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(From Minutes of Meeting of Administrative Committee of the United Jewish Appeal--Friday, December 13, 1946)

*Consideration was given to the matter of the appointment of a General Chairman. It was the sense of the Committee that the General Chairman should be vested with the fullest powers of function and responsible authority. To this end it was duly resolved that a General Chairman be designated to have responsible direction of all matters of policy connected with the campaign; to counsel and advise with the Chairmen and Executive Vice-Chairmen and to initiate and to do whatever may be desirable or necessary to effectuate plans, purposes and policies; to serve ex-officio as a member of the Administrative Committee and of all Sub-Committees.

"To the attainment of these objects, the Administrative Committee pledges the fullest support and cooperation of the staff of the United Jewish Appeal, of its officers and the members of the Administrative Committee."

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April 19, 1948

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Jewish Agency for Palestine
16 East 66th Street, New York

Dear Dr. Silver:

I had hoped to see you shortly after my return from Palestine but you were away to Cleveland for the weekend and I went to Chicago for the veterans' demonstration on Sunday. Incidentally, it was a very impressive demonstration, so impressive that I felt it worthwhile having to disappoint quite a few brides to get to Chicago. I told Harry Schapiro about it and he has no doubt relayed the information to you. The democratic bigshots were conspicuous by their absence. Senator Lucas sent a note without even including his good wishes. The mayor was absent. The governor, however, who is a republican, was present, as was a republican congressman. There were about 20,000 people in the march and possibly 100,000 lining the streets and attending the exercises. The people in Chicago thought this was a wonderful turnout.

As you know, the Jewish Agency has the problem of reorganizing the pattern of its activities in the light of the provisional government and the Jewish State which may follow, so that there will be no tax exemption problem here. U.P.A. is sending its financial comptroller, Mr. Green, to Palestine to clear these matters up with Mr. Kaplan. It is a troublesome problem, as you well know. I am asking Dr. Martin Rosenbluth, who has worked out a memo on the subject, to send you a copy, and I believe it will be helpful for the Jewish Agency here to give some thought to it. If they are going to have a meeting sometime tomorrow it might be worthwhile conveying to Mr. Green, before he leaves Wednesday morning for his own thinking on the subject. May I respectfully suggest that the difficulties about which Mr. Montor spoke to you should not be discussed at the Agency meeting at all. Things of this kind have a way of leaking out. Regardless of the difficulties we are having in Washington, the problems still remain in its general terms.

I hope to see you soon and convey to you some of my impressions of the Palestine meeting, although I am sure Emanuel must have told you a great deal about it already.

Cordially yours,

Dr. Israel Goldstein

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September 10, 1948

Rabbi Israel Goldstein
Chairman
United Palestine Appeal
51 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Rabbi Goldstein:

I resign as Executive Vice-Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal effective at the end of the year or as soon before that as you will find a successor.

I cannot, in honor and self-respect, remain associated with an organization whose financial power is to be exploited for the destruction of what I regard as the finest values that exist in Israel and the spirit which is responsible for its glorious achievements.

My resignation, long in contemplation, was made inevitable for me by the events at the recent meeting of the Actions Committee of the World Zionist Organization. The result of that meeting was the capture by the Zionist Organization of America of the facilities for financial aid to Israel at a moment when the leaders of Israel, to the exclusion of everything else, are engaged in a life and death struggle for survival. From my knowledge of and experience with the handful of leaders who control and dictate the present policies of the ZOA I have every reason to believe that these fiscal instruments will be used to strangle the most decent and progressive forces in the State of Israel and to frustrate the self-determination and the economic freedom of the people of that country.

As long as the Jewish community in Palestine had final control of the major portion of United Palestine Appeal funds the purposes of the present ZOA leaders could be frustrated in the largest degree and the opportunities for the misuse of funds kept to a minimum. Now that the ZOA, to all intents and purposes, is taking over absolute control not only of the funds raised by the Jews of the United States but by Jews everywhere in the world, the Jewish community in Palestine will, because of its preoccupation with the war effort, be unable, by itself, to resist the dominance which control of the vast funds gives to the present leadership of the ZOA.

It was my privilege to be associated with the United Jewish Appeal as Executive Vice-Chairman since 1939. During that period the Jewish communities of America and their leadership have demonstrated a generosity and responsibility which mark a glowing chapter in American Jewish history. In the last three years alone, some \$370,000,000 will have been raised by the United Jewish Appeal. In my association with this enterprise, I have seen one essential fact demonstrated: the funds were contributed by the cross-section of American Jewry, out of a common loyalty to Jewish need. The funds were not raised by the ZOA, nationally or locally, and were not given by Zionist partisans alone. All Jews, Zionists and non-Zionists, reform, conservative and orthodox, members of congregations and unaffiliated Jews, tried to play their part.

It is unfortunate that not all the Jews of Palestine are aware of this truth. By skillful propaganda and self-serving statements, the leaders of the Zionist Organization of America have tried to make it appear in Palestine that in fact they alone were responsible for the raising of hundreds of millions of dollars in the United States. This fictitious claim became the instrument by which the representatives of the ZOA captured control of the financial machinery of the World Zionist Organization. Out of a mistaken notion that the ZOA was the beneficent provider of the vast funds that are needed and will be needed for the immigration and colonization of great numbers of Jews in Israel, the representatives of other parties and from other countries yielded financial control.

The United Palestine Appeal as at present constituted is not representative of the forces that raise the funds for Palestine in the United States. The UPA is a fiction. It is the creature of the American offices of the Palestine Foundation Fund and the Jewish National Fund which in turn are controlled by the ZOA administration.

The representatives of the Zionist Organization of America asserted in Palestine in their bid for control that whether Israel received or did not receive money from the United States was solely dependent on the Zionist Organization of America. That threat had no validity in terms of the power of the ZOA in raising funds. It does have terrible validity in the fact, hardly grasped by the Jewish contributing public, that the Zionist Organization of America has absolute and undisputed control over every penny raised for Palestine through the United Jewish Appeal. This is due to the fact that the ZOA, through a few men in the Administration, controls a pyramided holding corporation.

Funds are raised by the United Jewish Appeal through the welfare funds of America. The money for Palestine is then transmitted to the United Palestine Appeal. In turn, the UPA turns these funds over, in equal amounts, to the Palestine Foundation Fund and Jewish National Fund offices in New York. By a series of amendments to the by-laws of these two corporations in recent years, the ZOA has arrogated to itself the majority control. The majority of the appointees of these two organizations are hand-picked by the Zionist

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Organization of America. To ensure even tighter control, there is a small joint committee of the two funds which determines all policies governing the UPA and the administration of funds that come to it.

It might be assumed that these two New York corporations would then automatically transmit all funds to their Jerusalem counterparts. Instead, there have been innumerable instances when frantic appeals from Palestine for needed funds would be questioned as though contributors in this country were giving money to New York corporations instead of to Palestine itself. This assumption by ZOA officers that it was only through their good graces, rather than through the deliberate intention of American Jewry, that money was transmitted to Palestine has frequently made the position of disbursing officials in Palestine both humiliating and terrifying.

I have long urged that the Jewish communities of America, the contributors and those people who were most active in fundraising be given a share in the actual administration of the UPA. Eliezer Kaplan, who was until recently Treasurer of the Jewish Agency, also consistently urged that view. Just as consistently the UPA became more and more an appendage of the ZOA and was divested of any autonomy. Any one who might be accused of having offended some political power in the ZOA or any one guilty of independence of judgment was challenged.

There are still many splendid personalities in the official family of the UPA. They have labored and given to the best of their ability. Their presence up to this time on the UPA letter-head does not indicate any relationship to the governing of the UPA. It is merely a reflection of the fact that ZOA leadership has not dared or has not yet found the time to complete their elimination. But now that financial and economic problems are supposed to be the major concern of the ZOA, one may assume that all independent voices will be promptly stilled, regardless of what they mean as individuals or as representatives of Jewish community life. This autocratic tendency is the very opposite of the trend towards democratization and the broadening of authority which has characterized American Jewish communal development in recent years.

During the past few years, it has been growing clearer to everyone related to fund-raising in America that serious reforms need to be introduced: in the direction of greater efficiency in fund-raising, and of closer relationship between the Jewish communities of America and the administration of the funds which they raise. The current leadership of the ZOA has obstructed every move to progress in these fields because they were much more concerned with personal political ramifications than the best interests of Palestine. They regarded the funds for Palestine as their private treasure chest rather than the reservoir of good will of all the Jews of America. At the recent meeting of the Zionist Actions Committee, the leaders of the ZOA, representing only one facet of American Jewish opinion but having control of the machinery of American Zionist life, fought every reform in the methods of fund-raising. They defeated every proposal to this end made by Eliezer Kaplan, your predecessor as Treasurer of the Jewish

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Agency and the one man who more than any other in Israel is familiar with the actual facts of American Jewish fund-raising processes.

Like Mr. Kaplan and many understanding leaders of the American Jewish community, I have for years advocated the creation of a single fund in the United States for Palestine. The present methods of duplication and competition involve unnecessary large expenditures, but, even more important, squander the unified force which could be applied to the raising of the largest possible amounts for Palestine through a single channel. The UPA has not even been able to consider this or any other basic problem of fund-raising, because it was not permitted to function independently. Men appointed to its Board soon found that their posts were essentially honorary.

The communities of America, from which our funds flow, have rebelled in increasing measure against the inability of the UPA to keep its public pledges as to its control over affiliated agencies in the fund-raising field. Instead of dealing with the problem as criticism coming from the well-meaning, hard-working American Jews who were responsible for the grind of raising the money, the situation was dismissed as though every reasonable observation was motivated by anti-Zionism. The community representatives, eager to do everything in their power for the cause of Palestine, found themselves helpless to deal with a situation which they knew was detrimental to Palestine's best interests.

As one who was in the key position to receive and deal with these complaints, I had no power to act upon them effectively even though I recognized that the accumulation of resentment and bitterness could only have the most unhappy effects on fund-raising for Palestine. I found myself seeming to condone not merely unsound but even unethical conduct.

The views of any single individual, no matter how well-founded on experience, need not be decisive. There may be honest differences of opinion on methods of fund-raising. But the views imposed by the ZOA are the product of political expediency and not practical experience. It is all of a piece with making the UPA another channel for exercising political control.

The dissatisfaction with UPA policies and practises which I have expressed consistently has evoked the violent resentment of the leaders I have been criticizing. In an effort to divert attention from the fundamental issues involved, they have thought to mask the problem through personal attacks on me of every description. I know that this will mount as a result of the step I am taking. My criticism has been expressed internally. I have hesitated to make my views public out of my anxiety to avoid hurt to fund-raising for Palestine. But the recent capture of by the ZOA of the machinery on which the lifeblood of a developing Palestine depends convinces me of the necessity of bringing the issues into the open, in view of the dangers that threaten Israel at the hands of a group which acquired financial control specifically because it aims at political and economic control in Israel.

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In all that I have said above I have not touched on the basic needs in Israel. It is because I do not think the UPA is any longer equipped to meet the challenge that exists that I have made these criticisms.

The growth of the State of Israel is vital for the survival of Jews and the Jewish people. Huge funds will be needed. The Jews of America should help to provide these funds. I am convinced, however, that the Jews of America do not wish their funds to be used as a lever with which to change or dominate the social structure of Palestine. They do not wish their funds controlled by the ZOA for its political ends.

In their sincere desire to provide the maximum support for Israel and for the fulfillment of the opportunities it presents for the rehabilitation of persecuted and homeless Jews, the Jewish communities of the United States want the totality of their funds to flow freely to their destination, and want a direct relationship with the use of these funds. They do not want their funds diverted or tampered with enroute.

The American Jewish community is mature enough to be given a voice in the selection of its leaders and in the development of its financial programs.

It is imperative, in the interests of Israel, that every encouragement be given to the Jews of the United States to contribute in fullest measure for the immigration and colonization program that must now be speeded. An organization must be established that will be responsive to the will of American Jewry. It should be an instrumentality governed by those who create the resources; it should provide a unified channel for aid to Israel; the community in Israel should share in the determination of the most effective use of the funds; it should, above all, invoke the leadership of those who give service. Through such an organization, Israel and the beneficiaries of the funds can be protected from political intrigue and partisan ambition.

I want to be fully free to say these things. That is why I have resigned.

Sincerely yours,

s/
Henry Montor

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PAUL, WEISS, WHARTON & GARRISON
1614 EYE STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

September 13, 1948

Hon. Henry Morgenthau, Jr.
165 West 46th Street
New York, N.Y.

Re: United Jewish Appeal

Dear Mr. Morgenthau:

As you know, we have discussed with you on several occasions problems arising out of the fact that some funds originating in the United Jewish Appeal are transferred directly or indirectly to certain organizations which do not appear to meet the statutory requirements for tax exempt organizations. This problem has also been discussed with representatives of some of the constituent agencies of the United Jewish Appeal and with some of the representatives of the organizations involved at a conference held in New York upon July 29, 1948. At this conference it was agreed that the several organizations which raised problems would submit information to us and then hold a meeting with us on August 11, 1948, in Washington.

We did receive some material on the American Zionist Emergency Council. No other information was given us. We held the day of August 11 free in order that the interested organizations should have the fullest opportunity to present their viewpoints. No one came. On August 13, 1948, we wrote Mr. Weisman who was to be responsible for the presentation of information on the Council and again pointed out to him the importance of a prompt disposition of the question. On August 18, 1948, Mr. Weisman wrote to us that the question would have to await the return of Dr. Silver from Israel on September 10, 1948. ~~Mr. Weisman wrote to us that the question would have to await the return of Dr. Silver.~~ We were reluctant to have the determination of such an important matter delayed so long but there seemed no possibility of an earlier meeting since Mr. Weisman seemed to feel that he had insufficient authority to deal with the matter. On August 26, 1948, we wrote Mr. Weisman that a meeting should be arranged as soon as possible after Dr.

Silver's return on September 10, 1948. We believe Dr. Silver returned to the United States prior to September 10 but we have heard nothing from Mr. Weisman or from Dr. Silver.

You have quite properly become concerned with the delay in the matter and have asked us to express our view at this time concerning the tax effect of the distribution of funds originating with the United Jewish Appeal to the American Zionist Emergency Council and other Zionist organizations which engage in propaganda and otherwise attempt to influence legislation. The information supplied to us by the American Zionist Emergency Council has not counteracted the impression held by us that the Council would be regarded by the Bureau of Internal Revenue as an organization a substantial portion of whose activities consists of carrying on propaganda and otherwise attempting to influence legislation. We are informed that certain other Zionist organizations which receive considerably smaller donations from the United Jewish Appeal are also engaged in similar activities. While we emphasize the American Zionist Emergency Council because of the very substantial sums allotted to it by beneficiary agencies of the United Jewish Appeal, our observations are equally applicable to the other organizations.

It is our opinion that the use by these organizations (directly or indirectly) of funds originating with the United Jewish Appeal jeopardizes both the United Jewish Appeal's status as a tax exempt organization and the deductibility of gifts to it. If it ever were called to the attention of the Bureau that certain of the beneficiaries of the United Jewish Appeal were engaging in the prohibited political activities we have not the slightest question that the United Jewish Appeal's exemption would be revoked. ^{1/} We could not be certain that the revocation would not be retroactive. If any substantial amounts of United Jewish Appeal funds, no matter how indirectly, are employed in carrying on political activities, the United Jewish Appeal is no longer a corporation organized and operated solely for charitable purposes as required by sections 23 (c) and 101 (6) of the Internal Revenue Code as those sections have been interpreted by the courts. Where the non-charitable purpose is subservient to and merely

^{1/} The fact that one or more of these organizations has in the past been ruled to be tax exempt would not prevent the revocation of the United Jewish Appeal's exemption. The experience of the Jewish Agency is clear evidence that an outstanding ruling is no guaranty of indefinite tax exemption.

ancillary to the charitable purpose it will not destroy the tax exempt status. But where the non-charitable activity is more than an auxiliary necessity in carrying out the dominant charitable purpose (and this is particularly true when the non-charitable activity is not engaged in during a temporary emergency where no alternative is present) any substantial activity ~~in~~ will defeat the exemption. Here we believe the political activity to be substantial and it is not being engaged in as an emergency matter. If the activity is necessary it can be supported by funds other than from the United Jewish Appeal.

The importance of refraining from political activities is made very clear by the Bureau letter of September 2, 1948. This letter emphasizes that the ruling therein is conditioned in part upon the absence of such activities by the Jewish Agency from August 1, 1948. Since it appears certain to us that the officials of the Bureau, if apprised of the facts, would conclude that the American Zionist Emergency Council and probably certain other Zionist organizations are engaging in carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation within the meaning of sections 23 (c) and 101 (6) of the Internal Revenue Code, it is of the greatest importance from the viewpoint of the United Jewish Appeal and of its contributors that no further funds raised by the United Jewish Appeal be employed in supporting the American Zionist Emergency Council or other organizations engaged in similar activities.

We trust that this letter answers your question. If we can be of further assistance to you, do not hesitate to call upon us.

Sincerely,

s/
Randolph Paul

HENRY MORGENTHAU, JR.

165 W. 46th St., New York 19, N.Y.

September 16, 1948

My dear Dr. Goldstein:

I am addressing this letter to you in your triple capacity as (1) National Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, (2) National Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal and (3) Treasurer of the Jewish Agency.

I am enclosing herewith, for your information and guidance, a photostat copy of a letter from Mr. Randolph Paul, dated September 13, 1948.

May I please bring to your particular attention the second paragraph on page 3, which I quote herewith:

"The importance of refraining from political activities is made very clear by the Bureau letter of September 2, 1948, dealing with the tax status of the Jewish Agency for Palestine. This letter emphasizes that the ruling therein is conditioned in part upon the absence of such activities by the Jewish Agency from August 1, 1948. Since it appears certain to us that the officials of the Bureau, if apprised of the facts, would conclude that the American Zionist Emergency Council and probably certain other Zionist organizations are engaging in carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation within the meaning of sections 23 (c) and 101 (6) of the Internal Revenue Code, it is of the greatest importance from the viewpoint of the United Jewish Appeal and of its contributors that no further funds raised by the United Jewish Appeal be employed in supporting the American Zionist Emergency Council or other organizations engaged in similar activities."

I would be pleased to discuss this matter with you on your return.

Sincerely yours,

s/
Henry Morgenthau, Jr.

Dr. Israel Goldstein
270 West 89th St.
New York 24, N.Y.

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SEPTEMBER 21, 1948

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GOLDSTEIN



SEPTEMBER 23, 1948

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KAPLAN
MEMISRAEL
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DESTRUCTIVE CONSEQUENCES PLEASE CABLE ME YOUR ACTION REGARDS

GOLDSTEIN

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September 22, 1948

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am enclosing a copy of Morgenthau's letter. It raises a serious problem which I trust will be satisfactorily solved.

This morning at a meeting of the National Chairmen of the United Jewish Appeal, plus the Executive Vice-Chairmen and Leavitt and Beck, Morgenthau, to my surprise, reported about the matter of the Jewish Agency tax exemption, revocation and reinstatement. He asked me whether we are conducting the work of the Agency in such a way as to abide by the requirements. I stated that we are making every effort to implement the resolution on the separation of functions between the government and the Agency.

Mr. Edwin Rosenberg asked about expenditures for political purposes. I stated that all of the expenses in connection with the UN, the Ministry of Israel here, the Consulate, etc. are being paid by the government. I know that he had in mind the question of the Emergency Council, but I omitted any reference to it in my own remarks.

My new responsibilities as Treasurer of the Jewish Agency are piling up so rapidly that they completely crowd out everything else. I feel, therefore, that I must resign from the chairmanship of the United Palestine Appeal, immediately, instead of waiting a while longer, and I am so doing, unless there are important reasons why I should not do so.

May I urge that at the earliest possible time I be given an opportunity of meeting with you, Dr. Neumann and the other members of the Jewish Agency, here, so as to acquaint them with some of the problems relating to the Treasury.

Cordially yours,

Israel Goldstein
Dr. Israel Goldstein
National Chairman

P.S. Anent the Montor resignation, I have the impression that

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

September 22, 1948

he is planning to agitate for a separate fund to rival the United Palestine Appeal and to be independently administered, and he apparently expects that a number of community funds will join his plan on the slogan that the contributors of the funds must have a say with reference to their expenditure.

Leavitt of the JDC apparently knows of Montor's intended resignation although I doubt if he knows of Montor's plans. He seems to be seriously concerned and thinks that it will have a serious depressing effect upon the goal and the prospect of the 1949 UJA.



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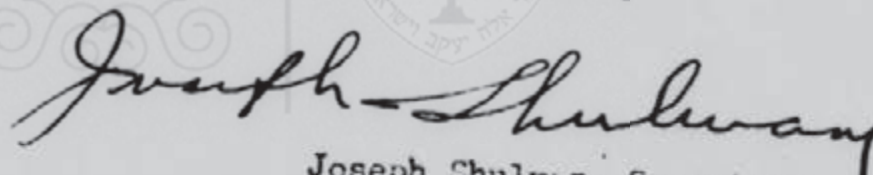
September 27, 1948

Executive
JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE
16 East 66th Street
New York City

Gentlemen:

I beg to transmit to you a letter which my
associates and I have addressed to the Jewish Agency.

Sincerely yours,


Joseph Shulman, Secretary

Enclosures

C O P Y

Dr. Silver

September 27, 1948

Mr. Henry Montor
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd Street
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Montor:

This is to acknowledge yours of the 10th.

With reference to the main points in your letter, may I say the following:

1. You refer to the recent sessions of the World Zionist Actions Committee where you say certain things happened which you oppose. You complain that suggested changes in fund-raising made at the Actions Committee were defeated by the Z.O.A. You should know that whatever decisions were reached they were the common decisions of the Zionist movement as a whole in which all of the Zionist parties shared. The Labor Zionists, Hadassah and Mizrachi had just as much a part in the decisions as the Z.O.A. The same is true with regard to the election of the new Executive and the assignment of the various portfolios.

It takes more than an ordinate amount of self-confidence to set oneself up as better qualified than the entire Zionist movement to judge what is in the best interests of Israel and of the Jews who need Israel.

2. You state that the Z.O.A. tried to make it appear in Israel that they alone were responsible for the raising of the funds in the U.S.A., and that, therefore, the representatives of other parties and from other countries yielded financial control. Nothing could be further from the truth. The people in Israel and elsewhere are thoroughly aware of how funds are raised here. As for financial control, it is, as heretofore, in the hands of the Jewish Agency as a whole. You know as well as I the procedure which has been followed by the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth here, namely that of remitting their funds to the accounts of their head offices in Jerusalem and submitting requests for special allocations, to the approval of Mr. Eliezer Kaplan for the Agency and Dr. Granovsky for the Jewish National Fund. You know as well as I that the large sums which have been raised in the U.S.A. for Palestine have done the job for which they were intended, witness Eliezer Kaplan, Golda Myerson and all who were and are responsible for the administration of the Jewish Agency program. It is strange indeed that no complaints have been heard from these responsible quarters.

3. You express alarm that the funds raised in the United Jewish Appeal are controlled by the Z.O.A. and will be used to the detriment of Israel. This is a shocking distortion. The funds from this point on will be used as heretofore for the purposes of the Jewish Agency program and of the Jewish National Fund land acquisition program. The Actions Committee has assigned to the Agency the functions of absorption of immigration, colonization, development of Jerusalem, public relations; organizations, economic work, etc. These departments operate according to budgets fixed by a finance and budget committee in Israel representative of all the parties.

The budgets are supported by the income from the United Palestine Appeal. These departments and activities are directed by more than twenty members of the Executive in Jerusalem and in New York, of whom three are members of the Z.O.A. This pattern of operation has gone on for many years long before the present Z.O.A. administration came to power. To assert that such an operation spells Z.O.A. control, affects the social-economic pattern of Israel, and is to Israel's detriment, is a misrepresentation of the facts.

4. You speak of the relationship of the communities who raise the funds, to the responsibility of expending the funds. The present pattern which has been maintained for many years, permits both the J.D.C. and the U.P.A. to carry the responsibility for the expenditure of the funds. In the case of the J.D.C., the expenditure abroad is under their direct auspices. In the case of the U.P.A., the funds are remitted to the Keren Hayesod and the Jewish National Fund in Jerusalem, by their offices here, and they are expended in Israel in the manner indicated above. As long as the leadership of the J.D.C. and the U.P.A. have the confidence of the contributing public, there seems to be good reason for this pattern to continue. In any event, this is a subject which to my knowledge you have not brought up during the 19 months that I have been Chairman of the U.P.A. What you are now proposing is virtually that the communities enter the field of budgeting the expenditures of the U.J.A. It is strange indeed that such a proposal should come now from you who fought so vigorously and successfully against a similar proposal a few years ago.

What is most incomprehensible to me is the premise of your letter, namely, that a fundamentally untoward change has taken place at the recent meeting of the Actions Committee. Do you refer to the fact of the separation of the functions of the Jewish Agency from those of the Government of Israel, and that out of eight members of the government who were in the Executive of the Jewish Agency, only one has remained, namely the former Treasurer of the Jewish Agency? This was the one fundamental change in pattern and structure which has taken place, and I am sure that the Z.O.A. which strongly urged it, has the unstinted support of the Jewish community in America, in its insistence upon the distinction of functions and of personnel as between the Government of Israel and the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

I am forced to the conclusion by the speciousness of your arguments that what is driving you is not a concern for the best interests of the cause but a bitterness against the present Z.O.A. administration.

May I say in closing that your letter as much as serves notice that you intend to raise a public controversy over these issues at this time. I caution you against such a course. It would be a reckless, irresponsible act on your part because of your contentions would only serve as a pretext for those who for reasons of their own have been withholding and will continue to withhold support from the U.J.A. I cannot believe that a man who has held a responsible position in Jewish fund-raising would after mature deliberation want to inflict a hurt which would inevitably come to Jews whose salvation depends upon the success of the U.J.A. This kind of irresponsible action, if you go forward with it, will, I believe be properly evaluated by the American Jewish community.

As far as your resignation is concerned, it will be referred to the next meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Palestine Appeal.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Israel Goldstein
National Chairman

IG:zh

September 27, 1948

Executive
JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE
16 East 66th Street
New York City

Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned, contributors to and workers for the United Jewish Appeal, believe reorganization in the fund-raising for Palestine in the United States is indispensable.

We are mindful of the fact that the Extended Jewish Agency and its fiscal instrument, the Palestine Foundation Fund, were designed to give representation to the total Jewish community in their administration. Today, the Zionist Organization of America alone exercises complete control, in effect, of the basic institutions for Palestine fund-raising in this country. We do not believe that this is in accord with the fundamental charters or calculated to evoke the most generous response from the American Jewish community.

We recognize that the need for funds to speed immigration and settlement in Israel is urgent. We believe also that every step must be taken to reassure the Jewish community in the United States that the soundest procedures in fund-raising are being followed; and that the wisest precautions have been taken to see to it that all funds intended for Palestine are so disposed.

In recent years, the United Jewish Appeal has been the channel through which funds for Palestine have been raised. Not any one segment of the community, but the total community has responded. If the funds for Palestine are to be raised on an adequate level, then the total community must have a significant part in responsibility for the administration of these funds. This is the essence of the democratic Jewish spirit. It is best calculated to advance the interests of fund-raising for Israel.

Therefore, we urgently ask the officers of the Jewish Agency to take steps at once to reorganize the United Palestine Appeal so that it may be fully representative of American Jewry's deep interest in Israel; and that it may provide fullest guarantees that the large sums that will be needed for Israel are being most wisely administered.

A subcommittee of the undersigned has been formed to confer with you promptly so that action may be taken in time to safeguard a successful United Jewish Appeal campaign in 1949.

Our interest in Israel cannot be shaken. But we must emphasize that the channels we shall use for the manifestation of that interest will be determined by the understanding of our position that you will show.

We would respectfully ask that you arrange a date for a meeting within a week.

cc to all members
cc Jewish Agency, Tel Aviv

Sincerely yours,

Joseph Shulman
Joseph Shulman, Secretary
6 East 34th Street
New York City

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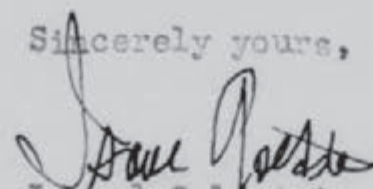
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Silver:

When I spoke with Mr. Morgenthau a few days ago, he indicated to me his own belief based on Mr. Randolph Paul's opinion that the appropriation to the American Zionist Emergency Council out of the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth would endanger the tax exemption of these funds and of the United Jewish Appeal as a whole. But, he stated at the same time, that he does not propose to interfere in this matter, and that the Zionists, if they wish, can ask the opinion of any expert they like, and will bear their own responsibility for whatever may happen.

I believe the matter is sufficiently serious to justify a careful examination of this question and consultation with the best possible expert advice.

Sincerely yours,


Israel Goldstein
National Chairman

IG:GB

cc: Dr. Emanuel Neumann
Mrs. Rose Halprin
Rabbi Leon Gellman
Mr. Baruch Zuckerman



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September 30, 1948

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Silver:

As you know, the United Palestine Appeal publishes a Year Book in connection with the annual "Night of Stars" at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

We would appreciate very much receiving an article by you, of about 2,000 words, which we would like to feature in the book.

Because of printer's deadlines, may we request that the article be sent to us within the next two weeks.

Sincerely yours,

Harold E. Steinberg
Harold E. Steinberg
Publicity Director

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Provisional Government of Israel
16 E. 66th Street
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OCTOBER 1, 1948

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YOUR CABLE NOT HELPFUL BECAUSE FAILING REPUDIATE MONTOR ENCOURAGES
HIM AND HIS GROUP THEREBY STALLING CONVERSATIONS WITH JDC REGARDING
1949 AND PARALYZING EFFORTS AGENCY LOAN WHICH DEPENDS ON UPA
PROSPECTS ESSENTIAL YOU AND OTHERS CLEARLY INDICATE CONFIDENCE ~~WILL BE~~
PRESENT UPA ADMINISTRATION AND STERNLY CAUTION MONTOR L'SHONATOVAN

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=AT REQUEST SEVERAL OUT OF TOWN MEMBERS WE ARE CHANGING
SPECIAL UPA EXECUTIVE MEETING FROM TUESDAY TO THURSDAY
EVENING OCTOBER 7TH WE LOOK FORWARD YOUR ATTENDANCE. L'SHANAH
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: A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE WILL TAKE PLACE TUESDAY, OCTOBER FIFTH AT 8:30
PM AT THE OFFICE OF THE UPA 41 EAST 42 STREET ROOM 310.
MAY I URGE THAT YOU MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND THIS
IMPORTANT MEETING=

: ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

N=8:30 PM UPA 41 42 310=

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October 8, 1948

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. Sobeloff has asked me to return
the enclosed material to you.

Sincerely yours,



Florence Sirkin
Florence Sirkin
Secy. to Isidore Sobeloff

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Memorandum

To: Dr. Israel Goldstein
From: Dr. Emanuel Neumann

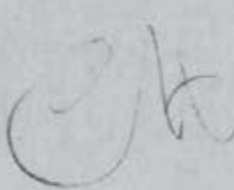
Re: Conference of Council of
Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds

I understand that in addition to yourself, Montor is scheduled to attend the conference in behalf of the UPA. If his resignation is accepted prior to that day, he will of course not be able to represent the UPA there.

I understand that last year there were three members on the panel on behalf of Palestine, including Robert Nathan and Oscar Gass.

In today's JTA, I notice that they intend to discuss not only the Gift Funds but also the question of loans, private business investment, etc.. In the light of these circumstances, may it not be advisable to have additional person or persons attend the meeting on behalf of the UPA and Jewish Agency, especially since our program for encouraging investments in Palestine is apparently also going to come up for discussion. I understand that Mr. Hollander may be invited and I wonder whether that is so and whether you consider that as covering this field adequately?

EN:BW



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October 14, 1948

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

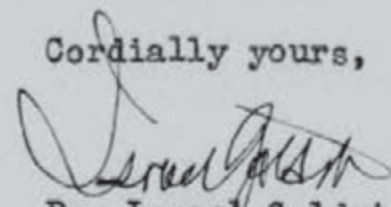
Dear Dr. Silver:

As you probably know, the Council of Jewish Federation and Welfare Funds is having a meeting in Pittsburgh next Sunday. They have invited me both as Treasurer of the Jewish Agency and Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal to be on hand in order to answer questions relating to the Jewish Agency, with special reference to financial matters. I believe they will invite Dr. Neumann to be on hand in connection with economic investments. Mr. Herman Hollander has been invited to answer questions with reference to financial and economic matters in Israel.

Because of discussions going on now between the UPA and the Shulman group of Welfare Fund leaders and contributors, these matters will probably also come up. I know that the Shulman group is planning to use that meeting as the springboard for their opening guns and are calling a meeting there on Friday. A number of their group will undoubtedly be present Sunday.

It is clear that we must have our top leadership there. Your presence will be extremely important. I understand you are a member of the CJFWF Board. Please do your utmost to attend and let me know whether you can be there.

Cordially yours,


Dr. Israel Goldstein
National Chairman

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They Must Never Be Homeless Again

October 19, 1948

Dr. Israel Goldstein
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Goldstein:

In reply to your letter of October 14th, I doubt very much whether it will be possible for me to attend the meeting of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds in Pittsburgh next Sunday. I shall make an effort to do so. It is clear to me that the question of community representation on the U.P.A. is none of the business of the Council, and should not be discussed at any of its meetings. This is exclusively a matter for the U.P.A., and as I understand it, the U.P.A. is now actively concerning itself with this problem.

The so-called Shulman group has made official representation to the U.P.A., and the U.P.A. has given it a hearing. It is considering its proposals. The group should be informed that it cannot blackmail the U.P.A. into action by forcing some kind of decision at the meeting of the Council which the Council anyhow is unauthorized to make. You yourself ought to bear in mind that the Shulman group does not represent the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. It is a group of the so-called Progressive Zionists which has drawn to itself a few community leaders to speak in the name of the Council. The Council has made no request of the U.P.A.

Prior to your going to Pittsburgh, you, as Chairman of the U.P.A., should see to it by contacting the heads of the Council as well as the Shulman group, that this matter is not brought up in Pittsburgh.

With best wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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OCTOBER 15, 1948

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JEWISH AGENCY
TELAVIV

YESTERDAY MEETING RECEIVED KH KKL REPORT APPROVING PRINCIPLE BROADENING UPA
REPRESENTATION STOP COMMITTEE WILL MEET ^{WELFARE FUND} GROUP ~~WELFARE FUND~~ IN ENDEAVOR
WORK OUT DETAILS BUT ANTICIPATE DIFFICULTIES BECAUSE GROUP ASKS FIFTY PERCENT
COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION NOT ONLY ON UPA BUT ALSO KH KKL BODIES STOP ZIONISTS
ALL PARTIES AGREE ESSENTIAL SAFEGUARD ZIONIST CONTROL FUNDS STOP GROUP STATES
THAT IF UNSATISFIED WILL APPROACH JDC TO FORM PARTNERSHIP WITH THEM STOP
COUNCIL WELFARE FUNDS MEETING PITTSBURGH NEXT SUNDAY WILL BE USED BY GROUP
AS SPRINGBOARD STOP HIGH TIME AGENCY EXECUTIVE ~~THINKED~~ US FOR PUBLIC DISSEMINATION
WHERE IT STANDS ON THIS FUNDAMENTAL QUESTION STOP NO MEMBER EXECUTIVE HERE ABLE
GO ISRAEL NOW STOP IF MEMBER JERUSALEM EXECUTIVE COMES HERE IT MUST BE KAPLAN
BECAUSE WELFARE FUNDS PEOPLE KNOW HIM AND BECAUSE HE REPRESENTS ISRAEL AS WELL AS
AGENCY BUT HE MUST COME IMMEDIATELY AS INDECISIVE WAITING MORE HURTFUL THAN GIVING
FOR STRUGGLE AND CONSEQUENT CLARIFICATION PUBLIC OPINION WHICH IS CONFUSED BECAUSE WE
HAVE NOT SPOKEN OUT STOP RE MONTOR'S RESIGNATION ALL ZIONIST PARTIES CONDEMNED HIS
LETTER AS BASELESS SLUR ZIONIST MOVEMENT RESOLUTION ADOPTED EXPRESSING CONDEMNATION
AND CALLING ON MONTOR RETRACT AND APOLOGIZE ^{STOP} HE WAS GIVEN MANY OPPORTUNITIES DURING
DISCUSSION TO RETRACT SLURS BUT NO RESPONSE STOP PROBABLY FINAL ACTION NEXT WEDNESDAY
NIGHT WHEN ACCEPTANCE RESIGNATION INEVITABLE IF MONTOR FAILS RETRACT APOLOGIZE STOP

GOLDSTEIN

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THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NEXT WEDNESDAY EVENING OCTOBER
TWENTIETH AT 8:30 PM. UPA OFFICE ROOM 310. YOU ARE
AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MATTERS BEING DEALT
WITH BY THE EXECUTIVE AT THESE MEETINGS. WE LOOK FOR
YOUR ATTENDANCE=

ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN NATIONAL CHAIRMAN=

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A. N. WILLIAMS
PRESIDENT

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To DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN
OCTOBER 15 1948

Care of or Apt. No. 270 WEST 89 STREET

Street and No. NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Place

RE MEETING WHICH YOU CALLED FOR UPA ON WEDNESDAY WISH TO ADVISE YOU THAT A MEETING OF THE ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL WAS CALLED FOR THAT EVENING SOME TIME AGO. COUNCIL HAS NOT HAD A MEETING FOR A LONG TIME NOW AND THIS IS THE ONLY EVENING THAT I COULD SET ASIDE FOR IT. WOULD THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT YOU SET ANOTHER DATE FOR THE UPA MEETING. KINDEST REGARDS.

SILVER

Sender's name and address
(For reference only)

Sender's telephone
number

RESOLUTION WIDENING THE BASIS OF REPRESENTATION ON THE GOVERNING
BODIES OF THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE OF THE UPA AT ITS MEETING HELD THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1948

The Executive Committee, having heard the progress report rendered by the representatives of the Keren Hayesod and the JNF on the subject of widening the basis of representation on the governing bodies of the UPA.

RESOLVES that the Executive Committee views with favor the inclusion on the governing bodies of the UPA of Representatives of Jewish communities, welfare funds and federations up to one-third of the membership of such governing bodies by a procedure to be determined in consultation with recognized leaders of communities and welfare funds organizations. The Executive Committee recommends this plan to the Keren Hayesod and Jewish National Fund for approval and early action by their governing bodies.

OCTOBER 27, 1948

DR. EMANUEL NEUMANN
300 CENTRAL PARK WEST
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

I QUESTION WISDOM OF PRESS CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS MONTOR. THIS
WILL WHIP UP ISSUE IN PUBLIC PRESS MAKING NATIONAL ISSUE OF IT
AND WILL PLAY RIGHT INTO THE HANDS OF THE GENTLEMAN AND HIS
ASSOCIATES. SO FAR MONTOR'S RESIGNATION HAS EXCITED NO ONE. IF
PRESS CONFERENCE CANNOT BE CALLED OFF SUGGEST YOU REQUEST THOSE
WHO ATTEND NOT TO WRITE ABOUT IT. REGARDS.



SILVER

OCTOBER 27, 1948

DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN
270 WEST 89 STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK



AM UNABLE TO COME TO NEW YORK THIS WEEK. EXECUTIVE MEETING
SCHEDULED FOR NEXT MONDAY. SUGGEST YOU CALL ME AND TELL ME
WHAT THE URGENT PROBLEMS ARE. KINDEST REGARDS.

SILVER

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DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER, THE TEMPLE=

ANSEL RD AT 105 ST=

I SUGGEST CALLING MEETING AT EXECUTIVE NEXT DAY OR TWO
TO DISCUSS UPA SITUATION WHICH PRESENTS SEVERAL
URGENT AND IMPORTANT PROBELMS WITH FAR REACHING
POSSIBILITIES MY CALENDAR WOULD PERMIT ATTENDANCE
TWO HOURS BEGINNING FRIDAY 9:00 AM OR 1:30 PM I TRUST
IT WOULD MEET YOUR CONVENIENCE AND THAT OF OTHERS=
TOLDSTEIN=

CABLE FROM TEL AVIV

OCTOBER 28, 1948

JEVAGENCY
NEW YORK

EXECUTIVE EXTREMELY WORRIED LATEST UPA DEVELOPMENT STOP CANNOT ACCEPT VIEW THAT AMERICAN SECTION ALONE ENTITLED DEAL WITH THE SITUATION AS OUR WHOLE WORK IN ISRAEL VITALLY DEPENDS ON SUCCESSFUL UPA AMERICA STOP DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY MY TELEPHONIC REQUEST TO GOLDSTEIN SHOULD HAVE CREATED ANY MISUNDERSTANDING AS I ONLY CONVEYED EXECUTIVE'S UNANIMOUS VIEW THAT ANY DISUNITY THIS JUNCTURE FATAL AND UNANIMOUS REQUEST TO ACT IN CONCILIATORY MANNER AND MAKE EXTREME EFFORT TO HEAL BREACH STOP THIS STILL EXECUTIVE'S UNANIMOUS VIEW STOP IN MEETING WITH MORGENTHAU WE DID OUR BEST TO CONTRADICT RUMORS SPREAD USA THAT AMERICAN SECTION OR ZOA MAY DICTATE EXECUTIVE OR ISRAEL QUOTED TO HIM LAST CONGRESS DECISION THAT ENTIRE PROCEEDS EVERY CAMPAIGN OF KKKH SHALL BE PLACED DISPOSAL HEAD OFFICES THOSE FUNDS IN JERUSALEM AFTER DEDUCTING CAMPAIGN EXPENSES AND ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS AND THAT NO OTHER ALLOCATION ALLOWED WITHOUT PREVIOUS APPROVAL BY HEAD OFFICES FUNDS CONCERNED AND EXECUTIVE STOP VIEW LATEST ~~EXXEWKXVE~~ DEVELOPMENTS EXECUTIVE EFFORTS MEETING UNANIMOUSLY DECIED DISPATCH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE DELEGATION TO USA TO CONSIDER SITUATION WITH MEMBERS AMERICAN SECTION AND MAKE EXTREME EFFORT NORMALIZE SITUATION STOP WILL INFORM YOU SOONEST COMPOSITION AND TIME ARRIVAL REGARDS

BERL LOCKER

CABLE

OCTOBER 28, 1948

not sent

BERLE LOCKER
JEVAGENCY
TEL AVIV, PALESTINE

RECEIVED YOURS OCTOBER TWENTY EIGHTH SUGGEST YOU REREAD MY CABLE OCTOBER
important parts of which you could ignore.
FIFTEENTH CAREFULLY STOP WHAT IS INVOLVED IS NOT A MATTER OF JURISDICTION
of which you are aware
AS BETWEEN YOU AND AMERICAN SECTION BUT THE ATTEMPT TO PLAY OFF ONE AGAINST
THE OTHER AND TO CONFRONT RESPONSIBLE ZIONIST LEADERSHIP IN THE UNITED
STATES WITH A COUNTERVAILING AUTHORITY IN ISRAEL STOP UPA HAS ENTIRE SUBJECT
UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION STOP JEWISH NATIONAL FUND AND KEREN HAYESOD HAVE
ONLY TODAY REQUESTED ME TO CONVENE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN SECTION
OF JEWISH AGENCY TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH THEM STOP THIS WILL BE DONE IN THE
NEXT FEW DAYS STOP AT LAST MEETING OF AMERICAN SECTION SUBJECT OF BROADENING
BASE OF UPA WAS FULLY CONSIDERED AND IT WAS UNANIMOUS JUDGMENT TO RECOMMEND
TO THE UPA ADDING ONE THIRD OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION TO UPA GOVERNING
unanimously
BODIES STOP THIS WAS ADOPTED BY UPA AT ITS MEETING LAST THURSDAY STOP WE
ARE NOW PROCEEDING TO MAKE NECESSARY CONTACTS WITH COMMUNITIES AND COMMUNITY
ORGANIZATIONS STOP YOUR INTERVENTION AT THIS TIME THROUGH THE SENDING OF A
SPECIAL DELEGATION WILL NOT CONTRIBUTE TO NORMALIZING OF SITUATION STOP I
SHALL MYSELF BE COMPELLED TO TENDER MY RESIGNATION FROM MY EXECUTIVE POSTS
KINDEST REGARDS

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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To Telephone a Message or
Call a Messenger
Telephone the Main Office
Whitehall 4-6780
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Send the following message subject to the
services rules and regulations of Mackay
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forth in its tariff book and on file with
the Federal Communications Commission.

To obtain our fast and accurate service
SENDER MUST MARK this message —
"VIA MACKAY RADIO" in this space . . .

“*Via* Mackay Radio”

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JEVAGENCY
TELAVIV

October 28, 1948

YOUR CABLE RAISES VERY SERIOUS ISSUES WILL BE CONSIDERED AT
MEETING AMERICAN SECTION MONDAY URGE AWAIT FURTHER ADVICES
BEFORE PROPOSED DELEGATION LEAVES

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Sender's Name and Address

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JEVAGENCY
TELAVIV

October 29, 1948

YOUR PROPOSED ACTION HAS GRAVE IMPLICATIONS STOP SILVER CABLING
TO AY OR TOMORROW STOP AMERICAN SECTION MEETING MONDAY HARTMAN
FLYING TELAVIV TODAY STOP EARNESTLY URGE AWAIT HIS ARRIVAL FURTHER
INFORMATION AND CABLES

Neumann
Compalsurv NewYork

Sender's Name and Address

Zionist Org of America Y E C

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=DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER, THE TEMPLE=
ANSEL ROAD AT 105 ST=

CONFIRMING TELEPHONE CONVERSATION FOLLOWING CABLE
RECEIVED TODAY FROM LOCKER QUOTE HAVE CABLED TODAY
FEINBERG SHULMAN QUOTE YOURS 31 OCTOBER GREATLY
APPRECIATED WHOLEHEARTEDLY ACCEPTING YOUR ASSURANCE
DEVOTION TO ISRAEL STOP VIEW WITH GRAVEST APPREHENSION
ANY ACTION WIDENING BREACH THIS FATEFUL JUNCTURE EVERYBODY
CONCERNED MUST MAKE EXTREME EFFORT RESTORE UNITY AND

Remember Family
and Friends with
**THANKSGIVING
TELEGRAMS**

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DR ABBA HILLEL, SILVER THE TEMPLE=
EAST 105TH ST AND ANSEL RD=

AN IMPORTANT MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL BE
HELD TUESDAY NOVEMBER NINTH AT 4 PM UPA OFFICE 41 EAST 42
STREET ROOM 310. LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR ATTENDANCE. PLEASE
ADVISE=

ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN NATIONAL CHAIRMAN=

:4 PM 41 42 310=

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MAINTAIN HARMONIOUS COOPERATION STOP THIS CERTAINLY
POSSIBLE BASIS CONGRESS DECISIONS STOP CONSIDER ATTEMPT
INDEPENDENT CAMPAIGN FRAUGHT GRAVEST DANGERS OUR COMMON
CAUSE AND URGE YOU ABSTAIN ANY PREPARATIONS THIS DIRECTION
STOP LEAVING FOR USA NEXT WEEK UNQUOTE=

HAMMER=

FRAUGHT 31=

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INCOMING CABLE

TELAVIV, sent Nov. 5
rec. Nov. 6

NLT JEVAGENCY NEWYORK

FOR UPA CONVENTION STOP JERUSALEM EXECUTIVE JEWISH AGENCY SENDS YOU
MOST CORDIAL GREETING AND WISHES FOR SUCCESS YOUR DELIBERATIONS
STOP TASKS OF JEWISH AGENCY AND ITS FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS KKL KH
HAVE ASSUMED WIDEST SCOPE IN THIS ERA OF INDEPENDENCE STOP WHILE ISRAELS
ARMY NAVY AIRFORCE INSCRIBING GLORIOUS PAGES STORY JEWISH HEROISM
WORK SALVATION RECONSTRUCTION MUST CONTINUE EVER GROWING SCALE STOP
ALIJAH HAS REACHED NUMBER WITHOUT COMPARISON IN HISTORY OUR RETURN
STOP RECEIVING HOUSING ABSORBING MANY THOUSAND WEEK BY WEEK RAISES
TREMENDOUS ORGANISATIONAL FINANCIAL PROBLEMS STOP NEW SETTLEMENTS
UPSPRINGING DIFFERENT PARTS COUNTRY STOP REVIVAL DEVELOPMENT
JE USALEM HAS BECOME CENTRAL ISSUE WHOLE MOVEMENT STOP THESE AND
OTHER TASKS RESPONSIBILITY WHOLE JEWISH PEOPLE STOP AMERICAN JEWRY'S
CENTRAL POSITION THIS HISTORIC EFFORT OBVIOUS STOP WE DEEPLY
DEPLORE DIFFERENCES USA ENDANGERING INTERNAL HARMONY THIS CRUCIAL
HOUR STOP ANY SPLIT DISASTROUS STOP UNITY OF ACTION MUST BE
MAINTAINED STOP UPA WHOSE CONTRIBUTION UPBUILDING ERETZ ISRAEL SO
GREAT MUST REMAIN MAINSTAY AMERICAN JEWRY'S EFFORT FOR ISRAEL STOP
WE CONFIDENT THAT YOUR CONVENTION ANIMATED SENSE HIGHEST
RESPONSIBILITY STATESMANSHIP STOP OUR CHAIRMAN LEAVING SOONEST FOR
STATES TO CONSULT WITH COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS ON WAYS MEANS
SECURING BEST INTEREST OUR GREAT CAUSE SHALOM.

EXECUTIVE JEWISH AGENCY JERUSALEM BERL LOCKER CHAIRMAN

FROM: Harry Seeve
115-25 Metropolitan Avenue
Kew Gardens, New York
Virginia 9-1908

FOR RELEASE: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1948

TOP EXECUTIVES OF UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL RESIGN IN PROTEST

The five top executives of the United Palestine Appeal resigned yesterday (Monday) in protest against the failure of the administration to meet the growing demands among Jewish community leaders throughout the country for the reorganization of the agency and the elimination of political control of funds raised for Israel.

In a joint letter of resignation addressed to the Acting National Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, Harry Seeve, Administrator; Dr. Martin Rosenbluth, Director of Information; Ellis Radinsky, Director of Community Contacts, Dr. George Stefansky, Director of Research; and Sidney S. Green, Comptroller, declared that "in all the resolutions passed by the UPA and the statements released to the press the basic question of real and effective reorganization has been studiously avoided and ignored. We are now convinced that there is no sincere intention to reorganize the UPA."

Referring to the differences between the UPA and the Committee of Contributors and Workers in the United Jewish Appeal, they said that they had avoided taking sides in this issue and "neither were we prepared to join in denouncing the men whom we have come to regard as selfless and consecrated servants of the Jewish people."

The executives who severed their connections with the UPA are widely known in communities throughout the nation and have helped raise large sums for Israel through the United Jewish Appeal. Mr. Seeve was associated with the United Palestine Appeal since 1941 and served as its administrative officer during the past four years.

Dr. Rosenbluth has been an important leader in the Zionist movement for over thirty-five years. His brother, Dr. Felix Rosenbluth is Minister of Justice in the government of Israel. In 1933, shortly after Hitler came to power, Dr. Martin Rosenbluth,

who had been a key figure in Zionist affairs in Germany, organized the Central Bureau for the Settlement of German Jews in Palestine. Working closely with Dr. Chaim Weizmann, now President of Israel, he devised a plan for emigration which made it possible for tens of thousands of German Jews to find a new home in Palestine. Earlier he took a leading part in the work of transferring young Jewish pioneers from Eastern Europe to the Jewish homeland. Dr. Rosenbluth has also been active in the leadership of the Palestine Foundation Fund (Keren Hayesod) which is represented together with the Jewish National Fund in the fund-raising program of the United Palestine Appeal.

Mr. Radinsky, who joined the staff of the United Palestine Appeal in 1945, was formerly connected with the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. For many years prior to that he was the director of Young Judea and known as one of the foremost leaders of the Zionist youth movement.

Dr. Stefansky, eminent sociologist, economist and expert in political science, has been a lecturer at the Graduate School of New York University.

Mr. Green is a prominent New York City Certified Public Accountant and a member of the firm of Green and Strocker.

Despite the fact that the United Palestine Appeal invited welfare funds to join in a program of extending community representation in its organization, the resigning executives pointed out, the small UPA Executive Committee, without reference to its Board of Directors, took a decision on the appointment of an Executive Director which confirmed "the charges as to the political character of the UPA."

The department heads who resigned asserted that the Executive Committee, upon pressure from the President of the Zionist Organization of America, set aside "the unanimous decision of a representative nomination committee, as well as the formal protest of the representatives of the Labor Zionist movement," and "rushed through the appointment of an Executive Director whose primary qualification for this post, regardless of abilities, is his abiding loyalty and indebtedness to the leaders of the Zionist Organization of America who dominate the UPA." The office of Executive Director was left vacant when the Executive Committee accepted the resignation of Henry Montor on October 21st.

Although the acting National Chairman, Mr. Herman L. Weisman, had urged them to continue in their posts, they decided to leave, saying "we feel that we can now serve best by dissociating ourselves from the UPA until such time as the UPA is reorganized so that it again becomes an effective and non-political instrument for meeting the growing needs of the Jewish homeland."

Alluding to the wide agitation for a reorganization of the United Palestine Appeal, the retiring executives flatly declared that the "leadership of the UPA has not shown the necessary statesmanship and readiness to resolve that problem."

"We had hoped that the leadership of the UPA would be responsive to the growing insistence of the leaders of all the communities on a determining voice in its administration. We are now convinced that there is no sincere intention to reorganize the UPA to this end."

TEXT OF LETTER OF RESIGNATION

The following is the text of the letter of resignation addressed to Mr. Herman L. Weisman, Acting National Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal:

Dear Mr. Weisman:

As indicated to you in our recent conversation, we are resigning from the United Palestine Appeal.

Each of us is grateful to the UPA for having afforded us the opportunity, during the many years of our association with it, to render a service to our people, and to the Zionist movement. During these years each of us in his respective capacity has interpreted to the American Jewish community, through the spoken and written word, the needs of the Jewish Homeland, and has had the privilege of taking part in the glorious chapter which the American Jewish community has written in the last few years.

You and some of your associates have been kind enough to commend repeatedly the devotion, the loyalty and the effectiveness with which we have served the UPA. We are appreciative of the efforts exerted by you and your colleagues, in the past few days, urging the continuation of our association with the UPA. Since we have been connected with the Zionist movement, both in a voluntary and in a professional capacity, for the most of our adult lives - one of us has been in the civil service of the movement for more than thirty-five years - you will understand that we tender our resignation with the

greatest reluctance and only after the most careful deliberation and profound soul-searching.

We had hoped that the leadership of the UPA would be responsive to the growing insistence of the leaders of all the communities on a determining voice in its administration. We are now convinced that there is no sincere intention to reorganize the UPA to this end. In all the resolutions passed by the UPA and its constituent agencies and in the statements released to the press the basic question of real and effective reorganization has been studiously avoided and ignored. Despite the issuance of an invitation to the Welfare Funds for the purpose of consultation on broadening the base of representation and augmenting the authority of the UPA, the small Executive Committee of the UPA precipitated a decision in one of the most vital aspects of future administration.

At the insistence of the President of the Zionist Organization of America, they rushed through the appointment of an Executive Director whose primary qualification for this post, regardless of his abilities, is his abiding loyalty and indebtedness to the leaders of the ZOA. This action which presents a fait accompli for 1949 was taken without reference to the UPA's Board of Directors or to the Welfare Funds invited for consultation, and in spite of our warnings that this appointment would, of necessity, confirm the charges as to the political character of the UPA. This was done also in ruthless disregard for the unanimous decision of a representative Nominations Committee and over the protest of the representatives of the Labor Zionist Movement.

We have watched with apprehension the growing rift between the UPA and many significant contributors and workers of the United Jewish Appeal. We have avoided taking sides in this issue. Neither were we prepared to join in denouncing the men whom we have come to regard as selfless and consecrated servants of the Jewish people.

We have repeatedly expressed to you our feeling that every effort should be made to meet sincerely the demands of these community leaders so that a unified and strengthened UPA could mobilize American Jewry to the heights of generosity to meet the challenge of Jewish needs in Israel. We pointed out that failure to resolve these differences would threaten not only the UPA but also the continuation of the United Jewish Appeal. We are convinced that the leadership of the UPA has not shown the necessary statesmanship and readiness

to resolve that problem.

We regret that we have to end an association that has given us the opportunity to serve Israel. We feel that we can now serve best by dissociating ourselves from the UPA until such time as the UPA is reorganized so that it again becomes an effective and non-political instrument for meeting the growing needs of the Jewish homeland.

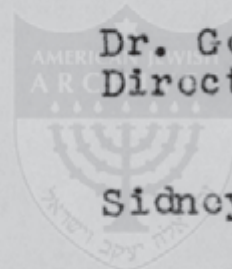
In view of the fact that this entire issue has been discussed in the press, we feel that our action is a matter of public concern.

Cordially yours,

Harry Seeve, Acting Director

Dr. Martin Rosenbluth
Director of Information

Ellis Radinsky
Director of Community Contacts



Dr. George Stefansky
Director of Research

Sidney S. Green, Comptroller

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:NEUMANN AND I AND OTHERS PRESENT INITIALLED FOLLOWING
REPRESENTING AGREEMENT ON WHAT OPPOSITION CHARACTERIZED AS
CHIEF POINT. FURTHER MEETING SATURDAY EVENING WITH INTENT
TO CONCLUDE

QUOTE: THE UPA WILL WITH THE GREATEST PROMPTITUDE
MAKE AVAILABLE THE PROCEEDS OF THE 1949 CAMPAIGN TO THE
PRINCIPAL BENEFICIARIES, NAMELY THE TREASURY OF THE
JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE, AND THE HEAD OFFICES OF THE
KEREN HAYESOD AND KEREN KAYEMETH IN ISRAEL AND WILL
DISBURSE SUCH FUNDS THROUGH AGENCIES AND PROCEDURES
AUTHORIZED BY THEM. UNQUOTE. REGARDS:

=HERMAN L WEISMAN:

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Dr 1090

=UPA 1949:

Montor

December 14, 1948

Mr. Allen Klivans
16901 Shaker Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Allen:

I read with interest the letter which you received from Mr. Rosenbloom. While the Committee for Progressive Zionism and the Committee of Contributors have for political purposes insisted on separate identities, the leadership of both groups is one and the same.

The chief conspirator in the whole business is Henry Montor, who led the forces of so-called Progressive Zionist to defeat at the Pittsburgh Zionist Convension last summer, and who, of course, was the leader of the Committee of Contributors. The principals in the unsuccessful effort to capture the U.P.A. for the same group of dissidents were Montor, Goldenburg, Sonnenborn, Monassen, and Rothberg, all of whose names you will find on the letterhead of the Committee for Progressive Zionism.

While the negotiations were going on, the Committee for Progressive Zionism issued a statement signed by Mr. Rosenbloom and Wise, Leventhal, Szold and Lipsky associating themselves entirely with the purposes of the Committee of Contributors.

The Committee of Progressive Zionist has not gone out of business. It plans to make another fight to seize the Z.O.A. organization at the next convention.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Members of the National Executive Committee
Members of the National Administrative Council
TO: All Regional and District Presidents DATE: December 14, 1948
All Regional Directors
All Membership, Education and Public Relations Committees
All Editors of District Bulletins
FROM: DR. SIDNEY MARKS
SUBJECT: THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL SETTLEMENT AND THE AUTHORITY
OF THE AMERICAN SECTION FOR THE JEWISH AGENCY

THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS COMMUNICATION MAKES IT IMPERATIVE
THAT IT BE BROADCAST THROUGHOUT YOUR ENTIRE COMMUNITY
AT ONCE

We have just received a cable from the Executive of the Jewish Agency in Israel indicating:

- 1 - The paramount authority of the American Section of the Jewish Agency in guiding and supervising all activities on behalf of the Zionist movement and the Jewish Agency on the American scene, and
- 2 - Upholding the authority of the Keren Kayemeth and the Keren Hayesod and lauding their notable achievements, and declaring that the United Palestine Appeal is to function in the future as it has in the past as a central fund-raising agency.

In view of the interest manifest throughout the country regarding the recent controversy, and in light of the fact that this controversy has been happily resolved, and in order to assist the communities in providing authoritative information which will settle any issue raised by this controversy, the cable addressed to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver is published in its entirety as follows:

THE EXECUTIVE OF THE JEWISH AGENCY IN JERUSALEM HAS LEARNED WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE DIFFERENCES AFFECTING THE U.P.A. HAVE BEEN SETTLED BY AGREEMENT TERMINATING A CONTROVERSY WHICH MIGHT HAVE IMPAIRED THE 1949 CAMPAIGN STOP WE WOULD REQUEST YOU TO CONVEY OUR APPRECIATION OF THE STATESMANSHIP AND PATIENCE DISPLAYED BY THE LEADERS OF THE ZIONIST FUNDS UNDER YOUR GUIDANCE AS WELL AS OF THE SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY SHOWN BY ALL CONCERNED AND THE VALUABLE COOPERATION OF THE COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS STOP NOW THAT UNITY IS ASSURED ISRAEL LOOKS FORWARD TO FULL RESUMPTION OF THE WORK ON WHICH THE IMMIGRATION OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS THEIR ABSORPTION AND SETTLEMENT ON THE LAND IS SO LARGELY DEPENDENT STOP. THE EXECUTIVE WISHES TO PLACE ON RECORD ITS HIGH APPRECIATION OF THE NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE KEREN HAYESOD AND KEREN KAYEMETH IN THE UNITED STATES SINCE THEIR INCEPTION AND EXPRESSES THE HOPE THAT BACKED BY THE WHOLE-HEARTED SUPPORT OF AMERICAN JEWRY THE U.P.A. WILL CONTINUE TO FUNCTION IN THE FUTURE AS IN THE PAST AS A UNIFYING CENTRAL FUND-RAISING AGENCY FOR THE UPBUILDING OF ISRAEL STOP WE NOTE WITH PARTICULAR SATISFACTION THAT THE STATUS AND INTEGRITY OF THE HISTORIC ZIONIST FUNDS HAVE BEEN MAINTAINED AND THEIR AUTHORITY FULLY UPHELD STOP. WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SEND A MESSAGE OF COMPLETE SOLIDARITY WITH OUR COLLEAGUES IN THE USA STOP WE PARTICULARLY DESIRE TO EXPRESS THAT THE AMERICAN SECTION OF THE JEWISH AGENCY WITH ITS PAST RECORD OF GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENT IN THE POLITICAL FIELD IS ENTRUSTED NOW AS HERETOFORE WITH FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR REPRESENTING GUIDING AND SUPERVISING ALL ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT AND THE JEWISH AGENCY ON THE AMERICAN SCENE AND ALL ORGANIZED EFFORT CONNECTED WITH THE UPBUILDING OF ISRAEL STOP WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO AN ERA OF CLOSEST COOPERATION WITH THE MOVEMENT FIRMLY UNITED BEHIND ITS DULY ELECTED LEADERSHIP.

12/14/48

EXECUTIVE JEWISH AGENCY

Please read this carefully. I urge that you reproduce this cable in full or in part in your district bulletin in order that it may reach the attention of all our members. If any further questions remain unanswered, please do not hesitate to communicate with this office.

Accept my kindest personal regards.

Sidney Marks

SM: dh

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AMERICAN SECTION JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE=

DLR 16 EAST 66 ST=

WE UNDERSTAND THAT QUESTION OF REINSTATEMENT FIVE EXECUTIVE STAFF MEMBERS UPA WILL BE DISCUSSED TOMORROWS MEETING AMERICAN SECTION JEWISH AGENCY. WE FEEL YOU SHOULD KNOW THE FACTS RELATED TO THIS MATTER. ON SUNDAY DECEMBER FIFTH COMMITTEE OF CONTRIBUTORS TOLD MR. EDWIN ROSENBERG THAT PREREQUISITE CONDITION FOR THEIR ACCEPTANCE OVERALL AGREEMENT IS IMMEDIATE REINSTATEMENT OF THESE MEN AND ASKED FOR ASSURANCE THAT THIS CONDITION WILL BE MET BY UPA. SAME DAY MR. ROSENBERG INFORMED REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR COMMITTEE THAT HE HAD REACHED AGREEMENT WITH MR. WEISMAN TO THE EFFECT THAT THE FIVE MEN CAN RETURN TO THEIR POSTS IF THEY SO DESIRED ON CONDITIONS MADE BY MR. ROSENBERG AND THAT MR. ROSENBERG HAS FULL AND SOLE AUTHORITY TO MAKE SUCH CONDITIONS AND DETERMINE PROCEDURE OF THEIR RETURN TO WORK. IN A WIRE WE SENT YESTERDAY TO MEMBERS OF THE=

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WESTERN UNION

JOSEPH L. EGAN
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NB071 PD= PAGE 2=

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF UPA WE SAID QUOTE IT WAS CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD BY MR. ROSENBERG AND THE CONCILIATION COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS THAT THE RETURN OF THE FIVE MEN UNDER THE CONDITIONS TO BE MADE BY MR. ROSENBERG WAS PART OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN UPA AND COMMITTEE OF CONTRIBUTORS. MR. ROSENBERG AFTER HAVING REACHED HIS DECISION ADVISED THE MEN ON THURSDAY DECEMBER SIXTEENTH TO RETURN TO THEIR POSTS ON MONDAY MORNING DECEMBER TWENTIETH AND SO ADVISED THE UPA. THE MEN FOLLOWED MR. ROSENBERG'S ADVICE AND RETURNED YESTERDAY BUT THEY WERE TOLD BY MR. SHAPIRO THAT MR. WEISMAN DENIES EVER HAVING GRANTED MR. ROSENBERG SUCH AUTHORITY. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT ANY ATTEMPT TO CIRCUMVENT MR. ROSENBERG'S DECISION BY ADDING CONDITIONS TO THE RETURN OF THE FIVE MEN IN OUR OPINION WOULD CONSTITUTE A CLEAR BREACH OF FAITH IN=

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THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN UPA AND THE COMMITTEE OF CONTRIBUTORS. WE ARE QUITE SURE THAT YOU AS WELL AS WE ANXIOUS TO PRESERVE THE GOOD NAME AND REPUTATION OF UPA AND CONCERNED WITH A SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN IN 1949 WOULD NOT WISH TO BE A PARTY TO ANY BREACH OF FAITH AND WILL DO EVERYTHING IN YOUR POWER TO PREVENT IT UNQUOTE WE WANT TO IMPRESS UPON YOU THAT THE IMMEDIATE RETURN OF THESE EXECUTIVES TO THIER POSTS WOULD HAVE SERVED TO THE ENTIRE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY AS

SYMBOL OF REESTABLISHED UNITY. IT IS THE FIRST CONCRET TEST OF THE SINCERITY AND THE GOOD FAITH OF UPA IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT. IF THE AGREEMENT FOR THE REINSTATEMENT OF THE FIVE EXECUTIVES IS T BE DISHONORED OUR=

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COMMITTEE WOULD HAVE REASON TO FEEL THAT THE OTHER PHASES OF THE AGREEMENT MAY BE SIMILARLY IGNORED. WE THEREFORE INSIST THAT THE MEN BE ADVISED TO RETURN TO THEIR DESKS BY DECEMBER TWENTYSEVENTH AND TO BE CONSIDERED REINSTATED AS OF THE DATE DECIDED UPON BY MR ROSENBERG. ANY FURTHER DELAY IN COMPLYING WITH MR. ROSENBERGS DIRECTIVE MEANS MBREAKDOWN OF AN AGREEMENT THAT WAS ENDORSED BY JEWISH AGENCY EXECUTIVE.

COMMITTEE OF CONTRIBUTORS WOULD HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO INFORM COUNTRY ACCORDINGLY AND TO REASSEMBLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING FUTURE ACTION. WE URGE YOU TO LET US HAVE YOUR REPLY BY FRIDAY MORNING CARE MY OFFICE ROOM 4401 EMPIRE STATE BUILDING. A COPY OF THIS TELEGRAM IS BEING SENT TO THE COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS=

ABRAHAM FEINBERG CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE OF
CONTRIBUTORS=

UPA 1949

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NLT SILVER NEUMAN JEVAGENCY

NEWYORK

IF YOU WERE HERE WATCHING DAILY OLIM SHIPS AND EXPECTING MANY MORE
WITH SINKING HEART BECAUSE NO FACILITIES ABSORPTION DUE ENPTY
TREASURY YOU WOULD UNDERSTAND MY DISTRESS AT REPORTED THREATENED
UPSET UPA SETTLEMENT BECAUSE OF FAILURE REINSTATE RESIGNED
EXECUTIVES ACCORDANCE ROSINEBG RECOMMENDATION STOP SINCE JERUSALEM
EXECUTIVE CABLE STRENGTHENED YOUR POSITION YOU CAN AFFORD BE
GENEROUS REMOVING LAST OBSTACLE SPEEDY RECONSTITUTION UJA STOP IF NO
IMPROVEMENT PROSPECTS MY POSITION IMPOSSIBLE AND YOU WILL BE BLAMED
FAILURE STOP PLEASE HALT RECRIMINATORY PUBLICITY AND CONCENTRATE
NEW CAMPAIGN STOP IMPORE YOUR COOPERATION

GOLDSTEIN

cc. Dr. Neuman 12/27

New York, December 27, 1948

The Executive, having heard supplementary reports rendered by Mr. Herman Weisman, Acting Chairman of the UPA, and Mr. Edwin Rosenberg, Chairman of the Conciliation Committee of the CJFWE, (and others), and having given careful consideration to the recommendation made by the latter regarding the reinstatement of the resigned employees of the UPA has arrived at the conclusion that the agreement reached on December 5 and 6, and which is now in force, does not carry with it an obligation on the part of the UPA to comply with the recommendation referred to.

Accordingly the UPA is free to deal with the matter as it deems best, taking into account all relevant circumstances. The Executive would however recommend to the UPA that upon receipt of appropriate letters of application, including the retraction of aspersions previously cast upon the UPA, and ~~the~~ assurances of undivided loyalty to the UPA and its constituted administration, the UPA should give sympathetic consideration to such applications for re-employment.

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND (*Keren Hayesod*)

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND (*Keren Kayemeth*)

MIZRACHI PALESTINE FUND

41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N.Y.

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Cable Address—Palfund

December 29, 1948

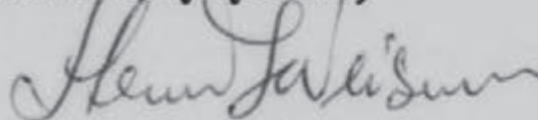
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am honored, and it is my pleasant duty, to invite you on behalf of the National Chairmen of the United Jewish Appeal as a principal speaker for the closing session of the Atlantic City Conference of the U.J.A., Thursday, January 13.

We count greatly on your acceptance. It is our deep conviction that your presence and your address, as Chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency and spokesman-in-chief of the Zionist movement, will inspire the community representatives to mobilize their maximum efforts for a successful 1949 campaign. Indeed, the mere announcement of your participation in the program will do a great deal to stimulate attendance.

Sincerely yours,



Herman L. Weisman

HLW/es

They Must Never Be Homeless Again

EDWIN ROSENBERG
417 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 16, N.Y.

December 31, 1948

Dr. Abba H. Silver
The Temple
E. 195th St. at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I appreciated the opportunity given me to appear before the American Section of the Jewish Agency in order to clarify my position on the matter of the five men who had resigned from the United Palestine Appeal, and the courtesies extended me at your meeting. Following receipt of your letter with the enclosed copy of the letter to Herman Weisman, I received the stenotype record from the Jewish Agency and have sent the enclosed statement to Mr. Weisman.

I sincerely hope that the unanimous conclusion reached by the Jewish Agency will serve the best interests of the United Palestine Appeal and the United Jewish Appeal, and the people whom they serve.

With every good wish for the New Year, I am

Cordially yours,

Edwin Rosenberg
EDWIN ROSENBERG

January 5, 1949

Mr. Herman Weisman
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Weisman:

I would appreciate very much if you would send me a copy of the letter which Mr. Edwin Rosenberg sent to you upon my suggestion. I should like it for my files. I would also appreciate if you would let me know what success you have had in the matter of inviting Mr. Lehman to head off the U.J.A. Campaign.

I hope that we are making every effort to get a maximum number of our own people in attendance at the Atlantic City Convention. Mr. Shapiro as well as the Z.O.A. office ought to get busy in this direction. The "opposition" forces will, I am sure, be there in full number to demonstrate their "loyalty" to the U.J.A. They will also maneuver for Morgenthau and Montor.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS :er

[1948]

ALLEN KLIVANS
16901 SHAKER BLVD.
CLEVELAND, OHIO

Monday

My dear Rabbi:

I am still in the
dark - I did not know that the
"Com. for Pur Zion" had anything to
do with "Committee of Contributors".

I still don't know whether
the "Committee for Pur Zion" is
dead or not.

Time will tell

Allen

Unnecessary to return the inclosure.
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Committee of Contributors
250 West 57th Street
New York, New York

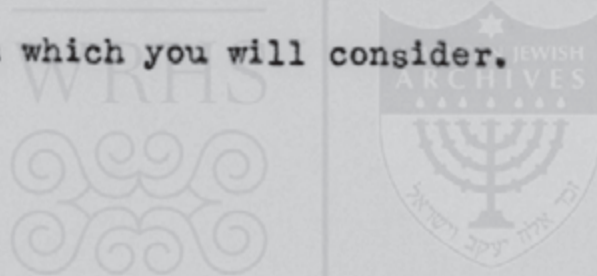
M E M O R A N D U M

January 3, 1949

TO: Members of the Jewish Agency Executive

FROM: Abraham Feinberg, Chairman

I believe the wire, of which a copy is attached, is pertinent
to the problems which you will consider.



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ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN

JEVAGENCY

JERUSALEM

JANUARY 12, 1949

UPA DECIDED YESTERDAY REOPEN MATTER OF ALLOCATIONS JDC STOP WILL KEEP

YOU INFORMED REGARDS

SILVER

HPM:SR



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JEVAGENCY
JERUSALEM

JANUARY 12, 1949

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SILVER

HPM:SR



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LT SILVER CHAIRMAN JEVAGENCY

NEWYORK

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NY ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS DOBKIN STATEMENT AND OUR JEVAGENCY
DISCUSSIONS NEWYORK STOP RESULTS TERRIBLY DISAPPOINTED HOPE CAN BE
RECTIFIED PLEASE ASK UPA COMPLETE FILE OUR CABLES RE JDC
PERCENTAGES

ISRAEL GOLDTEN

DJH SENT 1001A

JANUARY 19, 1949

AHS file

To the Members of the Executive of the American Section of the Jewish Agency.

I regret that I am unable to attend the meeting today. I had to leave for home last evening inasmuch as I have been away from Cleveland for ten days now and I shall have to return to New York for meetings next Tuesday.

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ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N.Y.
MUrray Hill 2-3205

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ZOA OPPOSITION BRANDED AS DISSIDENTS

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New York, Jan. 31. - Five presidents of Zionist regions in New York, representing the democratic Zionist leadership of this city, today termed as "dissidents" and "oligarchs" the ex-presidents of the Zionist Organization of America and some fifty others who yesterday, at a meeting of the Committee for Progressive Zionism held at the Biltmore Hotel, attacked the present leadership of the Zionist Organization of America headed by Dr. Emanuel Neumann. Among the New York Zionist regions are some of the biggest segments of the ZOA membership, numbering about a quarter of a million. Signing the statement were Benjamin G. Browdy, president of the Brooklyn Region; Ben M. Friedman, president of the Long Island Region; Irving Galt, president of the Manhattan Region; Joseph W. Greenleaf, president of the Westchester Region and David Moskowitz, president of the Bronx Region.

"We were shocked," the New York Zionist region heads said in their statement "to see the Committee for Progressive Zionism rush into public print with charges against the present leadership of the Zionist Organization of America. We had all hoped that at a time such as this, when Israel is still confronted by formidable foes on its ancestral soil, while hundreds of thousands of Jews from all over the world are awaiting their turn to enter the Promised Land, all Zionists and friends of the Jewish Homeland would sink their differences in the interest of the common cause. For the Committee for Progressive Zionism publicly to launch an attack on the duly constituted authority of the ZOA is to be guilty of a breach of the Jewish front which the Jews of America will not soon forget.

"Nor will they forget that the charges now brought against the ZOA leadership had been presented before and rejected by the overwhelming majority of the elected delegates to the Convention of the Zionist Organization of America held in Pittsburgh last July. It was at that Convention that the spokesmen for the Committee for Progressive Zionism presented their case to the highest forum of the Zionist movement in America, only to go down to an ignominious defeat.

(more)

"The Committee for Progressive Zionism, in airing these same charges once again, is attempting to set the opinion of a defeated minority against the settled policy of the vast majority of organized Zionists throughout the country. This is the work of dissidents and oligarchs. It is in line with the repeated efforts made by the same minority over a period of five years to foist its will upon the overwhelming majority of American Zionists. It is part of the same strategy that set out to capture the United Palestine Appeal and later the United Jewish Appeal through an official who had been repudiated by the leadership and the rank and file of American Zionists. It is part of a scheme to undermine the authority of the American Zionist movement and the prestige of its leaders in the interests of an unholy alliance of insatiable ambition and thirst for power.

"It will not succeed. The Zionist movement is the greatest democratic movement in Jewish life. Whoever tampers with it, setting his own opinion against the will and interests of the majority, cannot hope to escape the anger and scorn of an aroused people."

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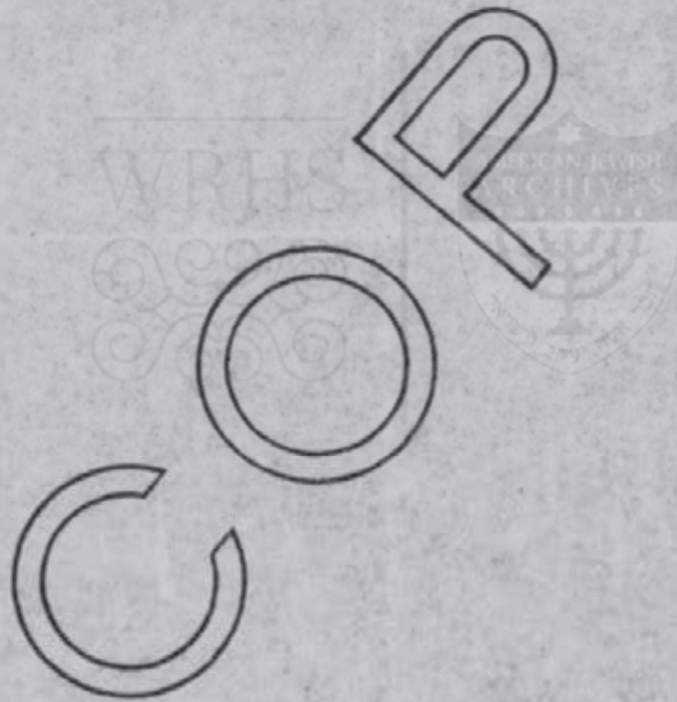
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TELAVIV, Jan. 20, 1949
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NLT JEVAGENCY HAMMER NEWYORK

PLEASE CONVEY ALL MEMBERS EXECUTIVE ASTONISHED THAT CONTENTS MY CABLE
17/1 IMMEDIATELY REPORTED JTA WHICH SAME DAY PRESSCABLED ALLEGING
NEGATIVE ATTITUDE LEADING AMERICAN ZIONIST CIRCLES AND THAT UPA WILL
AGAIN REJECT EXECUTIVES DECISION ALSO INSINUATING MORGENTHAU WILL BE
UNABLE ACCEPT VIEW ZIONIST PUBLIC OPPOSITION STOP EXECUTIVES DECISION
STANDS.

BERL LOCKER



INCOMING CABLE

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TELAVIV, JAN. 20, 1949
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NLT JEVAGENCY HAMMER NEWYORK

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS LEAVING FOR NEWYORK TWENTYSEVENTH FOR PLENARY

SESSION STOP PLEASE MAKE NO COMMENTS BEFORE OUR ARRIVAL. REGARDS

BERL LOCKER

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Silver
miscel.

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FROM JERUSALEM, JANUARY 24, 1949

NLT DR SILVER NEUMANN
16 EAST 66 STREET NYC

SORRY INDEED YOUR CABLES TO ME AND NEWSPAPERS CAME TOO LATE
STOP NEITHER I NOR OUR MEMBERS AGENCY EXECUTIVE WERE AWARE ALL
DETAILS STOP JOSEPHS REPORT STRENGTHENED PREVIOUS DECISION
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January 2nd, 1949

United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd Street
New York City

Gentlemen:

In recent weeks, in discussion of the launching of the United Jewish Appeal campaign, reference has been made publicly and privately to the letter I wrote to the United Palestine Appeal on September 10th submitting my resignation. It is regrettable that note has not been taken of the fact that on October 21st I wrote to the United Palestine Appeal withdrawing the letter dated September 10th.

It is appropriate for me to point out at this time that any circulation or publication of the letter of September 10th was not undertaken by me and was without my approval. I could regret nothing more than that it should in any way serve to lessen support of the genuine needs of Israel.

As Vice-President of the Palestine Economic Corporation, I continue to have full knowledge of the total needs of Israel and of the urgent necessity for maximum generosity by the Jews of America to the United Jewish Appeal. I shall be glad to render whatever service I can in my present capacity toward that end.

Insofar as my letter of September 10th is concerned, in order to make my position quite clear, I hereby withdraw it and all the accusations contained therein and ask that it be expurged from the record. I offer my apologies to any person or organization offended at its contents, more particularly to the United Palestine Appeal and the Zionist Organization of America.

Sincerely yours,

Henry Montor

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MEYER BERLIN



Committee of Contributors
250 West 57th Street
New York, New York

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TELEGRAM

February 3, 1949

Mr. Edwin Rosenberg
417 Fifth Avenue
New York City

AS CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE OF CONTRIBUTORS AM DEEPLY DISTURBED THAT NO ACTION WHATEVER HAS BEEN TAKEN BY UPA TO IMPLEMENT AGREEMENT AFFECTING UPA STRUCTURE. DOING YOUR SPLENDID WORK AS PRESIDING OFFICER DURING NEGOTIATIONS YOU INDICATED YOUR DESIRE TO FOLLOW AGREEMENT THROUGH TO SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION. FULLHEARTED SUPPORT OF UJA IS NATURALLY TIED UP WITH FULFILLMENT OF AGREEMENT. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VALUED COOPERATION ONCE AGAIN IF YOU COULD LOOK INTO PROBLEM AND DO YOUR UTMOST TO ACCELERATE ACTION FOR BENEFIT OF CAUSES IN WHICH WE ARE ALL SO DEEPLY INTERESTED. CORDIAL REGARDS.

ABRAHAM FEINBERG
CHAIRMAN

The Executive of the Jewish Agency has met in plenary session in New York to discuss the urgent problems of its work, especially immigration and colonization and fund-raising.

The Executive, after having discussed the difference of opinion which arose in the United States with regard to the 1949 campaign of the UJA, is pleased to be able to state that it reached unanimous decisions which will ensure unity of action and the successful conduct of the campaign.

The Executive states that the accusations, which have been made in the course of the recent controversy, against official Zionist bodies and especially against the UPA and the SOA and their administrations, are unfounded and deplorable and that the integrity of these bodies and their leadership cannot be impugned.

The Executive takes note of the arrangements agreed upon with regard to the reorganization of the UPA and expects that these arrangements will be implemented at the earliest possible moment. The Executive also notes with satisfaction that the 1949 campaign of the UJA has been launched and that American Jewish communities have begun their mobilization for this great effort.

Meeting for the first time in the United States, the Executive takes this occasion to note with appreciation the steadfast loyalty and the important contributions made by American Zionism of all shades over many years in all fields of Zionist activity. We recall the role played by the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth in the United States and by the UPA since their inception, in mobilizing financial support for the Jewish National Home and Israel. We also record the historic achievements of American Zionism, under the leadership of the American Zionist Emergency Council and the American Section of the Jewish Agency, in the great political struggle which has ultimately led to the rise of the State of Israel. In the critical period which lies ahead we look to all sections of American Zionism wholeheartedly to cooperate in the sustained effort to mobilize all forces of American Jewry and its great potential resources in coping with the vast problems of mass immigration and colonization which confront us in Israel.

HON. HENRY J MORGENTHAU
BOCA GRANDE HOTEL
BOCA GRANDE, FLORIDA

RUSH WIRE

FEBRUARY 14, 1949

THE EXECUTIVE OF THE JEWISH AGENCY HAS VOTED TO REQUEST ME TO SEEK AN
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MEET. WARMEST REGARDS

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



2/14/49
DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN
JEVAGENCY
LONDON

FOLLOWING CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN ROSE HALPRIN MORGENTHAU AND MONTOR IN
FLORIDA SATURDAY IT WAS REPORTED THAT MORGENTHAU INSISTS UPON FIRST
CONCENTRATION OF AUTHORITY IN HIMSELF AS CHAIRMAN SECOND CONCENTRATION
OF EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY IN MONTOR AS MANAGING DIRECTOR STOP ALSO COMMITTEE
OF CONTRIBUTORS OBJECTING TO PROPOSED STATEMENT BY EXECUTIVE DEPLORING
UNFOUNDED ACCUSATIONS STOP EXECUTIVE HOW ABOUT TO REVERSE ITSELF SCRAPPING
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SOLUTION STOP ABANDONMENT LAST WEEK'S COMPROMISE WOULD MAKE THE POSITION
IMPOSSIBLE FOR US AND CAN ASSUME NO RESPONSIBILITY CONSEQUENCES HIGH-HANDED
ACTION SUGGEST YOU CABLE OPPOSING ONE-SIDED SOLUTION WITH ITS INEVITABLE
CONSEQUENCES STOP YESTERDAY'S EXTRAORDINARY CONFERENCE ZOA 500 MEMBERS
EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCILS AND REGIONAL AND DISTRICT CHAIRMEN
FROM WHOLE COUNTRY AFTER FULL DISCUSSION IN WHICH LIPSKY LEVINHAL PARTICIPATED
GAVE US VOTE OF FULL CONFIDENCE ONLY TWO DISSENTING YOU MAY CABLE REPLY
COMPALSURV NEWYORK REGARDS

SILVER NEUMANN

EN:SR

COPY OF WIRE

February 14, 1949

A H SILVER
HOTEL SULGRAVE
PARK AVE AND 66TH STREET
NEW YORK CITY

IN ANSWER TO YOUR TELEGRAM I AM OF COURSE ALWAYS GLAD TO SEE YOU BUT IN
VIEW OF MY RECENT LONG AND FULL DISCUSSION HERE WITH ROSE HALPRIN I BELIEVE
YOU CAN BE SPARED A VERY TRYING TRIP DOWN HERE BY MEETING TUESDAY WITH MRS.
HALPRIN EDWARD WARBURG LEAVITT BERLE LOCKER AND HENRY MONTOR REGARDS

HENRY MORGENTHAU JR.



RUSH WIRE
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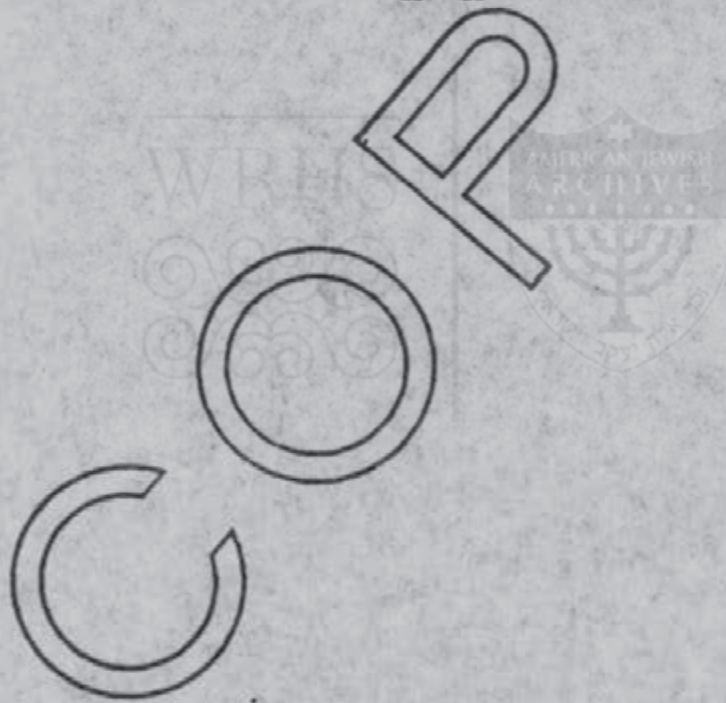
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Statement of Resignation
to Ex. Jew. Agency - Feb. 14, 1949 -

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As you all observed we did not wish to be drawn into a discussion on the competence of the Executive and the constitutional limits of its powers in the course of these deliberations. We felt that in the circumstances such a discussion would serve no useful purpose while it might hinder earnest efforts at reaching a compromise solution -- a solution which we hoped might come not as an edict from the World Executive to the UPA, but rather as an agreement reached among all the factors concerned with their voluntary cooperation and assent. We were not interested in having a vote on the constitutional question; for it was clear to us that if the Executive was indeed vested with such competence a vote was superfluous, and if not, a vote by the Executive affirming its own competence would have little significance and could not confer upon it any powers which it

did not already possess. We continue to reserve our position on that question.

We were vitally concerned with the substantive questions affecting the fund-raising effort which is of the highest importance to our cause and to the whole Jewish people. We stated from our knowledge of the situation in this country that the arrangements consistently advocated by certain members of the Executive were bound to produce unfortunate results, endangering the success of the campaign. Other members of the Executive did not favor the one-sided solution which had been proposed, but insisted upon a compromise solution. At their urging we cooperated in the efforts made in that direction, as a result of which a ~~valuable~~ compromise solution was reached and unanimously ~~voted~~ agreed upon at the plenary session on Wednesday evening, February 9th. We accepted this agreement in good faith yielding on some of the most vital points at issue though we realized how difficult it would be to justify the formula arrived at to large masses of the Jewish and Zionist public. This compromise has now been scrapped to meet the wishes of two men to whom it is proposed to turn over virtually dictatorial powers in the United Jewish Appeal.

Having yielded to the maximum and having made most far-reaching concessions in the interest of harmony and unity we could not agree to the new proposals and must now register a sharp protest against the one-sided action which has just been taken.

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in order to arrogate them to ourselves, especially since this unworthy innuendo has already been circulated and published. But we do wish to record again that we and all those who stand with us have always been prepared to assume our full measure of responsibility and to discharge it with the same loyalty and devotion as we had done on the political front and ⁱⁿ other phases of our work.

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In the light of this record we would be faithless to our trust if we gave our assent to an arrangement which, far from providing necessary safeguards, salutary controls and limitations, would confer upon Mr. Morgenthau and Mr. Montor, and chiefly upon the latter, virtually unlimited powers in the future. The action you have taken is bound to create grave difficulties for which we disclaim all responsibility.

What has transpired during the past months culminating in the action taken today has obviously made our position as members of the Executive untenable. We are, therefore, submitting our resignations. We hope to continue to work in the future as in the past for the good of our movement and for the welfare of the State of Israel.



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We were vitally concerned with the substantive questions affecting the fund-raising effort which is of the highest importance to our cause and the whole Jewish people. We stated from our knowledge of the situation in this country that the arrangements advocated by certain members of the Executive from the outset were bound to produce seriously detrimental results. A large part of the Executive did not favor a one-sided solution such as was proposed, but insisted upon a compromise solution. Yielding to their urgings, we cooperated in the efforts made in that direction, as a result of which a compromise solution was achieved and unanimously agreed upon at the plenary session on Wednesday evening, February 9. We accepted this agreement in good faith, yielding on some of the most vital points at issue though we realized that it would be difficult for us to justify the formula arrived at to large masses of American Zionists. This compromise has now been scrapped to meet the wishes of two men to whom it is proposed to give virtually dictatorial powers in the United Jewish Appeal.

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all those who stand with us had always stood prepared to assume our full measure of responsibility and to discharge it with the same loyalty and devotion as we had done in other phases of our work. We wish to repeat what was already pointed out this morning, that the concentration of powers in the UJA in the hands of Mr. Morgenthau and Mr. Montor led last year to the most serious and flagrant abuse of that power. A wretched controversy and most harmful agitation was initiated, organized and directed by Mr. Montor while he occupied the most responsible executive position in the UJA. He conceived and directed the abortive attempt to organize a new and rival fund for Israel whilst he was an employee of the UJA and executive vice-chairman of the UJA. Mr. Morgenthau, as general chairman, did nothing to restrain him. On the contrary, he requested that Mr. Montor remain in his position in the UJA until the end of the year on the ground that he required his services, but permitted him to use those months and the facilities of the UJA to carry on his destructive activities without let or hindrance, activities which have already cost the UJA untold millions. In the light of this record, we would be faithless to our trust if we gave our assent to an arrangement which, far from providing for necessary safeguards and limitations of authority, would confer upon Mr. Morgenthau and Mr. Montor, and chiefly upon the latter, virtually unlimited powers in the future. The action now taken is bound to create grave difficulties for which we disclaim all responsibility. It has, moreover, made our position, as members of the Executive untenable. From this point on we will act as we have acted in the past, in accordance with the dictates of our Zionist conscience.



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February 16, 1949

STATEMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE OF THE JEWISH AGENCY

The Executive of the Jewish Agency has met in plenary session in New York to discuss the urgent problems of its work, especially immigration, colonization and fund raising.

The Executive, after having discussed the differences of opinion which arose in the United States with regard to the 1949 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal, has taken the following decisions which it is hoped will ensure unity of action and the successful conduct of the campaign.

The Executive deplores the accusations which have been made in the course of the recent controversy with regard to fund raising against responsible Zionist bodies, and especially against the United Palestine Appeal and the Zionist Organization of America and states that these accusations are unfounded and that the integrity of these bodies and their leadership cannot be impugned.

The Executive takes note of the arrangements agreed upon with regard to the reorganization of the United Palestine Appeal and will take the necessary steps to ensure their implementation at the earliest possible date. The Executive also notes with satisfaction that the 1949 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal has been launched and that American Jewish communities have begun their mobilization for this great effort.

Meeting for the first time in the United States in plenary session the Executive takes this occasion to note with appreciation the steadfast loyalty of and the important contributions made by all sections of American Zionism and by the Jewish community of the United States in general over many years in all fields of activity for the Jewish National Home and Israel. We recall the roll played by the Keren Hayesod and the

Keren Kayemeth in the United States and by the United Palestine Appeal in mobilizing financial support for this great effort.

We also record the historic achievements of American Zionists in the great political struggle which culminated in the rise of the State of Israel. In the critical period which lies ahead we look to all sections of American Zionism and all American Jewry as a whole to cooperate wholeheartedly in a sustained effort to mobilize all its resources in coping with the vast problems of mass immigration and colonization which confront us in Israel.

It was also decided that:

(1) Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Jr. is to be invited to become the General Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal with the same authority he exercised in the previous campaigns as we find in the Minutes of the United Jewish Appeal administrative committee of December 13, 1946. That document is attached hereto;

(2) The Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal shall be entitled to name Executive Vice Chairmen of equal rank. It is understood that Mr. Morgenthau will invite Mr. Henry Montor to conduct the 1949 campaign;

(3) All Zionist staff members of the United Jewish Appeal shall refrain from any and all controversial Zionist political activity;

(4) The Committee of Contributors and Workers shall discontinue all activities and dissolve immediately;

(5) All Zionist groups will be advised by the Jewish Agency that they should in the future refrain from involving the United Palestine Appeal and the National Funds in any controversial political discussions.

A further statement on other items dealt with by the Executive will be issued after the conclusion of its plenary session.

(From Minutes of Meeting of Administrative Committee of the United
Jewish Appeal - Friday, December 13, 1946)

"Consideration was given to the matter of the appointment of a General Chairman. It was the sense of the Committee that the General Chairman should be vested with the fullest powers of function and responsible authority. To this end it was duly resolved that a General Chairman be designated to have responsible direction of all matters of policy connected with the campaign; to counsel and advise with the Chairmen and Executive Vice-Chairmen and to initiate and to do whatever may be desirable or necessary to effectuate plans, purposes and policies; to serve ex-officio as a member of the Administrative Committee and of all Sub-Committees.

"To the attainment of these objects, the Administrative Committee pledges the fullest support and cooperation of the staff of the United Jewish Appeal, of its officers and the members of the Administrative Committee."

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February 16, 1949

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February 16, 1949

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EXECUTIVE JEVAGENCY

STATEMENT ISSUED BY DR. SILVER EXPLAINING RESIGNATIONS

Yesterday I, as well as Dr. Emanuel Neumann, resigned from the Executive of the Jewish Agency. A brief explanation is called for.

Our Movement is confronted with a task of staggering proportions; the transportation, absorption and resettlement in Israel of hundreds of thousands of Jews now streaming to its shores. How to mobilize the vast sums required for this purpose is the burning problem of the hour.

In our view only through the wholehearted cooperation of all sections of American Jewry working for the United Jewish Appeal in an atmosphere of harmony and goodwill can we hope to meet even the minimal needs. Without it the campaign would be gravely jeopardized.

Having gone to the greatest lengths to settle the recent controversy precipitated by Mr. Henry Montor by an agreement concluded in December, we were dismayed at the reopening of the controversy and the renewed insistence that the supreme direction of the campaign be turned over to the one most responsible for the internecine conflict - one who had become a most controversial figure symbolizing to many groups and communities not harmony and goodwill, but strife and bitter antagonism.

No man or two can be regarded as indispensable. Any positive contributions they can make must be weighed against the incalculable harm likely to result from the imposition of their leadership against the strong and justified opposition and in defiance of widespread sentiment and important sections of public opinion.

In the sessions of the Jewish Agency, we made every possible effort to reach a compromise solution which could be justified to our constituents and be generally acceptable. Protracted negotiations produced a compromise plan which was unanimously adopted by the Agency Executive on Wednesday, February 9. It provided not only for the return of Mr. Morgenthau as General Chairman, but also for the inclusion of Mr. Montor in the executive management of the UJA under certain conditions and within a scheme of organization with certain controls and safeguards. That compromise plan has now been scrapped in most vital respects. The Agency Executive has yielded to the categorical demands of two men to whom it is now proposed to give dictatorial powers in the UJA over the objections of important bodies such as the United Palestine Appeal and the Zionist Organization of America with a membership of 250,000 men and women.

On Monday I was requested by the Executive to confer with Mr. Morgenthau in Florida. I agreed to make this final effort in order to persuade Mr. Morgenthau or to explore other possibilities for the sake of unity; but Mr. Morgenthau politely declined to meet.

The plan now approved by the Executive under pressure spells an overwhelming concentration of powers in Mr. Morgenthau and Mr. Montor - chiefly the latter, who is to be given ever greater authority and a higher status than he ever had in the past. It is painful but necessary to point out that such concentration of power last year led to a most serious and flagrant abuse of that power with disastrous consequences. The wretched controversy from which we are still suffering was organized and directed by Mr. Montor while occupying key positions. No sense of responsibility or loyalty deterred him from attempting to launch a new rival fund, splitting the community and threatening the very organizations which employed him. He spread scandalous rumors and accusations which the Agency Executive has unanimously declared to be false and which Mr. Montor himself belatedly retracted. While Mr. Montor engaged in this incendiary business sowing dissension and distrust, Mr. Morgenthau as General Chairman did nothing to restrain him. On the contrary, he insisted that Mr. Montor retain his

post until the end of the year, but he permitted him to use those months and the extensive facilities at his disposal to carry on his disruptive activities without let or hindrance. It is conceded that these activities have already been very costly to the United Jewish Appeal. The bill for Mr. Mogtor's irresponsible conduct will be paid in the final analysis by thousands of homeless Jews in desperate need of all those things which the generosity of American Jews must provide.

We regret to differ with other members of the Executive, particularly those resident in Jerusalem, on the proper course to follow in the best interest of the campaign in the United States. With all deference to the majority, we cannot share the responsibility for what is now being done. Those who demand unlimited and arbitrary power and those who agree to confer it must also assume full responsibility for the chain of consequences which may follow. We can only hope that the results will be better than we have reason to fear. For ourselves we intend to continue to work in the future as in the past for the good of the Movement and the welfare of Israel.





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DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER THE TEMPLE=

EAST 105 ST=

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET HERETOFORE DENIED TO US IN SPITE OF OUR REPEATED DEMANDS THEREFORE AT REQUEST OF BERL LOCKER OF JEWISH AGENCY WHO WIRED YOU WE AS DIRECTORS ARE CALLING A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL FOR SUNDAY EVENING FEBRUARY TWENTIETH AT 8:00 PM AT THE OFFICE OF JEWISH AGENCY SIXTEEN EAST SIXTY SIXTH STREET NEW YORK CITY. WE URGE THAT YOU MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND THE MEETING IF YOU HAVE NOT YET DONE SO PLEASE WIRE TO THE AGENCY OFFICE THAT YOU WILL BE THERE=

BERNARD ALEXANDER ALEX LOWENTHAL ISIDORE BRESLAU DAVID LURIE ABRAHAM FEINBERG FRED MONOSSON MRS ABRAHAM GELLER JOACHIM PRINZ HAROLD J GOLDENBERG JOSEPH SHULMAN JOE GROSS MICHAEL STAVITSKY BENJAMIN HARRIS RUDOLF G SONNEBORN E I KAUFMAN SOL REITER=

8:00 PM=

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DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

THE TEMPLE EAST 105 ST AND ANSEL RD CLEVE=.

AFTER LEARNING RESULTS OF JEWISH AGENCY EXECUTIVE MEETINGS ON UJA QUESTION I CALLED MEETING OF 47 MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF UPA NEXT TUESDAY TO CONSIDER ALL MATTERS. MR. BERL LOCKER OF JERUSALEM WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE THAT THIS MEETING OF UPA EXECUTIVE HAD BEEN CALLED PRESUMED TO CALL A MEETING OF THE ENTIRE BOARD OF UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL WITHOUT ANY AUTHORIZATION EITHER FROM ANY OFFICER OF THE UPA OR ITS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. THIS HIGHLY IRREGULAR AND UNPRECEDENTED ASSUMPTION OF POWER HAS ALREADY CAUSED GREAT CONFUSION AND HAMPERED THE PROSPECTS OF ACHIEVING PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT TO WHICH I AND OTHER OFFICERS OF UPA AND ITS CONSTITUENT BODIES HAVE=.

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CONSECATED EVERY EFFORT DURING THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS. MANY MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND OF BOARD ALREADY INDICATED REFUSAL TO ATTEND SUCH UNAUTHORIZED BOARD MEETING THUS ACCENTUATING IMPOSSIBILITY OF APPROPRIATE CONSIDERATION OF OR LEGAL DECISIONS UPON IMPORTANT QUESTIONS CONFRONTING UPA AND 1949 CAMPAIGN. CONSEQUENTLY, NEITHER I NOR MARK SUGARMAN OF COATESVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CAN PARTICIPATE IN SUCH UNAUTHORIZED BOARD MEETING BUT DEEM IT OUR DUTY TO STATE IN ADVANCE THAT NO VALID ACTION CAN BE TAKEN IN BEHALF OF UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL WHICH WOULD BE BINDING UPON IT OR ITS CONSTITUENT BENEFICIARIES, THE PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND AND THE JEWISH NATIONAL FUND. THE AUTONOMY OF THESE OFFICIAL FUND - RAISING BODIES IN BEHALF OF ISRAEL HAS BEEN FULLY=

END TWO=

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ESTABLISHED OVER THE LAST TWENTY - FIVE YEARS BY RESOLUTIONS OF WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS, SUPREME GOVERNING BODY OF THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT. WHILE MR. MONTOR'S APOLOGY AND FULL RETRACTION OF HIS UNFOUNDED CHARGES HAVE PROVIDED A BASIS FOR SETTLING THE MORGENTHAU - MONTOR ISSUE, IT IS FERVENTLY DESIRED THAT MR. LOCKER AND HIS ASSOCIATES FROM JERUSALEM WHO HAVE NEITHER RESPONSIBILITY FOR OR AUTHORITY OVER FUND - RAISING IN AMERICA, SHOULD DESIST FROM THEIR ATTEMPT BY IRREGULAR METHODS TO COMMIT THE UPA TO TERMS DESIGNED TO GIVE UNLIMITED AND ARBITRARY POWERS TO MESSRS. MORGENTHAU AND MONTOR=

HERMAN L WEISMAN ACTING NATIONAL CHAIRMWN=

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=DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER= 19810 Shaker

:THE TEMPLE EAST 105 ST ANSEL RD=

:THE UNDERSIGNED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL DEPLORE THE ACTION OF BERL LOCKER IN IMPROPERLY ILLEGALLY AND HASTILY CALLING U.P.A. BOARD MEETING ON SUNDAY. WE URGE YOU TO REFRAIN FROM ATTENDING THIS RUMP SESSION AND TO PROTEST THIS UNAUTHORIZED ACTION. DULY ELECTED OFFICERS U.P.A. HAVE PREVIOUSLY CALLED MEETING 47 MEMBER U.P.A. EXECUTIVE TUESDAY FOR CONSIDERATION GENERAL SITUATION. WE VEHEMENTLY PROTEST SYSTEMATIC UNDERMINING AUTONOMY U.P.A. AND UNDEMOCRATIC USURPATION OF ITS POWERS, THIS REPREHENSIBLE PROCEDURE JEOPARDIZES U.P.A. STATUS AS AMERICAN INSTITUTION AND WILL LIQUIDATE ITS DEFINITE PRIVILEGES AND BENEFITS AS AN AMERICAN ORGANIZATION=

:BENJAMIN G BROWDY LEON FEUER DANIEL FRISCH JOSEPH GOLDBERG ELLIS GOODMAN BENJAMIN DOFT SOL COHEN JOSEPH W GREENLEAF ABRAHAM GOODMAN DR HARRIS J LEVINE MILTON LUKASHOK ABRAHAM KRUMBEIN IRVING MILLER MORTIMER MAY JULIUS LIVINGSTON MILTON POLLACK DAVID SPIEGEL JACQUES TORCZYNER CHARLES WOLF LEO KAGAN ELIHU D STONE=

Committee of Zionist Contributors
225 Fourth Avenue
New York, N. Y.
ALgonquin 4-0260

2/20/49
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

STATEMENT

by

BENJAMIN G. BROWDY

Co-Chairman, Brooklyn United Jewish Appeal
Chairman, Committee of Zionist Contributors
Vice President, Zionist Organization of America
President, Brooklyn Zionist Region
Member of Board of Directors & Executive Committee
United Palestine Appeal

"On behalf of our Committee representing 300 leading workers and contributors to the U.J.A. who have been responsible for raising many millions of dollars in the last campaign, I appeal for peace and unity and an end to the internecine conflict inflicted upon our movement by Henry Montor and his associates. We, who have given of our substance and best efforts for the campaign and have no object in view but maximum aid to Israel, must warn with aching heart against the persistent and ruthless attempt to impose upon the U.J.A. the leadership of a group that has forfeited the confidence of large numbers of contributors and workers by their irresponsible conduct.

Being close to the problem we declare that for the past six months the Montor-Goldenberg group has devoted itself with fanatical zeal to the task of undermining confidence in the Zionist funds and in the leadership of these funds who have served the cause honorably and effectively for decades. From the moment when the State of Israel was established, a conspiracy was set on foot to disrupt the United Palestine Appeal and to wreck the Zionist Organization of America, the greatest organized force in Jewish life which for half a century has battled unceasingly for the cause of Jewish statehood. This conspiracy also aimed at the elimination of such world-renowned and beloved leaders as Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Emanuel Neumann -- at the very moment, when the whole Jewish world was acclaiming the political triumphs for which they were so largely responsible. This conspiracy has already

borne bitter fruit, in the disruption in our fund-raising organizations and the enforced resignation of Dr. Silver and Dr. Neumann from the Jewish Agency, greatly weakening the authority and effectiveness of that body.

We deplore the abandonment of the compromise solution for the management of the U.J.A. which had been unanimously approved by the Jewish Agency on February 9th and condemn the insistence by Messrs. Morgenthau and Montor on scrapping that compromise and conferring upon them unlimited powers. We also deplore the affront caused to our great leader Dr. Abba Hillel Silver by Mr. Morgenthau's refusal to confer with him, as requested by the Jewish Agency in the interest of unity.

We refuse to accept a choice between Mr. Morgenthau and Dr. Silver, but if forced to do so, we choose to stand by the man who is not a recent convert but whose leadership and devotion has been tested during forty years in the rise of adversity. We demand a solution which will restore unity and enable the American Zionist leadership to resume its proper place in the great effort on behalf of Israel.

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Zionist Organization of America

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TULSA, OKLAHOMA

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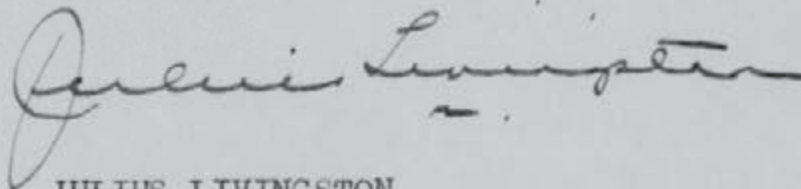
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Silver -

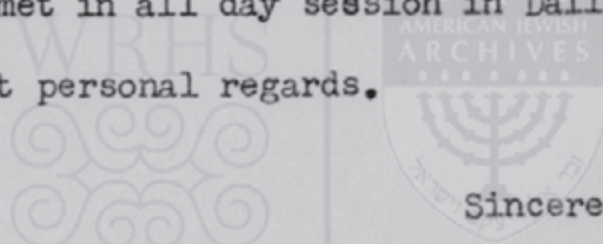
Enclosed find copy of Resolution passed at a meeting
of the Board of Directors of the Southwest Region ZOA
which met in all day session in Dallas February 20th.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,



JULIUS LIVINGSTON



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AGUDATH HARABONIM TAKES GRAVE VIEW AT DEPLORABLE CONDITION UJA CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN PLACED AS RESULT OF INNER UNFORTUNATE FRICTION WHICH IF PERMITTED TO CONTINUE WILL HARM UJA CAMPAIGN BEYOND REPAIR THUS ENDANGERING RESCUE OF OUR BRETHREN ABROAD AND REBUILDING OF ISRAEL. AGUDATH HARABONIM AS HIGHEST RABBINICAL AUTHORITY IN WORLD CANNOT STAND BY ANY LONGER TO PERMIT THIS CONDITION TO CONTINUE. THERE IS NO JUSTIFIABLE CLAIM OR GRIEVANCE WHICH SURPASSES IN IMPORTANCE THE NEEDS OF UJA. WE THEREFORE URGE FOLLOWING: FIRST LOCALISE DISPUTE WITHIN INNER CIRCLES OF ORGANIZATION AND STOP ALL KINDS OF PUBLICITY WHICH REFLECT ANY DISTRUST IN LEADERSHIP OF UJA. SECOND ENTIRE DISPUTE BE SUBMITTED BEFORE DIN TORAH OR ARBITRATION. THIRD PROCEED IMMEDIATELY WITH 1949 CAMPAIGN. AGUDATH HARABONIM STANDS READY TO HELP BRING DESIRED PEACE IN AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY

RABBI ISRAEL ROSENBERG CHAIRMAN PRESIDUM**RABBI EL SILVER RABBI B L LEVINTHAL PRESIDUM MEMBERS****1127P**

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FEBRUARY 21 1949

JERUSALEM

ZIONPAL
NEWYORK

SILVER NEUMANN STATEMENT BOLDLY FEATURED TODAY'S DAILIES STOP
FRONT PAGE HABOKER AND HAARETZ SECOND PAGE HATZOFI HAMASHKIF HERUT
JERUSALEM HAYOM ALL COMPLETE STOP PALESTINE POST ALMOST COMPLETE WHILE
DAVAR ONLY BRIEF EXTRACT AND MISHMAR OMITTING ENTIRELY STOP UNUSUAL PROMINENCE
GIVEN STATEMENT ATTESTS PROFOUND DISQUIET AT DEVELOPMENTS STOP GENERAL FEELING
NECESSARY RESOLVE DISPUTE INTERESTS ISRAEL

YEDIOT AHRONOT REPORTED INTERVIEW TWO ANONYMOUS LEADERS ONE LATELY
RETURNED FROM AMERICA STOP ONE STATING AMERICAN SITUATION SEQUEL ACTIONS
COMMITTEE MEETING AUGUST WHEN LOCKER STATED QUOTE WE WON'T AGREE UNQUOTE AND
NEUMANN SAID QUOTE WE CANNOT OTHERWISE ACCEPT UNQUOTE HENCE PRESENT EVENTS
AMERICA QUOTE REPLY OF KIRIYA TO AUGUST DECISION UNQUOTE STOP SECOND
PERSONALITY CLOSE KIRIYA CIRCLES STATED QUESTION REVOLVES ROUND FUTURE
RELATIONS ISRAEL GOVERNMENT AND WORLD ZIONISM STOP LATTER BEING CONVERTED TO
MERE ORGANIZATION SUPPORTERS STATE LIKE QUOTE FRIENDS SWITZERLAND UNQUOTE

FOODSHIP HORIZON DUE TWENTYSEVENTH STOP TOURIST DATE DESPATCHED
MARKS JANUARY TWENTYFIFTH FEBRUARY FOURTH

(EPSTEIN)

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55 U.P.A. DIRECTORS ADOPT RESOLUTION ENDORSING MORGENTHAU, MONTOR AS U.J.A. HEADS

NEW YORK, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- A four-point resolution calling on officials of the United Palestine Appeal to withdraw their opposition to the invitation extended by the Jewish Agency executive to Henry Morgenthau Jr. and Henry Montor to lead the 1949 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal was adopted here yesterday at a meeting of the U.P.A. board of directors, which was attended by 55 of the body's 166 members. The meeting was held at the offices of the Jewish Agency under the chairmanship of Harold J. Goldenberg, of Minneapolis, chairman of the U.P.A. national council, and was addressed by Berl Locker, Jewish Agency executive chairman in Jerusalem, and Israeli Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan.

The resolution reads: 1. This board accepts unreservedly the decision of the executive of the Jewish Agency with regard to the organization of the U.J.A. for 1949. It expresses its appreciation to the Agency for its efforts in persuading the Hon. Henry Morgenthau Jr. to continue as general chairman of the U.J.A. in 1949 with Henry Montor to conduct the campaign. 2. The board resolves to convey to the U.J.A. nationally and to the local communities of which they are members, the solemn determination of the members of this board to give the utmost in service and sacrifice for a successful U.J.A. campaign. 3. The board directs the officers of the U.P.A. to implement immediately the decisions of this board. 4. The board assures the executive of the Jewish Agency of its fullest support of all steps that they may take in order to implement its decisions with regard to the U.J.A. campaign for 1949.

Herman L. Weisman, acting national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, in a statement issued yesterday, asserted that the U.P.A. board of directors meeting was convened "illegally" and said that the resolution adopted by the board was not binding either upon the U.P.A. officers or executive committee.

Weisman's statement added that the U.P.A. executive committee would try to restore unanimity but did not feel bound to accept "the highly dangerous precedent of accepting orders and decisions from the Jewish Agency, which are uncalled for on moral grounds and which flout the existing rules and regulations of the World Zionist Congress and the Actions Committee, which safeguard the autonomy and integrity of the U.P.A. as an American fund-raising institution."

TRUMAN REGRETS FAILURE OF DP RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM; RECEIVES JEWISH EDITORS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- President Truman yesterday received a delegation of the American Association of English-Jewish Newspapers at the end of the four-day national convention of the Association. The delegation, led by Philip Slomovitz, editor of the Detroit Jewish News and president of the Association, presented the President with a photographic copy of the Asmonean, first Anglo-Jewish newspaper published in this country, and with resolutions acclaiming the President for his support of Israel.

Upon leaving the White House, Slomovitz quoted President Truman as saying that the displaced persons problem could have been solved "overnight" if the U.S. had agreed to accept 400,000 refugees and if other countries had taken a commensurate share. The President also told the delegation that he was familiar with the background of the British administration in Palestine and that he had outlined his plan for the emigration of refugees to Ernest Bevin before the latter became British Foreign Secretary.

In a resolution adopted at the close of the Association convention the body declared that it finds it "necessary to condemn the conversion of our major public agencies into a laundry for the washing of soiled linens" and for "airing in the public press of internal issues." The resolution, which also protested the "injection of controversial matters over the status of the United Jewish Appeal in the non-Jewish press of America," called for the "restoration of unity and the immediate commencement of activities in behalf of the U.J.A."

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AFTER HEARING REPORTS OF THE CURRENT CONTROVERSIES WITH RESPECT TO THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE ZOA AND THE FUND RAISING ORGANIZATION OF UJA THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF BUFFALO ZIONIST DISTRICT UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING

RESOLUTION 1 -- THE BOARD WHOLEHEARTEDLY ENDORSES THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE ZOA AND DEPLORES THE UNWARRANTED ATTACKS UPON RABBI SILVER AND DR NEUMANN.

2. -- REALIZING THAT UNITY IN FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES FOR ISRAEL IS IMPERATIVE IN ORDER TO MEET ITS PRESSING NEEDS THE BOARD URGES THE ZOA AND UJA ADMINISTRATION TO ACCEPT THE DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE OF THE JEWISH AGENCY AND TO COOPERATE IN CARRYING OUT ITS PLANS NOT WITHSTANDING THE FACT THAT PRIOR TO THE MAKING OF THE DECISION WE SUPPORTED THE POSITION TAKEN BY THE ZOA REPRESENTATIVES AND STILL THINK THAT IT WAS SOUND=

EXECUTIVE BOARD BUFFALO DISTRICT ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA=

YOU CAN STILL
GET IT DONE
THIS WEEK
IF YOU...

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THE TEMPLE CLEVE=

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CABLE STOP YOU WILL READILY UNDERSTAND
IT IS NOT FOR ME IN MY PRESENT POSITION TO UNDERTAKE
ANY MEDIATION OR MAKE ANY SPECIFIC PROPOSALS STOP CAN
ONLY SUGGEST UNITY FOR SAKE OF ISRAEL AND KIBBUTZ
GALUYOTH BEST REGARDS=

CHAIM WEISMANN=

KIBBUTZ GALUYOTH CHAIM=

STIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

הסתדרות הציונים הכלליים בישראל

הועד הפועל

בתשובה נא להזכיר

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כ"ד שבט תש"ט

25.2.49

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מלפון 3031

לכבוד

הד"ר אבא הלל סילבר

ניו-יורק

ד"ר סילבר היקר,

הרינו מתכבדים בזה להטציא לכב' העתק
מגלוי-הדעת שנמסר לפרסום ע"י הסתדרותנו
בקשר להתפטרותך מהנהלת הסוכנות.

בכבוד רב,

הסתדרות הציונים הכלליים בישראל.

גלוי-דעת של הסתדרות הציונים הכלליים בישראל
בקשר לוותפטרותם של ד"ר סילבר וד"ר גיומן מהנהלת הסוכנות

תפקידי ההסתדרות הציונית לא נסתיימו עם הקמתה של מדינת ישראל. הננו עומדים רק בראשית הדרך של הגשמת ההזון הציוני, שהוא קבוצ גלויות במדינת ישראל המשוחררת. קליטת העליה הגדולה והחיות שמטות הארץ יורשו מאמצים כבירים מצד עם ישראל כולו. מתפקידי ההסתדרות הציונית יהיה, איפוא, להמשיך בגיוס ורכוש הכחות של עם ישראל לכל תפוצותיו בשביל המעשה הציוני.

והנה, כבר עתה מסתמנים בארצות שונות הסכנים הראשונים של התירה תחת התנועה הציונית ומוסדותיה הנבחרים. אנשים אשר עמדו עד עתה מרחוק לכל פעולה ציונית משתדלים במסגרת של ידידות למדינת ישראל להרוס את מטרת התנועה הציונית. הדבר הזה מצא את בטויו הבולט ביותר במערכה שהתנהלה בחדשים האחרונים עלי בלתי ציונים נגד ראשי התנועה הציונית בארצות הברית בסיוע קבוצה קטנה של חברי התנועה שם ומה שמעצב ביותר, בעזרתם של כמה מראשי התנועה הציונית במדינת ישראל.

גם אם נרצה להניח שלא חשבונות מפלגתיים אלא הדאגה להצלחת המגבית כיוונה את צעדי האנשים, הרי טעו בהחלט, כי לא בלבד שנגרם נזק המור להסתדרות הציונית אלא מוסלת בטפק גם הצלחת המגבית עצמה במצב הדברים שנוצרו.

גם אלה הרוצים לשכוח ולהשכיח את זכויותיהם הכבירות של המנהיגים שהוכרחו להתפטר צריכים להבין כי מדינת ישראל אינה יכולה לקוות לתמיכה יעילה מצד יהדות העולם, אם תורשה פגיעה, מטעמים איזה שהם, בשלמותה ובסמכותה של ההסתדרות הציונית, מוסדותיה וחלקיה, וכי מדינת ישראל אינה יכולה לסמוך אך ורק על ידידיה החדשים ולעזוב את נאמניה הותיקים.

מתוך חרדה לצרכי מדינת ישראל ולגודל התנועה הציונית הננו תובעים את כינוסו המידי של הועד הפועל הציוני לשם בירור הסכב ואחוי הקרעים.

ולחברינו ד"ר סילבר וד"ר גיומן הננו שולחים דברי עידוד במערכתם למען שלימות ההסתדרות הציונית ולמען כושר פעולתה.

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:DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

19801 SHAKER BLVD=

COPY OF TELEGRAM SENT TO MR MORGENTHAU JR AND READ TO HIM
OVER THE TELEPHONE QUOTE I AM NOT IN POSITION TO BIND UPA.
IT IS MY OPINION THAT FOR YOU AS GENERAL CHAIRMAN TO REQUEST
MR MONTOR TO DIRECT 1949 U J A CAMPAIGN IS NOT IN THE BEST
INTERESTS OF THE CAMPAIGN AND IS AT VARIANCE WITH THE INTENT
OF THE U P A EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. RESOLUTION OF FEBRUARY 22
1949 AND WITH THE REPORT OF THE U P A COMMITTEE ON UNITY
WHICH UNANIMOUSLY AGREED ON A FORMULA TO RECONCILE THE
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED AGREEMENT IN THE JEWISH AGENCY TO HAVE
THREE EXECUTIVE VICECHAIRMEN OF EQUAL RANK WITH THE LATER
JEWISH AGENCY STATEMENT ATTEMPTING TO GRANT TO MR MONTOR THE
CONDUCT OF THE CAMPAIGN. I PROTEST THE PRESSURE PUT UPON
ME BY MEMBERS OF THE AGENCY IN YOUR PRESENCE TO ENDORSE
ACTION WHICH A MAJORITY OF THE U P A EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
REJECTED. I STAND UPON THE REPORT AND FORMULATION OF THE U
P A COMMITTEE ON UNITY WHICH WAS ACCEPTED BY THE JEWISH
AGENCY EXECUTIVE AND BY YOURSELF. IT ENABLES YOU AND THE TWO
AGENCIES RESPECTIVELY TO NAME EXECUTIVE VICECHAIRMEN FOR A
TOTAL OF THREE. IT CONFIRMS=

:END SHEET 1=

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YOUR GENERAL POWERS AS GENERAL CHAIRMAN IN THE TERMS OF THE ORIGINAL RESOLUTION OF DECEMBER 13 1946 INCLUDING AUTHORITY TO DEFINE THE DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE THREE EXECUTIVE VICECHAIRMEN. ATTENTION IS INVITED TO THE PROVISION OF SUCH RESOLUTION THAT THE GENERAL CHAIRMAN IS TO COUNSEL AND ADVISE WITH THE NATIONAL CHAIRMEN AND EXECUTIVE VICECHAIRMEN AND WITH THE EXECUTIVE VICECHAIRMEN TO INITIATE AND TO DO WHATEVER MAY BE DESIRABLE OR NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE PLANS PURPOSES AND POLICIES. MUTUAL COOPERATION BY ALL OFFICERS AND STAFF OF U J A FOR FULFILLMENT OF THIS PROVISION TO WHICH U P A REPRESENTATIVES ARE PREPARED TO COMMIT THEMSELVES SHOULD RESULT IN HARMONIOUS CONDUCT AND MANAGEMENT OF THE CAMPAIGN IN VIEW OF THESE FACTS AND BECAUSE I AM NOT ABLE TO APPROVE YOUR CONTEMPLATED ACTION TO REQUEST MR MONTOR TO DIRECT THE CAMPAIGN. I SHALL PERSONALLY ADVISE THE U P A BOARD MEMBERS TO TAKE SUCH ACTION AS WILL UPHOLD THE DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE ON UNITY AND WILL FIX FULL RESPONSIBILITY UPON THE JEWISH AGENCY AND YOURSELF FOR THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE PLAN WHICH YOU PERSIST IN PUTTING INTO EFFECT UNQUOTE=

HERMAN L WEISMAN=

STATEMENT BY DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

New York, New York
February 28, 1949

Our position has been right along that the campaign for the United Jewish Appeal, in order to succeed, must be headed off by men who would promote harmony and rally all forces in American Jewry. We accordingly regarded the concentration of authority over the conduct of the 1949 campaign in the hands of Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Jr. and Mr. Henry Montor as decidedly harmful to the goal of the fund-raising effort for Israel, having in mind that large sections of American Jewry strongly disapprove of Mr. Montor's methods and irresponsible behavior which the Jewish Agency Executive itself deplored and declared his accusations as unfounded. We reaffirm our long-standing conviction that entrusting an individual who has won widespread hostility as a result of his political machinations and intrigues with full authority over the direction of the 1949 campaign can produce only further tension and controversy.

Furthermore, we have opposed the unwarranted intervention of the Executive of the Jewish Agency in the internal administrative affairs of an autonomous Zionist body, such as the United Palestine Appeal which has been in the field of fund-raising for Palestine for a quarter of a century and which has received its sanction and authority from the World Zionist Congress. We regard the attempt to supplant this time-honored American Fund, which has raised hundreds of millions of dollars for Palestine by the incorporation on the part of the Jewish Agency as a substitute body to take over the function of the United Palestine Appeal as distinctly harmful to the cause of the fund-raising effort, and may contribute to the disintegration of the Zionist Movement in the United States. The Executive of the United Palestine Appeal has twice, after lengthy consideration of the matter and after hearing the case of the Jewish Agency fully presented, rejected its recommendations in favor of a compromise formula which as recently as February 9 had the unanimous approval of all

members of the Executive of the Jewish Agency. We were astounded to read in the press this morning that the Jewish Agency has reportedly signed an agreement with the other beneficiaries of the United ^{Jewish} ~~Palestine~~ Appeal, in spite of the fact that the Board of Directors of the United Palestine Appeal had not yet had an opportunity to take a position on this matter.

Because we were thus confronted with a lamentable fait accompli, we had no other recourse than to advise our friends to refrain from voting at the Board meeting. We did not wish further to prolong the controversy; on the other hand, we could not approve the action which was taken. We wish it clearly understood that those who have demanded absolute control over the campaign and those of the Executive of the Jewish Agency who capitulated to such demands must now assume full responsibility for the campaign.

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, President of the Zionist Organization of America, who is now in Los Angeles, has requested that his name be associated with this statement of mine.

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CARE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
41 EAST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF BRONX DISTRICT 13 ONE OF THE OLDEST
ZIONIST DISTRICTS WITH A MEMBERSHIP OF 1500 TONIGHT UNANIMOUSLY
ENDORSED YOUR STAND IN THE UJA CONTROVERSY AND CONDEMNED THE
ACTION OF THE AGENCY AND THE OTHERS WHO NOW MUST ASSUME FULL
RESPONSIBILITY YOUR ACTION THROUGHOUT THIS CONTROVERSY WAS HIGHLY
PRAISED

MOSES RUBINSON SECRETARY BRONX

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**memo
from**

HARRY L. SHAPIRO

3/8/49 - NYC.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Yesterday you
requested that I send you
a list of the U.P.A. "Board".

Recorded on the
list is the vote on the
motion of the opposition
to back the Jewish Agency
recommendation.

Kindest regards.

Cordially.

Harry

10.6.48

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March 21st, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.
The Temple.
Cleveland.

Dear Dr. Silver,

I thank you very much for your letter of March 16th. Your remarks were not only of interest, but some of them of direct benefit. Although I thought that I knew the position well enough, the part of your letter dealing with the Zionist Emergency Council was quite new to me and I even utilised it for a cable and mail story for our newspapers, (without divulging the source of course). I trust to be able to send you clippings in due course.

I wish you could refer me to some of your representatives in New York with whom I could have an occasional talk; not so much to get spot-news, (with which we are fairly well supplied), but for background material and interpretation of events. A non-party person who is not acquainted with the intricacies of the situation, is often confused and at a loss at what is happening.

I am well aware that I can tell you little about the reaction in the country to the recent events. Perhaps the reaction of a former non-Zionist, one of the very many thousands who have gained a new insight into the historic truth of your movement under the pressure of the epoch-making events of the last year, will interest you. We; (and I am sure that I speak for very many thousands) are simply bewildered and cannot understand how a very small minority could so flagrantly violate the will of an overwhelming majority of Jews in a democratic country like the United States with a long tradition of democracy. Even if one's sympathies were on the whole more with the minority, one cannot escape a feeling that in this particular case a grave injustice has been committed not only against the majority, but against the very principle of democracy. The entire thing smacks too much of the now prevalent unfortunate control from the capitols of different ideologies of the faithful in other countries. How ~~these~~ people who are so outraged by dictation from Moscow, do not see that dictation from any capitol can be just as obnoxious, is simply baffling.

I thank you once more for the trouble you have taken to write in the midst of a very busy and difficult time,

I am yours very sincerely

Wm. Zuckerman

MR. JOSEPH W. GREENLEAF
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MT. VERNON, N. Y.

June 4, 1949

Dear Dr. Silver,

For the record, I have now been informed that Morgenthau's statement at the Weizel affair went as follows--

"At the 30A Convention last week-end, a certain Pabbi from Cleveland delivered his SWINE song"

A number of men who were present have already written the Morgue expressing their repentment and disgust, etc..

Jacques and I come for ^{our} first trip to Palestine - I'm sure it will be memorable.

Very kindest regards to your family.
Sincerely
Joe

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[undated]

STATEMENT BY MR. BERL LOCKER, CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE OF THE
JEWISH AGENCY, JERUSALEM

I want first of all cordially to thank the Jewish press for the cooperative spirit they have shown during the plenary session of the Jewish Agency Executive in New York. I know how difficult it is for the daily press to withhold from their readers news and comment on current affairs of common interest, but all of you understood the importance of keeping certain matters confidential and you cooperated excellently.

The plenary session is not yet over and there are still a few quite important matters to be discussed and settled. However, I am in a position to give you today some general notion of the most important problems we are confronted with, and I am doing it gladly. You know from previous communications that during our session we have had reports of our Department for Immigration and Absorption of Immigrants, of the Finance Department, and also a general report on colonization. Some attention was given also to organizational matters. We are still to discuss reports of our department dealing with the Jewish situation in Arab and Moslem countries, and of the Special Department for the Development of Jerusalem. We also have on our agenda the problem of the Chalutzim movement in America and adequate provisions will have to be made for the establishment of an Agency Department for cultural and educational work in the Diaspora.

The most important problem, which was the main reason for convening the plenary session in New York, was, as you know, the controversy which has arisen around the 1949 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal. I would like to say at the outset, that all members participating in the meeting have approached this problem with good will and understanding, and have made serious efforts to reach an agreement satisfactory to all concerned. In fact, on most of the points, agreement has been reached, but unfortunately there remained one on which a minority held a view different

from that of the majority. This was the question of the leadership of the 1949 campaign. The majority took the view that it is vital for the success of the 1949 campaign that Mr. Henry Morgenthau Jr. should be induced to accept the general chairmanship, that he should be given the same rights as he had in the previous two campaigns and also that he should be able to invite Mr. Henry Montor to undertake the conduct of the campaign under Mr. Morgenthau's leadership.

The majority of the Executive ~~so~~ decided. Two members of the Executive, undoubtedly guided by most sincere conviction, did not share the view of the majority and voted against it, while four other members abstained from voting, declaring at the same time that they accept the decision of the majority as binding on the whole executive and are prepared to put themselves entirely at the disposal of the campaign. I regret to have to announce that Dr. Silver and Dr. Neumann did not confine themselves to voting against this decision, but also announced their resignation from the Executive. All other members of the Executive, while respecting the views of their two distinguished colleagues, consider their step unjustified. It was unanimously resolved not to accept their resignation and to appeal to Dr. Silver and Dr. Neumann to accept the decision of the majority and not to withhold their services to the Executive and to the campaign.

These views still stand and I am expressing the hope of the whole Executive that the two colleagues mentioned will reconsider their decision. We expect them to continue their much needed work in full cooperation with their colleagues.

One last word. You know that in the course of this controversy a letter written by Mr. Montor on the 10th of September became a subject of heated discussion. Mr. Montor has now withdrawn this letter and the accusations contained therein.

So much for tonight. I hope we will meet again very soon.

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RESOLUTION #1.

With the firm establishment of a permanent, legal government in the State of Israel, the hopes and aspirations of two thousand years have been realized.

However, the Southwest Region of the Zionist Organization of America is deeply appreciative of the fact that the work of the Zionist Organization has not culminated but is merely directed into new channels.

It is vitally necessary, for the full accomplishment of the Zionist aims, that every Jew who wishes to go to the land of his fathers be aided in his efforts, that every aid possible be given to those seeking to live the dignified lives of free men and women, and that to this end it is vitally necessary that every Zionist devote himself wholeheartedly to the implementation of every effort for the rebuilding of Israel. This, though primarily a task for Zionists, needs also the financial and moral support of every man and woman who has at heart the principles of freedom and democracy which were taught by the Prophets of Israel, and which permeate all American institutions.

The establishment of the government of Israel makes unnecessary any longer the existence of a body intervening between Israel and the Zionists of America. The Jewish Agency, which was recognized in International Law by the mandate of the League of Nations, has played an honorable, courageous and inspiring part in the upbuilding of Eretz Israel. In our opinion, however, every reason for its continued existence - now that the State has become a vibrant reality - has disappeared. The Zionists of America need no liaison between them and a mandatory power, or between them and anyone else whomsoever. They ARE the Zionist movement in America and as such, may and should direct in America those affairs which are necessary for the well-being of the State of Israel and of the Jewish people.

#2.

For this reason, we strongly deprecate any interference by the Jewish Agency with or in Zionism in the United States. All matters pertaining to the Zionist movement in the United States of America should be handled, and their duties discharged, by the duly constituted body representing the Zionists of America which is the Zionist Organization of America, in whose officers we declare our unshaken confidence.



DRAFT OF RESOLUTION

The Executive Committee of the United Palestine Appeal has reviewed the controversy regarding the United Jewish Appeal campaign for 1949 and makes the following declaration of its position:

The United Palestine Appeal exists for the sole purpose of enlisting the financial aid of American Jewry for the great tasks of Jewish immigration and settlement in Israel.. Profoundly conscious of the unprecedented needs in connection with the ever-increasing flow of Jewish immigrants to Israel, we are anxious that the 1949 campaign shall ^{enjoy} ~~elicit~~ the widest possible support on the American scene. We are equally conscious of the fact that such general support will be attainable only if the ^{composition of the} ~~personalities entrusted with~~ leadership of the campaign ~~are~~ such as to promote harmony and reduce internal friction. We, therefore, regard the proposed concentration of authority over the conduct of the 1949 campaign in the hands of Henry Morgenthau, Jr. and Henry Montor as decidedly harmful to the goal of a united fund-raising effort for Israel, having in mind the fact that large sections of American Jewry violently disapprove of Mr. Montor's methods and behavior, ~~while in the service of the United Jewish Appeal.~~ We re-affirm our long-standing conviction that entrusting an individual, who has earned widespread animosity as a result of his political machinations and intrigues, with full authority over the direction of the 1949 campaign can produce only further tension and controversy. We, therefore, record our unalterable opposition to the proposal that Mr. Montor be given supreme powers of direction in the campaign.

We endorse the stand which has been taken with regard to this question in meetings of the Executive of the Jewish Agency by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Emanuel Neumann. We commend Dr. Silver and Dr. Neumann for their

tireless efforts to achieve a compromise solution of the dispute. We recall the concessions made by Dr. Silver in the interest of unity, especially his agreement to the return of Mr. Montor as one of three executive officials, co-equal in status, as well as his effort to avert the present crisis by agreeing to fly to Florida in order to meet with Mr. Morgenthau -- both of which moves for unity were rebuffed by Mr. Morgenthau and Mr. Montor.

We continue to regard the compromise formula which had been ^{unanimously} voted by the Jewish Agency Executive on (Wednesday, February 9th) as a solution which would end the present conflict and we favor its immediate adoption by all parties to the dispute so that the work of the campaign may proceed with dispatch ~~and unity~~.



Weisman

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1. The exigencies of the present situation of the unprecedented immigration into Israel make it necessary to emphasize that the United Palestine Appeal in its fund-raising efforts through the United Jewish Appeal should be given the priority to which it is entitled whenever such priority is requested by the United Palestine Appeal over any other campaign "for Zionist or Palestinian purposes".

2. We take note and approve of the actions and decisions of the United Palestine Appeal under the leadership of its Acting Chairman, Herman L. Weisman, and Executive Director, Harry L. Shapiro, in cooperation with the leaders of all American Zionist organizations who are represented in the United Palestine Appeal to safeguard the interests of the United Palestine Appeal as an autonomous body and as a constituent part of the United Jewish Appeal, and in thus far organizing, in association with other constituent parts of the United Jewish Appeal, the campaign for the year 1949 for the raising of \$250,000,000 representing the minimum needs of such agencies.

3. We acknowledge our appreciation of the response of the leadership in the Jewish communities of the United States and, particularly, of Welfare Fund organizations, as evidenced more particularly by the recent UJA Conference in Atlantic City and the decisions and recommendations of the National Quota Committee of the United Jewish Appeal in the direction of mobilizing a great nationwide effort to raise maximum funds during 1949 and provide energetic leadership in the matter of securing immediate cash advances.

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- 1/ Chief of Police - U P A.
THH N3 7/12 - Red room
- 2/ Oppositionist - Parrish
- 3/ Tammy Melrose
- 4/ Carpenter, Herbert of. Gant. 1st
- 5/ John



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Bosch Geyers

Dec. 1946

Am. J. Conf. Walden

Aug. 1943

Weyt diff. to work with
G. B. - but there is no
other nation willing to take
to place - if you think that
U.S. will begin to fight for
us - mistake. U.S. 1943
will not quarrel over as
if you think that Geyers
will defeat Beria - Opprob
- Am. defeated Beria

1) Facts - Sought to be conciliatory - Beard Straight
 By every test of strength - Bec. of our sense
 of Resp - played upon it - Black-meat
special cases
 Having failed in pol. arena - moved in on UPA
Our Achilles Heel - no one asked for
reorg - Not as much more - 1948-49
 - Interested in Can. Affs. only - debate
 - at first - all power to UPA
 - Now - no power to UPA at all
 - Incorporate J. Agency - to support
 - Power completely taken away from
Amer. J. Comm.
 - Why should Can. mps. wish to
go on UPA. Board -
a rubber stamp - disintegration

2) Same props - months ago - Answer
for Israel - take over - Beckery
in Israel -
 ① Same Scarf Comm. of partially
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3/ After prolonged Negotiations - settlement -
Morg. Mantel - Same faces
Goldman - other enemies of 20th Century
"Eisenhower" - UPA - said no!
Kempner - Again criticism
M.M. said no! (Ex. Capitalists)
+ Louisa → UPA says No good
(Rump Session Overhaul) Pound, Flesh!
- Incorporate

4/ And so yesterday announced
agreement without UPA.
We decline - unwarranted + unwelcome
interference - Future will tell
we define the dictatorial attitude
of Morg. - towards this question
we regard Mantel's - calamity

5/ But - Exe. + M/M have assumed
full power - there is total loss

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Draft

The Executive of the Jewish Agency for ~~the~~ ^{has} Palestine met in plenary session in New York ~~from~~ ^{to} to discuss ~~the~~ ^{urgent} the problems of its work, especially immigration and colonization and fund-raising.

The Executive, after having discussed the difference of opinion which arose in the United States with regard to the ~~USA~~ ^{by the U.S.A.} 1949 campaign, is pleased to be able to state that it reached unanimous decisions which will ensure unity of action and ~~the~~ ^{the} successful conduct of the campaign.

The Executive states that the ~~accusations~~ ^{and deplorable}, which have been made in the course of the recent controversy, against official Zionist bodies and especially against the UPA and the ZOA and their administrations, are unfounded and that the integrity of these ^{and their leadership} bodies cannot be impugned.

The Executive takes note of the arrangements agreed upon with regard to the re-organization of the UPA and expects that these arrangements will be implemented at the earliest possible moment. ^{with satisfaction that 1949 campaign}

^{has been launched & communities have begun their mobilization}
Meeting for the first time in the United States, the Executive takes this occasion to note with appreciation the steadfast loyalty and the important contributions made by American Zionism of all shades over many years in all fields of Zionist activity. We recall the role played by the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth in the United States and by the UPA since their inception, in mobilizing financial support for the Jewish National Home and Israel. We also record the historic achievements of American Zionism in the great political struggle which has ultimately lead to the rise of the State of Israel. In the critical period which lies ahead we look to all ~~sections~~ ^{Sections} of American Zionism wholeheartedly to cooperate in the sustained effort to mobilize all forces of American Jewry and its great potential resources in coping with the vast problems of mass immigration and colonization which confront us in Israel.

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COMMITTEE OF ZIONIST CONTRIBUTORS
Joseph Greenleaf, Sec'y
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PRESS RELEASE

Committee of Zionist Contributors Asks Morgenthau
to Take Himself Out of The United Jewish Appeal

Controversy

The Committee of Zionist Contributors to the United Jewish Appeal, a new Zionist body composed of members of the Zionist Organization of America who have made substantial contributions to the United Jewish Appeal, issued a statement in which it asked Henry Morgenthau to "take himself out of the United Jewish Appeal controversy" thus averting a rift in the Jewish communities throughout the United States, as well as a threat to the success of the United Jewish Appeal of 1949. In its statement the Committee of Zionist Contributors to the United Jewish Appeal of which Mr. Ben Browdy of Brooklyn, N.Y. is chairman, Mr. Abe Goodman and Mr. Milton Lukashok are vice-chairmen and Mr. Joe Greenleaf is secretary, says:

"The Committee of Zionist Contributors to the United Jewish Appeal, viewing the situation that has developed since the National Conference of the United Jewish Appeal held in Atlantic City on January 12th and 13th, is forced to conclude that the recurrent efforts made by various groups both in the United States and Israel to foist Mr. Montor via Mr. Morgenthau on the United Jewish Appeal, in utter defiance of the expressed will of the Zionists of America, are endangering the success of the United Jewish Appeal for 1949 and are threatening to create a rift in the Jewish communities throughout the country.

The Committee is at a loss to understand why Mr. Morgenthau should lend himself to a strategem which, if carried out, would not only jeopardize the success of the United Jewish Appeal Campaign for 1949, along with the great humanitarian project of transplanting hundreds of thousands of displaced and uprooted Jews from the European and Arab countries to Israel, but would bring discord to wide Jewish circles throughout the United States. Why Mr. Morgenthau, by his insistence on the re-employment of Henry Montor, should turn himself into a controversial figure, responsible for a new divisive movement in American Jewish life, thus inviting the sharpest kind of criticism from those who had put their greatest hopes in him, - is beyond our comprehension.

Already voices are heard in resentment against Mr. Morgenthau for absenting himself from the United Jewish Appeal Conference in Atlantic City, where he was expected to report in person on his stewardship. Similarly there is wide-spread protest against his lending himself, knowingly or unknowingly, to a partisan move which, in effect, aims at the ousting of the present leadership of the Zionist Organization of America. The time has come for Mr. Morgenthau, if he is to retrieve the lost ground, to take himself out of the controversy which can bring him no credit and which is fraught with grave danger both to the State of Israel and the Zionist movement. It is up to Mr. Henry Morgenthau to take the step that will clear the atmosphere of the doubt and the strife surrounding his name."

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The Executive of the Jewish Agency has met in plenary session in New York to discuss the urgent problems of its work, (especially immigration ~~and~~ colonization and fund-raising.)

The Executive, after having discussed the differences of opinion which arose in The United States with regard to the 1949 campaign of the UJA, is pleased to be able to state that by its unanimous action it has brought about general agreement which will ensure unity of action and the successful conduct of the campaign.

The Executive deplores the accusations which have been made in the course of the recent controversy with regard to fund-raising against official Zionist bodies and especially against the UPA and the ZOA and states that these accusations are unfounded and that the integrity of these bodies and their leadership cannot be impugned.

The Executive takes note of the arrangements agreed upon with regard to the re-organization of the UPA and expects that these arrangements will be implemented at the earliest possible moment. The Executive also notes with satisfaction that the 1949 campaign of the UJA has been launched and that American Jewish communities have begun their mobilization for this great effort.

Meeting for the first time in the United States in plenary session, the Executive takes this occasion to note with appreciation the steadfast loyalty and the important contributions made by all sections of American Zionism over many years in all fields of Zionist activity. We recall the role played by the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth in the United States and by the UPA in mobilizing financial support for the Jewish National Home and Israel. We also record the historic achievements of American Zionism in the great political struggle which culminated in the rise of the State of Israel. In the critical period which lies ahead we look to all sections of American Zionism wholeheartedly to cooperate in a sustained effort to mobilize all forces of American Jewry and its great potential resources in coping with the vast problems of mass immigration and colonization which confront us in Israel.

POINTS AGREED UPON

1. Montor is to sign at once the draft letter attached, ^{containing} ~~The last paragraph~~ of the letter shall be released at once or simultaneously ~~under the auspices of the Jewish Agency~~ with a statement to be issued by the Executive.

2. It is understood that as a prior condition to his re-employment by the UJA Mr. Montor is to give a written undertaking that a) he is accepting such re-employment for the year 1949; b) that during this period he will refrain from any and all controversial political activity related to the Funds, the Zionist movement or any Zionist organization.

3. Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Jr. is to become the general chairman for the 1949 campaign, resuming the position which he occupied ~~last year~~ during 1948, to conduct the work in association with the three national chairmen, Herman Weisman for the UPA, Dr. Jonah Wise for the JDC, and Mr. William Rosenwald for the USNA.

4. There shall be three chief executive officers of equal rank, Mr. Harry L. Shapiro designated by the UPA, a second designated by the JDC and a third (Mr. Montor) as the designee of the general chairman.

5. The Committee of Contributors shall ~~discontinue~~ all activities and dissolve immediately.

6. The Committee for ~~Progressive Zionism~~ is to be advised by the Jewish Agency that they should, in the future, refrain from involving the UPA and the national Funds in any controversial political discussions.

7. It is understood that all publicity with regard to these matters shall be controlled by and channelized exclusively through the Jewish Agency. The text of such release or releases shall be approved by the chairmen of the

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two Sections of the Jewish Agency and issued under their authority.

8. The matters referred to in Paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 shall be given out to the press in an appropriate form simultaneously with such general statement as may be issued on behalf of the Jewish Agency relating to the United Jewish Appeal.



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BENJAMIN G. BROWDY

Co-Chairman, Brooklyn United Jewish Appeal
Chairman, Committee of Zionist Contributors
Vice President, Zionist Organization of America
President, Brooklyn Zionist Region
Member of Board of Directors & Executive Committee
United Palestine Appeal

"On behalf of our Committee representing 300 leading workers and contributors to the U.J.A. who have been responsible for raising many millions of dollars in the last campaign, I appeal for peace and unity and an end to the internecine conflict inflicted upon our movement by Henry Montor and his associates. We, who have given of our substance and best efforts for the campaign and have no object in view but maximum aid to Israel, must warn with aching heart against the persistent and ruthless attempt to impose upon the U.J.A. the leadership of a group that has forfeited the confidence of large numbers of contributors and workers by their irresponsible conduct.

Being close to the problem we declare that for the past six months the Montor-Goldenberg group has devoted itself with fanatical zeal to the task of undermining confidence in the Zionist funds and in the leadership of these funds who have served the cause honorably and effectively for decades. From the moment when the State of Israel was established, a conspiracy was set on foot to disrupt the United Palestine Appeal and to wreck the Zionist Organization of America, the greatest organized force in Jewish life which for half a century has battled unceasingly for the cause of Jewish statehood. This conspiracy also aimed at the elimination of such world-renowned and beloved leaders as Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Emanuel Neumann — at the very moment, when the whole Jewish world was acclaiming the political triumphs for which they were so largely responsible. This conspiracy has already

borne bitter fruit, in the disruption in our fund-raising organizations and the enforced resignation of Dr. Silver and Dr. Neumann from the Jewish Agency, greatly weakening the authority and effectiveness of that body.

We deplore the abandonment of the compromise solution for the management of the U.J.A. which had been unanimously approved by the Jewish Agency on February 9th and condemn the insistence by Messrs. Morgenthau and Montor on scrapping that compromise and conferring upon them unlimited powers. We also deplore the affront caused to our great leader Dr. Abba Hillel Silver by Mr. Morgenthau's refusal to confer with him, as requested by the Jewish Agency in the interest of unity.

We refuse to accept a choice between Mr. Morgenthau and Dr. Silver, but if forced to do so, we choose to stand by the man who is not a recent convert but whose leadership and devotion has been tested during forty years in the rise of adversity. We demand a solution which will restore unity and enable the American Zionist leadership to resume its proper place in the great effort on behalf of Israel.

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STATEMENT BY DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

New York, New York
February 28, 1949

Our position has been right along that the campaign for the United Jewish Appeal, in order to succeed, must be headed off by men who would promote harmony and rally all forces in American Jewry. We accordingly regarded the concentration of authority over the conduct of the 1949 campaign in the hands of Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Jr. and Mr. Henry Montor as decidedly harmful to the goal of the fund-raising effort for Israel, having in mind that large sections of American Jewry strongly disapprove of Mr. Montor's methods and irresponsible behavior which the Jewish Agency Executive itself deplored and declared his accusations as unfounded. We reaffirm our long-standing conviction that entrusting an individual who has won widespread hostility as a result of his political machinations and intrigues with full authority over the direction of the 1949 campaign can produce only further tension and controversy.

Furthermore, we have opposed the unwarranted intervention of the Executive of the Jewish Agency in the internal administrative affairs of an autonomous Zionist body, such as the United Palestine Appeal which has been in the field of fund-raising for Palestine for a quarter of a century and which has received its sanction and authority from the World Zionist Congress. We regard the attempt to supplant this time-honored American Fund, which has raised hundreds of millions of dollars for Palestine by the incorporation on the part of the Jewish Agency as a substitute body to take over the function of the United Palestine Appeal as distinctly harmful to the cause of the fund-raising effort, and may contribute to the disintegration of the Zionist Movement in the United States. The Executive of the United Palestine Appeal has twice, after lengthy consideration of the matter and after hearing the case of the Jewish Agency fully presented, rejected its recommendations in favor of a compromise formula which as recently as February 9 had the unanimous approval of all

members of the Executive of the Jewish Agency. We were astounded to read in the press this morning that the Jewish Agency has reportedly signed an agreement with the other beneficiaries of the United ^{Jewish} ~~Palestine~~ Appeal, in spite of the fact that the Board of Directors of the United Palestine Appeal had not yet had an opportunity to take a position on this matter.

Because we were thus confronted with a lamentable fait accompli, we had no other recourse than to advise our friends to refrain from voting at the Board meeting. We did not wish further to prolong the controversy; on the other hand, we could not approve the action which was taken. We wish it clearly understood that those who have demanded absolute control over the campaign and those of the Executive of the Jewish Agency who capitulated to such demands must now assume full responsibility for the campaign.

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, President of the Zionist Organization of America, who is now in Los Angeles, has requested that his name be associated with this statement of mine.

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September 27, 1948

Mr. Henry Montor
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd Street
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Montor:

This is to acknowledge yours of the 10th.

With reference to the main points in your letter, may I say the following:

1. You refer to the recent sessions of the World Zionist Actions Committee where you say certain things happened which you oppose. You complain that suggested changes in fund-raising made at the Actions Committee were defeated by the Z.O.A. You should know that whatever decisions were reached they were the common decisions of the Zionist movement as a whole in which all of the Zionist parties shared. The Labor Zionists, Hadassah and Mizrahi had just as much a part in the decisions as the Z.O.A. The same is true with regard to the election of the new Executive and the assignment of the various portfolios.

It takes more than an ordinate amount of self-confidence to set oneself up as better qualified than the entire Zionist movement to judge what is in the best interests of Israel and of the Jews who need Israel.

2. You state that the Z.O.A. tried to make it appear in Israel that they alone were responsible for the raising of the funds in the U.S.A., and that, therefore, the representatives of other parties and from other countries yielded financial control. Nothing could be further from the truth. The people in Israel and elsewhere are thoroughly aware of how funds are raised here. As for financial control, it is, as heretofore, in the hands of the Jewish Agency as a whole. You know as well as I the procedure which has been followed by the Keren Hayesod and Keren Mayemeh here, namely that of remitting their funds to the accounts of their head offices in Jerusalem and submitting requests for special allocations, to the approval of Mr. Eliezer Kaplan for the Agency and Dr. Granovsky for the Jewish National Fund. You know as well as I that the large sums which have been raised in the U.S.A. for Palestine have done the job for which they were intended, witness Eliezer Kaplan, Golda Myerson and all who were and are responsible for the administration of the Jewish Agency program. It is strange

indeed that no complaints have been heard from these responsible quarters.

3. You express alarm that the funds raised in the United Jewish Appeal are controlled by the Z.O.A. and will be used to the detriment of Israel. This is a shocking distortion. The funds from this point on will be used as heretofore for the purposes of the Jewish Agency program and of the Jewish National Fund land acquisition program. The Actions Committee has assigned to the Agency the functions of absorption of immigration, colonization, development of Jerusalem, public relations; organizations, economic work, etc. These departments operate according to budgets fixed by a finance and budget committee in Israel representative of all the parties.

The budgets are supported by the income from the United Palestine Appeal. These departments and activities are directed by more than twenty members of the Executive in Jerusalem and in New York, of whom three are members of the Z.O.A. This pattern of operation has gone on for many years long before the present Z.O.A. administration came to power. To assert that such an operation spells Z.O.A. control, affects the social-economic pattern of Israel, and is to Israel's detriment, is a misrepresentation of the facts.

4. You speak of the relationship of the communities who raise the funds, to the responsibility of expending the funds. The present pattern which has been maintained for many years, permits both the J.D.C. and the U.P.A. to carry the responsibility for the expenditure of the funds. In the case of the J.D.C., the expenditure abroad is under their direct auspices. In the case of the U.P.A., the funds are remitted to the Keren Hayesod and the Jewish National Fund in Jerusalem, by their offices here, and they are expended in Israel in the manner indicated above. As long as the leadership of the J.D.C. and the U.P.A. have the confidence of the contributing public, there seems to be good reason for this pattern to continue. In any event, this is a subject which to my knowledge you have not brought up during the 19 months that I have been Chairman of the U.P.A. What you are now proposing is virtually that the communities enter the field of budgeting the expenditures of the U.J.A. It is strange indeed that such a proposal should come now from you who fought so vigorously and successfully against a similar proposal a few years ago.

What is most incomprehensible to me is the premise of your letter, namely, that a fundamentally untoward change has taken place at the recent meeting of the Actions Committee. Do you refer to the fact of the separation of the functions of the Jewish Agency from those of the Government of Israel, and that out of eight members of the government who were in the Executive of the Jewish Agency, only one has remained, namely the former Treasurer of the Jewish Agency? This was the one fundamental change in pattern and structure which has taken place, and I am sure that the Z.O.A. which strongly urged it, has the unstinted support of the Jewish community in America, in its insistence upon the distinction of functions and of personnel as between the Government of Israel and the Jewish Agency for Palestine. I am forced to the conclusion by the speciousness of your arguments that what is driving you is not a concern for the best interests of the cause but a bitterness against the present Z.O.A. administration.

May I say in closing that your letter as much as serves notice that you intend to raise a public controversy over these issues at this time. I caution you against such a course. It would be a reckless, irresponsible act on your part because of your contentions would only serve as a pretext for those who for reasons of their own have been withholding and will continue to withhold support from the U.J.A. I cannot believe that a man who has held a responsible position in Jewish fund-raising would after mature deliberation want to inflict a hurt which would inevitably come to Jews whose salvation depends upon the success of the U.J.A. This kind of irresponsible action, if you go forward with it, will, I believe, be properly evaluated by the American Jewish community.

As far as your resignation is concerned, it will be referred to the next meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Palestine Appeal.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Israel Goldstein
National Chairman

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September 22, 1948

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Dear Dr. Silver:

I am enclosing a copy of Morgenthau's letter. It raises a serious problem which I trust will be satisfactorily solved.

This morning at a meeting of the National Chairmen of the United Jewish Appeal, plus the Executive Vice-Chairmen and Leavitt and Beck, Morgenthau, to my surprise, reported about the matter of the Jewish Agency tax exemption, revocation and reinstatement. He asked me whether we are conducting the work of the Agency in such a way as to abide by the requirements. I stated that we are making every effort to implement the resolution on the separation of functions between the government and the Agency.

Mr. Edwin Rosenberg asked about expenditures for political purposes. I stated that all of the expenses in connection with the UN, the Ministry of Israel here, the Consulate, etc. are being paid by the government. I know that he had in mind the question of the Emergency Council, but I omitted any reference to it in my own remarks.

My new responsibilities as Treasurer of the Jewish Agency are piling up so rapidly that they completely crowd out everything else. I feel, therefore, that I must resign from the chairmanship of the United Palestine Appeal, immediately, instead of waiting a while longer, and I am so doing, unless there are important reasons why I should not do so.

May I urge that at the earliest possible time I be given an opportunity of meeting with you, Dr. Neumann and the other members of the Jewish Agency, here, so as to acquaint them with some of the problems relating to the Treasury.

Cordially yours,

Dr. Israel Goldstein
National Chairman

P.S. Anent the Montor resignation, I have the impression that

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he is planning to agitate for a separate fund to rival the United Palestine Appeal and to be independently administered, and he apparently expects that a number of community funds will join his plan on the slogan that the contributors of the funds must have a say with reference to their expenditure.

Leavitt of the JDC apparently knows of Montor's intended resignation although I doubt if he knows of Montor's plans. He seems to be seriously concerned and thinks that it will have a serious depressing effect upon the goal and the prospect of the 1949 UJA.

