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1952 invocation, 1952.



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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER=
TEMPLE OF CLEVELAND=

I AM PLEASED TO ADVISE YOU HAVE BEEN SELECTED AS ONE
OF THE CHAPLAINS TO OFFICIATE AT THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL
CONVENTION OPENING IN CHICAGO JULY 7TH. IT HAS BEEN
SUGGESTED THAT YOU OFFER THE INVOCATION AT THE EVENING
SESSION JULY 8TH. IF THIS IS CONVENIENT TO YOU PLEASE
ADVISE=

WALTER S HALLANAN VICE CHAIRMAN
COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS=

Church and thus
can doubly be
grateful for
Godlike Character-
istics wherever
found.

We here listened
and prayed with
you very earnestly.
Again - thanks
Martha G. Chave

July 8, 1952

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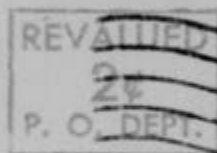
Dear Rabbi-

Thanks so much for
your invocation at
the Republican
Convention just given.

Such sincerity and
loyalty must have
its reward in love
bestowed on its
owner by our
heavenly Father,

My religious
affiliation is with
the Christian Science

Mrs. Austin S. Chave
2926 Farrington Rd
Shaker Heights



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RABBI SILVER
TEMPLE SYNAGOGUE
CLEVELAND, OHIO

7-8-52

DEAR SIR:-

ALLOW ME TO EXPRESS
ONE MAN'S APPRECIATION FOR
YOUR SINCERE AND WELL-
DELIVERED INVOCATION AT
TODAY'S REPUBLICAN CONVENTION
SESSION IN CHICAGO. MAY GOD
CONTINUE TO WALK WITH YOU.

SHERILL ELLSWORTH

Box 1588

SALINAS, CALIF.

34 Garrison Rd.
Brookline, Mass.
July 8, 1952

Dear Rabbi Silver,

It is with deep pride and humility that I write this letter this evening to tell you how thoroughly inspired my husband and I were as we sat at our television receiver and heard your delivery of the Invocation Prayer at tonight's session of the Republican National Convention.

We would consider it an honor indeed, if you find it at all possible, to send us a copy of tonight's prayer which we would cherish as a source of hope and inspiration in the days which lie before us.

May I also add that it made us very proud, as Jews ourselves, to watch one of our Rabbis so hold the rapt attention and so indubitably inspire every member of the audience the country over.

Thank you for a very thrilling experience.

Most Sincerely,
Mrs. Jason Burack

DR. AND MRS. IRVING I. LOMHOFF
6040 MERRIEWOOD DRIVE
OAKLAND 11, CALIFORNIA

July 8-1952

Rabbi Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

I have just heard & seen
your invocation at to-nights con-
vention session and felt I must
write this letter of thanks.

Your words were so fit-
ting & true in this present world
and I am indebted to you
for your stirring message. -

I think it will stand as a
highlight of the Convention.

I am thrilled to realize
your message of hope, good

fellowship and brotherhood
of man was heard by so
many millions of Americans.

I would be extremely
grateful for a copy of it if
such is possible. I would
like to frame it and give
it to my 7 year old son
as a guide to good living.

Thank you so much
for a rare stirring expe-
rience.

Very Sincerely
Irving L. Lombhoff

95 Centre Street
Brookline 46 Mass.
July 8, 1952

My Dear Rabbi Silver,

At this time I would like to extend to you a very warm and sincere "Mazal Tov" on your wonderful invocation and I know that you will indeed be a source of "nachas" to your whole congregation and all who know you. In these times it is so crucial that we, of the Jewish Faith have leaders and Rabbis who are as gifted as you are in the art of prayer leading. Never before have I heard a more sincere invocation or an audience more moved by a rabbi's prayers.

It would be a source of great happiness to me if you would send to me an autographed copy of the invocation you delivered at the Republican National Convention, for me to keep and cherish as I know that the words would be and can be comforting in the message they bring.

Again my very best wishes for the future and my sincere thanks, waiting to hear from you.

Cordially,

Ben H. Adler

Ben H Adler
95 Centre Street
Brookline 46, Mass.

New Orleans, July 8, 1952.

Rabbi A. Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.
Dear Rabbi Silver-

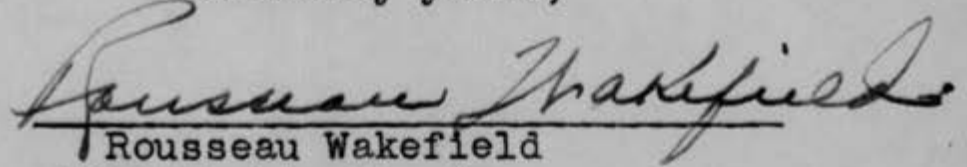
I have just listened to you deliver the invocation at the Republican National Convention in Chicago. I congratulate you. Your enunciation, diction and tone of voice left nothing to be desired along those lines, but most important, was the inspiring and impressive message you brought to the nation.

May I take the liberty of writing and asking for a copy of this address? I would consider it a privilege to have it to read over and show to my friends. I am not of your faith, nor am I considered devout, but when one speaks so ^A earnestly, and so eloquently, of God and His works, I cannot help becoming deeply impressed.

I shall be glad to forward to you whatever costs attached to my request if you will advise me of the amount. I am enclosing a stamped, self addressed envelope.

Thank you.

Cordially yours,


Rousseau Wakefield
1015 Washington Ave.
New Orleans.

July 8th, 1952

Rabbi Silver
Rep. Yaff' Comm.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir,

If it is possible, my wife,
and I
father and mother, would consider it
an honor & a favor to receive
a copy of the prayer with which
you opened the Republican National
Convention tonight.

Very sincerely yours
Stewart Johnstone, Jr.

Stewart Johnstone, Jr.
639 Doris Place
Ridgewood, New Jersey

Copy filed 7/30/52
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53 Berwyn St.
Orange, N.J.
July 8, 1952.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I listened to your
Invocation at the
Republican National
Convention to-night,
and I have been very
much impressed, and,
in fact, moved to tears.
As a result, I feel richer
mentally and spiritually.
I, therefore, would like
to have a copy of this

Invocation for me to
treasure as one of the greatest
prayers ever uttered by man.

Thanking you in advance
and wishing you good health
so that you may continue
in your noble work, I am

Respectfully yours,
Harry M. Rosenthal.

(a friend of your brother, Maxwell)

Tuesday, July 8-1952
Hollywood, Calif.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland,

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Please let me thank you, as an
American, and a member of the Catholic
Church, for that most wonderful
prayer, you just gave to the
whole world. May it ring through
all time, in the hearts of all
people. May it be "aflame with
Power", in every consciousness!

May you keep to your wonderful
learning and serving. Your words
were full of blessing to all
man kind, and may Our Great
God speak through you more
and more, making your life
rich and abundant in
those qualities of spirit
that are most like unto
Him. May I join you dear Rabbi
Silver, in prayer of love and faith,
to worship Our Father God in the secret
place of our heart and consciously offer Him
our all. Most sincerely, and in friendship
always - Elmer Lerner

P. S.

It would be a great blessing to all of us, if you could stay in Chicago during the National Convention.

Yes we republicans need you - goodness knows, but I think the democrats will need you pure consciousness also. Whatever the world problem is to day, it is good to know the world is Not going through it alone. "For thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me."

Not alone, When Our Great God, gives
us a staff to lean upon and
a rod to keep us in line. Where
some form of discipline, some
form of teaching. Some form of
spiritual help to lean upon,
such as God expressed through
you dear friend Rabbi Silver
this evening over T. V. I have
never seen you, never heard of
you until you stepped upon the platform.
But now — we are brothers always.
For we both love and serve the one
and Only God. There is Only God!
God is All!!
—— all there is of us.

JCH

Dear Rabbi Silver, -

Because your
invocation was a most moving
spiritual experience for us I am
writing to tell you how deeply
touched we were -

My husband, Dr.
John Chapman, has returned
recently from six agonizing
weeks in a hospital to which
he was taken in a coma -
No diagnosis was reached by

the medical men in attendance
whose hearts as well as their
minds were involved in his
recovery — The hand of the
Almighty is shown clearly
in the long journey from those
dark days.

It was not, however, God's
goodness and mercy in our case
that made us particularly
receptive to your invocation —
but the quality of your heart
and soul as manifested in
your prayer — We are indebted

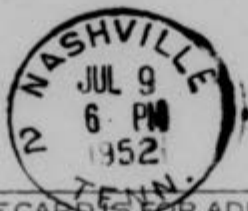
is those who made it possible
for us to see and hear you -

We are hoping the best
man in the Republican
line will lead us from
the depth into which we
have been plunged -

My husband joins me
in this message of appreciation
to you. Sincerely,

Justina H. Chapman
(Mrs John P. Chapman)

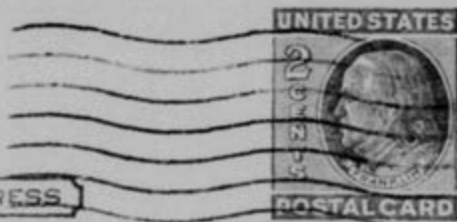
July 9th



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Reverend Rabbi Avva(?) Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.



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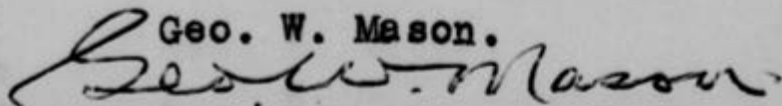
Rabbi Silver,
Cleveland,
Ohio,

1303 Eastland Ave., Nashville 6, Tenn. 7-9-52.

Dear Sir;

Myself and family were privileged to see and hear you in the opening prayer of the Republican Convention. We were all thoroughly moved and impressed by your sincerity and ability to inspire with the ^{SYMPLE} grandeur of your supplication for divine guidance. Can you furnish us with a copy of your most beautiful prayer? It should be broadcast to the world daily. Thank you most sincerely.

Geo. W. Mason.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Geo. W. Mason", written in dark ink.

Dear sir - I heard your prayer via TV
at the Republican Convention. Do you have
a copy of it (I know you didn't read it -
that's why I enjoyed it so much - for it
came from you) - but I would like a
copy. This of all prayers I've heard seemed
to be the Prayer for America.

Thank you so much,

Ethel J. Leibold (Mrs)

2931 Fleasler Ave

Erie - Penna

J. M. Henderson
310 Park Street
New Canaan, Conn.

9 July 1952

Dear Dr Silver:

Permit me to
express to you my appre-
ciation of the prayer you
offered at Chicago. It was
refreshing to note that
the prayer was directed
to celestial quarters rather

than to the mundane
political environs of the
Convention Hall.

You sounded like
one of the major prophets
may have sounded.

In 1909 I travelled on
the Mediterranean with
a Rabbi Silver of Cleveland.
Are you by chance related?

Cordially, Rev. Ira W. Henderson

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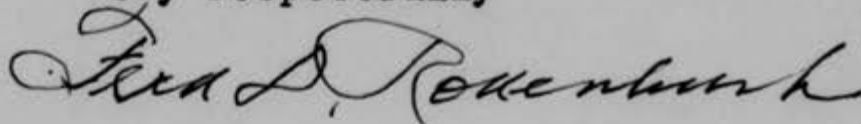
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Temple of Cleveland
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi:

Last evening I listened with a great deal of interest to the wonderful prayer which you delivered before the Republican Convention in Chicago.

If you have a copy of the prayer, I would greatly appreciate receiving a copy of it if you are willing to let me have one.

Very respectfully



Ferd D. Rodenbush

Ira Silverman
1580 E. 14th Street
Brooklyn 30, N.Y.



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Rabbi Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio



July 9, 1952

Dear Rabbi,

I have just had the extreme pleasure of listening to you, as you delivered the invocation at the Republican Convention in Chicago.

Your message communicated to me, as I am sure it did to every American the deepest feeling of responsibility, pride, and respects for the foremost leader of the Jewish people in the United States.

Yours truly,
Ira Silberman

215 E. 79 St.
New York 21, N.Y.



July 9, 1952
Rabbi Hillel Silver
Dear Rabbi:

I was impressed
so deeply by your
invocation at the
Republican Convention that
I'm desirous of getting
a copy of same.

Your honoring this
request would be appreciat-
ed to the fullest.

Sincerely,
(Mrs.) Mely Kirenting

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July 9, 1952

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
East 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

It was my fortune to be listening to the radio (not television), on Tuesday evening at the time that you were introduced to lead the Republican Convention in prayer. I should like to express to you my deep appreciation of the prayer which you offered. I am told it was spontaneous; but I would have felt sure of it anyway, because of the very evident sincerity which expressed your pleadings with the Almighty for His blessings on America and her people.

It is my feeling that your leadership on this occasion would soften any harshness which there might be in the relationship of your people and mine. Thus you have served America in a moment of tremendous spiritual and social need.

This is to express my sincere thanks to you.

Cordially yours,

Walker F. Vance

Walker F. Vance

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RALPH ENGER
3326 SANTIAGO STREET
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

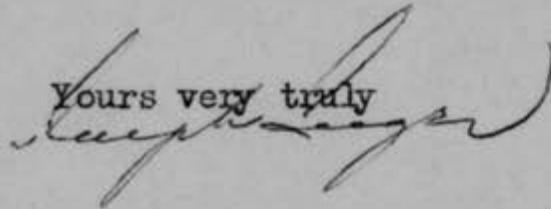
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Temple of Cleveland
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

I would deeply appreciate if you would send me a reprint
of your most inspiring invocation at the Republican Convention in
Chicago last nite.

Yours very truly

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ralph Enger", written over the typed phrase "Yours very truly".

Wed

Dear Patti Silver, I just had
to write you a note and tell
you how wonderful we
thought you were at the
conference. Not that you
were other than but the
conversation all around us
didn't it a privilege to have
you as one of us - It is so
grand it was an T.V. so the
world could hear you - It
truly was a real thrill
and we all enjoyed you
Sincerely,
Laph Thorman

Mrs. Harold Thorman
2595 Norfolk Road
Cleveland Heights, Ohio

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland Ohio -
my dear Rabbi!

I sat before my T. V. set - and saw a man ascend the dais of the Republican Convention a man, (with a shock of white hair) voicing a prayer for the whole nation to hear and to see.

I closed my eyes - and thought back into the past. And there I saw, a young boy - with a wayward shock of black hair standing in his first pulpit delivering a sermon to be "forgotten" Peruzon "What is man?" This was in Williamstown Penna.

I predicted then, what the
world knows now - that you
would be and are - one of
the outstanding thinkers of
our time. I feel so proud
to have known you then.

I hear that your son will
follow in your footsteps -
just as my son - is sitting
at his father's desk - carrying
on his father's ethical practices -
upholding the highest traditions
of the law profession and
the moral responsibility of a
judge.

Yes - I am a lonely widow
now - my husband died
just one year ago - Life is
so hard to face - alone
I am trying so hard to adjust.

May God spare you to the
world for many years - is the
wish of
Hortense K. Salmon
Mrs Carl S.

Box 1020

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

NASHVILLE 5, TENNESSEE

9 July, 1952

Dear, Good, Great Sir

I have long said that, to make a just estimate of any preacher, I would rather hear him pray two minutes, than preach an hour. Please permit me in great humility of judgment to thank you for your voice, presence and spirit in the prayer at the Chicago Convention last night. You took the All-the-Country, and the world-in your good arms, and you spoke (pleaded) in the very Presence of Jehovah - the Father. I wanted to come from my television seat down here and stand by you and ask you to put your hand on my poor head.

Long years of your life given truth and love in the bitter plight of Our Country and of the world, Dear Sir.

Shed to you and your Loved Ones -
Sholem Aleikem!

from a Methodist minister,
- @Andoverfield

Kamilton, Ohio
763 Hayes Ave 7/9

Dear Rabbi Seligson —

I was a television listener of the
proceedings last night at The
Republican Convention, Chicago

To me, your prayer was
wonderfully impressive and couched
in the most beautiful language.
Surely there must have been
millions of listeners regardless of
creed who were thrilled as I
was; and so I thought to drop
you this note of appreciation.

Very truly

Wm. H. Weems

(No acknowledgement
necessary or expected.)

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July 9th, 1952

Secretary to Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Temple of Cleveland
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Madam:

I would greatly appreciate it if you could
furnish me with several copies of Rabbi Silver's
Invocation at the Republican Convention last
night. One copy at least would be appreciated.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

M. B. Lipsey
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HAROLD D. LEVINE, M.D.
171 BAY STATE ROAD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

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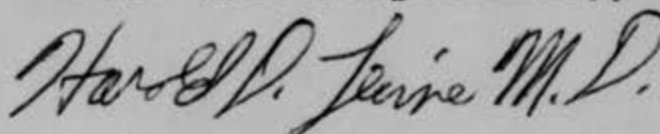
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

CLEVELAND, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I was one of the fortunate ones who heard your most inspiring invocation last night on television. I want you to know that I think it was really superb. If possible, I would be most grateful to you for a copy.

Yours most respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harold D. Levine M.D.".

Harold D. Levine, M.D.

HDL/jm

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Rabbi Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver,

I heard your prayer
Tuesday evening on television. A deep
and fervent appeal must have impressed
many others as it did me, and I am writing
to thank you.

Sincerely

F. Alden Shaw

P.S. Please do not feel it necessary to reply
to this letter, for I realize this is your
period of rest.

SYLVESTER W. FLESHEIM

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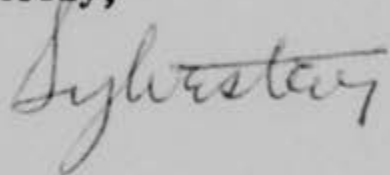
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Last evening Erma and I had the privilege of seeing you and hearing you on television when you addressed the Republican Convention.

Words cannot tell you how thrilled we were, and how proud!

Our best love,

Sincerely,

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

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Ansel Road and East 105th Street,
Cleveland 6, Ohio.

MILTON C. KANE

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July 9, 1952

Rabbi Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road & E. 105th St.
Cleveland, Ohio


Dear Rabbi:

Have been thrilled on many occasions when I heard my Rabbi. However, never as I was last night when you delivered the invocation at the Republican Convention.

It was the most impressive experience I can ever recall.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Milton Kane".

Milton Kane .

MK/ht

J. M. ULMER
CLEVELAND

Dear Rabbi:- May I tell you that you may well be proud of the prayer you gave last night at the Republican Convention. It was so full of meaning and so splendidly given that all who heard will long remember what you said - As your vibrant tones rang out, those that you sought thus to guide, may take to heart the message you so ably brought to them. We who know you well have great pride in your speaking out, as it were for each of us, sentiments that ~~are~~ ring true in a world of doubt, sham and pretense -

May you and yours continue in good health - so that for long years you may serve mankind and continue to be a blessing.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
July 9, 1952

Sincerely
Jank Ulmer

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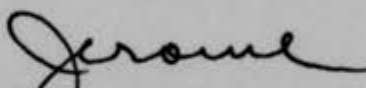
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Anne and I watched television last night and were thrilled to see and hear you. You know that I am not given to gushy sentimentality but really and truly I must say that your prayer, both in its content and the way you expressed it, was a highlight of the Convention and for that matter of any kind of meeting.

Your old bailiwick here this morning is all agog with thrill and delight over last night. All of us send you our affectionate greetings.

Sincerely yours,


Rabbi Jerome Unger
Executive Director

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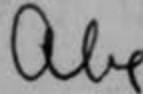
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. and Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In our home last evening, Lillian, our daughter Sara Lee, and I watched the televised proceedings of the Republican National Convention. It was thrilling to see you and to hear your prayer. You gave us a tremendous lift. Your prayer raised the whole venture to the plane of idealism, and we were grateful to you as Americans, just as we were proud as Jews, and I was proud as your colleague.

Best wishes to you and fondest regards to you and your family from the four of us.

Sincerely yours,



ABRAHAM SHUSTERMAN

AS/rg

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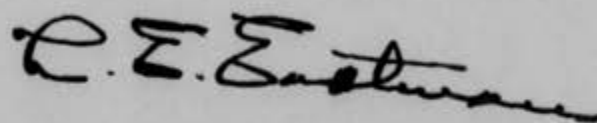
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Euclid and 105th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

In more than sixty years, I have never heard such a magnificent and soul-stirring prayer as your invocation at the Republican National Convention last night. You were superb in its delivery.

Would you be kind enough to favor me with a copy.

Sincerely,



LeRoy E. Eastman

LEE:cp

GERMAN EX-MAYOR SENTENCED FOR BURNING DOWN A SYNAGOGUE

NUREMBERG, July 8. (JTA) -- Wilhelm Fischer, former mayor of Hellenthal, a small town near Aachen, Artur Schoeller and Edmund Gottwald were tried here on charges of participating in the burning down of the Hellenthal synagogue in 1938 and in the so-called "pillory march" of Jews through the city's streets the day following the arson. Fischer was sentenced to 15 months' imprisonment, Schoeller received a seven-month term and Gottwald was acquitted.

Josef Tannenbaum, formerly a foreman at the Buchenwald concentration camp, has been sentenced to five years penal servitude by a German court here. In 1939 and 1940, when he was only 18 years old, Tannenbaum mistreated and tortured his fellow prisoners and tried to murder one of them.

Investigations into the desecration of the Bad Canstaat Jewish cemetery have brought about the arrest of three boys between the ages of ten and twelve. The police say there was no criminal motive behind the desecrations, which were described as "merely a prank." Thirteen tombstones were overturned and one tomb was destroyed by the vandals.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION JOINS RABBI SILVER IN PRAYER FOR TOLERANCE

CHICAGO, July 8. (JTA) -- The Republican National Convention tonight joined Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver in a prayer "to keep our hearts free from intolerance and bigotry, and from loss of faith in human equality and brotherhood."

In his invocation, Rabbi Silver asked blessings for the United Nations and all those who seek peace and pursue it. "Gird us with that faith which will inspire us to seek opportunities for unity with other peoples in the building of the good society, the gracious commonwealth of humanity when each man shall dwell under his vine and under his fig tree and none shall make him afraid," the rabbi asked in his prayer.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY PLEDGES TO KEEP PREJUDICE OUT OF CAMPAIGN

WASHINGTON, July 8. (JTA) -- The Democratic Party "will not inject racial prejudice or religious bigotry" into the Presidential campaign, Frank E. McKinney, Democratic National Chairman, pledged today.

In a reply to an appeal this week-end by six Jewish, Catholic and Protestant leaders to both major political parties to keep the election campaign free of race prejudice and religious bigotry, Mr. McKinney stated: "The Democratic Party will not condone any such activity in behalf of any of its candidates. It will vigorously condemn and disavow any such activity should it develop."

ANTI-SEMITIC DOMINATES "MACARTHUR FOR PRESIDENT" RALLY IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, July 8. (JTA) -- A number of delegates to the Republican National Convention participated in a "MacArthur for President" rally at the Congress Hotel which was addressed by Don Lohbeck, anti-Jewish editor of Gerald L. K. Smith's hate sheet "The Cross and the Flag."

Inciting remarks about "Christ-hating" elements in Washington were made by Mr. Lohbeck in the course of his speech. Envelopes containing Smith's material were distributed at the rally, which was attended by about 500 people. Anti-Jewish matter was handed out openly in the lobby of the Conrad Hilton Hotel.

UNITED STATES CITIZENS IN ISRAEL WARNED ON NATIONALITY LAW

JERUSALEM, July 8. (JTA) -- The American Embassy in Israel today warned American citizens residing in this country that if they wish to retain their American citizenship after July 14 when the Israeli nationality bill goes into effect they must inform the Israeli authorities that they do not accept Israeli citizenship, which will automatically be conferred on all Jews in or arriving in this country. The Embassy's warning was issued following Parliamentary adoption today of a passport law, a companion measure to the Nationality Act.

The Knesset Rules Committee today decided to ban from all Parliamentary debate and to expurgate from the official records of Knesset proceedings epithets aimed at the representatives in Israel of foreign nations. The action followed a remark by deputy Meir Wilner, a Communist, who called Bruce McDaniel, American technical aid coordinator in Israel, a "gauleiter."

A debate on censorship of military news developed in Knesset this morning when Esther Wilenska, a Communist deputy, raised the question of the one-week suspension of the Communist newspaper Kol Haam for publishing military secrets. Miss Wilenska insisted that the newspaper was fulfilling its functions of serving the public by informing it that the "American Government and its agents are planning to use our airfields for atom bombers against peace-loving countries--the Soviet Union and the popular democracies."

Minister of Justice Chaim Cohen justified the suspension, asserting that a committee of editors had concurred to the verdict against Kol Haam.

ANTI-ISRAEL EXHIBIT OPENED IN RUMANIA; LINKED TO "U. S. IMPERIALISM"

VIENNA, July 8. (JTA) -- A new anti-Israel exhibit has been opened in the town of Barshad, Rumania, it was reported in the current issue of the Rumanian newspaper "Romania Libera" which arrived here today.

The newspaper says the exhibition, entitled "Realities in the State of Israel Linked to American Imperialism," is proving an "important contribution to the exposure of Zionism, which is claiming fewer and fewer victims among the Jewish population of our city."

AUSTRIA PREPARES TO GRANT AMNESTY TO "MINOR" EX-NAZI OFFICIALS

VIENNA, July 7. (JTA) -- The Austrian Ministry of Justice is preparing to grant amnesty to "minor" ex-functionaries of the Nazi Party in Austria or more important ex-officials who were sentenced to prison terms by People's Courts during 1945-1948, it was reported today.

Explaining the action, "Das Kleine Volksblatt," organ of the People's Party, the government party, said that it is in line with the government's pledges to "solve" the Nazi problem. It added that it is "impossible" to keep "minor" Nazis in prison in Austria when the "big shots" of the Nazi movement in other countries have already been amnestied and some have been returned to public life.

As soon as the lists of ex-Nazis to be pardoned are drafted, they will be sent to President Theodor Koerner for signature.

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VIRGINIA TANNER
EDITOR
INEZ M. DEVILLE
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July 9, 1952

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

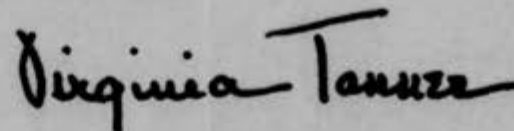
As one of the millions of TV viewers you must have had last evening, may I tell you that in my opinion your invocation at the Republican National Convention was, by far, the finest, most inspiring pronouncement heard all evening. It was moving and beautiful.

I was particularly glad to note that you included in your prayer, the United Nations which for all its imperfections is still our best hope for the promotion of world brotherhood on the political level.

I would like you to know that this expression comes to you from a Protestant and a Democrat.

I am sure that many other Americans must have been impressed and lifted by the high mindedness of your invocation.

Sincerely,

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

Virginia Tanner

VT:EMB

THE KIWANIS CLUB OF GALLIPOLIS



GALLIPOLIS, OHIO

JULY 9, 1952

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER
CLEVELAND, OHIO

DEAR RABBI SILVER:

YOUR ELOQUENT PRAYER TUESDAY NIGHT WAS THE KIND OF ORATORY
---SPOKEN FROM THE SOUL TO GOD, NOT ONLY ON BEHALF OF A GREAT POLITICAL
PARTY BUT FOR THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD---WHICH SHOULD HAVE WON YOU
THE REPUBLICAN NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

IN 28 YEARS OF LISTENING TO CONVENTION SPEECHES AND BENEDICTIONS
I HAVE HEARD NONE TO COMPARE WITH YOURS. IT WAS DIVINELY HUMAN, IN-
SPIRED OF GOD AND SPEAKING THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE HEART OF MAN.
I AM A PRESBYTERIAN DEMOCRAT, BUT AS AN OHIOAN I AM PROUD OF YOU,
AND I KNOW THAT MY FELLOW GALLIPOLIS KIWANIANS WERE SIMILARLY AFFECTED
BY YOUR PRAYER.

MAY YOU NEVER FALTER IN YOUR SPLENDID HUMANITARIAN EVANGELISM!

SINCERELY YOURS,

J. SHERMAN PORTER
PRESIDENT

790 Myrtle St., N.E.

Atlanta, Ga.

July 9, 1952

The Rabbi

Cleveland Temple

Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

I am writing in hopes that I can secure a copy of the beautiful prayer that was offered last night at the beginning of the Republican National Convention at Chicago. I am not sure that it was you whose name was given over the radio, but if I am correct in writing to you, then I would appreciate very much having a copy of the prayer.

These difficult days, made harder by the countless meaningless words that are daily pumped into our open minds, when even public prayers are oft~~ma~~ seen to be "delivered," it is refreshing to hear a voice within a group that is lifted up To God. Thank you for your prayer last night. May I have a copy of it?

Sincerely,

Joel M. Savell

Joel M. Savell

BERTRAM J. KROHNGOLD

339 ST. CLAIR AVENUE, N.W.

CLEVELAND, OHIO

July 9, 1952

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Blvd.
Shaker Hts., Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

I cannot allow this day to go by without letting you know how magnificent you were last evening in the delivery of your beautiful invocation at The Republican National Convention. The invocation was simply beautiful, and most impressive. Your picture and delivery came over the television perfectly.

I want you to know that both Connie and I, as well as our friends who were at our home watching and listening to television, felt a thrilling sense of pride because of our own Rabbi Silver, and the beautiful blessing contained in your invocation.

Connie joins in at this time in wishing both Virginia and yourself Bon Voyage and a very enjoyable summer, and a safe return back to Cleveland. With all good wishes.

Cordially,

By Bert.

P. S. I have just spoken to Walter on the telephone, and he wants me to include him in the sentiments expressed above.



OFFICE OF THE
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July 9, 1952

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It was indeed heart warming to listen to your inspiring invocation, delivered over television last night at the Republican Convention.

Your impressive personality and your appealing voice carried conviction to all whose privilege it was to hear you.

May the American people have many more occasions to become better acquainted over the radio and television with one of our most outstanding spiritual leaders.

With expressions of my best wishes.

Sincerely

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shakespeare
Cleveland, Ohio

Boston, July 9, 1952

Rabbi Abba Killel Silver
c/o Republican National Committee
Convention Hall
Conrad Hilton Hotel
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir -

Last night I watched on television as you delivered the invocation to the Republican Convention.

I thank you for your inspired and inspiring words. They were the distillation of all I feel about America and the world.

I am a Christian Scientist. This means I am engaged in increasing my understanding of the one God of Israel, the only God there is, the God you also worship, you and all true seekers of good. I am also a new American, having been in this country for only two years. I grew up in Germany, my native country, under Hitlerism, and I had plenty of opportunity to learn what happens when men forget they and others are free born and, to live, must remain free. I mention these facts to explain why I am particularly grateful for your prayer last night.

I am deeply grateful to be allowed to become a citizen of a country in which men like you can say the prayers before the people.

If you do not have much time, do not feel you must answer this letter. All I wanted to do was to express what I feel about your words.

Sincerely Yours

Friedrich W. Roeverkamp

Friedrich W. Roeverkamp
c/o City Desk
The Christian Science Monitor
One, Norway St., Boston, Mass.

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July 9, 1952

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Cleveland Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

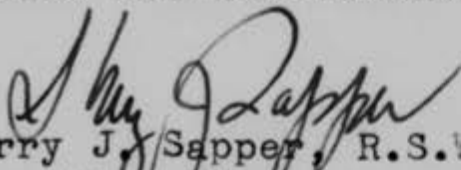
Last night a group of us were gathered in a home, when the announcement came over television that you were to give the invocation before the Republican Convention. May I tell you that, regardless of political affiliation, we all swelled with pride by the dignity of your invocation and its beautiful content.

In our group were two couples who had been married by you in Cleveland and the rest of us had been admirers of your intelligence, competence and eloquence for many years.

Need I tell you that we are proud to call you "Rabbi"?

Very sincerely yours,

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Executive Director



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Carl Adamson
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Rabbi Silver
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Shaker Heights
 Cleveland
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July 10, 1952

Dear Rabbi Silver -

As members of The Temple and as Jews, we want to tell you how inspired and proud we were of you the other night as we saw you and heard your invocation at the Nat'l Republican Convention.

As always, your prayer was rich in meaning, beautiful, and truly inspirational. For the moments in which you spoke, the activity was lifted to a loftier plane

than has been reached during
any of the proceedings.

We are so fortunate to have you as
our Rabbi, and we want you to
know we are truly grateful. All
Jewry everywhere is proud of you
for the many achievements you
have made for our people.

God bless you.

Sincerely yours,
Mr. & Mrs. Josef J. Klein

EDWARD ELY CURTIS
HISTORY DEPARTMENT
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver:-

I was deeply
touched by your prayer at
the Republican Convention.

It was prophetic in spirit,
richly Biblical in phraseology,
& moving in delivery. Of all
the prayers offered publicly at
the Convention it was un-
surpassed in its grasp of the
essential relationships of God
& man. You set forth in

EDWARD ELY CURTIS
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language of rare beauty the
majesty of God as our creator
+ the tenderness of God as our
heavenly Father. You were con-
cerned that we should seek
not to use Him, but that we
should seek to have Him use
us.

I do not suppose you have
a copy of your prayer which you
could send me so I will not
request it. I will simply tell
you that I am

Gratefully yours,
Edward Ely Curtis

JOHN A. MATHEWS
COUNTY JUDGE AND SURROGATE
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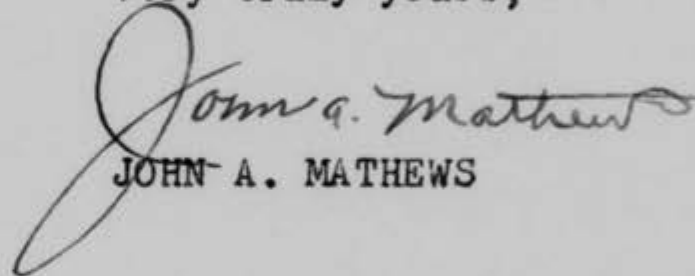
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

I was very much impressed with your invocation
at the Republican National Convention Tuesday night. I
would be very happy to have a copy if one is available.

Very truly yours,


JOHN A. MATHEWS

Vine Street Christian Church

140 SEVENTH AVENUE, NORTH
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Rabbi
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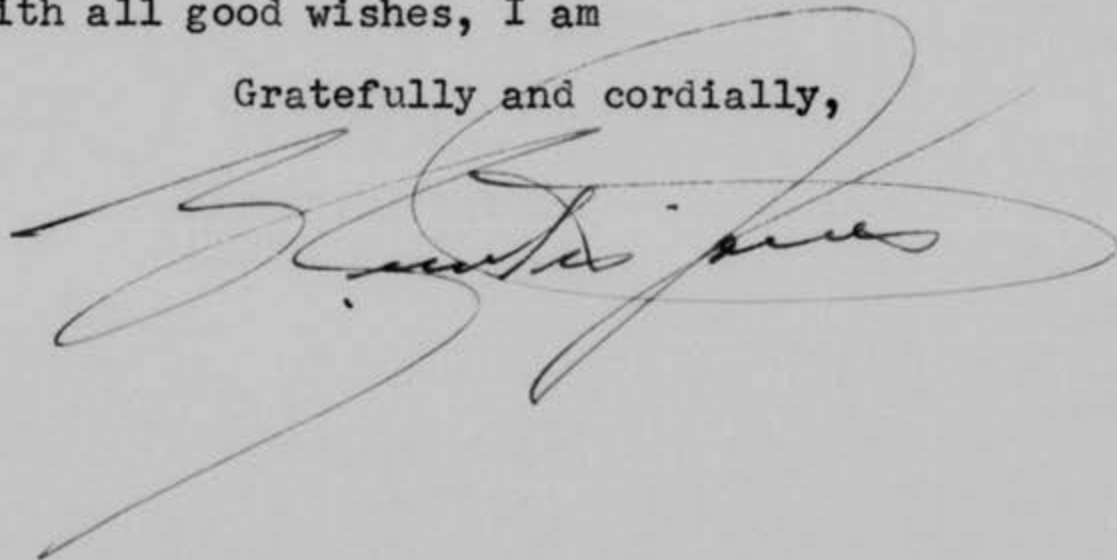
Dear Dr. Silver:

It was my good fortune to see you on television Tuesday evening last, and to hear your magnificent and moving prayer offered at the Republican Convention. It was one of the greatest prayers that I have heard for a long, long time and should you have a copy of it, I would be most grateful for it.

You will be interested to know that our Church joins the property of the Vine Street Temple of which Dr. William Silverman is rabbi. Our congregations have had a marvelous fellowship through the years.

With all good wishes, I am

Gratefully and cordially,



My dear Rabbi,

My family and I were
deeply moved and impressed
by your invocation at the
Republican Convention on
the evening of July eighth.
It seemed to us as though
you were standing face to

face with the God of all
of us, beseeching them to
guide our nation, and all
mankind, into a better
way of life where peace
will prevail.

Virginia I Delaney

MRS. NICHOLAS KING DELANEY




Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland
Ohio

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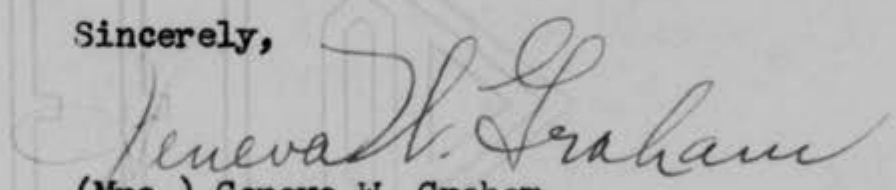
415 West Capitol, South Apartment
Salt Lake City 3, Utah
July 10, 1952

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
East 105th St. near Euclid
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I heard your splendid prayer night before last over TV and I do wish to thank you for it. I have never heard a more earnest, right-from-the-heart prayer in my life and I know God heard it and will heed. It seems to me that anyone listening could not help but feel desirous of making their own lives better. I have been reared a L.D.S. and our people have always been taught to pray, so I guess that is why I appreciate hearing someone who is sincere and good. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart.

Sincerely,


(Mrs.) Geneva W. Graham

P.S. I tried to call Rabbi Fink, whose telephone is temporarily disconnected and was given another number. A Mrs. Hood, who is also an L.D.S., employed by James L. White, answered and gave me your full name and address. She also wished to be included in appreciation of your prayer.

ARTHUR N. GLEASON
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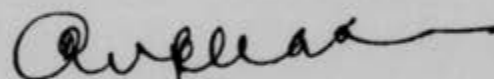
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

It is possible that it would interest you to know that I, an Episcopalian, was deeply impressed with your splendid Prayer at the Republican Convention. Many others share this feeling.

Faithfully yours,



ANG/S

Hartford C. Conn..
July 10. 1952

Rabbi Silvers:-

Please forgive the intrusion,
but may I Congratulate you - on the
splendid prayer offered at the Convention -
It was the very best one offered - and I
am amazed how you could do it - in that
place: in fact - may I say - it's a mad
house:

I would like very much to have
a copy of your prayer offered - Can you
remember it? would appreciate it -
very much - if you could, do me this favor.

I thank you in advance, and
with every good wish, and hope some
one took it down as you offered it - I
shall be waiting very anxiously for it.
Gods Blessings on you.

Sincerely -

Peggy L. Payne

me - Peggy L. Payne

242 Buckingham Street

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I. G. THOMPSON

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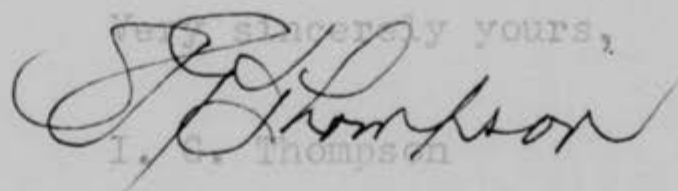
Rabbi Silvers,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silvers:

I had the pleasure and the good fortune of hearing your prayer when you delivered the invocation at the Republican National Convention in Chicago Tuesday night. It was indeed beautiful.

I have a collection of very beautiful prayers and I would be very happy if you could send me a copy of your prayer, to add to the ones that I now have.

I hope in asking you for this I am not presuming too much, but I assure you it will be highly appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

I. G. Thompson

IGT:cc

Glenshaw Pa
July 10, 1951

Dear Rabbi Silver! - Thank you
for the prayer offered on
Tuesday night.

Seldom have we heard
such sincerity & eloquence
in any pulpit.

We both join in wishing
all things good for you
and yours.

Sincerely

Adelaide S. M^{rs}. Croy.

Mabel Wright Hunter

Again Thank You -

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Dear Dr. Silver:-

That invocation which I heard over the radio Tuesday evening inspires another invocation. O that those precious words might take root in the hearts of myriads ! Indeed millions of people must have listened.

Whatever else the Republican convention might be, it was momentous as the occasion for that matchlessly noble utterance. By comparison with your glorious formulation of ideals, everything else about that convention, as I see it, pales into insignificance.

May God raise up among us others like you.

Devotedly Yours,

Abraham Cronbach

Abraham Cronbach

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10 July

Dear Rabbi Silver -

Two evenings
ago my Mother and
I observed you ^{on television} give
The invocation at the
Republican Convention and

it was such a moving
and stirring prayer that
I wanted you to know
how much it meant to
me. If you had a duplicate
copy of it I would
so enjoy having one.
Sincerely Malcolm R. McBride

A. H. MacGregor
336 Hawthorne Ave.
Webster Groves 19, Missouri

July 10, 1952

National Broadcasting Company
Merchandise Mart Attention: Publicity Dep't.
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Gentlemen:

Please tell me where I can obtain a copy of the
invocation by the rabbi from Detroit, which he
gave at the opening of the Republican convention
meeting Tuesday night, July 8th.

Yours very truly,

A. H. MacGregor
A. H. MacGregor

AHM/s

July 10, 1952

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

Re: Republican Convention -
Your Invocation - Tuesday, July 8th

Dear Rabbi Silver

Will you be kind enough to send me a copy of your beautiful prayer which you so reverently and eloquently delivered at the Convention on Tuesday last.

I regret the necessity of writing to you personally, but I was unsuccessful in my attempt to obtain a copy from the National Broadcasting Station.

It is a literary masterpiece as well as a prayer and I shall treasure the copy which I hope you will be pleased to send me.

With respect,

Irene Smith

Mrs. Irene Smith
660 Locust Street
Mt. Vernon, New York

July 10, 1952

Mr. L. E. Eastman
240 Huron Street
Toledo 4, Ohio

My dear Mr. Eastman:

Thank you for your kind note of July 9th. I very much appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing to me. The full text of the prayer appeared in the Cleveland Plain Dealer of July 9th and I am sure that they will be glad to send you a copy.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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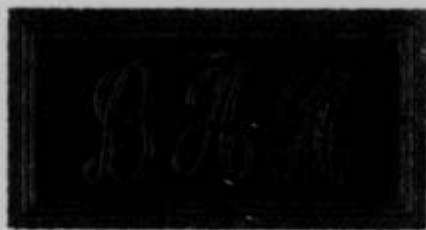
126 Park Avenue
Glencoe Ill.
June 11, 1952.

Very dear Rabbi:-
When I wrote this day
tears ran down my
face in dumb thank
for the wide evidence
of goodness that I felt
told about me as I stood
in the Convention pro-
gram.

That your prayer
like a great basket
held up to God was
all inclusive and up-
holding shall always
be in my memories of
great moments in future
need, makes my heart
shed tears of happiness.

That the Remedial mind
so easily procrastinates,
thus dimming the brightness
of its enthusiasm, I am

See during this Report break
of day. To you that you
may feel the appreciation
needed to the fulfillment
of perfect graciousness. I
thrust my self the Ewesary
of all who heard your ^(Sp?)
Convocations and ^{my} too loth-
to express them selves. A
great gratitude! Shine on!
Bright Spirit, Shine to
Our Father in Heaven
until the you is lost
in Prayer and Song.
Very truly
Bertha H. Nickstroth.



PHILIP ATHANAS
ATTORNEY AT LAW
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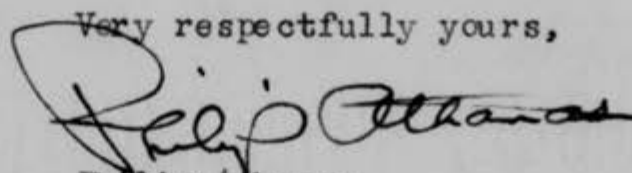
Rev. Abba Hillel Silver
The Synagogue
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

I watched and heard your invocation at the Republican National Convention in Chicago the other night. A group of my friends and I have been unable to forget the tremendousness of your effort. I have volunteered to write you to congratulate you on a job splendidly done and to ask you if there is a copy of your prayer available, and if so, to suggest to you how very much I would like to have a copy.

I am a Protestant along with the group of friends to whom I have referred above, but we all agreed that at no place, at any time had we ever heard an invocation and a general plea for the welfare of America which was so magnificent.

Very respectfully yours,


Philip Athanas

PA:sem

Park Ridge, Ill.
July 11 - 1942

Rabbi Abba Hibel Silver.

Congregation Tifereth Israel,
Cleveland Ohio -

Dear friend -

I hope I have not overstepped the customary "Dear Sir" - by addressing you as friend - and you will understand as you read this letter. I was watching the Convention with some friends in their home and was it Tuesday evening

I think so - when you
gave the Invocation?

There was a brief
silence as you closed -
and we three almost ⁱⁿ
accord - said - Has that
an Invocation! This is
what I received - and I
cannot withhold what good
that Invocation brought
to all who had ears to hear.

And this is why - It
was free from oratory
as man makes wonderful things
+ unselfed - a deep sincerity
underlying - a humility -
a faith - a love - and

seemed to embrace all
 mankind - I am not a
 hero worshiper, how never
 turn, as a child I sob
 still often and almost
 wept, while others yelled.

I do not imagine things
 - but with God given
 discernment which we
 all ^{may} claim I do know
 that this Invocation was
 divinely inspired - I may
 say, as I did once in
 listening to the great
 Hief, so superb was his

playing, I heard only...
the music - not the
personality ^{seen} on the platform.

So, I have a new concept
of an Invocation. It is
not (I never looked up the
definition) ~~but~~ address to
an audience it is
not a display of man's
wisdom - (but a commun-
ion with God himself -
that flows from a heart
close to God and the
very words are unmistakable
if one has ears to hear.
I feel a far reaching

⑤

Love and not an appeal
to that great audience
to wrret for your man
whomsoever he may be -

I was so impelled to let
you know the good you did
I called my former landlord
or rather Agent of my
building Le Roy E. Hirsch
170 S. Dearborn St. Chicago,
and asked his Secretary for
your address - This brought
a very loving reply from
Mr. Hirsch, his Dad, and
his Secretary Myrtle Goldner

and the requested address. -

I am a Christian Scientist
and have been an organist
fifteen years in that
religious body - also served
in practically every Protestant
church existing - and once
in the Jewish Temple in
Little Rock. On our own
hymnal there is a
wonderful hymn 281 -

Moz Gur (old Hebrew Melody)
which is magnificent -
also Hym 371 - Loni -
a Hebrew Melody - splendid

May I quote from Miscellaneous
 Writings - by Mary Baker Eddy
 - page 152. quote - "As in
 water face answereth to face,
 and in love continents clasp
 hands, so the mercy of God
 includes also His presence
 with those whose hearts
 unite in the purposes of
 goodness. Of this we may
 be sure: that thoughts winged
 with peace and love breathe
 a silent benediction over
 all the earth co-operate
 with the divine power and
 brood unconsciously over the work

of His hand. - and of gifts.
Yours, as requested was
the spoken word - neverthe-
less. - The thoughts and
motives behind your words
were a prediction, so
if this brings a blessing
to you, as you have to
others - who can say
that I should withhold
this loving recognition
of your God inspired
Invocation - It is either
pride, or fear (of others)
that would tempt us to

withhold - so I am of
my own volition and the
joy & find in such
expressions - writing this
letter -

With all good wishes
for your happiness and
welfare.

Yours sincerely yours

Mrs) Mary Labrie -

Shedden Home - 59 Summit, Park Ridge
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July 11, 1952

Dear Silver:

I heard your Invocation at the Republican Convention, and think it was one of the noblest prayers that I have ever heard in my life. You even held the newspaper men to awe and reverence. I could not be happy if I did not tell you how deeply moved I was.

Believe me, with highest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

John Haynes Holmes

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

I was greatly thrilled and deeply moved the other evening upon seeing and hearing you give the invocation for the Republican National Convention in Chicago.

I sincerely felt that if all of us would take heed of your message in the conduct of our lives as citizens of the United States of America, that some of our problems would be much more solvable than they now seem to be.

From the words you said and the prayers that you uttered, all of us should take heed and guide ourselves into building a better country and world for everyone.

Kindest personal regards.

Very truly yours,

M. E. Meisel, Jr.
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

First, we wish to commend you for your inspiring appearance at the Republican National Convention in Chicago.

Secondly, we welcome an expression from you for inclusion in our Testimonial Issue honoring the memory of the late Dr. Henry Cohen of Galveston. This issue will go to press on August 20 and will be released during the New Year Holidays, in September.

Kindly also send us your cut or mat, to be returned.

Sincerely yours,

S. D. Friedman,

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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My dear Rabbi:

I was just on the streets of Tulsa this noon after the conclusion of the declaration of unanimous selection of General Eisenhower as Republican candidate.

On my way to lunch I met Mr. C. C. Herndon, of 1120 Woodward Boulevard, who is Vice President and General Counsel for the Skelly Oil Company and a very capable and outstanding citizen of Tulsa, and he volunteered to tell me in the presence of a couple of other gentlemen that he thought that your Invocation at the Republican Convention was the outstanding expression and speech that had been uttered by anyone during the entire proceedings, and that he thought it was a remarkable model for substance, quality, concept and utterance; and that while he is a Methodist, if he were living in your City, he would be ready to join your Church.

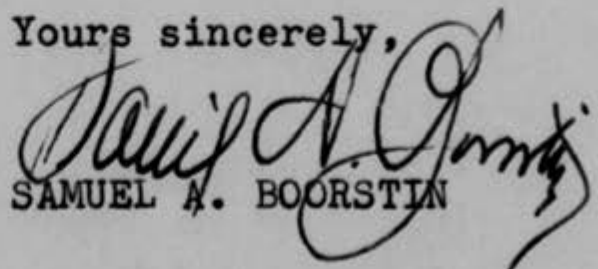
He was so thoroughly imbued and sincere in his expression, and while I know you hear the common run of these statements daily, in this particular instance I feel justified in transmitting his statements to you, and I so told him I would after he had clearly enunciated them.

I am only awaiting the day for the Democrats to hold their Convention and for the election in November to be in the past, and that the Communist portion of the world should then get a message from us in our deportment that:

"We, as brothers, do over-here dwell
together in unity."

Knowing how busy you must be and will be as a reaction of this meeting and your appearance, I want you to know that I do not expect any acknowledgment of this line; and if any acknowledgment you feel impelled to give, you should rather extend it to Mr. Herndon, care of the Skelly Oil Company, rather than to me.

Yours sincerely,


SAMUEL A. BOORSTIN

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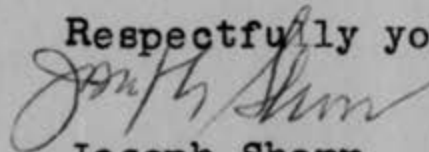
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I was so impressed with the prayer you offered at the
Republican National convention, that I should appreciate
receiving a copy, if available.

With many thanks in advance, I am

Respectfully yours,



Joseph Shorr

33 King's Beach Terrace
Swampscott, Massachusetts
July 11, 1952

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Congregation Tifereth Israel
East 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I would very much like to have a copy of your invocation delivered at the opening of the Republican National Convention in Chicago. It was magnificent and absolutely unforgettable!

Respectfully yours,

Abba A. Sales
Abba A. Sales

AAS:PS

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16200 EUCLID AVENUE
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HOWARD MYERS WELLS
MINISTER

July 11th, 1952

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

It is not in order to congratulate one upon the kind of prayer he offers on whatsoever an occasion, but I want to tell you I was deeply impressed by your prayer before the Republican Convention. I did not hear the prayer but I read it in the paper and some of my friends spoke to me of the manner in which it was delivered - very impressive.

It was true petition, not ritual, harangue or filibuster, and its content was, in my opinion, thoroughly appropriate and profound. According to report, it was most devoutly and sincerely offered.

Alas - the way we choose presidents - alas the way we act in so critical an occasion. As I have caught the drift of the assembly, two things only have impressed me favorably, to date. One - the invocations of the clergy. Two - the fact that Eisenhower went to bed and slept through his nomination speech and the senseless bally-hooing that followed.

May you have a fine summer's rest.

Cordially yours,

Howard Myers Wells

PS

I note in the paper this morning that our two boys Olson and Carr are running behind in the contest for bishop in their quarter of the Methodist Church. Too bad - it is too late for the Alathians to do anything helpful about it.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road & East 105th Street
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Abba:

Your prayer expressed before the Republican Convention in Chicago was extremely well done, deeply moving, and an excellent aspiration.

Sincerely yours,

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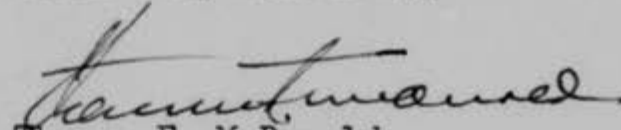
July 12, 1952

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

A few evenings ago I listened over the air to your eloquent and inspiring invocation at the Republican National Convention. I have referred to it in discussions with friends; I would like to be able to quote from it with complete accuracy. If you have a copy available, I would be grateful to you for one.

Yours very sincerely,


Thomas F. McDonald

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

Dear Colleague

It was a joy to hear your
invocation at the Republican Con-
vention. It was inspiring and expressed
only as your silver tongue can. Your words
and thoughts brought honor to our
people - and we glory in your possession.
I would like to have a copy of your
prayer. How and where can I obtain
it? With warm greetings to you and
your dear wife. and with sincere con-
gratulations for your son's ordina-
tion, Rabbi in Israel -

Faithfully
Pizer.

E. T. TENNYSON

P. O. Box 33, Phone 68016 or 51151

Jefferson City, Mo.

July 12, 1952

My Dear Rabbi Silver:

Having heard the invocation you made before the Republican National Convention on TV, and being impressed by your sincerity which was unmistakingly conveyed by your words and voice, I felt called upon to write this letter.

I am a business man here and for many years I have been a student of the Bible (although am not a member of any religious organization, nor connected with any). Last year I finished a book on Bible prophecy called 'The Time Of The End', and am publishing from time to time a small magazine called 'Harvest'. In the latest issue of the magazine I have written, among other articles, an article titled 'The 'Lost' Ten Tribes of Israel Found'.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing a copy of the Magazine. Although you and I may not agree on every point (as few men do!), I feel sure that you will find the above mentioned article interesting and perhaps instructive. And after you have read the article I would very much appreciate having your comments and reactions, favorable or unfavorable.

I am very interested in placing this issue of the Magazine in the hands of as many of the Jewish race as possible, for obvious reasons, and I have thousands of extra copies to send out free of charge and without cost. If you could supply me—and would care to do so—a list of names and addresses I will gladly send them free of charge a copy of the Magazine, and will be happy to send you as many extra copies as you want.

As you will see from reading the Magazine, I follow an altogether different approach to the Bible and Bible prophecies than do teachers of Christendom, for I am certain that they have missed completely the whole plan of the Creator. That plan—as I see it—hinges wholly and completely upon the Israelite race, and the facts definitely show that He is this very day returning this Race to the promised land—building up again the 'tabernacle of David' in preparation for 'setting up' that Kingdom UPON THIS EARTH of which He foretold through the prophet Daniel (Daniel 2:44).

This whole plan, as I see it, is covered in my book 'The Time Of The End'. If you find this at all interesting I will be more than glad to send you a copy without cost upon request, as the aforementioned article only skims the surface of the vast subject, it being written primarily to offset the teaching of the so-called 'Anglo-Saxon-Israel' organization which teaches—falsely, in my opinion—that the Anglo-Saxon Race is the 'lost' tribes of Israel—a teaching that you are no doubt fully familiar with.

Please pardon this lengthy letter, but I felt that some explanation was necessary, as I honestly feel that I have discovered or uncovered Bible information that has been lost and that should be placed in the hands of every thinking man upon this earth, and particularly every thinking one of your favored Race.

Looking forward to your comments, and with my very kindest regards, I am

Yours for truth,

E. T. Tennyson.

ET/ly

July 13/52.

Dear Rabbi Silver.

Listening on the radio to your inspiring prayer at the Chicago Republican Convention, has impelled me to write this letter to you.

I feel that you have the power, and influence, and would use it, in the following distressing cause.

To quote a letter from my brother, Harry Moss-Morris, in reference to his daughter's work against overwhelming odds in Israel (my brother lives in ^{Durban} ~~South Africa~~).

"Rona is in charge of the medical care of the mothers, & children, of an immigrant village near her Kibbutz, near Blum, in which there are about 2000 men, women, & children, Yemenites, Iraqies, Persians, & other Sephardic Jews. Rona has become interested in the Persian that some of them speak, which is a Sanskrit language.

Her main difficulty is the almost entire absence of medical necessities, and sufficient feeding requirements for the varieties of those in her care. She however carries on to the best of her

ability, and would like some body to
'adopt' her village as the Israeli Government
has no money to become foster-parents."

Rona gave up her comfortable
home, and Law career, to take up, and
qualify as a nurse — to fulfill a
mission, to serve in Israel.

For seven years she has lived in
Israel, going through the whole of
the War of Independence.

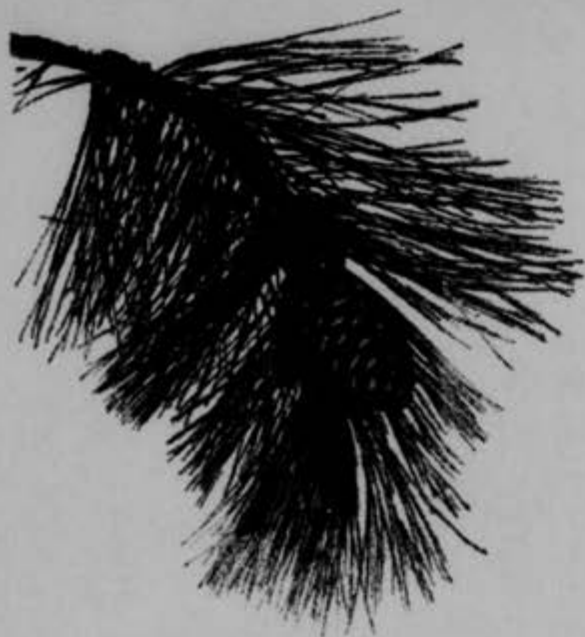
Rona married a pioneer of Kfar Blum,
and has a son of four years.

I shall be pleased to give you any
further information required, or if
you prefer, contact, Mrs Rona Bienenbaum,
Kfar Blum, Israel.

With warmest greetings, and all
my thanks.

Yours sincerely.
(Mrs) Rose Creamer

6306 15th Ave NE
Seattle 5, Wash



First Presbyterian Church
Red Lake Falls, Minn.
July 13, 1952

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
E 105th. Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

I heard your beautiful prayer while
listening to the Republican Convention broadcast.
It seemed to express so well our country's
need. I just wish to tell you
that I appreciated it. May God bless
you always.

yours faithfully

E. O. Wozniak, Pastor

*Mrs. Donald H. Bishop
234 Western Avenue
Benton Harbor, Michigan*

July 14, 1952

Rabbi Abba Hillie Silver,
Temple of Cleveland,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

I wish to express my appreciation for the inspiring and beautiful invocation which you delivered at one of the opening sessions of the Republican Convention. As a member of the local church, The First Church of Christ Scientist, your prayer was one devoted to the complete reliance on God for guidance and devoid of personality which ~~is~~ the answer to all the problems confronting the world today.

May we have more of this kind of prayer.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ruth Bishop

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Dear Rabbi,

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I would appreciate your
sending me one or two copies
of the benediction you gave
at the Republican Convention.
If there is a charge, I will
gladly pay same.

Mrs. Joseph Davids

543 Buchanan St. N.W.
Washington 11, D.C.

7/14/52

Dear Doctor Silow:

Although we are not of the Jewish faith we deem your invocation the spiritual highlight of the entire Republic Convention.

If copies have been made we should greatly appreciate one. Enclosed find coin to cover. If insufficient kindly advise

Gratefully

Alice L. Greenman
4 Rydal Place.
Montclair, N.J.

San Antonio, Texas
July 14, 1952

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
East 100 5th Street
Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I would deeply appreciate a copy of the
inspiring invocation rendered by you at the Republican
National Convention during the past week.

Yours very truly,


Karl P. Cates

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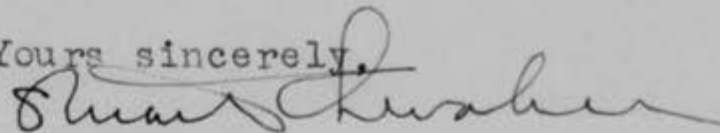
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I was profoundly impressed with your
Invocation offered at the Tuesday Session of the
Republican National Convention in Chicago. I thought
it would have been fitting to have written some of your
expressions into the platform itself.

Would it be possible for you to let
me have a copy of this Invocation? I am enclosing a
stamped addressed envelope.

Thanking you, I am,

Yours sincerely,



(Enclosure)

CHICAGO TRIBUNE
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July 14, 1952

Chicago Sun
Chicago, Illinois;

Gentlemen:

Will you please send us a copy of your July 9, 1952, edition?

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Rice
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

Sinai Temple
Michigan City, Indiana
Karl Richter, Rabbi

Office of the Rabbi
308 Detroit St.
Phone 6-6475

July 15, 1952.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Congregation Tifereth Israel
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Some of my friends (Jews and Christians alike) have expressed the desire to read the text of the very beautiful prayer which you spoke before the Republican Convention in Chicago on Tuesday, July 8th. I should appreciate it greatly, if you would send me a copy of this prayer.

With warmest personal wishes for a happy and healthy summer I remain,

Most respectfully yours,

Karl Richter

Rabbi Karl Richter

July 15, 1952

Mr. S. D. Friedman
Southwest Jewish Chronicle
901 Braniff Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Friedman:

Thank you for your kind letter of July 11th to Rabbi Silver, congratulating him upon his Invocation at the Republican National Convention. I know that he will be pleased to know of your sentiments.

Rabbi Silver is vacationing for a few weeks in France, and it will therefore be impossible for him to comply with your request for a statement for your Testimonial Issue. He will return to this country early in September.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Rice
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

July 15, 1952

Dr. John Haynes Holmes
Kennebunk Beach, Maine

Dear Dr. Holmes:

Rabbi Silver is at present vacationing for a few weeks in France, but I know how deeply grateful he will be for your thoughtfulness in writing to him about the Invocation which he delivered at the Republican Convention.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Rice
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

July 15, 1952

Mr. C. C. Herndon
1120 Woodward Blvd.
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Herndon:

Mr. Samuel Boorstin was kind enough to write to Rabbi Silver about his conversation with you following Rabbi Silver's invocation at the Republican National Convention on July 8th. Since the Rabbi is at present out of the country, I am taking the liberty of extending to you his deep appreciation for the sentiments which you expressed. I know that he will be deeply gratified to learn of your interest.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Rice
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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July 16, 1952

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Temple of Cleveland,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I had the good fortune of hearing
the invocation which you gave on July 8 at the
Republican National Convention, and it im-
pressed me as the finest and most inspirational
pronouncement which I have ever heard. If you
could furnish me with a copy of it, I would be
most grateful, indeed.

Respectfully yours,

Oscar J. Andre

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July 16, 1952.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Street
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am a little late with this, due to the pressure of business, but I wanted you to know that I am proud of you! Your invocation at the Republican Convention was magnificent. It was really the best and highest spot in the whole proceedings. I say this who was most intent in following everything that was said and done. You were able to sound a high spiritual human note which voiced, for practical men of affairs today, the high inheritance which Judaism has preserved from Sinai.

I hope that we will be meeting soon so that I can express to you in person my high appreciation and deep sense of obligation in your contribution to this great occasion.

With very cordial regards to you, I am,

Most sincerely yours,

Lee M. Friedman

Lee M. Friedman

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403 Carolina St.
San Antonio 3, Texas
July 16, 1952

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

you do not know me. Nevertheless, I was listening to the Republican Convention on the evening of July 8, and heard your Invocation. What a wonderful radio voice you have! How very pleasant it is! But best of all - how beautiful was your prayer! How it thrilled me to hear you draw upon the Old Testament to make up your prayer - (from the Psalms and the Prophets) how you blessed God! How beautiful! How wonderful to know God and bless Him! But, dear Rabbi, you left out something in your prayer! you left out Jesus, the Son of God, when you went to close your prayer! Now, do not go away! Please keep reading this letter! you have time!

Listen! - "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son." St. John 14:13 - and "Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake." St. John 14:11. This, you know

is from the New Testament.

Christ is the Messiah! He has come! and we are now waiting for his second coming.

I can prove to you that Jesus Christ is the Messiah! Let us turn to Isaiah and read some in the 53rd. Chap. verses 3 through 12. It is the story of Christ's crucifixion. Then read St. Mark 15:3 - "And the chief priests accused him of many things: but he answered nothing." Isa. 53:7 - "He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth."

St. Mark 15:4 - "And Pilate asked him again, saying, Answerest thou nothing? behold how many things they witness against thee. But Jesus yet answered nothing, so that Pilate marvelled."

Isa. 53:3 - "He is despised and rejected of men.... St. John 1:11 - "He came unto his own, and his own received him not." Jesus came, first to save the Jews for they were His own, but as a nation, they received him not. They rejected Him!

Then Isa. 53:4 - "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows." Compare it with Matthew

8:16-17:- "When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils, and he cast out the spirits with his word, and he healed all that were sick. That it might be fulfilled which was Spoken by Esias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities and bore our sickness."

Isa. 53:5:- "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."

Compare with St. Mark 15: 15, 17, 19, 25:- "And so Pilate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas (a thief etc.) unto them, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged him, to be crucified. And they.... platted a crown of thorns and put it about his head. And they smote him on the head with a reed, and did spit upon him... and it was the third hour, and they crucified him".

Now read Isaiah 53:12 (latter part of verse) --- "And he was numbered with the transgressors: and he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors." Compare with the following:

St. Mark 15: 27-28:- "And with him they crucify two thieves; the one on the right hand and the other on his left. And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, and he was numbered with the transgressors". St. Luke 23:34

Then said Jesus, Father forgive them for they know not what they do." (intercession for transgressors) St. Luke: 23:39, 40-43 "And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him... But the other (malefactor) answering rebuked him saying, Dost thou not fear God seeing thou art in the same

Condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds, but this man (Jesus) hath done nothing amiss. And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy Kingdom and Jesus said unto him, verily I say unto thee, today Shalt thou be with me in paradise."

Now back to Isaiah 53:9:- "And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth." Compare this scripture with the New Testament again. Matthew 27:57-60:- "When the even was come there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple. He went to Pilate and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered ---- he (Joseph) wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb --- (and with the rich etc.) I Peter 2:22:- "Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth." (he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth Isa. 53:9)

Now dear Rabbi let us look at some more of the New Testament scripture which tells of his resurrection.

St. Mark 16:1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 14, 19:- "And when the Sabbath was past Mary Magdalene, (and others) had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him --- and they came unto the Sepulchre at the rising of the sun --- and when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away

for it was very great, and entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side --- and they were affrighted. And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen, he is not here: behold the place where they laid him. But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him... Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen --- So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God." Compare this last scripture with Psalms 110:1 :- "The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool."

you see, dear Rabbi, that the New Testament is a fulfillment of the Old Testament! This man Christ could never have been born of a virgin, crucified, and arose after three days, if He had not been the Son of God, the Messiah, for no man has that power, but God's only begotten Son!

The Jews are God's Chosen people. I like the Jews!

I am a member of the Baptist Church, and am a superintendent of a Sunday School department.

I pray that God's divine spirit
will be upon you, and that you
will come to know my Jesus, the Son
of God, as I know Him, and will accept
Him as your Lord and Savior. May God
bless you greatly, and I will be pray-
ing for you!

Sincerely,
(Miss) Annie M. Boyce

from the desk of

CARL D. FRIEBOLIN

7/17

My dear Mr. Silver,

Convinced that you
make the finest &
nobler "speech" or the
Republican Convention,
I am embarrassed
to tell you so often my
opinion was con-
firmed by a luncheon
group in City Club
dining room yesterday
noon.

Very

C. D. I hope the Democrats
also invite you next
week.

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July 17, 1952

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Sholom Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Reverend Sir:

May I have a copy
of your inspiring invocation
delivered at the Republican
convention,

Respectfully yours,
James H. Gradell

Nina Wilhelm Clark

July 17th, 1952

Abba Hillel Filber,
Temple of Cleveland,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Abba Filber;

It was my great privilege to see and hear you the evening of July eighth, over Television network, upon the occasion of your delivery of the Invocation preceding the Hoover address in the Republican National Convention in Chicago.

Since that hour I have thought much of that invocation's import, and I am impelled to write you these lines to express my feeling over its profundity of spiritual elevation.

I feel it was the most impressive message delivered at the Convention from the spiritual level. I shall go so far as to say that I have never heard an invocation, given in my generation, which equalled it in inspiration and heart-felt sincerity. Oh, if more people could have felt its true message in the Convention.

Would it be presumption on my part to inquire as to whether or not a copy of this Invocation might be available? It should certainly be in print?

May God's grace and blessing attend your hours.

Most respectfully
Nina Wilhelm Clark
NWC

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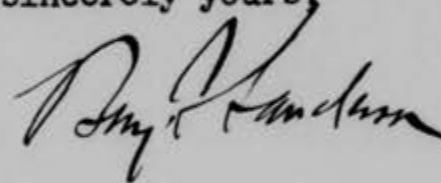
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:-

I was so deeply impressed by the beauty of language and thought expressed in your Invocation given at the early session of the Republican National Convention in Chicago that I am very anxious to have a copy of it. I do not know how to get it except through you. I would be very glad to pay the expense of having a copy typewritten and would appreciate very much if you could arrange to have a copy sent to me at the above address.

Very sincerely yours,



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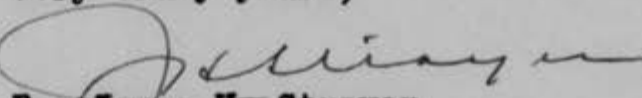
Rabbi Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi:

I wanted to write you a note telling you how much I appreciated the wonderful Invocation that you gave the other evening at the Republican National Convention. It meant a great deal to me, as I have often felt that Invocations were just considered preliminaries, but you made a wonderful impression, I am sure, upon everyone of your immediate as well as radio and television audience. These are days when spiritual emphasis such as you gave, coupled with a universal humanitarian scope is necessary to get such groups as a national convention to see every issue in its larger relationship. I am very sure that your contribution to this convention will help not only the immediate convention but everyone who saw and heard it.

With kindest regards, I am

Very truly yours,



Dr. James H. Strayer

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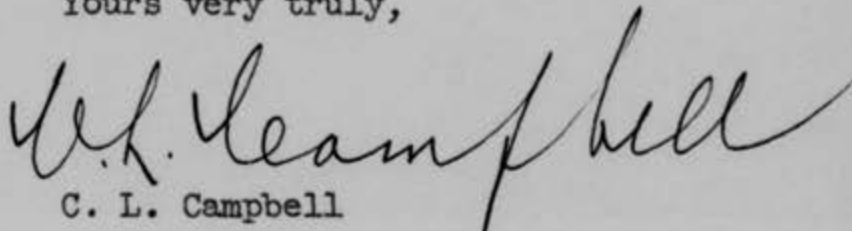
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
East 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

I had the pleasure of hearing over the radio the invocation you gave at the Republican National Convention this month, and I was very greatly impressed by it. I wondered whether you have a manuscript of it and, if so, would you be willing to send me a copy. I want to show it to some of my friends whom I have spoken to about this, and who did not happen to hear you. If there is any expense involved in the matter I would be very glad to take care of it. At the time you delivered the invocation I did not make a note of your name and address. All that I remembered was that you were located in Cleveland and I mentioned this to a very close friend of mine, Mr. Isidore Wise, one of the leading citizens of Hartford, and he gave me your name and address yesterday - - otherwise you would have heard from me before.

Irrespective of whether you can send me the manuscript or not, I would like to express my sincere thanks to you for the very beautiful invocation you gave on that occasion.

Yours very truly,


C. L. Campbell

CLC/a



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July 21, 1952

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Temple of Cleveland
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

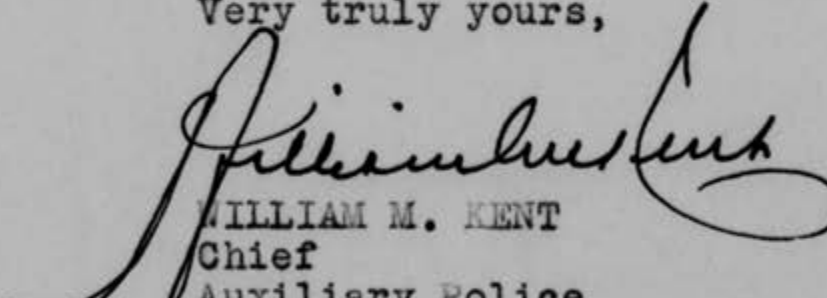
I would be most grateful to you
for a copy of the invocation you delivered at
the Republican Convention on July 8, 1952.

Your invocation was the most in-
spirational, uplifting and reassuring message
that it has ever been my pleasure to hear. It
should find a prominent place in every home,
office, mill and factory of this nation.

If there is any charge involved
please let me know.

With kind regards and every good wish
for your continued good health and success in
the great work you are doing for God and Country.

Very truly yours,


WILLIAM M. KENT
Chief
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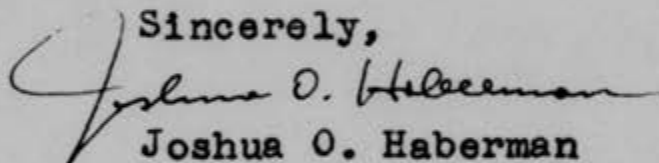
July 21, 1952

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I was deeply impressed by the invocation
you gave at the G.O.P. Convention and would appreciate
it very much if you would send me a copy of your
prayer.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,


Joshua O. Haberman

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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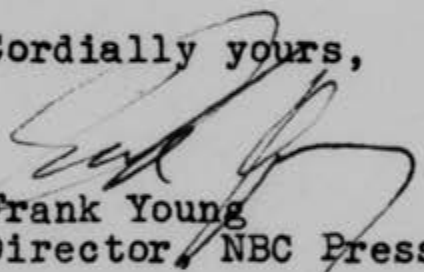
July 21, 1952

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Since we do not have a copy of your invocation,
I am sending you this request for it from Mr.
MacGregor. Perhaps you will be able to supply
him with the copy he desires.

Cordially yours,



Frank Young
Director, NBC Press Department

July 23, 1952

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We will long remember the beautifully worded invocation you so perfectly delivered at the Republican convention. Certainly no one could have doubted the sincerity of your words.

If you have a copy of this prayer, ^{and}

could make it available to us, it would be very much appreciated. We are not of your faith, but we do share your love of God.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Donnelly, Jr. gr.
Union Country Club
P.O. Box 287
New Philadelphia, Ohio



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RABBI S. E. STARRELS - 20 GORDON STREET, EAST - SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

July 24, 1952



Dear Colleague,

If available, I would greatly appreciate your sending me a copy of the Invocation which you gave at the Republican National Convention.

With thanks and cordial greetings,

Sincerely,

S. E. Starrels

July 23, 1952

Dear Rabbi Silver:

If possible, I would very much appreciate receiving a copy of the Invocation given by you Tuesday evening, July 8, at the Republican National Convention. It was truly inspiring.

Very truly yours,

Ethel E. Callaway
(Mrs.) Ethel E. Callaway
535 Old Ivy Road, N.E.,
Atlanta, Ga.

300
500 Varnum Avenue
Lowell, Massachusetts

July 25, 1952.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
342 Madison Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

My wife and I were greatly, delightfully, impressed with the prayer that you offered at one of the opening sessions of the recent Republican Convention in Chicago. It was one of the most gratifying expressions that we heard over the radio during that notable assembling, so heartfelt, sincere, Scriptural, and comprehensive! Also adequate!

We would be deeply grateful if you could furnish us with a copy of this supplication. Enclosed you will find an addressed, stamped envelope, if you are able to let us have it.

Praying that the grace of our Heavenly Father, the God of both Hebrew and Gentile, may be abundantly yours,

I am
Cordially,

E. Wayne Stahl.

Minister of the Church of the Nazarene.

I obtained your address by writing Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr.

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7/29/52

OFFICE OF THE
RABBI
JOSEPH L. FINK, PH. D., D.D.

July 26, 1952

My very dear friend:

Your letter reached me in the country where I am
spending a few weeks. I did not hear Rabbi Silver's invocation
but I am sure he will be happy to send you a copy of it. His
full name and address:

Rabbi A. H. Silver

The Temple

E. 105th St. & Ansel Rd.

Cleveland, 6, Ohio.

It was good to hear from you. I do hope you are well. Fond greetings.

Ever yours,
Joe

Temple B'nai Abraham

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July 29, 1952.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, O.

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

I was very sorry that I could not attend the graduation exercises of the Hebrew Union College, where you delivered the Baccalaureate Sermon; but I wrote to a friend of mine, who lives in Cincinnati, not to miss hearing you. She attended and wrote me how inspiring your address was. It was what I expected. But she said that she received a real thrill when she saw your son, who was also among the ordained rabbis, come down and be blessed by his father. This was the first time that I learned that your son (I believe Daniel is his name) also entered the rabbinical profession. Had I known that, I might have made a special effort to come to Cincinnati to witness such an inspiring spectacle. I read in the report of the Convention of the Z.O.A., of which I was a delegate, that your son was appointed a Secretary to one of the Committees. Like father like son. I wish Daniel a brilliant future to achieve a glorious career like his illustrious father.

By the way, I watched the Republican Convention on TV, and heard your Invocation, which was undoubtedly the most outstanding of that Convention. Whomever I met had the same impression. Somebody told me that he saw the same opinion expressed by the New York Times.

That traitorous crew of the American Council did not succeed in sabotaging American support to Israel, since both Parties in their platforms pledged continued aid to the fledgling state.

Mrs. Silberfeld joins me in wishing Daniel the greatest success.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Silver, I remain,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

Julius Silberfeld

HORACE REED
President



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July 30, 1952

Dr. A. H. Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The deep impression left with me as I listened to your invocation at the Republican National Convention, lead me to ask our mutual friend, Dr. Joseph L. Fink, if he thought it would be all right to ask you for a copy. Enclosed is his letter which reached me yesterday, and I hope that it will be convenient and agreeable for you to comply.

My appreciation in advance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Horace Reed". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

HR:bk

July 31, 1952

Rabbi Julius Silberfeld
Temple B'nai Abraham
Clinton and Shanley Avenues
Newark 8, New Jersey

Dear Rabbi Silberfeld:

I am forwarding your letter to Rabbi Silver who
is vacationing in Europe for the summer.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth L. Hirsch

(RLH)

July 31, 1952

Mr. Horace Reed, President
Buffalo Savings Bank
Buffalo 3, New York

Dear Mr. Reed:

I am enclosing a copy of Dr. Silver's invocation at the Republican National Convention. Dr. Silver is now vacationing in Europe, and I know that he will appreciate your interest.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth L. Hirsch

(RLH)
enc.

August 6, 1952

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Hotel Hermitage
La Baule, France

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. Sam Abrams, President of the Ohio Advertising Agency, 2300 Payne Avenue, called this morning and asked me to write to you.

Mr. Abrams has been asked by the National Broadcasting Company and Television station manager if he could get your permission to use the film, which they now have, of your address to the Republican National Convention in Chicago in connection with public service.

If you approve, the station manager would like to use the film as soon as possible. However, if you do not wish to write, he would like to meet with you on this matter when you return.

I hope you and Mrs. Silver are enjoying your vacation.

Cordially yours,

Ruth L. Hirsch

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Dear Pabbi
I was raised a Christian, but
I cannot accept all the Christian
Churches teach. The 10 Command-
ments is all I need to serve my
God - my fellow creatures and
my Country.

Your paper at the Chicago
Convention was so very
very inspiring. I would
love so much to have a
copy of it - just as you
gave it. Your prayer and the
address of Senator Dickson will
outstand in the Convention

Best wishes

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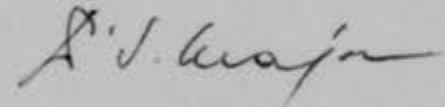
August 4, 1952

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I enjoyed to hear your invocation you delivered at the
Republican Convention. I would appreciate if you could send me a re-
print of it.

Sincerely yours,



MM:SM

August 15, 1952

Mr. Sam Abrams
2300 Payne Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Abrams:

In reply to your request--that the National Broadcasting Company be granted permission to use the film in connection with public service of Dr. Silver's Invocation which was delivered at the Republican National Convention in Chicago--I received a letter from Dr. Silver this morning, stating:

"You may inform Mr. Sam Abrams that the National Broadcasting Co. has my permission to use the film of my address (prayer) delivered at the Republican National Convention."

Sincerely yours,

Ruth L. Hirsch
Secretary to Rabbi Stone

(RLH)

Miss Jackson's

Four Twenty Seven South Boston, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Box 1386

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
East 105 Street, Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver:

Your invocation at the Republican Convention in Chicago was most impressive. In fact of all the broadcasts from both conventions there was nothing that in any way overtopped your message in sincere earnestness,--in object to the highest,--or in thought for the helpful guidance in our human occupations and interests.

Am certain much good has materialized and will continue to come from your sincere efforts.

Kindly have sent to address given below names of any of your publications available.

With all best wishes that great power will continue to guide you to help our people.

Most sincerely,

Hella Shields Jackson.

August 25, 1952

Telephone 45111

~~Confidential~~
A. E. Bonfanti
Goddard College
Plainfield, Vermont
August 26, 1952

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Temple of Cleveland
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

While watching the Chicago Conventions on television, I watched and heard a man grow above and overshadow everyone else at both conventions. His talk was filled with neither supernatural humbug or partisan hogwash. He asked mankind to look for the road of humanitarianism. As he spoke, I was sure that a halo had formed about his head.

That is why, sir, I take the

~~Presumptive~~
presumptive attitude to write to you,
though I am not a Jew -- nor can
I be classified as a Christian. I
wish to hear --- or read --- more of
your words, for they gave me
confidence that men could rise
above the opportunity for party
approval. Where man can look
on an even plane with fellow man,
that is where I wish to be.

Yours, in Brotherhood
A. E. Bonfanti

August 27, 1952

Miss Nelle Shields Jackson
427 South Boston
Box 1386
Tulsa, Oklahoma;

Dear Miss Jackson:

Rabbi Silver is at present out of the country, and I am therefore replying to your kind letter of August 25th. I know that he will be gratified by the sentiments which you express.

In accordance with your request, I am listing the names of Rabbi Silver's publications:

"Messianic Speculations in Israel", 1927
"Democratic Impulse in Jewish History," 1928
"Religion in a Changing World", 1930
"World Crisis and Jewish Survival", 1941
"Vision and Victory", 1949

I am also enclosing some published addresses of Rabbi Silver as well as a copy of the Invocation which he delivered at the Republican Convention.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Rice
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

Encs.

September 5, 1952

Dr. Abraham Cronbach
Hebrew Union College
Cincinnati 20, Ohio

My dear Friend:

I have just returned from Europe and I hasten to acknowledge your kind note of July 10th. Your words are most heartening and it was indeed thoughtful of you to write to me. I have been amazed at the tremendous response to the Invocation which I delivered at the Republican Convention.

With warmest wishes to you and yours for a Happy New Year, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

September 5, 1952

Rabbi Pizer W. Jacobs
14th and Grand
Pueblo, Colorado

My dear Friend;

I have just returned from abroad and I hasten to acknowledge your kind note of July 12th. It was thoughtful of you to write to me and I appreciate deeply the sentiments which you express. The tremendous response which I have received from all parts of the country in response to the Invocation which I delivered at the Republican Convention has been most heartening.

With best wishes for the New Year, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

September 5, 1952

Dr. Abraham Shusterman
6300 Park Heights Avenue
Baltimore 15, Maryland

My dear Abe:

Upon my return from Europe, I found your kind letter of July 9th which I hasten to acknowledge. I appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing to me. It has been most heartening to receive so many reactions from all parts of the country and from all faiths in response to my Invocation at the Republican Convention.

With best wishes to you and yours for a very Happy New Year,
I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

September 5, 1952

Mrs. John P. Chapman
71st and City Line
Overbrook
Philadelphia 31, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Chapman:

I have just returned from a vacation in Europe, and I hasten to acknowledge your kind note of July 9th. I very much appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing to me on the occasion of my delivering the Invocation at the Republican Convention, and I was heartened by the sentiments which you expressed.

With best wishes to you and Dr. Chapman who I hope has now been restored to good health, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

HS:er

September 5, 1952

Rabbi Jerome Unger
American Zionist Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, New York

My dear Jerome:

Upon my return from abroad, I found your kind note of July 9th which I hasten to acknowledge. It was very thoughtful of you to write to me and I appreciate the sentiments which you express. It has been most heartening to receive so many reactions from so many faiths and from all parts of the country in response to the Invocation which I delivered at the Republican Convention.

Please remember me to all of our friends at the Council, and with warmest wishes to you and Anne for a very Happy New Year, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

September 5, 1952

Dr. Walker F. Vance
Macalester Presbyterian Church
St. Paul 5, Minnesota

My dear Dr. Vance:

I have just returned from abroad and found upon my desk your kind letter of July 9th. It was most thoughtful of you to write to me and I am profoundly grateful for the sentiments which you express. The response to the Invocation which I delivered at the Republican Convention has been most gratifying.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

September 5, 1952

Mr. August A. Busch, Jr.
Anheuser-Busch, Inc.
St. Louis, Missouri

My dear Mr. Busch:

I have just returned from a few weeks abroad and found your kind note of July 9th. I am deeply grateful for your thoughtfulness in writing to me in response to the Invocation which I delivered at the Republican Convention. It has been most heartening to receive so many reactions from all parts of the country.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

September 5, 1952

Dr. John Haynes Holmes
10 Park Avenue
New York 16, New York

My dear Dr. Holmes:

Upon my return from Europe, I found your gracious note of July 11th, expressing appreciation of the Invocation which I delivered at the Republican Convention. I want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing to me. I was very much heartened with the reaction which I received from so many people in all parts of the country.

I trust that you are well and I hope that I may have the pleasure in the very near future of seeing you again.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

September 5, 1952

Mr. Carl D. Friebolin
Marshall Building
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Friend:

Upon my return from Europe, I found your kind note of July 17th which I hasten to acknowledge. It was very thoughtful of you to write to me and I deeply appreciate all that you say. It was quite amazing to me to hear the reaction of so many people from all parts of the country to the Invocation which I delivered at the Republican Convention.

With all good wishes and hoping to have the pleasure of seeing you one of these days, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

September 5, 1952

Rabbi Julius Silberfeld
Temple B'nai Abraham
Clinton & Shanley Avenues
Newark 8, New Jersey

My dear Rabbi Silberfeld:

I have just returned from my vacation abroad and I wish to thank you for your warm letter of July 29th which I enjoyed receiving and reading. I appreciate the congratulations which you extend to Daniel on the occasion of his ordination. I have informed him of it and he was deeply appreciative. Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of the Baccalaureate sermon which has just been published by the College.

I want to thank you, too, for your word of appreciation of the Invocation which I delivered at the Republican Convention. It has been quite inspiring to receive the numerous reactions from all parts of the country.

With all good wishes for a very happy New Year to you and yours, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

September 5, 1952

Mr. LeRoy E. Eastman
220 Huron Street
Toledo 4, Ohio

My dear Mr. Eastman:

I have just returned from a brief vacation in Europe, and hasten to acknowledge your kind note of July 9th. I deeply appreciate what you say. It has been most heartening to receive so many reactions from all parts of the country in response to the Invocation which I delivered at the Republican Convention. I am pleased to enclose a copy for you.

With best wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er
Enc.

September 5, 1952

Dr. Howard M. Wells
16200 Euclid Avenue
East Cleveland 12, Ohio

My dear Friend:

I have just returned from Europe and I hasten to acknowledge your kind letter of July 11th. It was very thoughtful of you to write to me. It was amazing to me to receive so many reactions to the Invocation which I delivered at the Republican Convention. They came from all over the country.

We had a delightful summer touring through France and a fine rest, and now I am looking forward to an active year.

With all good wishes and looking forward to seeing you soon, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

September 5, 1952

Mr. Lee M. Friedman
30 State Street
Boston 9, Massachusetts

My dear Friend:

Upon my return from Europe, I found your gracious note of July 16th which I hasten to acknowledge. It was very thoughtful of you to write to me and I am very happy at all that you say about the Invocation which I delivered at the Republican Convention. It was quite amazing to me to hear from so many people of all faiths from all parts of the country.

I do hope that I may have the pleasure of seeing you in Boston in the not-too-distant future.

With warmest regards and all good wishes for a happy New Year, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

September 8, 1952

Mr. Malcolm R. McBride
Tidebells
West Chop, Massachusetts

My dear Mr. McBride:

Upon my return from Europe, I found your note of July 10th. It was very thoughtful of you to write to me. It has been most gratifying to see the reaction from so many parts of the country to the Invocation which I delivered at the Republican Convention.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

September 8, 1952

Dr. James H. Strayer
Calvary Methodist Church
Morse & Naglee Streets
San Jose, California

My dear Dr. Strayer:

I have just returned from Europe and found upon my desk your kind letter of July 18th. It was indeed thoughtful of you to write to me and I am profoundly grateful for the sentiments which you express. It was most gratifying to see the reaction on the part of so many people from all parts of the country to the Invocation which I delivered at the Republican Convention.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

RABBI A.H.SILVER,
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Educational Value of Forum Ranks High in Community

A solid package of high caliber education neatly wrapped in programs of interest and excitement is the way one listener once described the regular Saturday forums.

And considering the qualities of the speakers, who always are experts in their fields, many with national and international acclaim, it is easy to see what brought this thought to his mind.

The large scope of the forum's educational value becomes apparent with the announcement that for the seventh consecutive year the program again stood first in the public service division of *The Press* local radio and television popularity poll.

On even a broader scale, the Hooper rating has shown the forum topping both the Town Hall of the Air and the Chicago Round Table for popularity and sustained interest.

Showing that forum honors run not only to quantity but to quality as well are comments from such national leaders as Senator Robert A. Taft, who said: "The freest forum for discussion of public questions in the United States;" Harry Gideons, president of Brooklyn College and one of the organizers of the Chicago Round Table, who said: "The country's most distinguished forum;" and the late Oswald Garrison Villard, editor of "The Nation," who said: "I have admired its complete democracy and its great civic service these many years."

Yet, despite all this flattering praise, the organization over the years has taken scrupulous care never to support any issue. It has indeed stood firm to the section of its creed that says:

"I welcome to my platform the discussion of any theory or dogma of reform; but I bind my household to the espousal of none of them, for I cherish the freedom of every man's conviction and each of my kin retains his own responsibility."

From every segment of the city's cultural and professional life come the men in whose hands the creed of the City Club comes to life.

That is why the galaxy of active past presidents, many of whom will attend the 40th anniversary meeting of the club, reads like a Who's Who of Cleveland. They are:

Edward M. Baker . . . Carl D. Friebolin . . . John D. Fackler . . . W. G. Leutner . . . Frank C. Cain . . . Robert J. Bulkley . . . Charles H. Lake . . . W. A. Stinchcomb . . . C. W. Sellers . . . John W. Barkley . . . Paul Bellamy . . . Henry M. Busch . . . George B. Harris . . . Marc J. Grossman . . . Philip W. Porter . . . N. R. Howard . . . Edward Blythin . . . W. A. Falsgraff . . . Spencer D. Irwin . . . Mark C. Schinnerer . . . Hugh Kane . . . Harold J. Glickman . . . Charles W. Lawrence . . . J. B. Mullaney.

Also high on the list of city leaders are the charter members. In addition to those mentioned last week, the following will help celebrate this anniversary: A. A. Benesch . . . E. H. Fishman . . . John D. Fackler . . . A. O. Husband . . . R. H. Jamison . . . Adrian Newcomb . . . Ralph S. Silver.

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BELIEVE IT OR NOT

Some things you may have missed:

July 2—A card from Cityzen Ed (Law & Gourmet) Wallach informing us that he, for the present, is eating at Parkville, N. Y.

July 8—Cityzen Louis (*The Press*) Seltzer goes out on a limb and predicts that Eisenhower will cop the nomination on an early ballot. Offers Cityzen George (Congressman) Bender a small bet. Louis' cautious assistant, Cityzen Richard Peters, wasn't so sure.

July 9—Announcement by WGAR, through Cityzens John F. Patt (President) and former Veep Carl George (General Manager) that *The Press* Poll shows The City Club's Saturday Forum program as first in Public Service Programs.

Cityzen Charles A. (Mr. Cleveland) Otis celebrated eighty-five years of good living.

July 10—Cityzen Emil (City Public Utilities Director) Crown made a speech on Street Lighting.

The "Moments of Music" show on WGAR gets its music selections from Cityzen Walter (Land Title) Belding, our veteran Anvil Revue Music Maestro.

July 14—Everybody in the Club dining room discussing the Republican presidential nominee: Cityzen Jack Davis, inconsolable; Andy Pangrace with complete alibi; but Mike Wach cheerfully paying his bets and Walter Belding comforted upon hearing that Ike prefers Scotch.

But the consensus was that Cityzen Rabbi A. H. Silver had made the finest and noblest speech of the convention in his invocation.

July 16—Cityzens Clyde T. (Sohio) Foster and Ex-prex Marc J. (Law) Grossman, co-Chairmen, call together their Forum Foundation Committee to increase the fund.

Cityzen George (Alderman) Quinn went into St. John's Hospital for a week's check-up.

July 22—Cityzens Larry (Cragin & Lang) Lang and Director Tom (ex-Gov.) Herbert had a big day at Oakwood. A rather unique event, since Cityzen H. Jack (Wolf Letters) Lang was one of the party.

July 25—Cityzen Frank J. (the Gov.) Lausche, although declining to attend the Democratic Convention, practiced some tennis shots—but within easy reach of a telephone in case a call came from Chicago announcing his nomination. N. B. He's letting his hair grow.

One of those who finds no exhilaration in this hot weather is Cityzen L. R. Mendelsohn—he sells hot water heaters.

With 11,000 books published in the U. S. last year, Cityzen Robert I. Snajdr (P.D. Book Ed.) foresees quite a turn over in book worms in 1952.

JEST IN FUN

The mean temperature this summer was a mean one.

—N. K.

My dear Sir:-
During the convention
in Chicago I heard your
prayer and I hope you
will send me a copy, for I
am sure you have sent
many mimeographed copies.

I have never heard a
more comprehensive
prayer nor more beautiful
dictation, only one thing
was lacking - the name
of Jesus Christ. With
your wonderful mentality
what a force you could
be if you could but
have the assurance of
Him as our Saviour.
I have here on my desk
a copy of "News Bulletin" that
tells how Jews in Israel
are begging for the New Testament.
With best wishes
yours truly,
Evelyn C. MacPherson.

Mrs. Hugh C. MacPherson

406 W. Main Street

Weymouth
Oregon

P.S. It has been
some weeks since
the tumult & shouting
of the convent. is quieted
but my procrustean
propensity goes on
forever. E.M.

Sept. 27, 1902

GEORGE H. BENDER
CONGRESSMAN AT LARGE
OHIO

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

September 30, 1952

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105 and Ansel
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

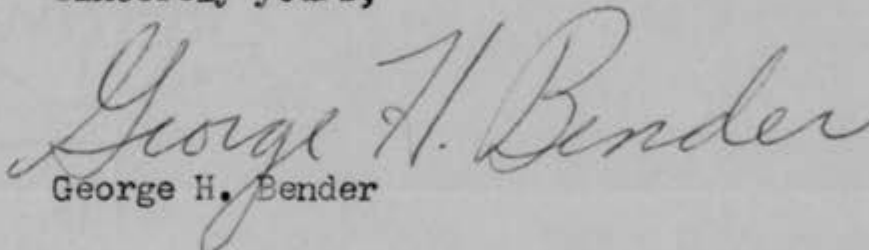
We are enclosing a letter received from Mrs.
H. C. MacPherson, of Waynesboro, Virginia.

I am sure that she must be one of your many
admirers, and her recollection of your invocation at the
Republican National Convention speaks well for its enduring
effect.

May I wish for you and yours a very Happy New Year
and the spiritual rewards which your service so richly merits.

With best wishes to you, I am

Sincerely yours,


George H. Bender

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Memphis, Tennessee

Oct.20, '52.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver

Do you, by any chance,
have a copy of that marvelous prayer you
prayed at the Republication Convention
last July? I have never heard a prayer
that impressed me as that one did. I cant
find words to express myself--it was so
comprehensive--

If you have a copy of it--wouldit be pos-
sible for your secretary to copy it for me?
I would like to make copies of it to dis-

tribute--carefully and prayerfully.

I am Presbyterian by church affiliation. Not depending on denomination for my soul's salvation, however. I believe in one Great and Holy God--and of course, in His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. I deeply and sincerely love His Chosen People---how could I do otherwise when they gave me the Saviour whom I believe in?

PLACE
STAMP
HERE

With deepest admiration for the
Servant of God who could pray as you
did at that convention

Private Mailing Card
MRS. HOWARD P. BAILEY
1906 Madison Avenue

63 Park Row

GEORGE J. CHRYSIKOS
NEW YORK, N.Y.

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October 21, 1952

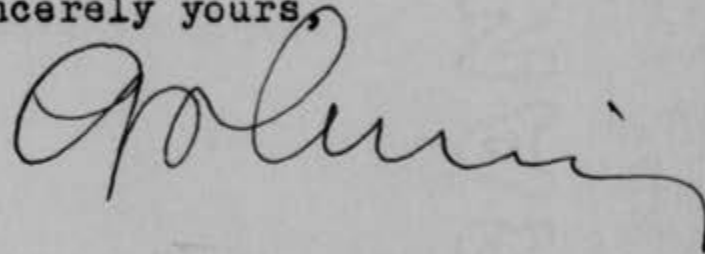
Dear Rabbi Silver

I still remember vividly your masterly invocation delivered at the Republican National Convention, Chicago, Illinois on July 8th, 1952. Your invocation left a profound and deep impression on me. Although I feel unworthy to evaluate adequately the edifying and didactic address, within the limits of my knowledge I pronounced it a fine piece of rhetoric. This was not only my opinion, but also that of others of high intellectual ability.

Last July upon the occasion of the celebration of the Anniversary of our Independence, I delivered an address in English which I had printed. Also, I delivered a similar address on the Fourth of July in Greek, which address was printed in the New York Greek newspapers and in Chicago, Illinois.

I enclose herewith a copy of each which I ask you to accept with the assurance of my highest consideration, reverence and respect for you.

Sincerely yours,



Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

NEW YORK EYE AND EAR INFIRMARY

SECOND AVENUE CORNER 13th STREET

NEW YORK 3, N. Y.

warming and hope inspiring that we
still have some people in this country
who will stand up to evil whatever
its nature.

Sincerely,

Stephen G. Sinclair M.D.

Sent 11/10/52
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NEW YORK EYE AND EAR INFIRMARY

SECOND AVENUE CORNER 13th STREET

NEW YORK 3, N. Y.

Nov. 6 - 52

Dear Sir:

Congratulations on the courage and straightforwardness in which you slapped the President down for his sneaky tactics against Eisenhower.

My purpose in writing to you, Sir, is to find out if it would be possible to secure a copy of the magnificent prayer you offered at the opening of the Republican Convention in Chicago. It was very heart-

November 6, 1952

Mr. George J. Chryssikos
63 Park Row
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Chryssikos:

Thank you for your kind letter of October 21st and for your Fourth of July address. I very much appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing to me.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

MILTON K. CHRISTINE

Dec 14th

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

On my return home
from an extended trip
I found the copy of the
prayer you delivered
at the Republican Convention,
that I asked for.

I thank you very much
for sending this to me. It
is beautiful. It only lacks
the touch of your fine
voice

Der Kirch grows
Mitten 4. Christus

2439-79th Avenue
Phila Pa



TENNESSEE VALLEY UNITARIAN CHURCH

Box 543, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

UNITARIAN HOUSE
1600 West Clinch Ave.

RICHARD HENRY, Minister
Little Switzerland Road

December 26, 1952.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Ever since the Conventions of last summer, I have been meaning to write to ask you for a copy of the magnificent utterance of yours at the Republican Convention: it was quite the highest note of either, and breathed a spirit I would like to feel able to communicate in a prayer of my own one day. Could I trouble you for a copy of that prayer? And of any others, if you have collected or printed them.

I have long been an admirer of your "Creed of a Liberal," which I've used on innumerable occasions; it never fails, I think, to strike a sympathetic response.

With greetings of the Holiday season to you, and all good wishes, I am

Gratefully yours,

Richard Henry
Rev. Richard Henry

Through Gentile Eyes

*Invocation at
Repub. Conventions*

By John Haynes Holmes

THE political conventions in Chicago, which ushered in the presidential campaign now in progress, had a larger influence upon public opinion than any that we can remember in recent years. This was partly because the successful candidates were men of exceptionally fine quality, both Republican and Democrat, and thus inevitably lifted the proceedings to higher levels than are commonly possible. But the chief influence, as I see it, was that of radio and television. For the first time in the nation's history, vast numbers of men and women, variously estimated in terms of tens of millions, were themselves present at the conventions. They listened in and looked in upon what was going on, and thus became a living part of these stupendous political occasions. If ever the politicians were induced to be on their good behavior, it was at these gatherings when they were directly exposed to the observation and judgment of the voters. On the whole, they succeeded pretty well. The conventions were at times a dreadful bore—especially during the interminable nominating speeches, which never should have been tolerated. Some of the set speeches were also pretty terrible, notably the pseudo-oration of Governor Dever of Massachusetts. But these could be endured in the light of the ever-present consciousness, both inside and outside the convention hall, that history, of stupendous significance, was being made. There were some things that I particularly liked:

One was the reception given to Herbert Hoover in the Republican convention. I am no partisan of the former President. I think his administration was an integral part of the tragedy of the great depression of 1932. But I shall always feel that Mr. Hoover was horribly abused, and that the rectification of the history of these times must properly begin with him. In what happened at the Chicago convention I could feel the process under way. Mr. Hoover, who is entitled, beyond any other public man I know, to compensation for what he was made politically to suffer, is going to get it. The unexpected and rapturous welcome given him by the Republican gathering is proof positive of this fact.

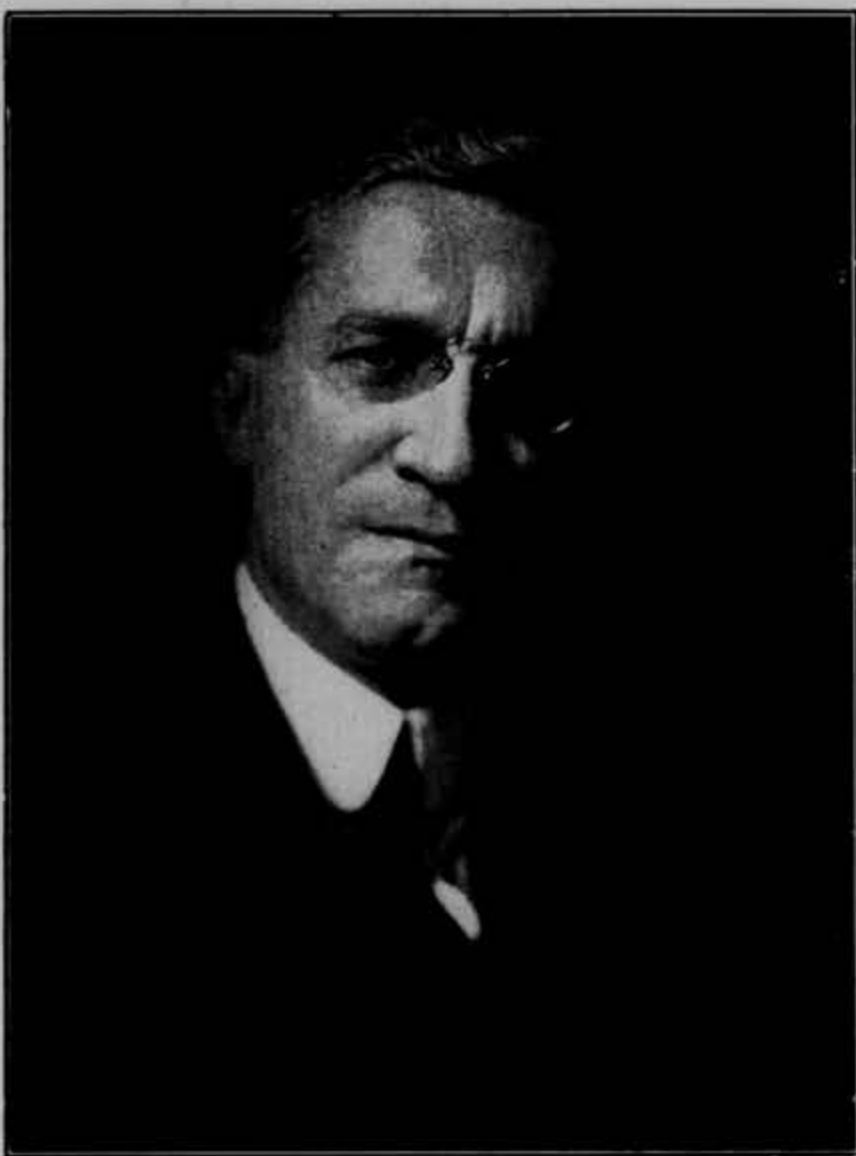
Another thing I liked, and still now vividly remember, was the appearance of Mrs. Roosevelt at the Democratic convention. Everybody seemed to feel what has been so slow in coming, that Mrs. Roosevelt is one of the great personages of our time. She is without question the outstanding American woman. Her whole presence on this occasion was suffused with grace, dignity, and beauty. Her address, in essence a plea for the United Nations, has authority and power, and must have stirred the conscience of many a hearer. This was an event of more than passing moment.

A third event which impressed me was the invocation spoken at the Republican convention by Rabbi Silver, of Cleveland. This had a solemn eloquence, intoned by a noble voice, which was profoundly moving. It hushed the vast audience into silence, and touched with reverence the hearts even of the hard-bitten newspaper men.

But what a sham is the performance of prayer at these great conventions! Even a few moments of a program scandalously wasteful of time, cannot apparently be spared from the prevailing mood of politics. Even the addresses to God cannot be left untouched and unspoiled. For it must be evident to the dullest mind that the invocation at these gatherings is dedicated to political and not to spiritual uses. Thus, with what care the chaplains are chosen to represent and sanction the various ecclesiastical bodies of this age! At the opening session of the convention, a Roman Catholic priest or bishop—sometimes a cardinal!—is invited to start things off by getting right with God. At the next meeting, the call to worship is spoken by a Protestant, usually a clergyman of the Episcopal faith. At the next session, a rabbi takes his place—never an orthodox rabbi, so far as I can recall, but one of the liberal persuasion. As the convention goes on, day after day, the managers get a little careless, and the clergymen invited to invoke the divine blessing degenerate into a succession of local Protestants. As contention waxes hot, a session is sometimes held without asking God to be present at all. By the time adjournment is reached, God seems to be quite forgotten. The delegates give one “whoop” of joy and scatter to the homes and haunts whence a few weeks before they came.

This ritual procedure must go far back in the history of nations. It has unimpeachable traditions to sustain it. Yet it still seems a strange practise in a land dedicated to the separation of church and state. It is obvious that these invocations are an intrusion upon the real business of the hour. They are listened to with an uncomfortable air of restraint, and of relief when at last the Amen is spoken. But they must be endured, like nominating speeches, for the contribution they may make to a triumphant election, though why they should be spoken at such length only the clergyman in question can tell.

The truth is that underlying this practise of prayer, as of many another performance in a party convention, is the quest for votes. If a Catholic cleric is invited to ask God to guard and guide, then hosts of Catholic laymen will straightway be persuaded to vote for a candidate who might otherwise be ignored. A Protestant minister, doing the same thing the next day,



John Haynes Holmes

will insure the support of Protestants at the great election. A Jewish rabbi will do the same thing with the Jewish vote, assuming, for the sake of the argument, that there is such a thing as "the Jewish vote". If there are no prayers in the closing hours of the sessions, well, this will do no harm. God has been duly summoned to do his duty by these his worshippers of all sects and creeds, and surely he will not fail.

One difficulty seems never to be realized. I refer to the practise of all Christian clergymen of offering their prayers at these conventions "in the name" and "for the sake" of Jesus Christ. For Jews cannot accept, much less join in prayers thus offered to a deity who divides the Godhead between the divine Father and his only begotten Son. There must be many Jews sitting as delegates to the convention. There are millions of others listening in to the proceedings. Are not these offended by prayers which are sectarian and thus exclusive of the veritable kin of Jesus the Jew of Nazareth? Unitarians, too, might well object to prayers thus narrowed to a single line of dubious doctrine. And the Ethical Culturists and the Christian Scientists also—to say nothing of numerous others, church and unchurched, who feel themselves not remembered in these particularistic prayers. It would seem that the managers of the conventions have difficulties they know not of, and it is perhaps just as well that they do not try to solve them. This would mean a mingling of church and state with a vengeance!

Whether there is any solution of this question, short of a finding of a true theology which will unite rather than divide mankind, I do not say. But there is surely one remedy which would be effective. Why not cut the Gordian knot by omitting competing prayers from the whole order of business? This drastic action might cause occasional loss, as in the case of Rabbi Silver's memorable utterance. To have omitted this would have been to cut off the loftiest peak of the convention's proceedings. But the gain would be immeasurable. The whole process of prayer, and the whole attitude of the assembly, would be saved from hypocrisy, which is the vilest of sins. At one stroke everything would be lifted from the low level of conformity to the infinitely high level of spiritual integrity and honor.

I have never seen, nor can I remember any occasion of a Quaker leading a great political convention in prayer. But it may be that in the Quaker discipline of prayer, which is silence before God, holds the real solution of our problem.

Noonday Dreamers

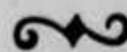
Dreams in the night will come and go,
Dim phantasies that fade away,
Leaving upon remembrance no
Image distinct enough to stay.

Such visions have no substance, pass
Like swirling mist across the mind—
Blurred faces seen as through a glass
Darkly, distorted, undefined.

Yet there are noonday dreamers who
Can make reality express
The shape of their desire come true,
With more of purpose than we guess.

They are the ones who dream awake,
Who build a better world, who show
The way we still may learn to take,
More wise, more daring than we know.

—*Albert Ralph Korn*



[1952]

Mrs. Jonas L. Sternberger

Brownsville, Tenn

Dear Rabbi:

A letter from an old friend of ours, a retired Methodist minister, who once served a congregation here, put us to shame, and brought us face to face with the realization of how remiss we are in the little niceties of life. We too often take our Men of God for granted.

You have received a message from Dr. C. A. Waterfield of Nashville Tenn.

We were equally impressed by your beautiful prayer, which like the little candle has shed its light and spread its

Comforting influence into
far away places.

We are deeply appreciative.

May God bless you and
grant unto you years of
service to humanity.

Cordially,

Jonas & Helen Sternberger

[1952]

1911 Crooks Rd
Rt. #1
Livonia, Michigan

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Temple of Cleveland

Dear Sir:

Last evening I had the privilege of hearing your Invocation for the Republican Convention, and I found it to be a message of great inspiration for these unsettled times.

I would greatly appreciate a copy of this Prayer, if it would be convenient.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Robert W. Jackson

P.S. - Enclosed please find a stamped, addressed envelope.

[1952]

617 W.Hawthorne
Glendale 4.
Calif.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Allow me to express
my deep satisfaction for your invocation
at the Republican National Convention.

I had listened with dismay to two other
ministers who preceeded you with what were
more--much more, political speeches than
prayers.

You gave spiritual dignity to a gather-
-ing which was sadly in need of it, & re-
-minded us of our obligation to God, more
than His, to us.

I am of the Mormon faith, & wish to
thank you for a prayer which restored my
conviction that the God we worship does
indeed LIVE.

With my sincerest good wishes

Leonard J. Festridge

[1952]

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Dear Rabbi Silver.

Because it meant very
much to me and because I know it
will mean very much to our school,
and because of my very great admiration
for your work - may I ask for the
invocation you read at the
Republican Convention last week.

I trust I am not asking too much.
I can only offer my appreciation for
so great a kindness.

Very sincerely

Edna B. Rowe.

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Ἡ ἑκατοστὴ εἰκοστὴ ἔκτη ἐπέτειος τῆς Ἑλληνικῆς Ἀνεξαρτησίας μᾶς εὖρεν δεομένους ὑπὲρ τῆς σωτηρίας τῆς Ἑλλάδος ἀπὸ ἐσωτερικῶν καὶ ἐξωτερικῶν κινδύνων. Ἡ γενέτειρα ἡμῶν πενθηφοροῦσα πάλιν, ὅπως καὶ κατὰ τὰ μαῦρα ἔτη τῆς βαρβαρικῆς κατοχῆς, ἐώρτασε τὴν Μεγάλην Ἡμέραν. Ἡ ἀπελευθέρωσις δὲν ἔθεσε τέρμα εἰς τὰ δεινὰ της. Ἡ κοινὴ νίκη τῶν συμμάχων κατὰ τοῦ ἄξονος δὲν ἔφερεν εἰς τὴν Ἑλλάδα τὴν χαράν, ἀλλὰ ἐγένετο ἀφετηρία μεγάλης κρίσεως, τῆς ὁποίας τὸ τέρμα ἀδυνατοῦμεν ἐν τῷ παρόντι νὰ προῖδωμεν. Ἡ ἡρωϊκὴ χώρα, ἡ ὁποία πρὸ ἑπταετίας ἀνευφημεῖτο ὑπὸ τῶν φιλελευθέρων λαῶν ὅταν κατενίκᾳ τοὺς θρασεῖς Ἰταλοὺς καὶ ἀντέτασσε τὰ στήθη κατὰ τῶν Γερμανικῶν στιφῶν, ἐλκύει σήμερον τὴν παγκόσμιον προσοχὴν διὰ τοῦ ἀλληλοσπαργμοῦ εἰς τὸν ὁποῖον ἐπιδίδονται τὰ τέκνα αὐτῆς.

Ἡ Ἑλληνικὴ κρίσις ἀποτελεῖ τὴν στιγμὴν ταύτην τὸ κέντρον τῆς γενικωτέρας διεθνoῦς κρίσεως, ἐκ τῆς ἐκθάσεως τῆς ὁποίας θὰ κριθῇ ὄχι μόνον τῆς Ἑλλάδος τὸ μέλλον, ἀλλὰ καὶ αὕτῃ ἡ μέλλουσα μορφή τοῦ κόσμου καὶ ἡ πορεία τῆς ἱστορίας ἐπὶ γενεάς. Ἡ στοιχειώδης φρόνησις ἐπέβαλλεν εἰς πάντας τοὺς Ἕλληνας νὰ κρατήσωσι τὴν κοινὴν πατρίδα δι' ἀμέμπτου πατριωτικῆς στάσεως ἐκτὸς τῆς δίνης τῶν συγκρουομένων διεθνῶν συμφερόντων ἀντὶ νὰ καταστήσωσιν αὐτὴν οἱ ἴδιοι κονίστραν τοῦ ἀνταγωνισμοῦ Ἀνατολῆς καὶ Δύσεως. Ἀλλὰ καὶ πάλιν δύναται ἡ φρόνησις νὰ σώσῃ τὴν Ἑλλάδα ἂν ἐκδηλωθῇ ἔστω καὶ κατὰ τὴν ὑστάτην στιγμὴν διὰ τῆς συναδελφώσεως τῶν ἀντιμαχομένων μερῶν. Αὕτη εἶναι ἡ διάπυρος εὐχὴ πάντων ἡμῶν τῶν συνελθόντων ἐνταῦθα πρὸς ἀπονομὴν τιμῆς εἰς τὴν ἱεράν μνήμην τῶν ἡρώων τῆς Ἑλληνικῆς Ἐπαναστάσεως.

Ἄς μὴ ἀπελπιζώμεθα. Εἶναι νωπαὶ ἀκόμη αἱ δάφναι τὰς ὁποίας ἡ Ἑλλάς ἔδρεπεν εἰς τὸν ἀγῶνα τῆς Ἐλευθερίας διὰ τοῦ ἀπαραμίλλου ἡρωϊσμοῦ τῶν τέκνων της. Μεταξὺ τῆς 28ης Ὀκτωβρίου τοῦ 1940 καὶ τῆς ἀνοίξεως τοῦ 1941 ἀπεδείχθη περιτράνως ὅτι αἱ ἀρεταὶ διὰ τῶν ὁποίων τὸ Ἑλληνικὸν Ἔθνος ἐλάμπρυνε τὴν ἱστορίαν αὐτοῦ δὲν ἐξέλιπον. Οἱ Ἰταλομάχοι καὶ οἱ Γερμανομάχοι δὲν ὑπελείφθησαν τῶν γιγάντων τοῦ 1821 εἰς τὸ ψυχικὸν σθένος καὶ εἰς τὴν ἐκ τοῦ μηδενὸς μεγαλουργίαν. Διὰ τῶν ἰδίων ἀρετῶν θὰ σωθῇ καὶ πάλιν ἡ Ἑλλάς. Θάρρος! Θὰ ἀφυπνισθῇ καὶ πάλιν τὸ αἶσθημα τοῦ πατριωτισμοῦ εἰς τὰς καρδίας τῶν Ἑλλήνων καὶ θὰ σαρώσῃ τὰ ἐπικρεμάμενα ἤδη εἰς τὸν Ἑλληνικὸν ὀρίζοντα μέλανα νέφη.

Ἡ Ἑλλάς θὰ ζήσῃ καὶ θὰ συνεχίσῃ τὸν δρόμον τῶν πεπρωμένων αὐτῆς.

Δὲν ἠγωνίσθησαν εἰς μάτην οἱ ἥρωες τοῦ '21, οἱ ὁποῖοι ἐπανεφέρον τὴν Ἑλλάδα ἐπὶ τῆς ἱστορικῆς σκηνῆς, ὄνειροπολήσαντες νὰ δώσωσιν

Πανηγυρικὸς ἐπὶ τῇ Ἐθνικῇ Ἑορτῇ ἐκφωνηθεὶς τῇ 25ῃ Μαρτίου 1947 ἐν τῷ Ἱερῷ Ναῷ τοῦ Ἀγίου Δημητρίου τῆς ἐν Τζέρσεϊ Σίτυ, Νέας Ἱερσέης, Ἑλληνικῆς Παροικίας ὑπὸ τοῦ κ. Γεωργίου Ἰωάννου Χρυσικοῦ, Δικηγόρου.

εἰς αὐτὴν μόνιμον θέσιν μεταξὺ τῶν ἐλευθέρων ἐθνῶν. Ἀπεδείχθη ἤδη περιτράνως διὰ τῶν νέων ἀγώνων τοῦ ἔθνους ὅτι τὸ ἔργον αὐτῶν δὲν ἦτο πρόσκαιρον, ὅτι αἱ ἐλπίδες αὐτῶν ἦσαν βάσιμοι, ὅτι οἱ νεώτεροι Ἕλληνες εἶναι ἱκανοὶ νὰ συνεχίσουν τὴν ἑνδοξὸν ἱστορίαν τῶν μεγάλων προγόνων αὐτῶν καὶ νὰ ἀφήσωσιν ἴχνη τιμῆς εἰς τὸν δρόμον των μεταξὺ τῶν Εὐρωπαϊκῶν ἐθνῶν. Ὁ γιγάντειος ἀγὼν τοῦ '21 ἐδικαιώθη πλήρως μεταξὺ τοῦ 1940 καὶ τοῦ 1944, καὶ ἐκ τῶν περιλάμπρων νικῶν κατὰ τῶν Ἰταλῶν καὶ ἐκ τῆς ἀπεγνωσμένης ἀντιστάσεως κατὰ τῶν Γερμανῶν καὶ ἐκ τῆς ἀπολύτου ἀρνήσεως τῆς Ἑλληνικῆς ψυχῆς νὰ ὑποκύψῃ εἰς τοὺς κατακτητὰς μετὰ τὴν πτῶσιν τῆς Ἑλλάδος.

Τὸ μεγαλεῖον τῆς Ἑλληνικῆς Ἐπαναστάσεως δὲν περιορίζεται λοιπὸν εἰς τὴν λαμπρότητα τῶν ἀνδραγαθημάτων τῶν γιγάντων τοῦ '21. Συνίσταται ἐπίσης εἰς τὴν μονιμότητα τοῦ ἔργου τῶν ἰδρυτῶν τοῦ Ἐλευθέρου Ἑλληνικοῦ Κράτους — ἔργου τὸ ὁποῖον δὲν ἴσχυσε νὰ καταστρέψῃ ἡ βαρβαρική πλήμμυρα, ἡ φοβερωτέρα ἐξ ὅσων ἐσημειώθησαν ἐν τῇ ἱστορίᾳ τῆς Εὐρώπης. Ἀναδεικνύεται ἐκ τούτου ἔτι μᾶλλον ἡ ἱστορικὴ σημασία καὶ ἡ ἐθνικὴ ἀξία τοῦ ἀγῶνος τῆς Ἑλληνικῆς Ἀνεξαρτησίας, ἀγῶνος ὁ ὁποῖος καταλαμβάνει κατόπιν τῶν ἀπὸ τοῦ 1940 γεγονότων νέαν καὶ ἔτι μᾶλλον ἐξέχουσαν θέσιν ἐν τῇ ἱστορίᾳ τῶν Νεωτέρων Χρόνων. Ἐκ τῆς ἐνδόξου ἐξεγέρσεως τοῦ Γένους κατὰ τὸ 1821 προσετέθη εἰς τὰ ἔθνη τῆς Εὐρώπης εἰς πολῦτιμος σύντροφος διὰ τὴν φρούρησιν τῆς ἐλευθερίας, διὰ τὴν δημιουργίαν τοῦ νεωτέρου πολιτισμοῦ καὶ διὰ τὴν προαγωγὴν τῆς εὐημερίας τοῦ κόσμου. Εἰς δύο παγκοσμίους πολέμους ἡ Εὐρωπαϊκὴ οἰκογένεια ἔσχε τὴν εὐκαιρίαν νὰ βεβαιωθῇ περὶ τῆς χρησιμότητος τοῦ νέου μέλους τὸ ὁποῖον προσέθεσαν εἰς αὐτὴν οἱ ἥρωες τοῦ '21.

Ἡ ζωτικότης τῆς Ἑλλάδος καὶ ὁ διαρκὴς χαρακτὴρ τῆς ἐλευθερίας τὴν ὁποίαν ἀνέκτησε διὰ τοῦ Ἀγῶνος τῆς Ἀνεξαρτησίας εἶναι φαινόμενα τοσοῦτον μᾶλλον καταπληκτικά, καθ' ὅσον μέχρι τῆς 25ης Μαρτίου 1821 τὸ Ἑλληνικὸν ἔθνος ἐθεωρεῖτο γενικῶς ὡς ἐνταφιασμένον ὑπὸ τὰ ἐρείπια τῆς ἀρχαιότητος καὶ τῆς Βυζαντινῆς ἐποχῆς. Οὐδεὶς ἐπίστευεν ἐν Εὐρώπῃ ὅτι ἦτο δυνατόν νὰ ἀναγεννηθῇ ἡ Ἑλλάς. Οὐδεὶς ἀνέμενεν ὅτι οἱ Γκισούρηδες, οἱ ὁποῖοι ἐπὶ τέσσαρας σχεδὸν αἰῶνας ἔμειναν ὑπὸ τὸν ζυγὸν τῶν ἐξ Ἀσίας κατακτητῶν, θὰ ἐξεγείροντο μίαν ἡμέραν ὡπλισμένοι μὲ τὴν ζωοποιὸν καὶ θαυματουργικὴν ἐπίγνωσιν τῆς ἐνδόξου καταγωγῆς των, ὅτι θὰ ἀναγεννᾶτο εἰς τὴν ψυχὴν των ἡ ἔφεσις τῆς ἐλευθερίας, συνοδευομένης μὲ τὰς πατροπαραδότους ἀρετὰς διὰ τῶν ὁποίων τοσάκις εἰς τὴν κλασικὴν ἀρχαιότητα ὀλιγάριθμοι Ἕλληνες κατίσχυσαν ἀπείρως πολυαρίθμων ἐχθρῶν.

Τὸ θαῦμα ὅμως ἔγινε καὶ οἱ δυσπιστοῦντες ἐν Εὐρώπῃ ἐπείσθησαν περὶ τῆς πραγματικότητος αὐτοῦ. Καὶ πάλιν ὅμως ἔμεινε πολλὴ ἀμφιβολία εἰς τὰ πνεύματα τῶν ξένων περὶ τῆς ἱκανότητος τοῦ Ἑλληνικοῦ Λαοῦ νὰ διατηρήσῃ τὴν ἀνεξαρτησίαν αὐτοῦ ἐπὶ μακρὸν καὶ νὰ βαδίσῃ παρὰ τὸ πλευρὸν τῶν συγχρόνων ἐλευθέρων λαῶν. Ἀλλ' οἱ ἀπαισιοδόξως ἐκφρασθέντες διὰ τὸ μέλλον τῆς ἐλευθερίας τῆς Ἑλλάδος καὶ τοῦ Ἑλληνικοῦ Κράτους ἠπατῶντο. Ἀπὸ τῆς Παλιγγενεσίας ἡ Ἑλλάς ἐξηλθεν ἐκ πάσης ἐξωτερικῆς κρίσεως ζωτικωτέρα, ἱκανωτέρα νὰ προχωρήσῃ πρὸς τὰ ἑμπρός, ἰσχυροτέρα ψυχικῶς. Τὸ «ἄνευ ἐλπίδων ζωῆς» καὶ ἀσφυκτικῶς περιωρισμένον ἐντὸς στενωπῶν ὀρίων κρατίδιον, τοῦ ὁποῖου τὸ στέμμα ἀπηξίωσεν ὁ Λεοπόλδος, ὁ κατόπιν βασιλεὺς τοῦ Βελγίου, ἐξηπλώθη πρὸς πάντα τὰ σημεῖα τοῦ ὀρίζοντος, πρὸς βορρᾶν καὶ

πρὸς νότον, πρὸς ἀνατολὰς καὶ πρὸς δυσμὰς. Ἀπὸ τῶν πέριξ τῆς Λαμίας προὐχώρησε πρὸς βορρᾶν, προσαρτήσαν τὴν Θεσσαλίαν καὶ τὸν νομόν Ἀρτης. Ὡλοκληρώθη πρὸς δυσμὰς διὰ τῆς ἐνώσεως τῶν Ἰονίων Νήσων. Ἐτι προσφατώτερον ὑπερέβη τὸν Ὀλυμπον καὶ τὴν Πίνδον, ἐξαπλωθὲν εἰς μέγα μέρος τῆς Μακεδονίας καὶ τῆς Ἡπείρου. Εἰς τὰ νότια κατέστησεν ὄριον αὐτοῦ τὴν ἀδάμαστον Κρήτην. Πρὸς ἀνατολὰς ἐνηγκαλίσθη τὰς νήσους τοῦ Αἰγαίου. Ἐν τέλει προσήρτησε μετὰ τὸν πρῶτον παγκόσμιον πόλεμον τὴν Δυτικὴν Θράκην, καὶ ἤδη ὑψώνει τὴν φωνὴν αὐτοῦ ὑπὲρ τῶν ὑπολοίπων ἀλυστρώτων Ἑλληνικῶν χωρῶν πρὸς συμπλήρωσιν τῆς ἐθνικῆς ἐνότητος τοῦ Ἑλληνισμοῦ.

Πάσας τὰς προόδους ταύτας τὸ Ἑλληνικὸν Ἔθνος ἐπετέλεσε διὰ τῆς ἀξίας του, διὰ τῶν ἀγώνων καὶ τῶν θυσιῶν του, διὰ τῆς ἐνεργοῦ ἐκδηλώσεως τῆς θελήσεως αὐτοῦ ὅπως καταλάβῃ τὴν προσήκουσαν αὐτῷ θέσιν μετὰ τῶν Εὐρωπαϊκῶν ἐθνῶν. Δὲν ὑπῆρξεν ἀποτέλεσμα εὐνοίας τῆς τύχης ἢ τῆς ὑποστηρίξεως τῶν ἰσχυρῶν ἢ κρατικὴ ἐξάπλωσις καὶ ἐνίσχυσις τοῦ Ἑλληνισμοῦ ὅπως συνέβη εἰς ἄλλα ἔθνη. Ἐξ ἐναντίας τὰ μεγάλα καὶ σπουδαῖα βήματα τῆς Ἑλλάδος πρὸς τὰ ἐμπρὸς ἔγιναν παρὰ τὴν καταδρομὴν τῆς τύχης καὶ παρὰ τὰς ἀντιδράσεις τῶν ἰσχυρῶν. Καὶ τῶν περιστάσεων καὶ τῆς Εὐρωπαϊκῆς πολιτικῆς ἀνεδείχθη ἀνωτέρα ἢ θέλησις τοῦ Ἑλληνικοῦ Ἔθνους νὰ βαδίσῃ ἐπὶ τῆς ὁδοῦ τῶν πεπρωμένων του — ἐπὶ τῆς προγονικῆς ὁδοῦ.

Ἡ Ἐπανάστασις τοῦ '21 καὶ ἡ ἐπάνοδος τῆς ἐλευθερίας εἰς τὴν Ἑλλάδα κατὰ τὸ προπαρελθὸν φθινόπωρον ἀπέδειξαν ὅτι τὰ ἔθνη τὰ ἑποῖα θέλουν νὰ ζήσουν ἐλεύθερα καὶ εἶναι ἔτοιμα νὰ πληρώσουν τὸ τίμημα τῆς ἐλευθερίας των, ὅσονδήποτε βαρὺ καὶ ἂν εἶναι, δὲν ἀποθνήσκουν. Τὸ μυστικὸν τῆς ἐθνικῆς ἀθανασίας συνώψισε θαυμασίως εἰς δύο στίχους ὁ Ρήγας Φεραίος:

«Καλλίτερα μιᾶς ὥρας ἐλεύθερη ζωὴ
παρὰ σαράντα χρόνια σκλαβιὰ καὶ φυλακὴ».

Ἡ ἀλήθεια τῶν στίχων αὐτῶν εἰσεχώρησε βαθέως εἰς τὴν ψυχὴν τοῦ σκλαβωμένου ἔθνους καὶ ἐν καιρῷ ἔγινε τὸ ἐγερτήριον αὐτοῦ διὰ τὸν τρισένδοξον ἀγῶνα ἐκ τοῦ ὁποῖου ἡ Ἑλλὰς προέκυψεν ἐλευθέρᾳ ὕστερον ἀπὸ 370 ἐτῶν δουλείαν. Ἡ ἀλήθεια τῶν ἰδίων στίχων ἐγιγάντωσε τὸν Ἑλληνικὸν Λαὸν ἅπαξ ἔτι ὅταν οἱ φασίσται τῆς ἰμπεριαλιστικῆς Ἰταλίας εἰσέβαλον εἰς τὴν Ἑλλάδα γαυριῶντες ἐπὶ τῇ ἐλπίδι εὐκόλου νίκης, καὶ ὅταν μετὰ τὴν συντριπτικὴν ἥτταν τῶν Ἰταλῶν ἡ Ἑλλὰς ὑπεχρεώθη νὰ ἐκλέξῃ μετὰ τῆς παραδόσεως τῆς ἐλευθερίας της εἰς τοὺς Γερμανοὺς καὶ τῆς ἀντιστάσεως κατὰ τῆς φοβερωτέρας στρατιωτικῆς δυνάμεως τοῦ κόσμου, ἡ ὁποία μὲ ἐν κτύπημα εἶχεν ἀνατρέψῃ ὀλόκληρον τὴν συμμαχικὴν ἡπειρωτικὴν Εὐρώπην καὶ αὐτὴν τὴν ὑπερηφανευομένην διὰ τὴν στρατιωτικὴν ὀργάνωσιν καὶ ἐπιστήμην της Γαλλίαν. Καὶ εἰς τὰ 1940, ὅπως καὶ εἰς τὰ 1821, οἱ Ἕλληνες ἔθεσαν ἀδιστάκτως καὶ ἀνδροπρεπῶς τὴν ἐλευθερίαν ὑπεράνω τῆς ζωῆς των, ἐρμηνεύοντες δι' ἔργων ἀφθάστου μεγαλείου τὴν ἐννοίαν τῶν ἀποφθεγματικῶν στίχων τοῦ Φεραίου. Ἀλλὰ καὶ ὅταν ὁ Γερμανικὸς ὁδοστρωτὴρ ἀνέτρεψε τὴν Ἑλλάδα, ὁ ἡρωϊκὸς λαὸς αὐτῆς οὐδ' ἐπὶ στιγμὴν συνεμορφώθη πρὸς τὴν κατάστασιν τῆς δουλείας. Πεσόντος τοῦ ἐπισήμου κράτους, ὁ λαὸς συνέχισε τὸν ἀγῶνα τῆς ἐλευθερίας ἀνθιστάμενος κατὰ τῶν κατακτη-

τῶν δι' ὧν τῶν μέσων καὶ δι' ὧν τῶν τρόπων, ἀποφασισμένος νὰ ἀποθάνῃ ἐλεύθερος, ἂν καὶ ἡ μοῖρα τὸν εἶχεν ὄντως καταδικάσῃ νὰ ἀποθάνῃ.

Ἡ Ἑλλάς τοῦ 1947 εἶναι εἰς τὴν ἰδίαν θέσιν εἰς τὴν ὁποίαν ἦτο κατὰ τὸν τελικὸν θρίαμβον τοῦ Ἀγῶνος τῆς Ἀνεξαρτησίας — ἐλευθέρα, ἀλλὰ αἰμόφυρτος, δεινῶς ἀποδεκατισμένη, κατεστραμμένη, πεινῶσα, κατατρυχομένη ὑπὸ τῶν νόσων, ἐνδεὴς καὶ ἐν ἐνὶ λόγῳ μὲ τὴν ψυχὴν εἰς τὸ στόμα. Ἀλλὰ μετὰ τῆς ἰδρύσεως τοῦ ἐλευθέρου Ἑλληνικοῦ Κράτους καὶ τοῦ πολέμου τούτου ἡ Ἑλλάς ἔδειξε καταπληκτικὴν ἀναρρωτικὴν δύναμιν. Ὅχι μόνον ἐπέζησε τῶν ἀφαιμάξεων καὶ τῶν καταστροφῶν τοῦ Ἀγῶνος τῆς Ἀνεξαρτησίας, ἀλλὰ καὶ ἐνεδυναμώθη εἰς τοιοῦτον σημεῖον ὥστε νὰ κατακτῇ μέγα μέρος τῶν Ἑλληνικῶν χωρῶν, νὰ διεξαγάγῃ σειρὰν πολέμων καὶ νὰ ἐπισπάσῃ τὸν θαυμασμὸν τοῦ κόσμου διὰ τῆς ζωτικότητος καὶ τῆς ἀντοχῆς της. Ἦτο θαῦμα ἡ ἐπιβίωσις καὶ ἡ κραταίωσις τῆς Ἑλλάδος μετὰ τὴν φοβερὰν τιμὴν ποὺ ἐπλήρωσε κατὰ τὴν ἐπανάστασιν πρὸς ἐξαγορὰν τῆς ἐλευθερίας της. Τὸ θαῦμα θὰ ἐπαναληφθῇ. Αἱ συμφοραὶ τοῦ πολέμου θὰ παρέλθουν. Ὁ Ἑλληνικὸς λαὸς θὰ μείνῃ θριαμβεύων διὰ τῆς ζωτικότητός του καὶ διὰ τῶν ἀρετῶν του διὰ νὰ ἐξυψώσῃ τὴν Ἑλλάδα εἰς τὴν θέσιν ἣ ὁποία ἀνήκει εἰς αὐτήν.

Τὸ μέλλον τῆς Ἑλλάδος εἶναι εἰς τὰς χεῖρας τῶν Ἑλλήνων, οἱ ὅποιοι ὀφείλουν νὰ ἐνώσουν ἀδελφικῶς τὰς προσπάθειάς των καὶ νὰ ἐντείνουν αὐτάς διὰ νὰ καταστῇ δυνατὴ ἡ καρποφόρησις τῶν τεραστίων θυσιῶν διὰ τῶν ὁποίων ἡξιώθησαν νὰ διατηρήσουν τὸ δικαίωμα ὅπως ζήσουν ὡς ἐλεύθερος λαός. Οἱ Ἕλληνες τοῦ 1821 παρακολουθοῦν ἐναγωνίως ἐκ τῶν ἱερῶν τάφων των τοὺς Ἕλληνας τοῦ 1947, διότι ἤδη κρίνεται τὸ μέλλον τοῦ ἔθνους. Ἐκ τῶν τάφων τῶν ἡρώων τοῦ '21 ἐγείρεται κραυγὴ ὑπὲρ τοῦ θριάμβου τοῦ Ἑλληνικοῦ πατριωτισμοῦ καὶ ἐν εἰρήνῃ, διότι τὰ μεταπολεμικὰ ἔτη ταῦτα θὰ εἶναι τὰ κρισιμώτερα ἐν τῇ νεωτέρᾳ ἱστορίᾳ τῆς Ἑλλάδος. Σήμερον, ὅτε ὁ ἀπανταχοῦ Ἑλληνισμὸς τιμᾷ τοὺς γίγαντας τοῦ '21, πανηγυρίζων τὴν ἐπέτειον τῆς Ἑλληνικῆς Ἐπανάστασεως, εἶναι πρόσφορος περίστασις ὅπως πάντες οἱ φέροντες τὸ τετιμημένον ὄνομα τοῦ Ἑλλήνου ὑποσχεθῶσι πρὸς ἀλλήλους ὅτι θὰ παρადώσουν εἰς τὰς ἐπερχομένας γενεάς Ἑλλάδα ἰσχυράν ἐν τῇ ἐνότητι τοῦ λαοῦ αὐτῆς καὶ ἐν τῇ κοινῇ ἀποφάσει ὅπως μοχθήσωσι φιλοτίμως διὰ τὴν εὐημερίαν καὶ τὴν πρόοδον αὐτῆς. Τὴν ὑπόσχεσιν αὐτὴν θέλουν νὰ ἀκούσουν οἱ ἥρωες καὶ οἱ μάρτυρες τῆς Ἑλληνικῆς ἐλευθερίας. Ἀς ἀντηχήσῃ εἰς τοὺς ἱεροὺς τάφους αὐτῶν!

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THERE is a striking sentence in the speeches of the Earl of Chatham, the Great Commoner though noble lord of England during the 18th Century, and one of her foremost Prime Ministers. He was addressing the upper chamber of Parliament when he observed that history had been his favorite study, and added: "in the celebrated writings of antiquity, I have often admired the patriotism of Greece and Rome, but I must declare and vow that in the states of the world I know not the people nor the Senate which in such a complication of difficult circumstances, can stand in preference to the Delegates of America assembled in General Congress in Philadelphia."

This was indeed high praise even by a friend of the revolted Colonies of 1776. For Chatham was our friend when we needed one. William Pitt, as he had been before his elevation to the House of Lords, knew history as the long and tortuous course of man's struggle with government age after age until the perilous days of the American Revolution and the determined resolve of the colonial statesmen to free their land from Crown and Parliament and to establish themselves as an independent people among the nations of the earth.

The members of the Continental Congress of which Chatham so eloquently spoke had convened on that ever-memorable Thursday, the 4th day of July 1776 to consummate with their signatures one of the momentous decisions of modern history. Two days before this historic date they had unanimously adopted a Declaration of Independence. As their penman, Thomas Jefferson,

phrased it, "a decent respect to the opinions of mankind impelled them to the separation" from Great Britain, the homeland of some of them and the fatherland of all. A study of the background of the fifty-six men who signed the immortal document justifies the Earl of Chatham in speaking as he did. The large majority of the men who met in Philadelphia on that first hot 4th of July had studied at one or the other of our nine colonial colleges or at British institutions of higher learning; the others were widely read and well informed not only in politics but also in the principal sources of the culture that we nowadays refer to as Western Civilization.

The intellectual and spiritual roots of American statesmen in 1776 struck deep in the rich soil of the ancient world. Theirs were minds steeped in the historic past and disciplined by the philosophy of antiquity. Theirs were spirits chastened and molded by the wisdom of Attica, the western shores of the Aegean, and Tiber's mighty banks, of Sinai and Zion, Olivet and Carmel. No other deliberative body has equalled those far-seeing men of America's great first days; no other except the thirty-nine who sat in Philadelphia eleven years later and drafted the Constitution of the United States.

It may be said without question that not only we ourselves but also the people of the free world today owe an immeasurable debt of gratitude to the character, ability, wisdom, and intellect that created the statesmanship of 1776 and 1787 in the City of Brotherly Love on the Delaware. Never has Francis Bacon's admonition been followed with greater effect, for the authors of the Declaration of Independence and of the Constitution of the United States, as Bacon suggested, sought counsel of "both times: of the Ancient Time, what is best, and of the Latter Time, what is fittest." They were not visionaries but idealists with their feet on the ground—ground which showed them the long, hard way that other men had taken as well as the long, hard way that future generations must also take in mankind's continuing ascent to personal, political, intellectual, and spiritual liberty.

It is the custom in Europe to say that the history of the Newer Times began in the period of the French Revolution. The truth is that its beginning was the 4th of July, 1776. It is usually said that the French Revolution, and its effects, awakened the peoples

of Europe to a love of liberty and freedom. However, the fact is often overlooked, that the American Revolution, the mother of the French Revolution, fostered and nurtured this love of freedom in the hearts of the down-trodden and enslaved peoples of the world. The Fourth of July, 1776 was indeed the beginning of the emancipation of mankind from tyranny and slavery. It was the great and decisive turning-point in history, the beginning of an evolution which has been continuing from that time on, having as its ideal the high and undeniably humanitarian sanctity of man throughout the world, as so nobly set forth in the Declaration of Independence.

The outstanding characteristic of that historic document is its philosophical basis. It does not declare, simply, the determination of the American people to fight for freedom and liberty. It justifies this determination with unassailable logic. It bases the right of National Independence upon the rights of the individuals who constitute the Nation, and proclaims that political conditions which deny the rights of the individual are unbearable.

This great truth was transplanted from the Declaration of Independence to the Constitution of the United States, which, ever since, has governed the political life of this Country. Liberty would have been an insipid fruit, an empty and useless word, if it had been limited to the emancipation of America from England and were a mere substitute for English authority, just another form of government, so to speak, independent externally but federated internally. National Independence alone is not the supreme goal. Its indispensable supplements are internal liberty, equality of citizenship and the security of citizens within the sovereign state. Solidification and protection of the rights of each citizen are the only real liberty, and it is this form of liberty that the Founding Fathers bequeathed to the American people.

As we all know, this benefit did not exist in every free country in times past. At present, the United Socialist Soviet Republic and all Communistic States under her dominant influence have reduced their citizens to mere robots, or spokes of a wheel of the integrated chariot of its leader. The word "Liberty" is eliminated from the lexicon of those countries. They are not governments of the people, by the people and for the people, but rather slaves of a foreign power.

However, we should gather wisdom and inspiration from the lessons of the American Revolution and from the American Constitution, which shelters the political structure of the Government of the United States. As I have said, the leaders of the people of the early English Colonies in the New World were men of great learning and accumulated wisdom, and not simply men of professional education. They were baptized in the pool of wisdom of past centuries. They were men of eminence and of extraordinary abilities. Through Thomas Jefferson, they bespoke in the Declaration of Independence the experience and political philosophy of past history. That great American drew abundantly from the spiritual treasures left by ancient Hellenism to be the common property of the World. Their influence on his heart, soul and mind prompted him to declare the sublime principles of that historic document, in which he justified the Revolution. For those ideas and ideals he continued to struggle ever afterwards, as is apparent in all his political, official and private papers.

Thomas Jefferson was a great representative of the American people in the revolutionary era. He laid out the road along which Americans have since followed. A profound student of history, an insatiable reader of the world's great classics, he played a very important part in the birth of the United States, a vital nation in a vast country endowed by nature with almost unlimited riches. He envisioned the enormous growth of the newly born Democracy of five million persons in thirteen States. Not only did he anticipate such a gigantic country, but he aspired to make it such, as one is convinced from a reading of his papers in connection with the Louisiana Purchase. He visualized the creation of a Nation exceeding the Roman Empire in size, power and vitality. However, he was deeply attached to the form of the Athenian State. He did not dream of a Republic of the Roman type, monopolized by Patricians, who held the people in an iron grasp and thereby tortured by constant social and political upheaval and antagonism. He visualized a Republic worthy of its name and destined to stretch from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean and from the Canadian border to the Gulf of Mexico and the Rio Grande River. Thus, he aimed to build a democracy of the United States with Athenian material.

It is strange, but nevertheless true, that the Revolution of 1776 owes much to England against whose authority the American

people fought. A great epoch in the history of England—and we can say in the history of the civilized world—was the struggle for the support and consolidation of the English Constitution. From the time of Oliver Cromwell, progress had been slow towards real esoteric liberty, towards the security of the rights of the citizen, and towards equal political rights. However, England was the first country to take the lead towards the acquisition of equal political rights, and thus demonstrated a great and important example for all civilized peoples. For Americans of the former Colonies, who had their family roots in England, the struggle of English people for political rights was a racial tradition. It was natural for them to desire that English people should possess the same rights. England wanted the American Colonists to be humble and obedient citizens—dumb actors politically, without rights or pretense, although they were taxed without acquiring corresponding benefits. Therefore, the only way by which the Americans could acquire the benefits for which the English people had struggled, and which they had secured, was to become independent and self-governed. The Colonists therefore revolted, declaring their independence on July 4th, 1776.

When Constantinople fell to the Turks in 1453, it seemed for some time that the flame of civilization would be extinguished forever, except in Byzantium, in the midst of the darkness of the Middle Ages, which covered the Old World.

The flight of the Greek Sages to the West brought on the Renaissance by the spreading of Greek culture and sciences. The people of the West could have said to Hellenism, which seemed dead, "Your death gave us life." After the fall of Constantinople, the most important cosmo-historic Saga was and still remains the American Revolution.

Without the American Revolution, without America, which has become so vast a country since 1776, without the spirit which animated this mighty Democracy of the United States, without the love of the American people for its freedom and without its readiness to stake everything for its noble ideals, there would not be a free world today. Without the support of this magnanimous, invincible and glorious country, the Anniversary of whose birth we celebrate today, neither in the First World War nor in the Second World War would freedom and liberty of the World have

been saved, nor the check of Communism and Soviet Imperialism have been possible. The world outside the Iron Curtain would have been deprived even of leadership, not only political and military, but also of moral, so essential in repelling the Slavo-Communist danger which now threatens the World from the East.

But there is an important addendum. It is at the heart of that word leadership in the last sentence of the preceding paragraph. Yes, it is leadership that we need in America whatever the day or the time. We can only look to education to supply what the Founding Fathers of the Republic had in such goodly store. As President Griswold of Yale University recently remarked in a notable address to a gathering of publishers, book reviewers, booksellers, and writers, this present age of war and revolution is putting the definitions and axioms of the past to the severest of tests—the severest they have ever known. We must not let technological inventions such as radio and television fill our minds and spirits with the trivia of life. Our statesmen must not let the transitory turn them aside from the enduring riches of the ages. Nor should the ordinary citizens of America be satisfied with the shoddy, the cheap, the trivial.

As the men of 1776 saw so clearly, we must be a literate people if the democratic society we have inherited is to survive gloriously for all the earth to see, to understand, and to appreciate. We believe sincerely that ours is the best way of life that has thus far been discovered and pursued. We shall do well to know its sources, to read them, to study them, and to give them the best thought we have in meeting the vast problems of this mid-century. For as we meet and solve those vast problems not only we of this generation will receive the benefits but also every man, woman, and child on the farthest shores of the dominions beyond the seas.

Ours is a priceless heritage. A great British statesman has said that England would save herself by her own exertions and "perhaps the rest of the world by her example." So, even more so—America! However, it will not be by force of arms alone but rather by force of character and ideas. Many years ago Walt Whitman, poet of American democracy, wrote a few lines of verse as vivid and as true today as ever in the past; perhaps, indeed, far more true:

Sail—sail thy best, Ship of Democracy!
Of value is thy freight. 'T is not the Present only,
The Past is also stored in thee!
Thou holdest not the venture of thyself alone—not
of the western continent alone:
With thee Time voyages in trust—
Steer then with good strong hand and wary eye. O
Helmsman—thou carriest great companions,
Venerable, priestly Asia sails this day with thee
And royal, feudal Europe sails with thee

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