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October 17, 1933.

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This year has marked the achievement in Ohio of two goals for which the Consumers' League has striven many years, namely: the adoption by the Ohio Legislature of a minimum wage law for women and minors in industry; and the ratification by the Legislature of the National Child Labor Amendment. As a member of the League you have had a real part in this achievement because you have made possible both the steady educational program of the League and its active campaigns for these aims.

Ordinarily we must depend on persuading our legislators how we would like to have them vote; on November 7th we have an opportunity to vote ourselves on another piece of social legislation - the referendum on the old age pension bill. At the regular October board meeting of the Consumers' League it was unanimously voted that we lend our aid to the passage of this bill.

You no doubt remember that the old age rension bill was defeated in the Legislature after it had passed both houses, because certain bad amendments on which the two houses did not agree were introduced. The bill on which we are to vote at the general election is the original bill without its questionable amendments. It provides for the payment to those over 65 who are in need, of a pension not to exceed \$25 per month. This will make possible the care of older persons in their own homes or with their family instead of in a poorhouse. It is a forward step which has already been taken by 25 states in the United States, not one of which has done away with its system. Space forbids further arguments for the bill. It is important that all who believe in it take the trouble to vote for it on November 7th.

During the next six weeks an intensive campaign for new members for the Consumers' League will be undertaken under the chairmanship of Mrs. Raymond Keesecker. of you generously assisted this summer by sending postcards to your friends. If every member would find it possible to get one new member it would broaden our basis of support and greatly increase our possibilities for usefulness.

With much appreciation of your help, I am

Cordially yours, Elizabeth J. Magee

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October 19, 1933.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am quite sure that you do not need this extra appeal in regard to the Old Age Pension referendum, but we are sending it to all our members with the hope that it may remind them of their opportunity.

I am anxious to see you within the next week or so. As you probably know, I have been on leave of absence for two months, working with Mr. Matthewson on the National Reemployment Service, but I am back now to stay! I had a most interesting time not only learning the bad spots in county government but also getting some ideas as to how unemployment insurance will be administered when we get it.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth S. Magee,

Executive Secretary.

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#### U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS
WASHINGTON

Nov. 4,1933

Rabbi A. H. Silver 10311 Lake Shore Blvd. Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The Secretary of Labor is anxious to formulate a comprehensive program of social legislation to be presented to the next Congress and to the State Legislatures. To be effective such a program must necessarily be concise and so far as possible homogeneous. It should have the approval and support of the various agencies interested in social legislation.

With this in view, a one or two-day conference of outstanding leaders in the field of social legislation will be held in Washington, to agree on the most urgent forms of legislation imperative at the present time, such as unemployment insurance, the problem of the middle aged worker discriminated against because of age, old-age pensions, etc. Permanent committees will be chosen by the conference to draft the various bills and to collect and collate the necessary social and industrial data needed to back the desired legislation.

No date has as yet been set for the conference, but it is expected to be convened not later than the middle of December. In the meantime may I ask you to submit to me your personal outline of an agenda for the proposed conference, emphasizing the problems to be discussed and giving the names of individuals who in your opinion would contribute to the success of the program.

If possible I should like to have your agenda by November 15th.

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November 15, 1933.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have talked with both Mr. Reynolds and Marvin Harrison and I find that Monday evening, November 20th, seems most convenient for the meeting of our Unemployment Insurance Executive Committee. I am therefore sending notices to the committee for that date.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth S. Magee, Executive Secretary.

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November 21, 1933. Mr. Boris Stern, U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Washington, D.C. My dear Mr. Stern: Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 4th. I do not know that I have any special suggestions for the agenda of the proposed conference. I believe that the subject of unemployment insurance should occupy a very prominent position in the deliberations of the conference. As regards the individuals from Cleveland who may contribute to the success of the program, I would suggest the names of Mr. Marvin C. Harrison, Standard Bank Building, who sponsored the Chio Unemployment Insurance Bill in the State Senate and Dr. Henry M. Busch, of Cleveland College who is one of the progressive social thinkers in our city. I understand that you have already invited Miss Elizabeth S. Magee. I trust that I may have the time to attend this conference. With all good wishes, I remain Very sincerely yours, AHS:BK

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December 22, 1933.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

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I spent yesterday afternoon in Columbus, but unfortunately Mr. Leiserson was not able to meet the appointment as he had hoped. I did have a chance though to talk with Mr. Harrison and Mr. Donnelly. Mr. Harrison tells me that Mr. Reynolds had sent him a copy of a letter he had had from the Governor in regard to the wisdom of proposing unemployment insurance at one of the special sessions. If you have not received a copy of his letter I will ask Mr. Harrison to send it to you. He and Mr. Donnelly both believe, however, that we should proceed with a meeting in Columbus to discuss the whole situation, and should begin plans for the circulation of petitions.

Mr. Harrison believes that the Legislature will not be called until the 15th of January and so would prefer very much not to have the meeting until after that time. Because of the Washington meeting on the 17th and 18th, he suggested Thursday, January 25th, as the time for our Columbus meeting. I hope this is satisfactory to you. If it is not, will you let me know? I shall be willing to send out the letters rather planning soon.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth J. Magee Elizabeth S. Magee, Executive Secretary

MEMBER COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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

March 13, 1934.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Hearings upon H. R. 7659, the so-called Wagner-Lewis Bill for the levying of an excise tax upon employers with offsets allowed for unemployment insurance contributions, will begin on Monday, March 19, 1934, before the House Ways and Means Committee. I hope that you will be able to attend and to give the committee your advice upon the wisdom of this measure.

I enclose a copy of the bill and a very brief summary which outlines its main features.

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March 16, 1934. The Honorable David J. Lewis. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. My dear Congressman: Thank you for advising me of the hearings which will take place in Washington before the House Ways and Means Committee on the Wagner-Lewis Bill. I should like to attend these hearings. Will you let me know on what days of the week these hearings will be held? It will not be possible for me to come on Monday, but I can come on Tuesday or Wednesday. With best wishes, permit me to remain Very truly yours. AHS: BK

## DEFEAT THE WAGNER LABOR BILL

Never before has industry been menaced by such an altogether vicious piece of legislation as the Labor Disputes Act introduced in the United States Senate by Senator Wagner. So imminent is the danger of passage of this legisla-tion that prompt and drastic ac-tion on the part of employers is necessary to avert it. Every em-ployer who has the best interests of his business and his employes at heart should register a vigorous demand for its defeat by letter or telegram addressed to your congressman.

Reading of the outline of the provisions of the bill should be sufficient to prompt every employer to immediately take up the challenge and wage war against a proposal which disregards every fundamental concept of legal fundamental concept of rights and remedies.

The Wagner bill encourages strikes, bans lock-outs and specifically states that a person employed to take the place of a striker shall not be deemed to be an employe. No matter under what conditions a strike is called this bill would make the man or woman employed to keep a shop in operation during a strike outin operation during a strike out-

The bill provides that the em-ployer is guilty of "an unfair la-bor practice" if he

(a) attempts by interference, influence, restraint, favor, coercion, lock-out, or "by any other means" to impair the right of employes to organize.

(b) refuses to recognize and "exert every reasonable effort to make and maintain agreements" with representatives selected by with representatives selections employes — including representatives. union in,

(c) initiates, participates supervises or influences the mation, constitution or other governing rules, operations, policies, or elections of any labor organization—meaning, principally, plans of employe representation. of employe representation.

(d) contributes financial or other material support to any labor organization by compensating anyone for services performed in behalf of any labor organization or by any other means whatsoever—also aimed at plans of employe representation.

(e) encourages membership nonmembership in any labor or-ganization. This prohibition is aimed solely at plans of employe representation, because the law elsewhere provides that nothing in nonmembership the Act shall preclude an em-ployer and a labor union from entering into a closed shop agreement prohibiting the employment of nonunion men, but forbids the employer from excluding union men.

The Bill also gives the National Labor Board more drastic power than any governmental agency has ever had either in peace or war, or than any court in the land possesses today.

Any member or agent of the Board may demand papers, books and records. And other departments of the Federal Government are required to turn over at the Board's request income tax returns, federal trade reports, and other records requested by the Board. The Act provides a fine of \$5000 for anyone who "resists, prevents or impedes" any member of his duties.

the Board in the performance The Board may require the em-ployer and his witnesses at their own expense to appear before it in answer to any complaint, how-ever trivial. The Government,

however, pays the expenses of its own witnesses, which would, of course, include the complainant. The Board is given sweeping au-thority to order the reinstatement of discharged employes, the payment of back wages, the assessment of damages and the performance of any other act by the employer that will achieve what

### considers substantial Board justice. DEFEAT THE WAGNER

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To Congressman David J. Lewis

Street and No. House of Representatives

Place Washington, D.C.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TELEGRAM I SHALL BE PLEASED TO XXXXXXX APPEAR BEFORE

YOUR COMMITTEE ON MONDAY MORNING MARCH 26TH IF CONVENIENT FOR YOU

A H SILVER

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March 19, 1934.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

When I was talking with you this morning I neglected to say that I hope you will have a chance to talk with Louis Bing. I know that the Labor Department is very anxious to have some employers testify in favor of the Wagner-Lewis bill. Perhaps the change in dates might make a difference to him.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth S. Magee, Executive Secretary.

Elizabeth J. Magee

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

# WHEELING STEEL CORPORATION

GENERAL OFFICES
WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA

Wheeling, W. Va., March 21, 1934.

To the Addressed:

Every commercial firm in this country, regardless of its field, is vitally interested in the defeat of the impending labor legislation introduced into the United States Senate by Senator Wagner (Senate Bill No.2926), and into the House of Representatives by Representative Connery (House Bill No. 8423).

We call your attention to a reprint of an editorial from the first page of the Daily Metal Trade of March 17, 1934, enclosed, entitled:

" DEFEAT THE WAGNER LABOR BILL "

This editorial clearly expresses our own views and we believe those of our customers and all others engaged in business and industry.

To preserve and protect the welfare of both employer and employee under the equitable laws of the land we urge upon you to personally contact, if possible, or to telegraph your representatives in Congress to defeat both Wagner and Connery Bills.

Yours very truly,

WHEELING STEEL CORPORATION

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THIS CONFIRMS YOUR ACCEPTANCE TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY LEWIS UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BILL AT 10 AM MARCH 26=

=DAVID J LEWIS MC.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

# COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

# CALENDAR

ASSIGNMENTS FOR HEARINGS ON H.R. 7659
RELATING TO UNEMPLOYMENT
INSURANCE



MARCH 26, 1934

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# MONDAY, MARCH 26, 1934 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

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# OHIO COMMITTEE FOR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE 341 Engineers Building Cleveland, Ohio

June 12, 1934.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

A conference was held in Columbus on January 31st of this year, composed of representatives of organizations which have cooperated in the campaigns for unemployment insurance in Ohio. Soon after this meeting the Wagner-Lewis Bill was introduced in Congress. The Executive Committee elected by the conference participated in the hearings on the Wagner-Lewis bill and worked for its passage. Since it is now evident that no action will be taken on the Wagner-Lewis bill during this session, it seems wise for the proponents of unemployment insurance in Ohio to meet together again to make plans for our next steps.

The meeting is arranged for Saturday morning, June 23, at 9:30 A.M. in the Neil House in Columbus. I hope that it will be possible for you to attend.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth S. Magee, Secretary, Ohio Committee for Unemploy-

ment Insurance.

This is the form letter shiele I am sending out - I will looken forward to seeing you next week. Law Offices of

Marrison and Marshman

Standard Bank Building

Cleveland

July 28, 1934

Rabbi Aba H. Silver,

10311 Lake Shore Boulevard,

Bratenahl, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are calling a dinner meeting of our legislation committee for Columbus Friday evening, 6:30 o'clock at the Neil House.

We are extremely anxious to have you present.

Yours very truly,

MCH/L

Marvin

#### RESOLUTION NO. 37

Introduced at Convention of Ohio Federation of Labor July 1934

Essential Principles to be embodied in any Unemployment Insurance Bill that Labor supports in Ohio.

WHEREAS, It is evident that the present unemployment question became more serious and acute in the past four years, so that it cannot escape the minds of any member of the Labor Movement; and,

WHENEAS, The Government has not provided for adequate relief and taken up the slack in industry, but the State did create a Commission for the purpose of investigating the unemployment situation and the said Commission recommended for social legislation and pointed out the necessity for unemployment insurance as a step for remedying the present evils in society; and,

WHENEAS, The State can and must protect its people, however, against the evils they suffer when business does not function properly; and,

WHEREAS, The Labor Movement in the past, has struggled against all these evils, by reducing the hours and increasing the wages of the workers and in spite of these efforts could not keep in step with the mad rush of modern machinery production and distribution; and,

WHEREAS, A bill known as the Harrison Bill does not provide for inmediate unemployment benefits; and,

WHTREAS, Labor has a right to insist on receiving all benefits granted workers under existing laws; and

WHEREAS, President Roosevelt, Secretary Perkins and outstanding thinkers of our Nation, favor the principle of adequate unemployment insurance benefits and in the past year, public sentiment has advanced from an elementary understanding to a more advanced knowledge; and,

WHEREAS, All genuine-employable-unemployed workers, anxious and willing to work, are not in the class of the permanently, mentally or physically disabled and they and their children should not be placed on the basis of charity cases; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, 1. That a favorable themployment Insurance Bill be enacted in Ohio or the Harrison Bill be revised to such an extent that it will also take care of all genuine-employable-unemployed as well as all employable employed. Be it further resolved that the following essential principles be also embodied in any unemployment insurance till that Labor shall consider is worth supporting or go to the other of signing Initiative and Referendum Petitions for in Ohio.

- 2. To establish a system of unemployment insurance with liability and to create an Unemployment Insurance Commission and fund.
- 3. Ands That in order to quickly build up a fund, all workers shall pay not more than 1% of their wages. All employers shall pay not less than 3% of their payroll. That the State take immediate steps to procure funds diverted or berrowed from the Federal Government if necessary, to establish

an immediate source of benefits. That additional revenue be secured for this fund through the efforts of the Governor to secure additional taxation on incomes of \$5,000 per year and over and on gifts and inheritances.

- 4. Fund shall pay not less than \$10.00 per week and \$3 for each dependent.
- 5. Benefits shall be paid all employees, for duration of unemployment, who having complied with the ruling of an authorized Federal Labor Arbitration Board, such as the Labor Disputes Compromise Act, Resolution 44, approved June 20, and nevertheless are forced into a strike or lockout.
- 6. All Unemployment Insurance be issued by and under the control of the State.
- 7. That under this act, no Interstate, Federal, State, Municipal or Political subdivision employees shall be deprived of any benefits under existing laws that they do not wish to surrender.
- 8. That the third member of the Commission be elected by the people on an independent ballot for a six-year period.
- 9. That the practical features of the British pass book and stamp system be considered as a possible method of tax collecting both from the employer and the employee, in the case of the seasonal, part-time, casual workers, domestic servants, one or more employee, and as a practical method of collection in all other cases if possible, so that none coming under this act shall escape paying to the fund.

# THE CONSUMERS' LEAGUE OF OHIO DR. ROBERT H. BISHOP, JR.

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note, enclosing the letter price Mus. Palch. I was waiting to write to you until Marin Darrisonis Committee on the till had had its meeting. We met last Inday evening in Columbus, and agreed on a few changes. Mr. Harrison will send a notation on these charges to all the menches of the committee (and g course, to you) mikin a week or so.

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presented a resolution Embodying nine points which they wished included in the hel. This resolution was defeated by a rucher narrow neargine, and I am included to thick they may introduce another hee. Marine Harrison had a difficult time mich Mr. Lesco. It remaines to be seen whether they were bluffing to gain their point, or whether they will prove on hee I hope ur com have a meeting of get back. get back. linth best regards to you and Mrs. Jelns, I au Sincerely yours. Elijabeth 5. Magee

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Dear Mr.----

The Governor's Commission on Unemployment Insurance, appointed by Governor George White November 13, 1931, and ordered to report not later than January 1, 1933, will hold its first regional hearing, in Cleveland April 5th.

Because of the gravity of the present unemployment situation and of the religious and moral issues involved, we are taking the liberty of urging the clergy of the city to use this opportunity to direct the attention of their people to a more humane method of dealing with the ravages of unemployment than is charitable relief.

Daily facts are sadly demonstrating that the intangible values of self-respect, thrift, and independence go by the board under the present system of dealing with unemployment. And the Associated Charities tell us that, because of inadequate funds, the food given in reliefals about half of "the absolute minimum below which we cannot go without jeopardizing the health of our families." In simpler terms, this is a slow starvation for twenty thousand families in Cleveland.

This January a joint statement on unemployment was published by the Commission on the Church and Social Service of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, the Social Action Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, and the Social Justice Commission of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. This said in part: "Society's responsibility for the preservation of human values in industrial life makes the principle of social insurance, particularly INSURANCE AGAINST UNEMPLOYMENT and old age, an indispensable part of sound social policy and the most self-respecting form of relief. We protest against the misleading use of the word 'dole' to describe systems of unemployment insurance." Similar action was taken this winter by the Social Service Commission of the Ohio Council of Churches.

A bill for unemployment insurance was introduced in the Ohio Legislature a year ago. Another will undoubtedly be presented at the next regular session subsequent to the report of the Governor's Commission on Unemployment Insurance.

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WITH REFERENCE TO YOUR LETTER OF MARCH 16 TO ME PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE OPENING OF HEARINGS ON WAGNER LEWIS UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BILL HAS BEEN CHANGED TO 10 AM WEDNESDAY MARCH 21 BEFORE A WAYS AND MEANS SUBCOMMITTEE OF WHICH I AM CHAIRMAN STOP SINCE MARCH 21 IS THE OPENING DAY THE SCHEDULE IS PRETTY CROWDED BY OFFICIAL WITNESSES SUCH AS THE SECRETARY OF LABOR AND SENATOR WAGNER BUT IF YOU APPEAR AT 10 AM ON MARCH 22 OR MARCH 23 THE COMMITTEE WOULD DEEM IT A FAVOR TO HEAR YOUR TESTIMONY STOP HOWEVER IF DATES ARE NOT CONVENIENT FOR YOU THE SAME EITHER OF THESE AFTERWARD FOR THE NEXT TIME ON ANY DAY FIVE DAYS EXCEPTING SUNDAY WOULD BE CONVENIENT FOR THE COMMITTEE STOP ALL HEARINGS WILL BE HELD IN= THE CAUCUS ROOM OF THE NEW HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING IN WASHINGTON STOP I SHALL APPRECIATE YOUR ADVISING ME WHAT DATE YOU WILL BE PRESENT BY WIRING ME COLLECT=

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