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1938 March, undated.

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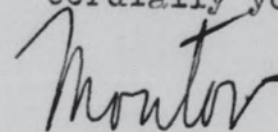
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am glad to have your confirmation to speak at the Long Island conference on Wednesday evening, March 23rd. (Your letter of February 28th referred to March 27th but this was obviously an error).

As I wrote to you yesterday, the Amusement Division is most anxious to have you at a luncheon on March 23rd. It promises to be a worth while affair. You will have plenty of time to get to the function after your address at the University. The Amusement Division luncheon is scheduled to be held at the Hotel Astor.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM/GH

March 1, 1938

Mr. Henry Montor,
United Palestine Appeal,
111 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Montor:

I trust that you will continue your pressure on the National Labor Committee with reference to their campaigns, particularly their literature, a sample of which you sent me. The matter should be brought up at the next meeting of the Administrative Committee.

Besides discussing this matter with Mr. Hamlin and others, I think that Mr. Blitz can circumvent some of the work of the National Labor Committee by organizing intensively among the Jewish labor groups in New York City. I think that field has not been particularly cultivated by us and that a determined effort should be made this year. I would suggest that one or two field representatives of Mr. Blitz's New York campaign organization should be assigned specifically to this work. Please talk it over with Mr. Blitz and let me know his reactions.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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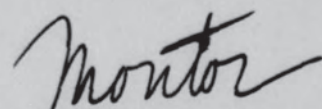
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith are two financial reports: one covering the activities of the United Palestine Appeal as of 1938, the other reporting on the United Palestine Appeal as of 1937.

Within a few days I hope to have ready a list showing the cities which have had campaigns, which are in the midst of campaigns, or have already scheduled their fund-raising efforts.

Cordially yours,



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Miss Bessie Kline
Secretary to Dr. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Kline:

I note that there is an acceptance of membership on the National Council of the United Palestine Appeal from Rabbi S. M. Zambrowsky of Cleveland Heights. Would you be good enough to inform me whether Cleveland Heights is a separate locality where a United Palestine Appeal campaign may be launched or whether it is merely a suburb of Cleveland?

Sincerely yours,

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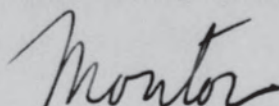
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is another
proposal with regard to a Social
Security plan for employees of the
United Palestine Appeal.

In accordance with your sugges-
tion I wrote to Palestine to find
out how the Executive would regard
these deductions from funds and for
a report of the system by which the
Zionist Organization operates.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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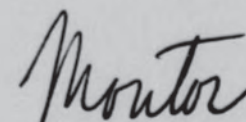
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The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The United Palestine Appeal is to receive time from the Columbia Broadcasting System for a Passover program on a national hook-up during the week of April 11.

The Columbia Broadcasting System is glad to have our suggestion that a message by you be part of the program we are to arrange. We will know the exact date only about the middle of March. It occurs to me that possibly you may be on your way back to Cleveland by that time. Could you indicate to me whether you plan to fly back from the Coast and whether your program, as at present arranged, will bring you into Cleveland on April 12 - or will it be later? This information would guide me in discussing the date with the Columbia Broadcasting System.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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March 3, 1938.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have discussed with Mr. Blitz the question raised in your letter of March 1st with reference to a campaign among the Jewish labor groups in New York City.

Last year, a meeting was held with Mr. David Dubinsky, President of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union and one of the most powerful figures in the labor movement, with regard to allocations to the United Palestine Appeal from a Chest which exists in the New York Trades Unions. Judge Rothenberg, Mr. Blitz and Mr. David Wertheim, Secretary of the Poale Zion, attended that conference.

I am informed by Mr. Blitz that Mr. Dubinsky felt that his groups did not wish to affiliate themselves in any way with the United Palestine Appeal, even though they do give a substantial amount to the Joint Distribution Committee. Mr. Dubinsky's view seems to have been that the United Palestine Appeal is a Zionist Organization which has political implications, to which some members of the Union might object. Therefore, whatever cooperation they might give to the upbuilding of Palestine would have to be through a specific labor group. The Trades Union is therefore giving \$10,000. a year to the Gewerkschaften Campaign.

The Jewish National Fund has a special man in New York devoting himself to the enlargement of interest in Palestine among the Jewish laboring masses. At this time, a campaign is under way to raise money for a Leon Blum colony in Palestine. Mr. Blitz does not think that the response has been particularly large.

Employees of department stores are reached through the merchandise managers and buyers, who are members of the Trades Council of the United Palestine Appeal.

The groups from whom the United Palestine Appeal does not receive any money are in the Unions, which are dominated by the Jewish Labor Committee headed by Vladeck. As you know,

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Vladeck is the national chairman of the Ort campaign, which has just announced its nationwide drive for \$450,000. In view of the hostility of Vladeck to Palestine, and particularly to the United Palestine Appeal, it is easy to see why no support can be expected from him. The fact is that he exerts a discouraging influence upon those who might otherwise be inclined to go along with us. I have placed Dubinsky in the latter category.

I shall make another effort this year to see Dubinsky and Hillman in the hope of persuading them to permit their Unions to contribute to the United Palestine Appeal. Hillman at the present time is ill and in Florida. I shall communicate with you further after I have heard from Dubinsky. It is safe to say, however, that the Gewerkschaften people are not too happy about our efforts to win support from the trades union groups.

I had a long discussion with Mr. Hamlin, Secretary of the Gewerkschaften campaign, in an effort to coordinate our activities. He seems willing enough to try to meet our various objections, but he can hardly eliminate our primary objection that their campaigns, as such, take money which, in the main, could be obtained by the United Palestine Appeal.



Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM/RW

March 3, 1938

Mr. Henry Montor,
United Palestine Appeal,
111 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Montor:

I am enclosing herewith a letter which Rabbi Silver received from Mr. E. J. Gould, of Lorain, Ohio and a copy of a letter which he sent to Rabbi Jonah Wise. You may keep these for your files. I am also enclosing a copy of Rabbi Silver's reply to Mr. Gould as well as a copy of a letter sent to Mr. Hyman of the J.D.C.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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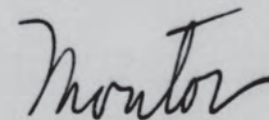
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Through a letter from Alex Moyer, President of Zionist District of Lorain, to Mendel Fisher, I learn that Mr. Moyer met with you and that a committee from Lorain is to meet with you on Sunday to discuss the question of allocations from the forthcoming campaign in Lorain.

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter which was sent to Mr. Moyer under the signature of Morris Margulies as Secretary of the Zionist Organization of America, in reply to an inquiry addressed to the Zionist Organization of America by Mr. Moyer who reported that he had been able to obtain a ratio of 25% for the United Palestine Appeal as against 50% for the Joint Distribution Committee. Attached also is a copy of the letter from Mr. Moyer to Mendel Fisher. What interests me especially is that a check for \$600 is sent by the local Zionists to the Jewish National Fund but they are satisfied to obtain only 25% for the United Palestine Appeal out of a local campaign.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
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The Temple,
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Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of
a report from Bernard Stone following
a visit to Portland, Oregon.

You may wish to have this for
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Cordially yours,

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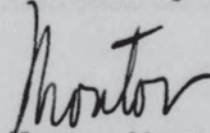
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th St. and Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have a report from Bernard Stone on Tacoma, Washington. He writes: "They are exceedingly anxious to have Dr. Silver speak in Tacoma on Saturday evening, April 9th when he is en route from Portland to Seattle. If Dr. Silver would do this they would start their campaign then".

Stone asks me to consult you with regard to whether you would wish to accept this invitation.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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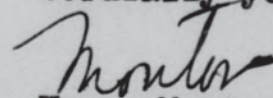
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

We have received a telegram from the Kansas City Welfare Fund asking if it is possible for you to remain over in Kansas City for Friday evening, April 29th. They say they "would arrange a great Federation Sabbath service" which apparently would provide the necessary stimulation for their 1938 campaign.

Can you stay over or is a lunch the best possible under the circumstances?

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM/GH

March 3, 1938

Mr. Henry Montor,
United Palestine Appeal,
111 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Montor:

Thank you for sending me the financial reports. I shall await the lists which you promised to send me showing the cities which have had campaigns in 1938, which are in the midst of campaigns, etc. In so doing, will you please indicate how much money was raised in these same cities in 1936 and 1937?

The Lorain, Ohio situation is typical of the mess into which the JNF is continually getting us. I am wondering when this thing will end.

Inasmuch as I am scheduled to be in New York on March 23 and have the afternoon free, I am wondering whether we could not hold a meeting of the Administrative Committee on that day. Will Wise and Lipsky be back by the 23rd?

With reference to your inquiry about Cleveland Heights: It is a suburb of Cleveland and is included in the Cleveland Jewish Welfare Fund campaign.

One item in your Report of Expenditures for 1938 elicits comment: the amount set for postage and parcel post for the year is \$5000 and already we have spent in the first two months of the year over \$1200. Did these two months call for unusual expenses which will not be duplicated during the remainder of the year? I think that with careful husbandry considerable money can be saved on the \$23,000 allotment in our budget for printing, multigraphing, stationery, telephone and telegraph, postage, photos, literature, etc.

Please pass the word on to our field representatives, too. It is not always necessary to telegraph when a letter will do just as well, nor is air mail necessary when a straight letter will serve the purpose.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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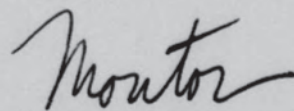
March 4, 1938.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am herewith attaching, for your confidential background information, an excerpt from a memorandum from George Greenspun with regard to the situation in Chicago. I had asked him to what extent our Zionist friends were active.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:F
enclosure.

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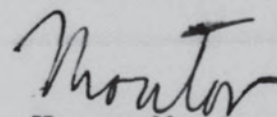
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

On receiving your letter of March 3rd, with reference to expenditures, I have made a more careful check and find that a serious error has occurred in computing the expenditures for postage and parcel post. Erroneously, a bill for \$770 that applied to the 1937 campaign was charged to 1938, so that actually the postage bill thus far does not exceed \$500.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
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As you know, the sum of \$250,000 was made available by the United Palestine Appeal from its 1936 and 1937 campaigns to the Council for German Jewry through the medium of the Jewish Agency Executive. It is apparent that those associated with the Central Bureau for the Settlement of German Jews in Palestine of the Jewish Agency are anxious to have this allotment continued. They realize that the Jewish Agency Executive has been entrusted with the sole authority of making decisions as to how the income of the United Palestine Appeal is to be allocated.

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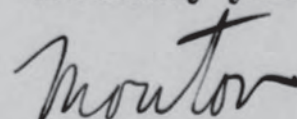
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It is hoped by them, however, that the United Palestine Appeal will at least indicate to the Jewish Agency Executive that it would urge consideration of the renewal of the \$250,000 allocation for the year 1938. Whatever sums are allotted to the Council for German Jewry out of the income of the United Palestine Appeal are expended in Palestine in connection with the settlement of German Jews, whether for the purchase of land or for the furtherance of training and settlement schemes.

Attached herewith is a digest of information bearing on this question which will be helpful to you in arriving at a decision as to whether we ought to urge the Jewish Agency Executive along the lines suggested.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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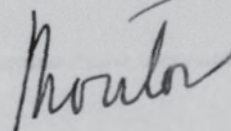
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith are excerpts from a memorandum from Baruch Braunstein. I think that he is working out quite well.

Attached herewith are drafts of letters which I thought you might wish to send to St. Louis in accordance with the suggestion of Braunstein.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
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HM:FE

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

I discussed with the "March of Time" people today the question of making a sound picture, with you speaking. It would take about 20 - 22 minutes to run, consisting, as it will, of two reels. Your actual speech would be about 20 minutes, and we might intersperse in the midst of your speech at various times, actual scenes that would occupy a total of about 5 or 6 minutes, so that for the rest of the time you would be speaking directly to the audience.

In order to reduce the cost, it is necessary to have the film shot in New York City at the "March of Time" studios. It will be done for the United Palestine Appeal at cost, with the price ranging between \$500. and \$1,000., with the latter the maximum. In my view, this expenditure will be eminently justified since it will be a new approach to communities.

The "March of Time" people feel that a whole day should be reserved for the shooting. It may take less.

Would it be possible for you to come to New York on March 22nd, or stay over for March 24th? As soon as I have your decision, I shall communicate with the "March of Time" people so that they will let me know exactly at what studios the speech will be recorded.

It is their suggestion that your speech be prepared in advance to help them in the recording. You will not read the speech, but merely follow a certain line which you will have established.

The meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Jewish Agency will begin in London on March 13th. I believe that both Dr. Wise and Mr. Lipsky are planning to leave London on March 15th, which would bring them to New York in time for a meeting of the Administrative Committee on the 23rd. However, there is no assurance for this. Shall I cable to make sure?

Cordially yours,

Montor

HM/RW

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Mr. Henry Montor,
United Palestine Appeal,
111 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Montor:

I plan to leave for Los Angeles on Friday, April 1st, by airplane, arriving Saturday morning eight-thirty. I will want the whole day Saturday and the evening for rest. Please tell Mr. Stone not to arrange any small or large meetings for me on that day, or any conferences with people.

I plan to leave Seattle for Cleveland on Monday, April 11th by plane, arriving on Tuesday, the 12th. If you plan a UPA Broadcast for Passover Week, try to have it on any day after the 13th.

As far as Kansas City is concerned, I will not be able to stay over for a service on Friday, April 29th. The luncheon hour on April 28th is all I can set aside for Kansas City.

It will not be possible for me to go to Tacoma. The program as is, is already greatly crowded.

Mrs. Silver is not coming along with me to the Coast.

Please notify Mr. Stone that I do not wish to speak on Saturday morning in Rabbi Kleinman's synagogue inasmuch as I am speaking the evening before at Rabbi Berkowitz' Temple. I believe that that is quite enough.

Rabbi Berkowitz seems to be under the impression, judging by a letter received from him, that I am to speak in his pulpit on Friday evening and that I am also to speak on Saturday evening which he says "Will be the opening gun of our Welfare Fund drive". My impression is that I am to leave Saturday morning for Seattle and that I am not to speak in Portland on Saturday evening. Please check on this.

Mr. Montor

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March 4, 1938

Before very long now, I should like to have, from Mr. Stone,
a complete schedule of my meetings on the Coast - place, time, etc.

Please urge him to omit all unnecessary smaller conferences.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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FOR DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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March 5, 1938

Mr. Henry Montor
Executive Director
111 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Montor:

Complying with your request of
February 21, 1938:

Budget allowance for JDC and
UPA for 1938 is \$36,000 on 60% and 40% basis
exclusive of allowances for Hadassah, etc.

(signed) Sincerely yours,
Z. Swett

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I am wondering whether you would care to have me come to Cleveland prior to your visit to New York on March 23rd. I could bring with me the up-to-date report of campaign activities and go over with you the various communities which might require special consideration. When would it be most convenient for you to have me come to Cleveland?

There is a slim possibility of my going to Pittsburgh next week-end in connection with the Pittsburgh campaign. I doubt, however, whether this will eventuate.

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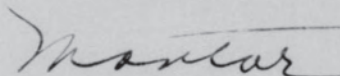
Negotiations between Isidor Coons and Robert Herman at the JDC office and myself with regard to the Tri-State Area centering in Pittsburgh have been completed. All campaigns in that territory from which the Joint Distribution Committee and United Palestine Appeal received last year over \$36,000 are to be conducted on a basis of equal division between the two organizations. The terms of the agreement provide, however, that public use is not to be made of the fact that parity has been established between the JDC and UPA. This is the exact form in which the campaign in that territory was held last year. Morris Neaman, Chairman of the Tri-State Area, and our strongest support, since it was at his insistence that we will receive 50%, was the one who agreed to the non-publication of the terms of the agreement.

Inasmuch as the directors we now have are in assigned areas, we have had to obtain an additional person to work in this territory which includes Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio and West Virginia. The JDC also felt that in order to complete the campaigns quickly and effectively the territory should be divided between two men. For ourselves, I have chosen Abram Magida. The latter was assistant to Robert Szold when Szold was Chairman of the ZOA. Magida handled the Bronx UPA campaign last year. He knows the subject and makes an appearance.

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From time to time it becomes helpful for our field men to have before them a financial report of the JDC showing expenditures. Would it be possible for you to obtain such a report? I would like to call your attention to the possibility that when the JDC itemizes its expenses it may divide them between the Joint Distribution Committee Campaign and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc. The functions performed by the latter organization are similar in many respects to the extra-campaign activities of the United Palestine Appeal, but nevertheless through such division of expenditures the Joint Distribution Committee manages to reduce for public consumption the expenditures which actually incur. A figure as comprehensive as that made available by the United Palestine Appeal would be valuable.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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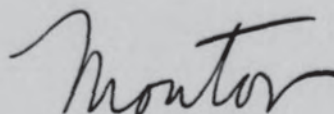
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The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In several memoranda that I have addressed to Simon Levin, our director of the Seaboard Region, I pointed out that he must intensify his efforts to obtain parity between the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal in the communities which he visits.

In commenting on my request he writes as follows:- "The fault in this case as in many other similar instances does not rest with the fieldmen. The fault is inherent in the Welfare Fund agreement arrived at between the UPA and JDC. I pointed this out in several memos the past week. That community leaders will not differentiate between cities that are affiliated with the Council of Federations and cities where united campaigns are held. Their contention is that if 40-60 is the basis for Welfare Funds, there is no reason why the same should not be followed by them. That is why most of the fieldmen, as you fully well know, resented the 40-60 agreement since it takes the props from under our arguments in cities such as Columbia, S. C. and Savannah, Ga., where they actually conduct Welfare Fund campaigns without actually being affiliated with the National Council!"

Sincerely yours,



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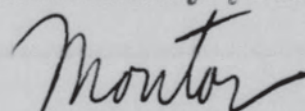
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Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

We are in receipt of an urgent request from the New Britain campaign committee asking whether you could open the campaign in New Britain on Sunday evening, April 24th, at a banquet to begin at 6:30. They believe that with this function they could raise at least three-quarters of their quota.

Last year the United Palestine Appeal and Jewish National Fund received from this community the sum of \$5,118.21.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

March 8, 1938

Henry Montor
New York, N.Y.

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Easterman not sufficiently known in this country to be of any particular value to us in Campaigns. Do not recommend inviting him.

A. H. Silver

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March 8, 1938

Mr. Henry Montor,
United Palestine Appeal,
111 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Montor:

I am enclosing a letter which I received from Rabbi Feuer. He complains of the traveling representative of the J.D.C. in this district who disseminated false and hostile propaganda about Palestine in Hamilton, Ohio. I have heard the same complaint from the people in Lorain. Please get in touch with Mr. Hyman of the J.D.C. and read him this letter of Rabbi Feuer. Please also get in touch with the people in Hamilton and indicate to them that under no condition will we agree to the arrangement which they have made. You may use my name.

With reference to your coming to Cleveland - if a meeting is definitely arranged for March 23, I should very much like to have you come here. It might, perhaps, be advisable to cable Wise and Lipsky to find out whether they would be in a position to attend a meeting on the 23rd. If the meeting is arranged, I could see you in Cleveland any time next week except Sunday and Monday, March 13th and 14th, preferably Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

I am happy to know that you have worked out an arrangement with the J.D.C. relative to the Tri-State area.

The best way to receive a financial report of the J.D.C. is to write to the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, Inc., 71 West 47th Street, New York. Mr. Solomon Lowenstein is secretary. I believe that such a report is available. If not, let me know and I will try to procure it through a different channel.

The question as to whether the United Palestine Appeal should indicate to the Jewish Agency Executive an opinion with reference to the renewal of an allocation to the Council for German Jewry should be placed on the agenda for our meeting on March 23rd. I shall, in the meantime, look through the material which you have sent me.

Henry Montor

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March 8, 1938

I could arrange to come to New York on March 22nd to make the sound picture for the U.P.A. Please let me know the final arrangements.

You may recall that you promised some time ago to procure for me a report of the contributions which the officers and staff of the U.P.A. made to the Fund last year. I should like to see it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

P.S. Mr. J. P. Coney, 103 North Washington Street, Peoria, Ill., who is in charge of the Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign of that city has been in correspondence with me relative to my opening their campaign. I wrote to him finally, that I could not come. I told him that you would send him a list of speakers who would be available. Please contact with him.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Harold Jacobi is calling
together the leaders in the various trades
for lunch on March 24th. Would you want
to be there to give them more or less of
a pep talk?

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
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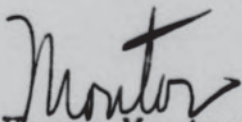
Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached are several copies of a new piece of literature which Mr. Steinglass, our publicity man, has prepared. I think that this new piece is quite effective, telling a story on lines which will appeal to the average contributor.

I am planning to be with you in Cleveland some time next week, probably Tuesday. In the meantime, I have cabled to London to inquire whether Dr. Wise and Mr. Lipsky will be back in time for a meeting of the Administrative Committee on March 23rd.

The Columbia Broadcasting System is prepared to give us a period on Thursday evening, April 14th, from 10 to 10:30 P.M., for a Passover program. I trust that this will be satisfactory to you. It is very likely that Friedrich Schorr of the Metropolitan Opera will participate in the program. I shall send you a complete schedule in a few days.

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

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Dear Dr. Silver:

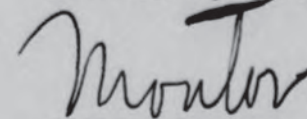
The Scranton, Pa. campaign will open on Sunday evening, May 15th. They are very anxious to have you as speaker. I have indicated that you have made it an invariable rule not to leave Cleveland on Sundays, and secondly, that since you are Chairman of the Cleveland Welfare Fund campaign, you may be tied up at that time. Would you want to suggest another week-day date between May 15th and May 23rd - the period of their campaign?

Another applicant for your stimulation is Worcester County which gave us \$6,650 last year. This campaign includes Milford, Webster, Athol, Southbridge, Clinton, Marlboro, Maynard, Gardner, Leominster, Fitchburg, Hudson and Orange. They are thinking of opening a campaign in the latter part of April or the first part of May. If they could get a date from you, they would guide their campaign plans accordingly.

You will be interested in the attached exchange of correspondence between Mr. Goldsmith of Chicago and myself.

As you know, Goldsmith occupies an exceedingly strategic position in the Chicago Welfare Fund. I have been trying to develop a friendship with him. I wonder if I might take the liberty of suggesting that for some campaign function in Cleveland, for example, Goldsmith might be invited as the speaker. I shall try to make a similar suggestion to several other of the outstanding campaigns.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM/GH

March 9, 1938

Mr. Henry Montor,
United Palestine Appeal,
111 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Montor:

I am afraid that I cannot accept the invitation of New Britain for April 24th. The first half of April will be spent on the Coast and I already have two or three out of engagements for the rest of that month.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

COPY FOR DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

March 10, 1938

Mr. Z. Swett
9 Board of Trade Building
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Swett:

Thank you for your letter of March 5 which contains the information that the sum of \$36,000 is being budgeted by the Portland Welfare Fund for the United Palestine Appeal and the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal receiving 40% of this amount.

I know that Dr. Silver will be most happy to have this news because it represents a substantial increase as compared with 1937. There could be no more encouraging welcome to Dr. Silver for his forthcoming visit to Portland.

Sincerely yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM. SB

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Dear Friend:

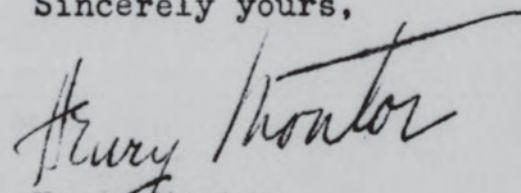
A meeting of the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal of which you are a member will be held on Wednesday, March 23rd, at 4 P.M., at 111 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

This will be the first meeting of the Committee since the National Conference for Palestine was held in Washington in January.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, National Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, will be present at the meeting as will Dr. Stephen S. Wise and Mr. Louis Lipsky who are now in London for conferences with Dr. Weizmann and to attend the sessions of the Actions Committee.

A number of problems requiring the judgment of all members of the Administrative Committee will be submitted to the meeting so that your presence will be most helpful.

Sincerely yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

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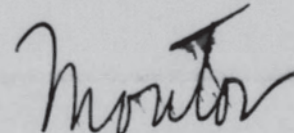
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Dr. Wise and Mr. Lipsky cabled today that they "Approve Administrative 23rd". Accordingly I am sending out a notice for a meeting of the Administrative Committee on March 23rd.

I expect to be in Cleveland on Tuesday, March 15th, or Wednesday, March 16th.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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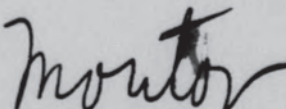
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a report as of March 8th of communities which have already held, are now holding or have definitely scheduled their 1938 campaigns in which the United Palestine Appeal is included.

You will note that these communities gave \$568,000 to the United Palestine Appeal in 1937. In other words, more than one-third of the cities reporting in 1937 have already reported for 1938. 2

Cordially yours,


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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The Columbia Broadcasting System has definitely assigned to the United Palestine Appeal for a Passover program the period from 10 to 10.30 P.M. on Thursday evening, April 14th.

I assume that you will want to contribute your part of the program from Cleveland itself instead of coming to New York.

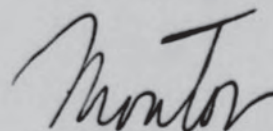
Miss Allen, who is handling the broadcast for the Columbia Broadcasting System, wants about two-thirds of the program devoted to music, and the other third to a Passover message by yourself.

Friedrich Schorr of the Metropolitan Opera Company has consented to contribute his services to the program. He proposes to sing a part of Ernest Bloch's Sacred Service.

Attached herewith is a memorandum to me from Steinglass who has been working with Miss Allen on the program.

Whenever we have had need of a choir we have usually taken Professor Binder's Free Synagogue choir. Would you prefer that the choir of The Temple be used and that the program originate in Cleveland with Schorr being switched in at the New York studio?

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM. FE

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Mr. Henry Montor,
United Palestine Appeal,
111 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Montor:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter which I received from Bernard Stone, copies of the telegrams which he sent and my answers to them. I cannot permit the motion picture barons to exploit the necessities of the Jewish Welfare Fund to force a retraction of statements which I made concerning the moving picture industry, which statements were both true and needed to be said. I suggested that Jonah Wise address that group. Inasmuch as this is a joint campaign, there will be no particular loss to the U.P.A. if I do not meet those gentlemen.

I am also enclosing a letter which I received from Mr. Julius Livingstone.

It will not be possible for me to stay over in New York to meet with the leaders of the various trades.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Encs.

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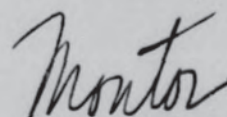
Attached herewith is a copy of the schedule of engagements forwarded here by Stone for your visit to the Coast from April 7th to 11th.

Stone would like to know the following:

- (a) whether you wish him to make reservations for you on the plane along the Coast and to secure your tickets, or whether you will do so yourself before leaving;
- (b) whether you want him to reserve a suite for you at the Ambassador Hotel so that you can receive visitors.

Attached herewith is a copy of a memorandum from George Greenspun, which very succinctly and cogently describes the relations between the JNF and the UPA. I trust that it will be satisfactory to put this subject on the agenda for the meeting of the Administrative Committee.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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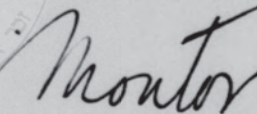
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th St. and Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a most
satisfactory answer from Dean Isidor Loeb with
regard to the situation in St. Louis.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:F
enclosure

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Mr. Henry Montor,
United Palestine Appeal,
111 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Montor:

I am happy to know that you will be here in Cleveland next week, probably on Tuesday. Please wire me the definite day of your arrival.

I note that you have arranged the Broadcast for Thursday, April 14, from ten to ten-thirty P.M. This is perfectly satisfactory. I am happy to note that Mr. Friedrich Schorr has consented to participate in the program. I shall want to broadcast my part of the program from Cleveland thus making it unnecessary for me to make a special trip to New York. By all means use Professor Binder's Free Synagogue choir. I do not approve of Miss Allen's suggestion that I act as narrator for the program and that the program should be in the nature of a Passover Service with the U.P.A. theme smuggled in. I shall, of course, tie up my brief talk quite definitely with the Passover Holiday which lends itself so well to the subject of Israel's rebirth as a people, of which the U.P.A. is a symbol.

The new peice of literature which Mr. Steinglass prepared is very good. We have now had three pieces of literature printed besides Secretary Ickes' address. I think that for the time being, that is quite enough.

It will not be possible for me to go to Scranton on May 15, first because it is on a Sunday and secondly, because it is during our own campaign. I would suggest that you get someone else for them.

Nor am I in a position at the present time to accept the engagement of Worcester County.

H. Montor

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March 11, 1938

I shall bring Mr. Goldsmith's name to the attention of the committee here locally. We might be able to invite him as one of our campaign speakers.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



March 14, 1938

Mr. Henry Montor,
United Palestine Appeal,
111 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Montor:

In reply to your letter of March 11, please ask Mr. Stone to make reservations for me on the planes along the Coast as well as for my return trip by plane from Seattle to Cleveland. Please request him also to make reservations for me at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles.

I am looking forward to your coming to Cleveland with pleasure.

Very cordially yours,

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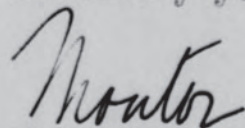
Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter addressed to you by Joseph C. Hyman with respect to Lorain, Ohio, as well as a copy of a letter from William Rosenwald to E. J. Gould of Lorain.

There is a definite misunderstanding in the minds of J.D.C. officers as to the places where the 60-40 agreement is to be applied. The J.D.C. apparently takes no notice of the fact that when the negotiations were first started you were the one that proposed an all-embracing agreement to cover every community. This the J.D.C. declined to consider. Nevertheless, when the Jewish National Fund is involved, the J.D.C. suddenly discovers that the advisability of an all-embracing agreement is very patent.

Our 60-40 agreement provides that this shall be the ratio of distribution in every community which is a member of the Council of Federations and Welfare Funds. Lorain has not been and is not now a member of this Council, so that obviously what the National Fund raises in the community cannot be part of the amount to be assigned to the United Palestine Appeal as its 40% out of the Lorain campaign.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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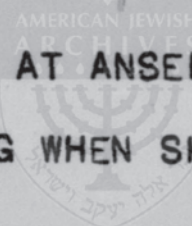
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March
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am appreciative of the
warm hospitality which I enjoyed
at your hands in Cleveland.

It was a very fruitful day
for me in every respect.

Cordially yours,

Montor

Henry Montor

hm/bc

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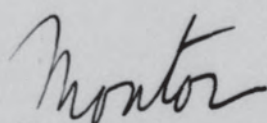
Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter
from Rabbi Henry J. Berkowitz of Portland, Oregon,
and the reply by Bernard Stone.

As you will observe, you are to leave
Portland at eight o'clock Sunday morning to keep
your appointments in Seattle.

Will it be satisfactory to have the dinner
on Saturday night in Portland?

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:FE

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is correspondence from Louis Nizer, a New York attorney and Chairman of the New York Film Board of Trade, to Edward M. M. Warburg, Chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee campaign. Nizer is the Vice Chairman of the New York United Palestine Appeal. He may possibly preside at the Amusement Division luncheon on March 23rd.

Sincerely yours,

Montor
Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:F

P.S. I have just been informed by Blitz that the Joint Distribution Committee declined to have any meeting to discuss a combined drive in New York City.

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The people raising money for Haganah want to add this amount to the income of the United Palestine Appeal. That is to say, whatever sums they raise are to be transmitted through the United Palestine Appeal so that we may take on the amount as a credit item.

Treasurer

ARTHUR M. LAMPORT

Mr. Robert Szold has just sent \$5,000 in a check made out to the United Palestine Appeal. He asks that the United Palestine Appeal transmit the sum to the Executive for the account of Haganah. Is this satisfactory to you or shall we tell these people to make separate remittances?

Associate Treasurers

ABRAHAM I. LEIBOVITZ
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Probably no harm would be done if we take this on as a transfer item for which we receive credit; although possibly this may be used later as a precedent to justify cooperation by the United Palestine Appeal in raising this money.

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Could you possibly wire your answer, either yes or no, inasmuch as they expect us to cable \$5,000 by Monday?

Cordially yours,

Montor

Henry Montor
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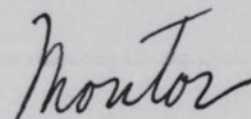
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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Dear Dr. Silver:

Scranton, Pa. has been turned down but they refuse to take "No" for an answer. Do you think you may be heading in the direction of New York any time before May 15th so that you might accept the Scranton invitation to open their campaign? Could it be done on your way to or from New York on May 3rd? If you could consent, I would write to Scranton that you are doing so on the basis that their contribution to the United Palestine Appeal must be far greater than in 1937 when it was \$4,800.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:FE

March 21, 1938

Mr. Henry Montor,
United Palestine Appeal,
111 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Montor:

I glanced through the tentative program for the Midwest conference which will be held in Chicago on April 24. On the face of it, it looks like a conference of Rabbis rather than the United Palestine Appeal. At least fourteen Rabbis are on the program. I think that is a great mistake. The laymen should figure much more prominently, and as I wrote to Greenspun, more non-Zionists should be cultivated and put both on the Executive Committee of the Region and on the program. I know that that is not easy. But, after all, that is what the Regions were primarily organized for.

I think that it would be wise, before the program is finally adopted and invitations sent out, to make an effort in the next few weeks to get more prominent laymen and those not heretofore actively identified with the Palestine movement, to be on the program.

I note, too, that Chicago is featured all too prominently in the program. It is far better, from our point of view, to have the smaller towns in the Region more largely represented.

Please pass these suggestions on to Greenspun and Rabbi Goldman. With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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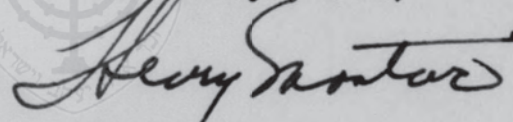
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The Temple,
East 105th St. and Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a
memorandum from Bernard Stone in reference
to Portland.

Sincerely yours,



Henry Montor
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March 24, 1938

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of
a letter from Mr. Max Bretton of Kansas City.
May I confirm the April 28th luncheon?

I think your presence at that
time will be particularly valuable, not only
from the point of view of enthusing the
workers but of obtaining from the leaders
of the campaign a definite pledge that they
will give more to overseas causes than they
have during the past two years.

Cordially yours,

Montor

Henry Montor
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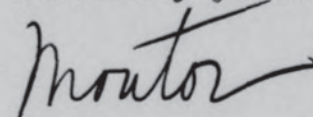
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Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a letter which ought to go forward to Mr. Goldsmith. Inasmuch as he will probably present this letter to the Board for its action, its effect would be greater if coming from you. The amount involved is about four or five times what we get from some of the smaller Eastern cities.

Could you send me a note as to whether you have sent off this letter so that we may put it into our files. If any changes are made, may I have emendations.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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Mr. Henry Montor,
United Palestine Appeal,
111 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Montor:

I am enclosing herewith a clipping from a Jewish Paper in Cleveland which tells of the organization of a committee for the Leon Blum Colony in Palestine. As you know, our Jewish Welfare Fund is now getting under way. Preliminary meetings have been going on for some time. It is really an act of injustice for these gentlemen to begin this activity at this time, especially since they just got through with the Gewerkschaft Campaign. Please take the matter up with the New York Office.

We had a very fine meeting last night in Long Island. I suppose you will have received the report of the meeting by now.

The meeting of the Administrative Committee persuaded me of the wisdom of holding as few of these meetings as possible. So little is accomplished and there is such unwillingness to make forthright decisions on matters which call for quick action.

My traveling expenses amounted to \$38. I returned this morning by plane and the office will probably get the bill for the plane fare. I did not know that the card which you sent me called for the bill to be sent to the office.

How did the film turn out?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. I think that at this time when the New York Campaign is being officially launched, that the entire staff

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of employes of the UPA, the JNF, the ZOA, the Keren Hayesod and those employed by the beneficiary organizations of the UPA, such as the Poale Zion and Mizrachi should announce one hundred percent contributions to the UPA. You might arrange for an announcement to the press to the effect that all the employes of the Zionist Organization have voted to donate say two days salary to the Fund. Those in the higher brackets should, of course, give more. It is not the amount which will be raised that is important, nor will it be very substantial. Its psychological effect will be splendid both on the staff and on public opinion.

The appeal which I made to the Administrative Committee yesterday for the UPA, should be followed up. Every member should be seen and solicited. This is true also of the Administrative Committees of the ZOA, JNF, Poale Zion and Mizrachi. This business of giving to Palestine must begin at home with the leaders in Zionism themselves. Within two weeks, I should like to have a report of all the officers and boards of these organizations and all their pledges.

I think that a sign should be placed in each office of 111 Fifth Avenue where it can be seen, reading: HAVE YOU MADE YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE 1938 CAMPAIGN OF THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL?

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I learn from George Greenspun that the Milwaukee Welfare Fund proposes to distribute its quota of \$77,500 in the following manner:-

Joint Distribution Committee	\$25,000
Hadassah	1,000
Pioneer Women	500
Hebrew University	500
Gewerkschaften	7,666
United Palestine Appeal	15,334

Total Overseas \$50,000

National and Local Requirements 27,500

\$77,500

In actuality, therefore, the distribution between the United Palestine Appeal and Joint Distribution Committee is virtually on a 60-40 basis.

Are you accepting the invitation to go to Milwaukee on June 5th?

Cordially yours,

Montor

Henry Montor
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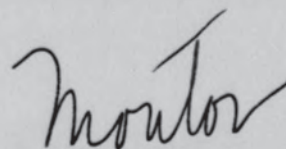
I observe in a letter to you from Rabbi Max C. Currick that you are to be in Erie, Pennsylvania, on Sunday, March 27th.

I do not know the occasion for your visit but in the event you have an opportunity to discuss with any of the leaders the 1938 campaign you ought to know the following:

Erie gave to the United Palestine Appeal in 1936 the sum of \$1,024. In the calendar year 1937 it gave nothing whatever.

This is a strange record for a Jewish community of the size of Erie.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

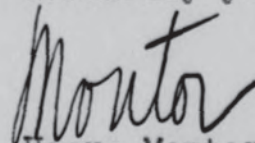
Michael Stavitsky of Newark was on the phone just now urging you to accept the invitation to go to Newark for the campaign opening.

Stavitsky is really the power in Newark. What he has in mind is not a mass meeting but a meeting for about two hundred of the leading contributors. As he put it, with such a group and with your appeal, he believes that at least three-fourths of the quota should be obtained at that time. Newark has a quota of \$100,000. April 25th is the best date for them.

At the meeting of the Administrative Committee, you indicated hurriedly that luncheon on Tuesday, May 3rd, would be acceptable. I am doubtful of the effectiveness of a brief luncheon meeting in getting an adequate response from business people who haven't the patience or the time for a genuine liberality.

Could you possibly make it then on April 25th? I am afraid also that encouragement of postponement might hurt the campaign.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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March 25, 1938

Mr. Henry Montor,
United Palestine Appeal,
111 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Montor:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a telegram
which Rabbi Silver received from Rabbi Jonah Wise; also
copy of Rabbi Silver's reply.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

BJK
Enc.

March 25, 1938

Mr. Henry Montor
United Palestine Appeal
111 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Montor:

This morning I sent the enclosed telegrams to Secretary Hull and to Rabbi Jonah B. Wise. I am also send you a copy of a letter which I addressed to Dr. Stephen S. Wise. I wish no consultation with the JDC people about the Emergency Drive until I will have heard from them.

The Mifde Zioni project should be strongly discouraged. It is a fluke.

I am enclosing herewith a statement of the advances made by The Temple for telegrams, Long Distance calls and postage for two months. Please send me a check for the amount and also a check for \$25 to cover secretarial work for the month of March.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
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SUGGEST FOLLOWING TELEGRAM BE SENT YOUR NAME TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT MAKE PUBLIC SEVERAL DAYS LATER QUOTE ACTION TAKEN BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT IN INITIATING INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSIDERATION OF ACUTE REFUGEE PROBLEM REPRESENT SUPREME EXPRESSION OF AMERICAN SPIRIT IN WORLD AFFAIRS. ITS IMPORTANCE LIES IN RENEWED EMPHASIS OF WILLINGNESS OF AMERICA TO WELCOME VICTIMS OF INTOLERANCE WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF PRESENT LAWS AND IN DIRECTING ATTENTION TO ALL NATIONS TO NEED OF DEALING QUICKLY AND GENEROUSLY WITH THOSE MADE HOMELESS BY BIGOTRY ENSHRINED IN LAW. AMERICAN JEWS GRATEFUL FOR COMPASSION WITH WHICH PLIGHT OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF THEIR BROTHERS ABROAD IS BEING VIEWED. MAY I RESPECTFULLY SUGGEST THAT IN FORMULATING THE AGENDA FOR THE CONFERENCE OF NATIONS WHICH THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS PROPOSED A LEADING PLACE BE GIVEN TO THE STATUS OF PALESTINE AS A HAVEN TO WHICH TENS OF THOUSANDS OF JEWS ARE READY AND EAGER TO MIGRATE BECAUSE OF HISTORICAL ATTACHMENT AND INTERNATIONALLY LEGALIZED BASIS OF JEWISH NATIONAL HOME. THE PROPOSED CONFERENCE MIGHT CALL

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TO THE ATTENTION OF GREAT BRITAIN THAT THE REESTABLISHMENT OF THE JEWISH HOME LAND IN PALESTINE WAS ENVISAGED FOR THE VERY SAME PURPOSE OF SOLVING TO A LARGE DEGREE THE PROBLEM OF ENFORCED JEWISH HOMELESSNESS. ACCORDING TO THE TERMS OF A BRITISH DEFINITION OF THE JEWISH NATIONAL HOME IT IS A COUNTY WHICH JEWS MAY ENTER AS OF RIGHT AND NOT ON SUFFERANCE. IT REMAINS FOR THAT DEFINITION TO BE TRANSLATED INTO PRACTICE. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WHICH HAS THRU SECRETARY HULL AND YOURSELF NOBLY REALIZED THAT JUSTICE AND PEACE ARE SHAMS AS LONG AS MEN ARE PERSECUTED FOR RACE AND CREED CAN MAKE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE JEWISH REFUGEE PROBLEM BY URGING GREATBRITAIN TRUSTEE FOR THE WORLD IN PALESTINE TO OPEN WIDE THE DOORS OF THE LAND WHERE JEWS ONCE BEFORE MOLDED CIVILIZATION AND TO WHICH THEY MUST NOW RETURN IN LARGE NUMBERS BECAUSE CIVILIZATION IN MANY LANDS HAS FAILED AMERICA IS PREPARED TO BE GENEROUS. BUT THE PROBLEM OF THE REFUGEES IS SO VAST THAT MANY OTHER PLACES OF REFUGE MUST BE AVAILABLE. NONE OFFER SUCH ATTRACTIONS AS PALESTINE WHERE TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND JEWS HAVE FOUND HOME AND OPPORTUNITY IN THE FIVE YEARS SINCE HITLER STARTED CENTRAL EUROPE ON THE ROAD BACK TO BARBARISM. HEROIC MEASURE MUST BE TAKEN IF MEN WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN COUNTLESS NUMBERS ARE NOT TO BE ANNIHILATED BY THE

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Henry Montor
United Palestine Appeal
111 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

WORDING OF TELEGRAM TO PRESIDENT SATISFACTORY. I QUESTION, HOWEVER, WHETHER WE SHOULD NOT WAITE UNTIL CONFERENE ARRANGEMENTS ~~XNE~~ ARE FURTHER ADVANCED BEFORE WE SENT IT AND WHETHER IT SHOULD BE SENT BY ME OR BY THE PRESEDENT ZOA OR BY BOTH OFUS STOP CONSULT WISE AND LET ME KNOW

SILVER

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March 28th, 1938

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Many weeks ago Miss Affachiner came to this office to describe the work that she planned to do as Director of the Council of Roumanian Jews of America.

The two organizations of Roumanian Jews in America that are in existence have apparently not been cooperating with this newly formed body called "Council of Roumanian Jews of America".

As I told Miss Affachiner, we would welcome the cooperation of all Roumanian Jews within the framework of the United Palestine Appeal. I made it clear, however, that any separate fund-raising effort for Roumanian Jews in Palestine would necessarily conflict with the United Palestine Appeal.

Undoubtedly the needs of Roumanian Jews in Palestine are great, as are the needs of immigrants from other sources, but if each of these groups were to initiate a separate campaign because of the present duress, the United Palestine Appeal would be severely handicapped.

Cordially yours,

Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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I am seeing the picture tomorrow and will report.

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Dear Dr. Silver:

Bernard Stone writes to me expressing the thought that inasmuch as you will not address any meeting on Saturday, April 9th, you will find it agreeable to travel by train from Portland to Seattle, leaving Portland Saturday at 1:00 P.M. and arriving at Seattle 5:50 P.M.. All the rest of the trip will be covered by plane.

I trust that this is satisfactory so that the Seattle people may be informed accordingly.

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:BC

March 28, 1938

Mr. Henry Montor,
111 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Montor:

I have sent the letter which you wrote to
Mr. Goldsmith of Chicago.

I do not at all approve of the arrangement
entered into by the Milwaukee Jewish Welfare Fund
by the terms of which, out of an allocation for Overseas
relief of \$50,000 the UPA is to receive \$15,334.
The fact that some other Palestine organizations receive
funds from the campaign does not alter the fact that
in this important community the UPA is receiving far
less than the forty percent minimum which we have set
for all the communities of the United States. I cannot
see how the Poale Zion reconcile its responsibility
to the UPA with the sum of \$7,666 for the Gewerkschaften *and*
~~for~~ \$500 for the Pioneer Women which they have earmarked
for themselves. I suggest that you inform the Milwaukee
people that the UPA will not be party to such an
arrangement.

Sooner or later we will have to come to a
frank understanding with the Gewerkschaften people
as we are doing with the JNF people.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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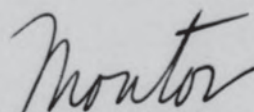
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple,
East 105th St. and Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I understand that Mr. Harold Hirsch of Atlanta has the highest regard for you and that only a word from you will generate the action necessitated at this time. Simon Levin writes to me (a) that Hirsch is planning to retire as President of the Atlanta Jewish Welfare Fund, and (b) that he feels that more funds will be necessary to carry on work in this country to stem the tide of Jew-baiting in America. Mr. Hirsch seems to feel the necessity of giving the Joint Distribution Committee and United Palestine Appeal a little less this year and more to the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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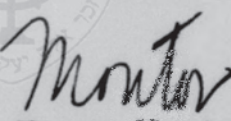
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

The time on the Columbia broadcast on
Thursday, April 14th, has been given to Dr. Wise,
who has been told that the speaking time is
limited to five minutes.

Cordially yours,


Henry Mentor
Executive Director

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Combining what the United Palestine Appeal has been allotted tentatively in Milwaukee with the sum intended for the Joint Distribution Committee gives a figure of approximately \$40,000. Of that amount the United Palestine Appeal is to receive about \$16,000, which is actually 40% in relationship to the funds which the Joint Distribution Committee receives.

It is true, of course, that about \$8,000 is made available for other Palestine causes, notably the Gewerkschaften. If the Gewerkschaften were not included the further sum of \$8,000 would be divided on a 60/40 ratio between the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal.

It seems to be generally understood in Milwaukee that it is the Gewerkschaften which supplies the Zionist part of the workers. That is no reason, of course, why the Gewerkschaften should get the money it does in payment for services which the Poale Zion owes to the United Palestine Appeal as loyal members of the World Zionist Organization. In this connection you will be interested in seeing the enclosed letter which I have sent to David Wertheim, Secretary of the Poale Zion.

I submitted to Dr. Wise the proposed telegram to President Roosevelt. He suggested that it ought to be signed by himself as President of the Zionist Organization of America, by you, as Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal and by Mr. Lipsky, as American member of the World Zionist Executive. I submitted the telegram to Mr. Lipsky who felt that it ought not to be sent for two reasons: (A) that a telegram and particularly the form in which it is couched are not calculated to convince President Roosevelt of the earnest sincerity of American Jews in placing the subject of

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
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Palestine on the agenda of the proposed Inter-Governmental Committee Meeting. He believes (B) that more effective results can be obtained by submitting to the President a memorandum along the lines of the telegram but eliminating the condemning phraseology contained in the telegram. He believes that by rushing into print, as have the various other organizations who have taken advantage of Secretary Hull's announcement, we are jeopardizing the best interests of Palestine, if it is to be seriously considered by the President.

Dr. Wise informs me that the subject is to be considered by the Executive Committee of the Zionist Organization of America tonight. He indicated that he would probably go to Washington within the next day or two to take up with Secretary Hull the placement on the Inter-Governmental agenda. For the present I am, therefore, withholding any action on the telegram. Dr. Wise informs me that he is in correspondence with you with regard to the matter and will keep you informed of further developments.

Cordially yours,

Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:S
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My view is that these long waits cannot help. Palestine may be forgotten in a confused impression that the intention is to absorb all the refugees in the U. S. A. and yet the Z. O. A. must be considered.

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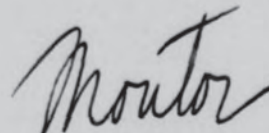
One of the directors in the New York United Palestine Appeal campaign, H. W. Carmely, was stricken with heart trouble early this year and had to retire from active duty in the campaign which he had served on and off for the past ten years. The New York Campaign kept Mr. Carmely on its payroll for three months because of the long service with the United Palestine Appeal. Mr. Carmely received no salary since February 1st.

He now writes that he believes that he will be recovered for active duty by September 1st and requests further consideration at the hands of the United Palestine Appeal in the form of one month's additional salary until September 1st. The amount is \$365.

Mr. Blitz, New York Campaign Director, feels that this problem is outside his province and that the national office should take action.

What is your judgment in the matter?

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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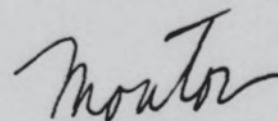
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th St. and Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a confidential memorandum sent to me by Bernard Stone with regard to a meeting which Leon Sloss of San Francisco is calling in Los Angeles on April 4th. It occurs to me that this might have some reference to some plan for an emergency campaign. Perhaps the Joint Distribution Committee has contacted Sloss.

Stone writes that he has made reservations for all of your transportation on the Coast and for your return flight to Cleveland. He has also reserved a lower berth on the sleeper going east, apparently to take care of the possibility that planes may not be flying that day.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:F
enclosure.

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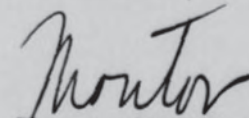
I have seen the picture. It is really splendid. It takes less time than we had originally figured, lasting no longer than fifteen minutes.

You will recall that I had at first thought we might insert into the film some footage of Palestine scenes, but the speech is so consistently effective and actually so brief that there is no point in shunting interest from the words as you speak them.

Everyone at March of Time is greatly impressed with the speech even though they have heard it three and four times. They, too, felt that it would be unwise to include scenery.

I am ordering three 35 mm. prints and at least ten 16 mm. prints for distribution to our directors and for use in the various communities. I believe that we ought to have prints available within ten days.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM/GH

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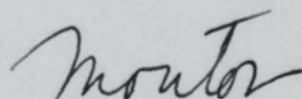
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a check
of \$38.00 to reimburse you for ex-
penses incurred on your last trip
to New York for the United Palestine
Appeal.

Cordially yours,



HM:BC
Enc.

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I want to write to Kansas
City to tell them to go ahead
with their plans for lunch on
April 28th. I have not heard
from you.

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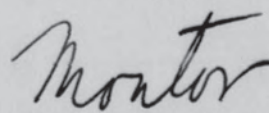
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Milwaukee has made the date
for the opening of its campaign
Tuesday evening, June 7th. Can
you accept? It is actually 60-
40 as between the JDC and UPA.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

March 31, 1938

Henry Montor
111 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

DO NOT APPROVE SUMMONING NATIONAL CONFERENCE AT PRESENT TIME. TOO PREMATURE
I AM ALSO OPPOSED TO LARGE ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN NEW YORK TIMES. WE HAVE
ENOUGH PUBLICITY. OUR SUCCESS DEPENDS UPON ORGANIZATION AND SOLICITATION

A H SILVER

March 31, 1938

Mr. Henry Montor,
111 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Montor:

The noon meeting for Kansas City
on April 28th is O.K.

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



March 31, 1938

Mr. Henry Montor,
United Palestine Appeal,
111 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Montor:

I am enclosing herewith a letter which I received from Rabbi Currick of Erie. I think that Erie will make a real effort to do better this year. Please return this letter to me.

I heard, today, from Mr. Greenspun of Chicago. Please ask him to add to the Executive Committee of the Midwest Region the following from Cleveland: Eugene E. Wolf, President of The Temple and Vice-president of the Cleveland Jewish Welfare Fund, Union Trust Building; Mr. Philip Steinberg, c/o American Lawyers Co., NBC Bldg.; Judge Joseph H. Silbert, City Hall; Mr. Harry Epstein, c/o Nat'l Paper & Twine Co., 1233 W. 9th St. There has been considerable resentment on the part of the Cleveland Zionist Society that not a single member of the Society was added to the Executive Committee of the Midwest Region while five were chosen from the District. Greenspun writes that the list was furnished to him by the National Office. You might also add the names of the two other Rabbis of the City, Rabbi Armond E. Cohen of the Jewish Center and Rabbi Rudolph Rosenthal of the Temple on the Heights.

I received a copy of the letter of Mr. Goldsmith of Chicago. I do not wish to carry on any further correspondence with him with reference to the Chicago situation. I think that the ten percent arrangement with Chicago was an unwise one. I do not see why Chicago could not do what other communities do, namely, set aside a definite allocation for the UPA. Inasmuch as Rabbi Goldman made the arrangements with the Chicago Welfare Fund, I think the matter should be turned over to him.

With reference to the meeting called by Mr. Leon Sloss for April 4th. I received an invitation to attend that meeting. I don't think there is anything secretive or epochal about the gathering. I plan to attend it.

H. Montor

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March 31, 1938

With reference to the case of Mr. Carmely - I do not see how the problem concerns the United Palestine Appeal. You say that he is an employee of the New York UPA Campaign Organization. It is for them to make the decision. I do not see how the National Office can pay salaries to people whom it has not employed, or assume any obligations of the New York Campaign.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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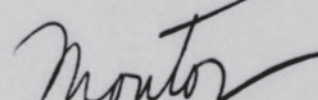
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th Street and Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I must confess that the mentality of Mr. Goldsmith of Chicago is entirely beyond me. I feel that the matter will have to be taken up more directly and personally in Chicago. Letter-writing seems merely to complicate the situation instead of clarifying it. For the time being is the enclosed draft satisfactory?

I regret that the last message before you leave on your trip to the Coast should provide an exhibition of moral obtuseness.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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Mr. Samuel A. Goldsmith,
The Jewish Welfare Fund,
128 North Wells Street,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Goldsmith:

I am about to leave for the Pacific Coast on behalf of the United Palestine Appeal and therefore cannot answer at greater length your letter of March 29th which was forwarded to me from New York.

As I understand it the sum of \$225,000 was allocated to the United Palestine Appeal for the year 1936 by the Chicago Welfare Fund. This was later changed to the 10% arrangement, but as far as the contributors and general public were concerned, it was understood that the United Palestine Appeal would receive \$225,000 and the Joint Distribution Committee \$375,000. However, in 1936 the United Palestine Appeal received from the Chicago Welfare Fund the sum of \$205,703.

It is terribly distressing to me that at a time when all of us are thinking how to save lives the question should be raised as to how to save dollars. Isn't the purpose of the Jewish Welfare Fund to give the maximum sums to the participating agencies?

Cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver,
National Chairman.

AHS:F

**ALLOCATIONS FROM 25 FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS
TO JDC AND UPA IN 1936 and 1937**

	allocations 1936				allocations 1937				increases 1937 over 1936			
	JDC		UPA		JDC		UPA		JDC		UPA	
	Amount	%total	Amount	%total	Amount	%total	Amount	%total	Amount	%increase	Amount	%increase
AKRON	\$ 4,500	60	\$ 3,000	40	\$ 6,300	60	\$ 4,200	40	\$ 1,800	40	\$ 1,200	40
ATLANTIC CITY	2,000	50	2,000	50	3,300	52	3,000	48	1,300	61	1,000	50
CANTON	1,620	52	1,505	48	4,800	60	3,200	40	3,180	196	1,695	112
CINCINNATI	36,000	57	27,300*	43	48,000	58	35,000*	42	12,000	34	7,700	25
CLEVELAND	60,000	50	60,000	50	87,000	60	58,000	40	27,000	45	-2,000	-3
COLUMBUS	13,000	67	6,500	33	16,500	60	11,000	40	3,500	25	4,500	69
DES MOINES	7,000	56	5,500	44	8,000	60	6,000*	40	1,000	14	500	9
DETROIT	35,000	50	35,000	50	90,000	60	60,000	40	55,000	157	25,000	71
FORT WAYNE	6,900	60	4,600	40	8,400	60	5,600	40	1,500	21	1,000	21
HARRISBURG	1,750	50	1,750	50	3,000	60	2,000	40	1,250	71	250	14
INDIANAPOLIS	19,509	65	10,491	35	19,875	64	11,170	36	366	2	679	6
KANSAS CITY, MO.	15,670	51	15,200	49	18,000	59	12,348	41	2,330	15	- 2,852	- 19
MINNEAPOLIS	14,500	51	10,500	49	15,500	58	11,000	42	1,000	69	500	2
NEW ORLEANS	11,400	60	7,600	40	15,780	60	10,520	40	4,380	38	2,920	38
OAKLAND	5,250	60	3,500	40	7,500	60	5,000	40	2,250	42	1,500	42
OMAHA	3,350	50	3,350	50	4,400	53	3,850*	47	1,050	31	500	14
PORTLAND	22,500	67	11,000	33	14,000	58	10,000	42	-8,500	-37	- 1,000	-9
PORTSMOUTH	-	-	50	100	200	73	75	27	200	100	25	50
SACRAMENTO	1,400	62	850	38	1,350	58	975*	48	-50	-3	125	12
ST. LOUIS	58,000	64	32,000	36	57,000	60	38,000	40	-1,000	-1	6,000	18
ST. PAUL	5,250	53	4,750	47	7,800	60	5,200	40	2,550	48	450	9
SAN ANTONIO	6,000	67	3,000	33	6,500	65	3,500	35	500	8	500	16
SAN FRANCISCO	100,000	67	50,000	33	125,000	71	50,000	29	25,000	25	-	-
TRENTON	1,500	50	1,500	50	3,000	60	2,000	40	1,500	-	500	33
YOUNGSTOWN	2,800	56	2,200*	44	6,600	53	5,900*	47	3,800	133	3,700	17
TOTAL	\$ 434,899	59	\$303,146	41	\$577,805	62	\$357,538	38	\$142,906	33	\$ 54,392	18

* Including in 1936 and 1937 appropriations made to JNF and Mizrahi for special and general purposes.

ALLOCATIONS FROM 25 FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS
TO JDC AND UPA IN 1936 AND 1937

	J.D.C.		:	U.P.A. *		:	TOTAL U.P.A. & J.D.C.	
	Total Amount	%total	:	Total Amount	%Total	:	Amount	%total
1936	\$ 434,899	59	:	\$303,146	41	:	\$733,045	100
1937	577,805	62	:	357,538	38	:	935,343	100
Increase 1937 ---over 1936	142,906	33	:	54,392	18	:	197,298	

* Includes appropriations made to JNF and Mizrachi.

Total increase in 1937 over 1936 was \$197,298 of which the
JDC received 72% of the total
UPA " 28% of the total

In 1936 -- 4 Welfare Funds made their distribution on a basis of 60% to JDC
and 40% to UPA

7 Welfare Funds gave JDC more than 60%
13 " " " " less than 60%
1 " " " " no allocation.

In 1937 -- 13 Welfare Funds made their distribution on a basis
of 60% to JDC and 40% to UPA
4 gave JDC more than 60%
8 " " less than 60%

In 1937 -- 3 Welfare Funds reduced allocations to JDC to the amount of \$9,550
3 " " " " to UPA " " " " 5,852

In 1937 the 9 Welfare Funds which made their distributions on a 60-40 basis,
but which had not done so in 1936,

Increased the allocations to JDC by - \$94,980 Decrease \$1,000 NET \$94,980
" " " to UPA by - \$38,895 " \$2,000
NET INCREASE \$36,895

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Attached herewith is a copy of a cable which was sent from Cairo to Dr. Bernard Joseph by Moshe Shertok. Attached also is a copy of a follow-up cable.

These cables have aroused a great deal of concern here and the matter has been discussed with Dr. Joseph and Mr. Lipsky as head of the Keren Hayesod, and Rabbi Goldstein as head of the Keren Kayemeth.

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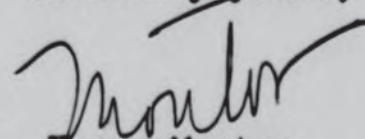
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As a result of communications sent to a number of the important key cities where 1937 funds are outstanding and together with funds now in our possession we could make available \$150,000 from our own treasury. Dr. Joseph felt that a minimum of a quarter of a million dollars had to be supplied to meet the urgent situation. This necessitates a loan of \$100,000 at the United Palestine Appeal banking institution, the National City Bank. The matter has already been discussed with the bank and they are prepared to give a loan of \$100,000 in dimensions of \$25,000 due in two months, \$25,000 in three, \$25,000 in four and \$25,000 due in five months. The rate of interest will be 3%. Payments on the loan will, of course, be made out of income.

It has been made clear to Dr. Joseph and to the Executive that if the \$250,000 is dispatched now there will necessarily be some delay in remittances in later months.

It was in connection with this entire matter that I telegraphed you the other day about the possibility of Cleveland forwarding whatever sums were still on hand on account of the 1937 allocation to the United Palestine Appeal.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:FE

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The United Palestine Appeal is one of the partners of the Council for German Jewry. The American Zionists were at the time most anxious that in the American section of the Council Zionists and non-Zionists should be represented on the basis of the 50:50 principle, headed by an impartial chairman, a composition which I realize was of great moment for the work and the prestige of the United Palestine Appeal in America.

The Council for German Jewry is not a political institution, but solely a body coordinating the efforts of the various organizations which make annual financial contributions for the cause of the German Jews, and in close consultation allocate the funds thus raised in the manner they deem most appropriate. The partners of the Council are Anglo-Jewry on the one hand and American Jewry on the other, the difference being that the American Jews carry out two separate drives, while Anglo-Jewry derives its contribution from a united campaign.

You are doubtless aware that in the past we have often met with difficulties in the Council because time and again the non-Zionist members of the Council have pointed to the vast difference of the two American partners with regard to their contributions to the budget of the Council; the contribution (cont'd on following page)

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of the Joint was £210,000 in 1936 and at least £280,000 in 1937, while the Jewish Agency and the Board of the Keren Kayemeth out of the proceeds of the United Palestine Appeal contributed not ~~more~~ more than £50,000 each during these two years. Time and again we have explained why the United Palestine Appeal could not contribute in a larger measure; but for all our explanations, our position has always been somewhat difficult.

We are now approaching the budget discussions for 1938. In my opinion it is simply impossible to inform the Council that the United Palestine Appeal is not prepared to contribute at least £50,000 as in 1936 and 1937. If the Jewish Agency is not prepared to commit itself on these lines, the United Palestine Appeal, in my opinion, cannot but resign its membership of the Council for German Jewry and recall its members in the American section as well as its alternates in London. Whether such a step would be beneficial to the position of the United Palestine in America and to the success of its collections this year, is a matter for your own judgment rather than mine.

It may be argued that the Council budget for 1938 will consist chiefly of the contribution of the American Joint Distribution Committee which can again be expected to allocate this year at least £200,000 (probably more) for the German Jewish cause, while the British section having left only £20,000 for its free disposal will not be able to contribute to any considerable extent. Such argumentation, however, would not meet the facts. If the British Section has not more than £20,000 left for disposal, it is only because allocations for a number of items of the budgets for 1938 and 1939 have already been made. Actually, the British section is ahead with the following allocations for 1938 and 1939:

	<u>1938</u>	<u>1939</u>
<u>Expenditure on behalf of German Jews:</u>	<u>£45,000</u>	
1) Refugee Committee England	£45,000	£45,000
2) Academic Assistance Council, Professional Committee, Ad- ministration expenses	£10,000	£10,000
3) Earmarked donations K.K.L.....	£23,000	£23,000
4) On account of the budget of the Reichsvertretung 1938.....	£ 5,000	--
	<u>£83,000</u>	<u>£78,000</u>

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In addition, the British section has put aside for the budgets 1938 and 1939 for the Keren Hayesod a total amount of £56,000 which, however, are for the ordinary budget of the Keren Hayesod in Jerusalem and not earmarked for the settlement of German Jews.

Therefore, the contribution of the British section amounts already to £83,000 for 1938, which will be increased, even if no fresh campaign is launched in England in 1938, by allocations out of the £20,000 as yet unallocated.

The contributions of the British section during the last two years were:

for 1936.....£382,000
for 1937.....£ 176,500

It may be assumed, therefore, that the total budget of the Council for 1938 will be as follows:-

British Section.....	at least	£ 83,000
J.D. C.....	" "	£200,000
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It must be added that the Jac as a whole is not even a partner of the Council, but is connected with the Council merely by a sort of personal union its President, Sir Osmond d'Avigdor Goldsmid being a member of the non-Zionist section of the Council.

Apart from these general considerations, I have a special reason for raising, at this juncture, the question of the United Palestine Appeal contribution to the Council budget for 1938. Following consultations with Zionist friends in Germany, I have the intention to propose to the Council a new scheme the object of which is the transport, in the course of this year, of another 1,000 chalutzim and chalutzoth for Germany to Palestine. The new scheme provides that one portion of these new immigrants, i.e. those who have received their training in Germany, shall be admitted as settlers in existing agricultural settlements, - as was the practise with previous schemes financed jointly by the Council and the Jewish Agency -, while the other class, the so-called trainees - with only one year's training in Germany, are to be brought to Palestine for the conclusion of their training in agricultural settlements. The amount required for the implementing of this scheme in Palestine is £98,000. This plan presents a new feature in that almost half of the amount required (43,000 £) is hoped to be provided from Germany itself, namely out of a Fund which the Reichsvertretung in Berlin has at its disposal for the assistance

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of emigrants without means. As for the remaining £55,000, we believe that at any rate there is a chance of obtaining £32,000 from the British Section of the Council provided that the Jewish Agency agrees to contribute £25,000 out of the proceeds of the United Palestine Appeal drive (i.e. out of the share of the Keren Hayesod.) It is true, the British Section, as set out above, has at present only £20,000 at its free disposal; nevertheless we think that a constructive plan that provides for the emigration of 1,000 young people from Germany to Palestine, in addition to a normal quota of certificates for Germany, cannot fail to attract the British Section and may even encourage a new financial effort during this year on the part of the British Section.

All these considerations encourage me in my opinion that the Executive of the United Palestine Appeal should use some pressure to induce the Executive of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem to pledge the same amount as last year, i.e. £50,000 for the cause of the German Jews out of the proceeds of the United Palestine Appeal drive, £25,000 being provided in cash by the Keren Hayesod, and £25,000 in land by the Keren Kayemeth.

I would suggest, therefore that the Executive of the United Palestine Appeal address a telegram to the Executive in Jerusalem on the following lines:

"For the benefit of our prestige as well as of the financial result of the campaign 1938 it is imperative that we be authorized to state publicly that out of drive Dol. 250,000, not including Youth Aliyah collections, are earmarked, as in 1937, for the settlement of German Jews in Palestine."