nashville, Tenn.
May 11, 1954

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Please forgive me for writing to you again about the postal in two colors which we wish to issue in the Christmas holidays but I am leaving here at Fisk ^{University} shortly and I am very desirous of getting your suggestions so that I can ~~confer~~ with the head of the Protestant Church in the Methodist Church and with the President's minister in Washington, Dr. Elson.

Cant you send me back the postal with your suggestions at once? I realize that you have a million more important things to do but we do plan to issue this free in 100,000 lots so it will have some influence.

You will remember that it was two weeks ago today that I phoned you about the matter.

With deep gratitude to you for your kindness and generosity in doing this and with my deep appologies for bothering you.

Sincerely your friend,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Jerome Davis'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Jerome' being more prominent than the last name 'Davis'.

Dr. Jerome Davis

May 11, 1954

Dr. Jerome Davis
919 Eighteenth Avenue, North
Nashville, Tennessee

My dear Dr. Davis:

I would suggest that you add to the card which you contemplate publishing and which will contain the revision suggested in your letter to Mr. Gaudill the phrase, "And they shall beat their swords into plowshares...Nation shall not lift up sword against nation or learn war anymore." Isaiah 2:4.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Star Route 4
Bath, Maine
Sept. 3, 1954

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland

Dear Dr. Silver,

You may remember that in May I consulted with you about the little holiday postal card which is to be issued bearing your endorsement, that of Dr. Elson (Pres. Eisenhower's minister), and Bishop Sheil of Chicago. We are shortly going to press. Bishop Sheil suggested that on the back of the postal where the individual writes his greetings we include a small Christmas tree perhaps an inch high. I assume that this would be all right from your standpoint. If I do not hear from you I will assume that this is all right.

I enclose another card that we formerly issued and have marked in pencil where the tree in green would be printed.

Cordially,

Jerome Davis

September 7, 1954

Dr. Jerome Davis
Star Route 4
Bath, Maine

My dear Dr. Davis:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of September 3rd. Inasmuch as my name will be used in the endorsement of your project on behalf of the Jewish faith, I believe that the Christmas tree suggested by Bishop Sheil may well be omitted.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rlh

Star Route 4
Bath, Maine
Sept. 9th

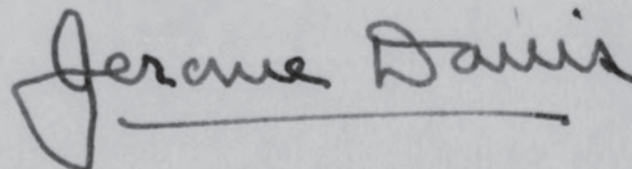
Dear Rabbi Silver,

Many thanks for your good letter. We will, of course, leave off the Christmas tree. I am of the opinion that a touch of color on the back of the card might add to the beauty. What would you think of the enclosed candle design in red or a little sprig of holly in green? If you prefer we can have nothing on the back of the card.

Since I am leaving here Sept. 15th I suggest that you write ~~direct~~ to the printer, Mr. Hinkhouse. I have addressed an airmail letter to him. If you approve of the candle in red. Just say at the request of Dr. Davis you are writing to approve of the candle design on the back of the card. In that case better enclose it with your letter so the printer has it exactly. He has this form in that size all made up. If you prefer "Holly in green" just say you wish to suggest a small sprig of holly in green on the back of the card. If you think it best to have nothing write that. I will be in New York on Sept. 16th and will learn from the printer your decision.

Sorry to bother you about this small detail but I want to be sure it is best.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jerome Davis". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Dr. Jerome Davis

Davis

September 15, 1954

Mr. Paul M. Hinkhouse
Hinkhouse Lithographers
121 Varick Street
New York 13, New York

Dear Mr. Hinkhouse:

Dr. Jerome Davis has requested me to express an opinion as to the inclusion of a decoration on the card which he is printing.

In my judgment it would be best to omit all decorations.

With all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms

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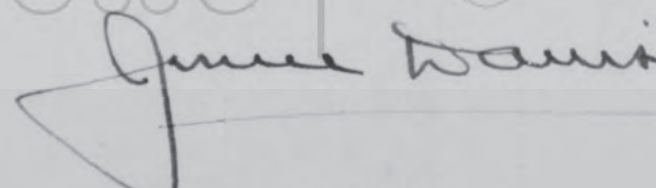
May 13th

Dear Rabbi Silver,

A thousand thanks for your selection of the verse for the postal. I am sending it, with this included, to Rev. Elson at Washington and if he concurs we can go ahead with the printing.

Would you not like to have some copies of the ^{herein,} leaflet on the United Nations enclosed for distribution to your parishoners. It is free and I should be glad to send on as many as you care for.

Cordially,



Jerome Davis



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President of the General Assembly of the United Nations
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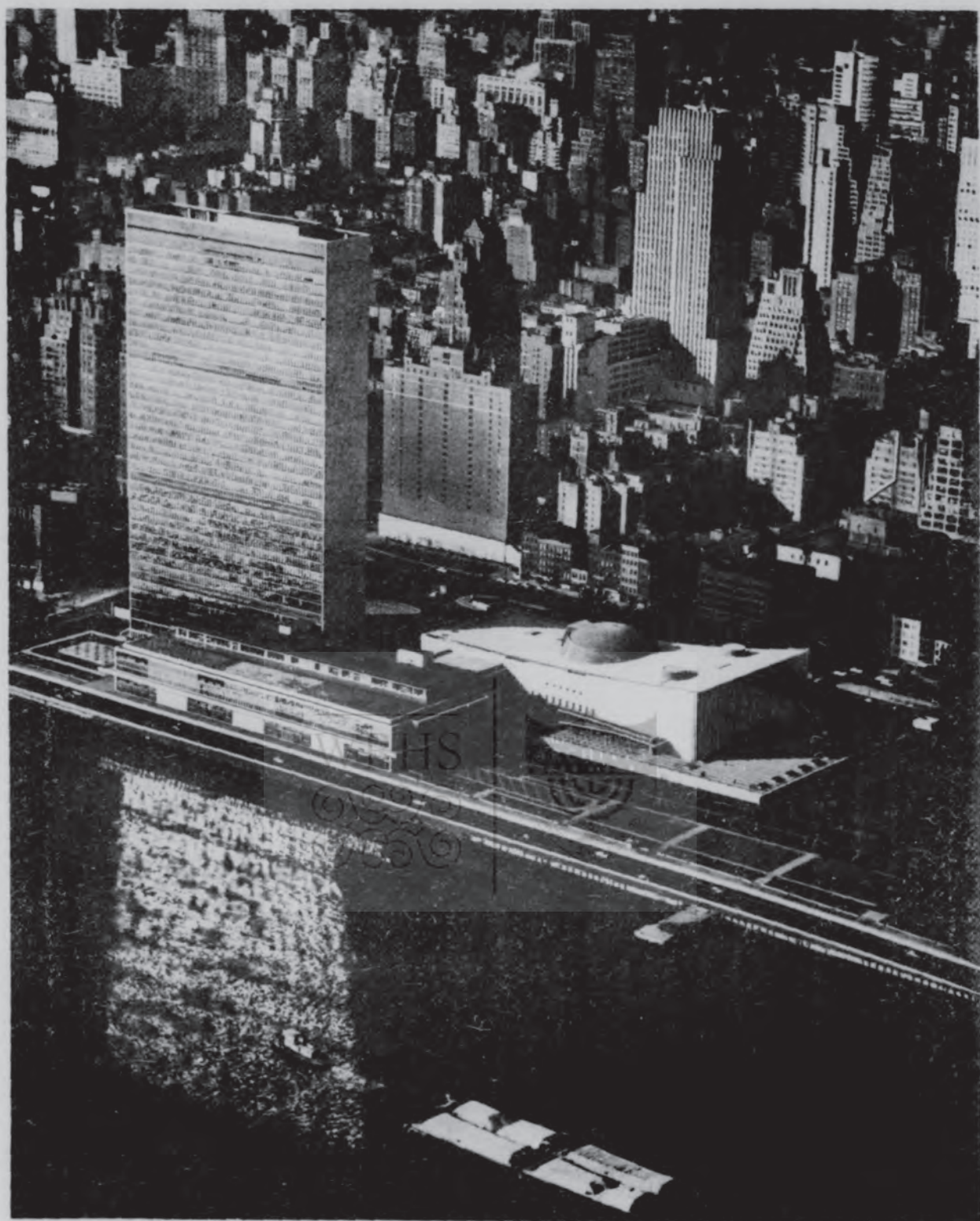
- 1 - It succeeded in getting Russian troops out of Northern Iran.
- 2 - It helped Indonesia secure independence.
- 3 - It ended a shooting war in Palestine.
- 4 - It is now working to solve the differences between the Arabs and Israel.
- 5 - It has helped India and Pakistan to remain at peace.
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Aerial view of the Headquarters of the United Nations, in New York, showing the Secretariat, Conference and General Assembly buildings and the gardens located at the north of the U. N. site, with the East River in the foreground and, in back, the buildings of Manhattan.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland

Dear Rabbi Silver,

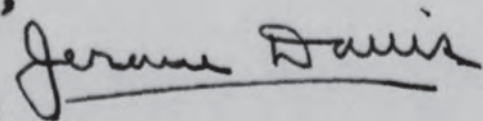
First of all you should know that the churches and
synagogues took our "Holiday card" to the extent of 104,000. Please
let me know what changes you suggest for another year.

You remember that I was invited to lecture in the
Universities in Japan and that later my passport was withheld. I have
just been to Washington to see Mr. ^{Lox} Henderson whom I have known for
years. He is now the third man under the Secretary of State. He
immediately went to see Mrs. Shipley who has promised to review the
matter. Mr. Henderson of the State Department thought it might be
helpful if a few people wrote Mrs. Ruth Shipley at the State Department
urging her to grant this passport. Dr. Ralph Sockman who broadcasts
coast to coast for the National Council of Churches every Sunday is
writing so is the Dean of the Harvard Law School. I enclose a
letter from Merrell Vories who is married to a Japanese princess and
who has given his life to Christian work in Japan. He wrote the
enclosed letter to Congressman Judd. Now wont you write immediately
to Mrs. Shipley since she has promised to give a decision in a few
days and send me a copy of your letter.

I shall be terribly grateful. Incidentally I have seen Adlai
Stevenson quite often and we are having him give the Commencement
address at Oberlin this year but I am afraid his voice would not help
as yours will at the State Department.

Thank you ever so much,

Dr. Jerome Davis



The Omi Brotherhood Foundation
of America
33 Oxford Ave. Dayton 7, Ohio
15 November 1954

Honorable Walter H. Judd
House of Representatives
Washington D. C.

Dear Congressman Judd:-

Dr. Jerome Davis, who is an ordained Congregational Minister and for years taught at the Yale Divinity School has been invited to lecture at Doshisha University and at the Imperial University of Kyoto in Japan. The famous evangelist Kagawa wants him to come to Japan for a year to help in winning converts to Christ and away from Communism. Dr. Davis has accepted these invitations. Personally, I want very much to have him work with me at Omi-Hachiman.

I have known Dr. Davis for years and also his distinguished father, who was a cofounder of Doshisha University, in Kyoto, during my early years in Japan, and one of my most prized friends. I am certain he could render a great service in leading students away from Communism and towards Christ.

Now comes a letter from Mrs. Shipley of the Passport Division of the State Department refusing him his passport. This is one of the worst possible actions that could be taken from the standpoint of American-Japanese friendship. If Dr. Davis went to Japan it would reduce Communism there. To deny him his passport makes students and professors have another concrete case which will be used against the United States.

Dr. Davis has never been a Communist. He has always been opposed to Communism. It is completely false to say he has followed the Communist line. Of course, he believes in the spirit and teachings of Jesus. I am perfectly aware that he has been listed as having sponsored certain so called Communist Front Organizations years ago but at the same time certain Senators and prominent citizens belonged to them. He has never knowingly sponsored a Communist Front. I can agree with Dr. Davis's principles and practise 100%.

The present crisis in Japan calls for just the kind of help Dr. Davis can render. It will be a tragic blunder if he is not permitted to go. Perhaps you can get in touch with Mrs. Shipley and urge that action be taken to change the decision regarding the issuing of his passport.

Sincerely yours,

Merrell Vories

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DR. HENRY PRATT FAIRCHILD Hebrew Congregations - that they have some method of using our
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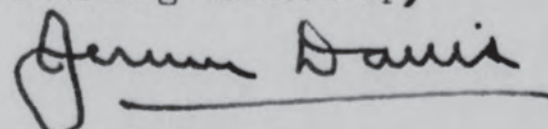
I just took lunch with Rabbi Goldberg here in New Haven and he suggested that you might suggest to the Conference in California to which you are going this week - The Union of American Hebrew Congregations - that they have some method of using our literature. I should think that every Social Action Group could use it. Could we send samples to a central group and then provide the copies free in as great quantity as they desire.

I enclose a few samples of our literature which is entirely free. As you know the Synagogues and Churches have taken these leaflets to the extent of over a million copies.

We are just printing now a leaflet on "World Leaders on Peace" this includes two addresses of Pres. Eisenhower, one of Nehru, one of Adlai Stevenson, an extract from that of the Chief Justice of the United States, an extract from the address of the Pres. of UNESCO, and part of the address of Gen. MacArthur. While this costs 25 cents a copy, we provide it to the Synagogues free.

I hope that you can make some arrangement with the Social Action Committees and let me know to whom I should forward literature.

Cordially and with gratitude for
your sterling leadership,



Jerome Davis

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March 31, 1955

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Dear Rabbi Silver,

It was good to hear your voice at least over the telephone when I was attending the Board of Trustee Meetings at Oberlin.

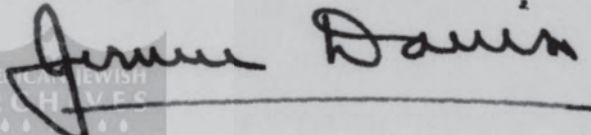
You will remember that you said if I wrote you would let us know whether you could attend our conference in New York City on April 27th.

I enclose our formal letter about it. Pres. Weir of the National

Steel will also probably be present. Please let me know as soon

as possible whether you can be present.

Cordially,


Jerome Davis



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April 8th

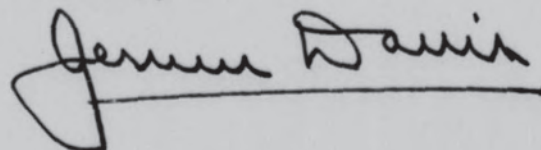
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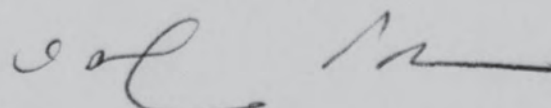
You will recall that I phoned you and have also written you about our off-the-record Conference in New York at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace on Wednesday April 27th at 10 A. M. We shall be discussing informally what steps can be taken to reduce international tensions and promote international friendship. The Pres. of the Carnegie Foundation is going to be there and Murray Lincoln Pres. of Care and other important leaders. We hope very much that you can be present. The Foundation is giving a luncheon for those who attend and any one can get away following this luncheon.

Can you let us know in the enclosed envelope whether or not you can be present ?

Cordially,



Jerome Davis



April 14, 1955

Dr. Jerome Davis
489 Ocean Avenue
West Haven, Connecticut

My dear Friend:

Thank you for your note inviting me to the
Conference in New York at the Carnegie
Endowment for International Peace on April
27th.

I regret that due to previous commitments
I shall be unable to attend.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms

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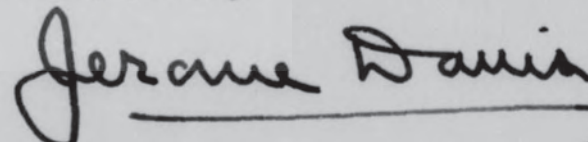
Dear Rabbi Silver,

We had our meeting at the Carnegie Endowment
for International Peace yesterday and adopted the enclosed letter
to the President of the United States which is not to be given to
the papers but is to be signed and sent to him direct.

Everyone present felt that you, as the outstanding Jewish
leader of the nation, should also sign.

Will you please send me back your signature
by return air mail. Would you care to join Murray Lincoln
Pres. Mackay of Princeton and James P. Warburg in seeing
Stassen at Washington on disarmament and foreign policy?

Cordially yours,



Dr. Jerome Davis

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June 17, 1955

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Dear Rabbi Silver,

I was sorry not to see you when I was in Oberlin recently for the Board of Trustee Meetings but you were away. As you perhaps know the synagogues and churches took 104,000 of our inter-faith greeting card. We want to issue it again and Dr. Elson, Pres. Eisenhower's minister suggests that instead of point 5 on the enclosed card we say:

"5. Make a gift to refugee children."

Does this meet with your agreement? Please respond immediately as I wish to get this matter entirely cleared up and the order issued at the printer.

We have some of the addresses of Bernard Baruch praising the work of Woodrow Wilson. Should be glad to send one or more to you but don't want to inflict them on a Republican unless you wish !!!

Cordially and with the highest esteem,

Jerome Davis

Dr. Jerome Davis

P.S. I should say that Dr. Elson has arranged to have Pres. Eisenhower make an appeal for refugee children in an address in the fall and our card would be issued at that time so it gears in effectively. Dr. Elson, alone, will probably take 10,000.

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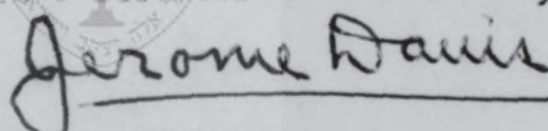
Dear Rabbi Silver,

I wrote you on June 17th about our issuing the holiday card again with the endorsement of Dr. Elson who is the minister to Pres. Eisenhower, and of Bishop Sheil of Chicago and of yourself. We would change it merely by adding a fifth point ~~on the card~~ suggested by Dr. Elson as follows:

"5. Make a gift to refugee children"

I am writing to you again about this merely because I have to leave here on July first and wanted to get your approval before I leave. I am sure that you will have no objections but I wanted to get the matter settled if possible.

Cordially and with appreciation for your great services to the nation,



Jerome Davis

June 29, 1955

Dr. Jerome Davis
Promoting Enduring Peace, Inc.
489 Ocean Avenue
West Haven, Connecticut

My dear Friend:

Replaying to your kind letter of June 17th, I see no reason why the Point 5 on the card you enclosed, "Make a gift to refugee children," should not be added to the greeting card.

With warmest regards and all good wishes for a pleasant summer, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Office of Jerome Davis
489 Ocean Avenue
West Haven, Conn.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I am writing from my place in Maine so please address me there. Miss Knight, the new head of the Passport Division of the State Department, has turned down my request for a passport. I am having a Hearing before the Board of Passport Appeal on August 30th. I have letters from the following among others supporting my application for a passport.

Judge Clark of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals
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Pres. Johnson of Fisk University

I am enclosing the letters of Judge Clark and one just received from the Head of the American Legion of Nebraska. I should very much like to have a letter from you. You can either send it direct to the Passport Division at the State Department with a copy to me or send the original to me and I will use it at the Hearing.

Thank you very much for doing this,
Sincerely,

Jerome Davis

Dr. Jerome Davis

P.S. I should say that Senator Cain of the Subversive Activities Control Board is going to testify for me.

-copy-

United States Circuit Court of Appeals
Second Circuit

April 20, 1955

Chambers of
Charles E. Clark
Chief Judge
309 Post Office Building
New Haven 6, Conn.

Passport Division
U. S. State Department
Washington D. C.

Gentlemen:

Dr. Jerome Davis of 489 Ocean Ave. West Haven, Conn. has asked me to write a letter supporting his application for a passport to do evangelistic work in Japan and to give lectures at universities there for a year. I have known Dr. Davis for roughly some thirty years and we were long associated together on the the Faculty of Yale University, where we were members along with other professors in a scholar private discussion club. We also served together on the Connecticut State Legislative Commission on Jails from 1931 to 1939, a ~~summer~~ commission created by the Connecticut State Legislature, of which Dr. Davis was the Chairman. I have always found Dr. Davis as able, conscientious, and patriotic American and Christian scholar and minister, and have never observed or known of anything derogatory to or about him or his activities. I feel that he does worthily represent American scholarship in other countries and that quite surely he should receive a passport.

Very truly yours,

Signed Charles E. Clark

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THE AMERICAN LEGION
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Office of
George B. Hastings
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July 27, 1935

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

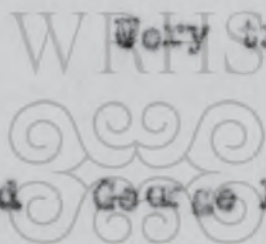
Mr. Jerome Davis, of West Haven, Connecticut, has requested that I write a letter supporting his application for a passport to Japan to give lectures at Universities there for the next few months. Mr. Davis and I were classmates at Oberlin College and graduated together in 1913. He and I made a trip to Europe together in the summer of 1913.

In college days, I knew him intimately. I have corresponded with him through the years and have seen him occasionally at class reunions at Oberlin. He is a Trustee of the College.

I have always found him to be conscientious and patriotic. He was born in Japan and his father was the founder of a great university there. I am sure he would loyally and honorably represent our country in his travels abroad.

Very truly yours,

Signed George B. Hastings.



August 3, 1955

Dr. Jerome Davis
Brightwater
Star Route 4
Bath, Maine

Dear Dr. Davis:

We have received your letter of July 29th.

I regret to inform you that Rabbi Silver is
out of the country at present and your letter,
therefore, will not be brought to his attention
until September.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth M. Sparrow
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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Sept. 25th

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Tremendously grateful for your help in the

matter of the postal card. I enclose the final proof. We are

deleting all decorations from the back of the card but have

written in the words "Holiday Greetings" Even this can be

deleted if you wish. If you have any changes to suggest, please

phone me Monday as I shall tell the printer to go ahead on

Tuesday.

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Cordially,



Jerome Davis

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*Card will be in two
colors.*

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Oct. 14th

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Here is the Holiday Greeting card which you endorsed.

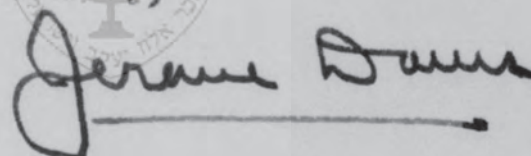
Dr. Elson, President Eisenhower's minister is taking 2,000 to distribute
in his church. How many can you take ?

Give me any advice you can about other synagogues
that might like them. They are all free. Is there not some
national Jewish organization that could distribute them for us or
could you send some out to other synagogues ?

Cordially and with deep appreciation

for your sterling leadership,

Sincerely,



Dr. Jerome Davis



[undated]

Thanksgiving Day

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland

Dear Rabbi Silver,

You will recall that at the Oberlin Board of Trustee Meetings I called you and told you that I had been invited to lecture in the Universities of Japan but was not sure that I would get my passport. You laughed at this and said, of course, I would get it. However, Mrs. Shipley has now officially refused my passport for Japan. I fear that there are still McCarthy influences there. I have until December 2nd to file an appeal.

I enclose a letter written by a veteran missionary in Japan to Congressman Judd. Would you be willing to support my appeal? It seems that they have a Board of Appeal of State Department officials to which one can carry the case. My only difficulty is that since these are all State Department officials I am not sure that I would get a reversal. What do you think? Since I have to formally request a hearing by Dec. 2nd I should be glad if you could reply and let me know what you think at once. If you wish just telephone me and reverse the charges (New Haven, Conn. West 3-9634)

Cordially yours,

Jerome Davis

Dr. Jerome Davis

[undated]

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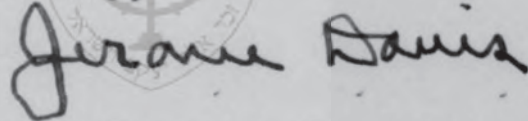
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Many times in the past years I have looked at the beautiful portrait of you given us at the dinner at the Waldorf Astoria on Feb. 5, 1953. More power to you and your work.

It so happens I am taking a group to Europe of Professors and Business men and a Republican Senator. We shall probably see Khrushchev. Do you have any particular question you would like to have me ask him? We are also going to Israel. Wouldn't you like to have me speak in your Synagogue on my return?

Cordially,



Jerome Davis, D. D., LL.D., Litt. D.

[undated]

Dear Mr. President,

The most recent development in both Europe and Asia indicate that the frozen positions which imperil world peace are beginning to thaw out.

The reversal of Soviet Policy with regard to an Austrian treaty opens up the possibility that an all-German peace settlement may now be attainable. If so, the key log in the European log-jam might be lifted and this would bring within reach a gradual reunification of the disrupted European economy.

Chou En-lai's statement of April 22, at Bandung, expressing willingness to negotiate outstanding differences with the United States, seems to open up the possibility of a Far Eastern peace settlement or, at the very least, of a diminution of the likelihood of war.

In view of these meaningful events, the undersigned citizens, deeply aware of your concern for the establishment of enduring peace and appreciative of the restraining influence which you have been exercising upon the direction of the nation's foreign policy, venture to lay before you the following suggestions:

1. That, after due consultation with our allies, you declare that the United States seeks the reunification of Germany on terms which will assure its freedom and independence, while at the same time eliminating it as a bone of contention and making certain that it shall not again become a pawn, partner, or prime mover in aggression against any of its neighbors; that the United States attaches greater importance to the achievement of this objective than to the adherence of all or any part of Germany to the NATO alliance; and that the United States is ready and willing to explore whether the Soviet Union is now prepared to cooperate in working out such an All-German settlement.

2. That you declare, in response to the statement issued by Chou En-lai, that the United States is ready and willing to discuss with the Peiping government the peaceful settlement of outstanding issues; that the United States, while committed to defend Formosa and the Pescadores against attack, is not committed to back and does not intend to back a Nationalist restoration on the mainland; that the United States does not intend to interfere in any way in the internal affairs of China, provided that the Peiping government refrains from any and all forms of intervention in the internal affairs of its neighbors; and that the United States, having itself no claim or design upon Formosa and the Pescadores, is willing to permit the eventual status of these islands to be determined by the freely expressed wishes of their inhabitants, provided that the minority shall be protected by a political amnesty.

We believe that these two declarations by the Chief of State would make unequivocally clear to the world that, far from being inflexibly committed to any fixed cold-war positions, the United States is ready and eager to cooperate in the relaxation of tensions in every part of the world, wherever this can be done without injustice or jeopardy to the freedom and independence of the world's peoples.

We believe that, while the course we advocate might be criticized by a vocal minority, it would have the overwhelming support of the American people. Specifically, we wish to express the view that the course of action we propose as to Formosa would not in any way violate our mutual defense treaty with the Nationalist regime. The treaty commits us to defend Formosa and the Pescadores in the event that the Peiping government should attempt to seize these islands by force. It does not commit us to maintain the Nationalist regime in power in the event that the people of these islands should choose a different government. If the Peiping government should agree to abide by the decision of the people of Formosa, we see no reason why the Nationalist regime should not be expected to do likewise.

Respectfully,

Signed Murray D. Lincoln, Pres. of CARE and of the Farm Bureau Insurance Cos.

Clarence E. Pickett, Honorary Secretary of the American Friends
Service Committee

~~James~~ James P. Warburg

Phillips P. Elliott, Pres. of the Presbyterian Council of N.Y.

*we will get the signatures
of Pres. Mackay of Princeton
Dean Pike and a Catholic Bishop also.*

Holiday Greetings

This card has the approval of Rev. Edward L. R. Elson of the National Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C., of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of the Temple, Cleveland, and of Bishop Bernard J. Shiel of Chicago. Printed by Promoting Enduring Peace Inc., 489 Ocean Ave., West Haven, Conn.

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SEEK PEACE

And they shall beat their swords into plowshares . . . Nation shall not lift up sword against nation or learn war anymore. Isa. 2.4.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love, where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. St. Francis.

Will you join with me in doing some of the following things during this holiday season:

1. Invite a foreigner to your home.
2. Send CARE packages to those in need.
3. Make a gift towards the world work of your church or synagogue.
4. Contribute to a neglected but worthy cause.
5. Send constructive peace books as gifts.

AND DO GOOD. Ps. 34:14

AND PURSUE IT

DEPART FROM EVIL