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1939-1940.

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September 22, 1939

Mr. Mendel N. Fisher, Exec. Secy.
Jewish National Fund
111 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Fisher:

At your request, I proceeded to Washington in order to ascertain at the Department of State whether it will be necessary for the J.N.F. to register with the Secy. of State, pursuant to the rules and regulations governing the solicitation and collection of contributions for use in Palestine, promulgated by the Secy. of State on September 5, 1939, under the neutrality legislation.

Section 3 of the joint resolution of Congress approved May 1, 1937 (Public Resolution No. 27 - 75th Congress - First Session) amending the joint resolution approved August 31, 1935, as amended, provides, in part, that whenever the President shall have issued a proclamation declaring that a state of war exists between certain countries named in such proclamation it shall be unlawful for any person within the U.S. "to solicit or receive any contributions" for any government, political subdivision, etc. of the countries named in the proclamation. The same section contains, however, the proviso that nothing contained therein shall be construed as prohibiting the solicitation or collection of funds to be used for "medical aid and assistance, or for food and clothing to relieve human suffering", when such solicitation or collection of funds is made on behalf of and for use of any person or organization which is not acting for or on behalf of any government, political subdivision, etc. of the countries named in the President's proclamation. The same section further provides that the solicitation and collection of funds for medical aid and assistance, or for food and clothing to relieve human suffering shall be subject to the approval of the President and shall be made under such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed.

On September 5, 1939, the President of the U.S. issued a proclamation declaring that a state of war exists between certain countries, including the United Kingdom. The President's proclamation does not specifically mention Palestine or any other mandated territories governed by the United Kingdom or by any other of the powers named in the proclamation. It was subsequently held by the Department of State, however, that the words "United Kingdom" covered all mandated territories governed and policed by the United Kingdom. By this interpretation, Palestine was clearly held to be a belligerent country within the definition of the Neutrality Act and, therefore, subject to the rules and regulations promulgated by the Dept. of State thereunder.

On September 5, 1939, the Secy. of State issued rules and regulations making it compulsory for every person (including corporations) engaged in the solicitation or the collection of funds, for any of the purposes named in the act, to register with the Secy. of State. To this end, all such persons must make application to the Secy. of State upon the form prescribed therefor. The regulations further provide that all solicitations and collections are prohibited before the application for registration is approved by the Secy. of State.

The Division of Controls of the Dept. of State is in charge of the registrations in question. I laid all the facts before Mr. Hague of that Division, and I gave him

a full explanation of the manner in which the funds collected by the J.N.F. in America are spent in Palestine by the J.N.F. there.

Mr. Hague held that since the Jewish National Fund is not a government or a political subdivision, or a faction or an asserted government and since none of the funds spent by it are used for medical aid and assistance or for food and clothing to relieve human suffering, the Neutrality Act and the rules and regulations of the State Department thereunder are not applicable to the Jewish National Fund--and that, therefore, it is not necessary for the Jewish National Fund to apply to the Secretary of State for registration under the rules and regulations of September 5, 1939, governing the solicitation and collection of contributions for use in belligerent countries.

Sincerely yours,

(signed)

MAURICE M. BOUKSTEIN

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WALBROOK, LONDON, E.C.4, 4th October, 1939.
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REFERRING TO:

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Dr. H. Silver,
New York.

Dear Dr. Silver,

No doubt you know that, by virtue of the Defence (Finance) Regulations, no money can go out of this country without a special permit from the Bank of England - the exception is Sterling to Palestine, because the Palestine Pound has as its cover the Pound Sterling.

I am not at this moment in a position to give you even an approximate figure that would represent the total amount which the various Jewish Organisations of this country require for remittances abroad, i.e. to the various European countries, South America, Palestine and, maybe, to the U.S.A. It is sufficient to say that one organisation only, the I.C.A., according to my information requires £10,000.- per month, or £120,000.- per annum; this organisation, although operating from headquarters in Paris, has its resources and investments in England. Add to this the Central Fund for German Jewry, various Polish and Ukrainian Relief Committees, many minor organisations whom at this moment I cannot quote by their respective names and, above all, bearing in mind the number of private individuals who require foreign currencies for their private remittances to friends and relatives, and you will arrive at a very grand total. Under present circumstances, when words would fail anybody to describe the plight of East European Jewry, the normal requirements will obviously be multiplied. On the other hand, the Government of this country requires every bit of Gold and Foreign Currencies for the purposes of defence.

Dr. H. Silver, New York, 4.10.39.

We cannot possibly expect the Bank of England to satisfy the requirements of all Jewish Organisations unless we can provide the countervalue as a set-off. But, apart from what I have described above, we British Jews, and particularly we Zionists, are doing our utmost to help the Government in this national emergency in every possible way, thus implementing the Jewish promise, and the promise of Jewish Palestine in particular, to stand by Great Britain in the present struggle.

I do not want to take your attention away from the subject of this letter to tell you what we have already done, and are doing now in Palestine, to keep intact the financial and economic structure of Palestine - it is of great importance and may become of greater importance still in the defence of the Eastern Mediterranean: of this I will write to you separately.

In the Foreign Exchange problem that is now before us, we have informed the Bank of England that we are ready and willing to make a great effort which, if successful, would not only provide the Foreign Currencies that are required for various Jewish needs, as referred to above, but would, with the goodwill of American Jewry, and particularly of American Zionists, produce a handsome surplus in U.S.A. Dollars which we would place at the disposal of the Bank of England, an effort that would be highly appreciated and would, no doubt, in due course be credited to our general record of services rendered to the country and to Palestine.

A proposition has emanated from my negotiations with the Bank of England the effect of which would be to create a central channel purely from the Exchange point of view, say something like a Jewish Relief Exchange Clearing Office. This Office would know what amounts of various Exchanges were, at any given time, available, and what others were required. If this organisation were to come into being, I have the assurance of the Bank of England that the Exchange Control Authorities would do their best to co-operate, and moreover, they would give us the best possible conditions of Exchange. Such organisation could come into being with the expected success only if the Organisations of which you are one of the Chairmen were to realise the importance of this plan and to fall in with it. You know better than I do how large is the total amount of U.S.A. Dollars being allocated to various organisations in

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Europe and to Palestine out of the proceeds of the United Jewish Appeal, what you yourselves allocate to the various Organisations and what are the respective amounts these Organisations have to acquire in the currencies needed for their purposes, and it is suggested that all the currencies that your powerful Organisations require should be supplied through the central channel in London which it is proposed to create.

You know, no doubt, that whatever is the total that the United Palestine Appeal and other Organisations (private or public) transfer to Palestine, they have to buy the Palestine Pounds in London - you cannot buy them anywhere else. It is, therefore, obvious that whatever the total of these Palestine transfers may be, it cannot be used as a set-off against the purchases of Foreign Currencies required by the British Jewish Organisations. In other words, it is of importance that all the purchases for various European countries should not be made in New - York independently - the central Clearing Office here should make all the necessary purchases, leaving the equivalent of Dollars in U.S.A. at the disposal of the Bank of England. I am told that even normally (and not as a matter of war-time exception) America buys Roumanian Lei, Polish Zloty, Dinars and Baltic States Currencies mostly in London, or in London and Switzerland. All these technical questions would obviously be dealt with by specialists on both sides, but to all intents and purposes you may take it that on this side everything will be done to make this project realisable, and, when it comes into being, it will work as smoothly and satisfactorily as one can expect. As I have said above, the Exchange Control Authorities and the Bank of England will contribute their goodwill and something more than that - fair conditions of Exchange - and this is of great importance.

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Please remember that I am dealing with the Bank of England, the Governor of which, Mr. Montagu Norman, has per-

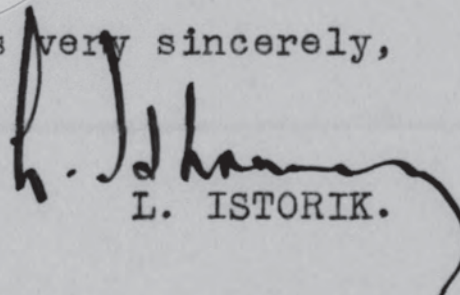
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Dr. Weizmann and Mr. Simon Marks are writing to you at the same time from their respective offices. I hope we shall all manage to be in time for the outgoing mail, the last air-mail of this season.

Yours very sincerely,


L. ISTORIK.

4th October,

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Dr. Weizmann and Mr. Simon Marks are writing to you at the same time from their respective Offices. I hope we shall all manage to be in time for the outgoing air mail, the last air mail of this season.

Yours very sincerely,

Leo Istorik.

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

October 20, 1939

Mr. Henry Ittelson
1 Park Avenue
New York, N.Y.

A MEETING OF THE UJA HAS BEEN CALLED FOR MONDAY EVENING OCTOBER THIRTIETH. I AM WONDERING WHETHER A MEETING OF THE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE CANNOT BE HELD THAT SAME AFTERNOON. I UNDERSTAND THAT MR. KIRSTEIN IS FREE TO COME ON THAT DAY. WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE A DEPUTY REPRESENT MR. LASKER WHO I UNDERSTAND WILL NOT BE FREE UNTIL NOVEMBER. IN VIEW OF GENERAL SITUATION AFFECTING JDC UPA AND NATIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE FEEL THAT MEETING ON THIRTIETH HIGHLY ADVISABLE. PLEASE WIRE. KINDEST REGARDS.

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

Dear Silver,

The enclosed letter has just come to my desk for you
from Istorik. He sent me a copy of it.

When you are in New York next, I shall be very glad to
talk to you about this entire matter.

Cordially yours,

Maurice B. Hexter

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#3 BULLETIN ON PRESENT ACTIVITIES OF J.D.C.

As the European hostilities go into their eighth week, with the attendant uprooting of vast numbers of human lives and wholesale destruction of economic existences, the Joint Distribution Committee is redoubling its efforts in behalf of the hundreds of thousands of Jews who are direct or indirect victims of the war. Its New York and overseas offices are the scene of vigorous and unremitting activity in every direction. Aid is being rendered to distressed Jewish populations all over the world. Contacts are being pursued with interdenominational or non-sectarian agencies which are in a position to assist in the work of war relief. At the same time, full attention is being given to those aspects of J.D.C. work, particularly in behalf of German-Jewish refugees, which, although outside the actual arena of hostilities, have been complicated by reason of the war.

Through offices and representatives located at strategic points throughout Europe, the J.D.C. is keeping its finger on the pulse of the overseas emergency. A constant exchange of counsel and information is maintained between New York and Europe, and the J.D.C. executive offices have been geared to meet the overwhelming problems which daily arise.

The situation, as of today, is as follows:

Inside Poland

More than half of Warsaw has been destroyed by bombardment and fire, it is reported, and 600,000 persons in that city alone are without shelter. Since Jews comprise one-third of Warsaw's population, a minimum of 200,000 Jews are homeless. This figure is probably an underestimate in the light of reports that the Jewish quarters

of Warsaw were subject to especially severe bombing. The German General Staff has announced that a total of 31,000 Jewish soldiers in the Polish Army have been killed. The number of Jewish soldiers taken prisoners is given as 61,000. Unlike many other prisoners, they have not been permitted to demobilize and go home. The families of these men are now left helpless. The number of civilians whose homes were in the path of the invading or retreating armies, and who are now without roofs over their heads, cannot as yet be estimated. Hundreds of thousands are involved and the situation, with early northern winter on hand, requires immediate aid. There is an urgent need in addition to feeding the hungry and sheltering the homeless, for warm clothing, blankets and medical supplies. A huge task of reconstruction lies ahead.

Situation in Vilna Area

The return of the city and district of Vilna to Lithuanian jurisdiction has resulted in a new point of contact, from which assistance may be rendered inside the occupied territories of Poland. The problem in Vilna itself is of large proportions. It has been reported that more than 100,000 refugees from the Soviet-occupied area of Poland have fled into the Vilna territory. Just how many of these are Jews, is not yet known. That section of the Vilna area which is reported to have been ceded to Lithuania has a native Jewish population of about 85,000, the city of Vilna alone has 55,000 Jews. An American member of the J.D.C. overseas staff is now enroute to Vilna with the first Lithuanian contingent. He will organize emergency relief measures in behalf of Polish war refugees, and has funds at his disposal to meet initial needs. In the meantime, he has set up in Kaunas a relief committee for Polish Jewish refugees in Lithuania which, working in close cooperation with the government, is collecting money, clothing and food. He is also looking into the organizing of contact between refugees from Poland and their American relatives.

Reports from Vilna indicate that there is a shortage of food in the city, as well as a lack of heating facilities and medical supplies. Long queues of people

stand patiently in line outside the doors of food-distributing centers. The relief measures instituted by the Lithuanian government are not adequate to meet the needs.

Discussions with Red Cross

In the meantime, discussions between the J.D.C. and the Red Cross are going forward. Mr. Norman H. Davis, Chairman of the American Red Cross, has publicly announced that the American Red Cross will cooperate with the Joint Distribution Committee in bringing aid to the suffering thousands in Poland. Our European Chairman has met in consultation with Mr. Ernest Swift, leader of the Red Cross relief delegation which flew to Europe a fortnight ago. Mr. Swift is now touring the countries bordering Poland and is making contact with local refugee committees which are affiliated with the J.D.C. On his return to Geneva within the next week, he will attempt to work out a comprehensive plan for coordinated aid to the war sufferers. In the meantime, the American Red Cross has shipped overseas 5,000 blankets and 30,000 suits of warm underwear, as well as medical supplies for Polish refugees.

The newly formed Commission for Polish Relief, which plans a non-sectarian relief program in Poland, is also closely in touch with the J.D.C. The Commission has sent American representatives into Warsaw. It plans to utilize the services of several important Quaker business men to act as distributors in Poland and to assist in repatriating refugees.

It is hoped that a member of the J.D.C. overseas staff will be enabled to enter Poland in the near future. Although the J.D.C. office in Warsaw has been destroyed by bombs, and although the active heads of its Warsaw office are now reported to be in Vilna, no time will be lost in organizing relief measures once entry to Poland is gained. The facilities of the medical-aid, child-care and other organizations and institutions which the J.D.C. has built up during the last 25 years, will be employed to the fullest possible extent, and the services of such personnel as are still available will be utilized.

Refugees from Poland

As yet, no comprehensive census has been taken of the number of persons who fled from Poland into any or all of the border countries. Registration of refugees in each of the border countries is now being conducted by local Red Cross societies, who are making copies of their lists available to the J.D.C. The number of Jews among the war refugees is still undetermined.

Local committees subventioned by the J.D.C. have been active in redistributing refugees from border towns, where there is the greatest congestion, and have also organized immediate relief measures. In Hungary, for instance, temporary barracks have been put up to house women and children. Food, warm clothing, medical supplies and other necessities are being made available. In Roumania, large numbers of Polish Jewish refugees who fled before the Nazi armies in their summer clothing and with few personal belongings, are fighting disease, starvation and inclement weather. Lacking warm clothes, adequate food and bedding, the refugees are easy prey to disease. The funds of local refugee committees can only begin to meet the need for food, let alone such necessities as shoes, coats and blankets. Members of the J.D.C. overseas staff are supervising these activities, not only in the Baltic countries, but in Roumania and Hungary as well. Substantial sums have been granted to meet the initial stages of the need.

Work in Behalf of German Jews

The precarious situation of the Jews in Germany has been described in previous bulletins. The plight of the Polish Jews living in Germany is particularly pathetic. Every male Polish Jew in Germany between the ages of 16 and 65 has been interned, and the families of these men left destitute. In Vienna, for instance, where the families of interned men have been evicted from their living quarters, some 6,000 Jewish children have been left, virtually starving, on the streets. The most important problem facing German Jewry today, however, is that of emigration which, for

the time being, is still permitted.

Immediate Emigration Needs

Working through a refugee committee in a neutral country, the J.D.C. has thus far expended \$80,000 for direct emigration from Germany and \$150,000 for emigration from Austria. A survey made this week shows that there are today approximately 6,500 persons in Germany, Austria, Bohemia, Moravia, Slovakia and Danzig, who are in possession of all of the necessary documents for emigration. There is immediately required, for the emigration of these people, upwards of \$690,000. The J.D.C. is the sole organization which is being urged to supply these funds. Contributions towards the cost of direct emigration from Germany which had heretofore been obtained from the British Council for German Jewry, can no longer be counted upon.

In addition, emigration from the various refugee countries of Europe has taken on increased urgency. The J.D.C. has expended in the eight weeks since the beginning of the present war, more than \$50,000 in the payment of transportation fees and other emigration expenses for refugees in European countries of asylum. Close to 1,000 additional persons are now ready to emigrate from the refugee countries, at a cost of \$213,000. Here again the brunt of the burden may have to be borne by the J.D.C. Emigration of refugees from European countries has hitherto been conducted by the Hicem (Hias-Ica Emigration Association) with funds supplied by the J.D.C., the Council for German Jewry and the Jewish Colonization Association. The Council's present inability to conduct any activities outside England has increased the J.D.C.'s share of these expenses by at least 50%. The extent to which the Jewish Colonization Association can continue to participate is uncertain, and may result in the J.D.C.'s carrying an even greater share of the expense.

These large sums for immediate emigration needs, totalling \$903,000, impose great hardships on the J.D.C. budget, which has already been strained to the utmost as a result of the war emergency. It is, nevertheless, imperative that emigration

assistance be continued while the possibility to leave Germany still exists. The J.D.C. policy of not sending foreign exchange into Germany is, of course, being maintained. Dollars are held in a neutral country to be paid to emigrants when they leave Germany, against deposits in marks which are made by those emigrants who are still able to pay, before they leave, to the central Jewish welfare organization in Germany.

Situation in Refugee Countries

France: The situation is particularly disturbed in France, where every male enemy alien, including German Jewish refugees, between the ages of 15 and 65 has been interned in special camps. Women and children, who have not been interned, constitute a serious relief problem which is complicated by the fact that the bank accounts of all German nationals have been blocked, and Germans are unable to withdraw their funds. The camps are by no means adequate for the thousands of people who have suddenly been thrust into them, as a result of which hundreds sleep under the open sky. In this connection, the J.D.C. has been asked to look into the question of shipping from the United States sufficient blankets and warm underclothing to provide for 15,000 to 20,000 persons. The care of children evacuated from Paris, and the necessity of providing relief to the families of hundreds of non-German Jewish aliens who have been thrown out of work as a result of war conditions, constitute additional grave problems.

England: The situation of the refugees in England is more favorable. Refugees are being individually examined and are being separated into two categories: enemy aliens, and victims of the Nazi regime. Enemy aliens are being interned, while the others are given the opportunity to work in certain limited spheres. However, serious problems have arisen, such as the situation of 15,000 German Jewish girls who have come to England to enter domestic service, and only one-third of whom are employed.

Other Countries: In the refugee countries of Belgium, Holland and

Switzerland, severe unemployment exists, which has complicated the refugee situations. In Belgium, it was found necessary to increase the maintenance grants for refugees. The Belgian refugee committee, which at the beginning of the year received \$20,000 a month from the J.D.C., is now asking for a regular subvention of \$80,000 a month. In Holland, in addition to the regular burden, some 1,700 refugee children who had been brought in under the auspices of a special non-sectarian committee, are now the responsibility of the Jewish refugee committee, which seeks aid from the J.D.C. The famed Wieringen training farm for young people will have to shut its doors unless the J.D.C. comes to the rescue. A very serious situation obtains also in Switzerland.

The burdens of these countries bordering Germany have also been increased by a continued infiltration of refugees, although borders are officially closed. A report to the recent meeting in Washington of the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee, stated that thousands of Jewish children, so young they are unable to give their or their parents' names, have been smuggled out of Germany into neutral countries by the Gestapo so that the Reich would have fewer mouths to feed.

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
111 FIFTH AVENUE

MEMORANDUM

Date October 26, 1939

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From Henry Montor

Subject

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter dated October 6th from Leo Herrmann, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Keren Hayesod, relating to the origin and purposes of the visit of Mr. Kurt Blumenfeld to the United States.

WRHS



C O P Y

KEREN HAYESOD, Ltd.

London
October 6th, 1939

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

Dear Mr. Montor,

As I informed you by cable already some time ago, Mr. Kurt Blumenfeld, our Managing Director, who is not in London, intends to come to the United States. It was on the last day before the break-up of the Congress, - Dr. Silver and Dr. Goldman had already left - when the Board of Directors of the Keren Hayesod together with Mr. Kaplan and some other members of the Executive consulted with regard to certain steps to be taken in case of outbreak of war, and it was decided that Mr. Blumenfeld should go, not back to Palestine, but to London, and as soon as possible to the United States. It was found desirable that he, as one of the Managing Directors of the Keren Hayesod, should be in the States to strengthen the contact between us and the American Keren Hayesod, the United Palestine Appeal and the Zionist Organization of America. Mr. Blumenfeld has now decided to leave on the "Manhattan" on, or about October 12th and is bound to arrive in the States after October 17th.

I am writing to you officially and would be very much obliged if you would communicate this letter to Rabbi Silver, as the Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, to Mr. L. Lipsky, as Chairman of the Keren Hayesod, to the President of the Zionist Organization of America, Rabbi Dr. Goldman, and to Dr. Stephen Wise.

All these gentlemen know Mr. Blumenfeld, and it is, therefore, not necessary for me to add anything which would explain in what way Mr. Blumenfeld will have to fulfil his mission. He is most keen to give your work his full co-operation and relies also on yours.

I may only add that Dr. Weizmann was of course consulted, and he urged Mr. Blumenfeld very strongly to go to the United States as soon as possible.

In the above mentioned cable I have already indicated that I too have been asked to go to the United States. The original intention of my Board and of the Palestine Executive was, of course, that I should go, if possible, together with Mr. Blumenfeld, but I cannot go yet. I have still to carry through the last stages of the scheme of immigration of 2,500 Jews from the Protectorate, with which a transfer of £500,000 is connected. There are still 1,200 people in the Protectorate and about £300,000 to be paid out to the Jewish Agency for Palestine. I hope that in the course of the next few weeks this scheme will be finally carried through and I will then be able to follow Mr. Blumenfeld. This is only to explain why we do not sail together.

With Zionist greetings,
Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Leo Herrmann.

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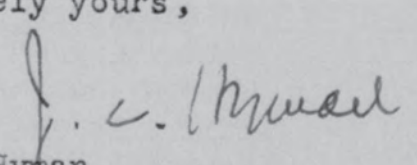
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am truly sorry that it has not been possible as yet to reply further to your letter of October 9th requesting some material with regard to the Joint Distribution Committee's program in advance of the Allocations Committee meeting.

We are making strenuous efforts to get the latest figures and estimate of requirements for the balance of the year from our European Chairman. However, you can well understand that the war has created certain conditions which make it difficult to gather information as speedily as might otherwise be possible. We are hoping to receive the necessary material within the next few days, and you may be assured that all members of the Allocations Committee will be apprised of our findings as quickly as possible.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,


J. C. Hyman
Executive Director

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November 2, 1939

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman
United Palestine Appeal
111 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The following is from a letter written to me by Mr. David Surdut of Tel-Aviv regarding an appeal for help for Mr. Nathan Kaplan, formerly of Chicago, who having migrated to Palestine fourteen years ago, is in dire need:

"The Jewish Agency are going to send delegates from Palestine to the United States and I went to see Mr. Ussishkin that Mr. Kaplan should be one of these men. He answered me that Palestinians should and would be sent, not Americans. If you will use your influence I am sure that you will be able to help our friend. See that the agency in New York should send a letter to the office in Jerusalem and ask to have Mr. Kaplan sent. He needs that assistance now."

In the hope that some help can come to Mr. Kaplan through the responsible Zionist bodies of America,
I am

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Edward Jacobs

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Same letter sent also to:
Dr. Solomon Goldman
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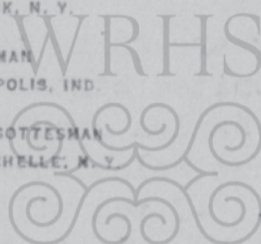
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November 3, 1939

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman
United Palestine Appeal
111 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Attached is a copy of a letter received by me.

On my return from Palestine I brought to your attention the appeal made by "Amal." I found it a very worthy instrument for giving a short course in training for basketry and burlap weaving whereby refugees could engage in home industry which was being introduced in Palestine as against importation. The president is a sister of Dr. Weizmann.

I hope that funds may be found to help maintain this very worthy project.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Edward Jacobs

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Same letter sent also to:

Mrs. David de Sola Pool
Dr. Solomon Goldman

"AMAL"
HOME - INDUSTRY SCHOOL
In Memory
of the late M. DIZENGOFF

Mozkin Street 8
Tel-Aviv

September 25, 1939

Dear Mrs. Jacobs:

Just before you left for U.S.A., I had the pleasure to greet you in the workshops of "Amal." I also sent you on ship's board a short communique concerning "Amal's" activities.

Besides our fundamental task to sponsor the home industries in the whole country, we found it necessary in the last months to add another one -- teaching the refugees some productive handworks.

Every month the ships are bringing into Palestine thousands of refugees, who left behind everything, saving their bare life. Medics, advocates, merchants, officials, who otherwise would have to ask support from philanthropical organizations, are considering themselves happy to have the possibility to learn any handwork at "Amal's". Apart from the long existing branches, we started lately a weaving branch and installed some weaving looms. Instructors for every craft are available, as well as an office for getting in orders, sale of goods produced and supplying raw materials.

In most of the cultural countries that is the Government who is performing these tasks. But in Palestine all public undertakings are the result of private initiative and energy and the whole work of "Amal" lies on the shoulders of a small active group, assisted by a score of supporters.

The equipment of the weaving branch, with looms and instruments, had required a lot of money. The maintenance of instructors and office is entailing at least some LP 30 per month. The crisis in our country is growing stronger and stronger. As president of "Amal," I consider it my ix solemn duty to do everything to avoid the closing down of this most important and useful organization.

I hope, dear Mrs. Jacobs, that you will help me in this task and will attempt to get from the national organizations in the U.S.A. the necessary support for the "Amal" in form of LP 100 at once, and of LP 30 as a permanent monthly grant.

Yours very truly,

(signed in
Hebrew)

Chaya Weizmann-Lichtenstein
President

J. Zelkind
Director

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November 16, 1939

Rabbi Jonah B. Wise
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Chairmen
United Jewish Appeal
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

With reference to the discussions of the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal with respect to campaign plans for 1940, the Joint Distribution Committee sometime ago appointed a special subcommittee to deal with these problems and endeavor, at the earliest period, to arrange for a time that would be mutually convenient and acceptable to representatives of the UPA, JDC and representatives of the Welfare Fund communities, to explore the whole question of the 1940 campaign.

Sincerely yours,

J.C. HYMAN
Executive Director

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November 20, 1939

Mr. Henry Ittleson
1 Park Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Ittleson:

Rabbi Silver has requested me to send
you a copy of the letter which he sent today
to Mr. Albert D. Lasker.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK
Enc.

WRHS



Secretary to Rabbi Silver.



HENRY ITTLESON
ONE PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK

November 22, 1939.

To the Members of Allocations Committee:

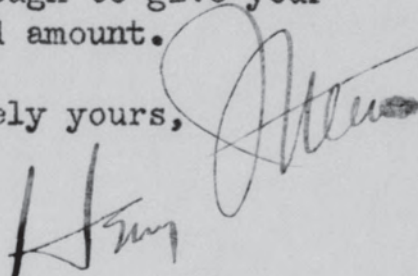
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver ✓
Dr. Solomon Goldman
Mr. Louis E. Kirstein

Dear Friends:

Before our associate, Mr. A. D. Lasker, left for Chicago, I mentioned to him that I thought it would be suitable if the Allocations Committee authorized a payment to Mr. Sam Goldsmith of an honorarium for expenses incurred in his journey here and home, plus out of pocket outlay, and that such a fair remuneration, including a fee for himself, might be an amount of One thousand dollars. Mr. Lasker indicated his approval.

Will you be good enough to give your views as to principle and amount.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Henry Littleton", written over the typed name "Sincerely yours,".

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HENRY ITTLESON
ONE PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK

November 25, 1939.

To the Members of Allocations Committee:

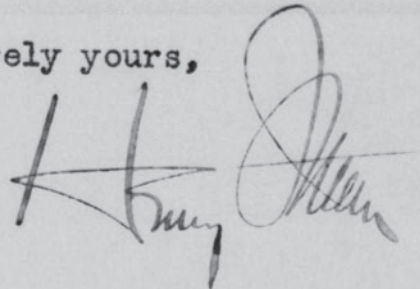
Mr. A. D. Lasker
Dr. Solomon Goldman
Mr. L. E. Kirstein
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Dear Friends:

I have received today Mr. Goldsmith's letter of November 24th containing a revision of the minutes.

It does not reflect my understanding in important particulars, and I will on Monday or Tuesday forward a detailed memorandum to Mr. Goldsmith and to each of you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Henry Littleton", written in a cursive style.

HI/ejk

November 29, 1939

Mr. Henry Ittleson
1 Park Avenue
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Ittleson:

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your kind letter of November 22nd. With reference to an honorarium to Mr. Samuel Goldsmith for expenses incurred in his journey, and so forth, to the amount of \$1,000, I most heartily approve of such an honorarium. Mr. Goldsmith has performed a splendid service in helping the Allocations Committee along in its work.

I understand that a bill has been presented to the United Jewish Appeal to reimburse the Jewish Charities of Chicago for that part of the salaries of Mr. Goldsmith and his associate, Mr. Bauling, for the time which they spent at work for the Allocations Committee. I am wondering whether the Jewish Charities of Chicago should make such a request.

With all good wishes and trusting that you are well, I remain

Very cordially yours,

WHS - M.P.

December 13, 1939

Mr. J. C. Hyman, Executive Director
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee
100 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

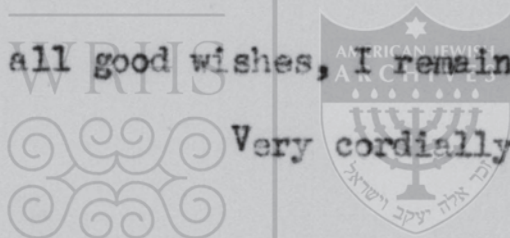
My dear Mr. Hyman:

I received the enclosed letter from Dorothy Canfield Fisher. Before answering it, I should like to have your judgment in the matter as it involves a campaign to raise funds for refugee children.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.



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Dr. S. L. ...

THE AMERICAN JEWISH
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100 East 42nd Street
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January 23, 1940

Mr. Henry Montor
United Jewish Appeal
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Montor:

I appreciate your courtesy in sending on to me copy of the memorandum which you addressed to Mr. Blitz under date of January 22nd, on the subject of the application of the American Friends of Jewish Palestine.

In my telephone conversation with you I stated to you that the Joint Distribution Committee has been appealed to on a number of occasions in connection with the plight of the refugees who are stranded at Constanza or elsewhere. Our Executive Committee has on several occasions restated our position. Within the limitations of our means, we have been willing to grant funds for relief, clothing, medicaments, and palliative aid. We cannot undertake in any way to participate in the transportation of persons who are being brought illicitly to Palestine or to any other country. We made this quite clear to Dr. Newman as well as to the representatives of other groups who have from time to time called upon us.

I note in the memorandum to Mr. Blitz that you quote Mr. Eliahu Golomb to the effect that in connection with the transportation of 2,250 people to Palestine, the J.D.C. gave £5,000, and the Jewish Agency, with the exception of certain individual sums given by members of the groups, got together the balance.

Our European Chairman, Mr. Troper, and we have agreed that any such funds as might be granted by the J.D.C. in connection with the plight of these refugees, must be limited solely toward their relief requirements. Our funds have not been granted at any time for the purpose of transportation. I thought that this should be made clear and that I should make this correction to your memorandum.

With thanks for your cooperation, believe me

Sincerely yours,

(signed)

Joseph C. Hyman
Executive Vice-Chairman

JCH:mh

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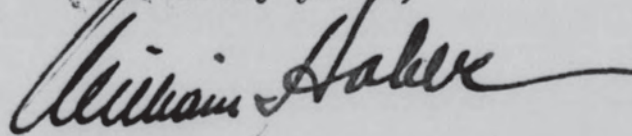
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
East 105 Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

May I express my personal satisfaction of the successful conclusion of the United Jewish Appeal negotiations. As you perhaps know, this was my first experience in sitting through these meetings and I am delighted that what for a time appeared to be an impasse was not permitted to stand in the way of the final agreement.

I should like an opportunity to talk to you personally and to get your advice concerning some of the problems of the National Refugee Service. This is a huge undertaking, because of its size new to the field of private Jewish social service. There are many thorny problems which must be carefully thought through if we are to avoid a confused situation. I hope that shortly after the Detroit meetings we may find an opportunity to discuss these problems at leisure at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,



William Haber

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January 29, 1940

Dr. William Haber
National Refugee Service, Inc.
165 West 46th Street
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Haber:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of January 25. I, too, am pleased that a final agreement has been reached for a United Jewish Appeal. I believe much time could have been saved from the protracted negotiations and I hope that we shall not have to go through such an experience again next year.

I, too, am looking forward with pleasure to an opportunity of meeting you for a chat. When I am next in New York for more than an hour or two, I shall give myself the pleasure of calling you up.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

January 30, 1940

Judge David Ralph Hertz
1001 Hippodrome Building
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Judge Hertz:

Let me thank you for your kind note
and for the proffer of your services to the United
Palestine Appeal Campaign. I am very grateful for
putting your services at the call of the Campaign.

I forwarded your letter to Mr. Henry Montor,
our Executive Director in New York, with a note that he
communicate with you. I am sure that you will hear
from him as soon as our Campaign activities develop.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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בשמתה קראנו את הידיעה שנבחרת שוב להיות היושב-ראש
של המגבית המאוחדת למען ארץ ישראל. מאז קבלת עליך כהונה
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שתמשיך לפאר את כהונתך בעבודתך. לך אין אנו צריכים לומר
מהו גודל התפקיד המוטל כעת על המרכז היהודי באמריקה.
עיני כל האומה הסמוכה והדויה נשואות אליכם. היהדות
האמריקאית צריכה להיות עכשיו התלוץ שאמת הבנין נתונה
בידו. בלי עזרתה המלאה של יהדות אמריקה לא נוכל להמשיך
בבנינו. חזקה עליך, אתה שנלחמת למען הרעיון הציוני
באמריקה כל ימך, שתוסיף במפעלך זה ולא תנוח ולא תשקוט
עד שתביא את יהדות אמריקה לתת את חלקה הראוי לבנין
ארצנו ולתקומת עמנו.

היה ברוך, ויבורך פעלך.

בברכה רבה,

א.י. נאמן

March
16th
1940

Rabbi Jonah B. Wise,
35 E. 62nd Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Rabbi Wise:

This is in further reference to our recent conversation wherein you suggested the advisability of presenting additional names of COUNCIL representatives to the U.J.A. In a later conversation with Mr. Henry Montor the same suggestion was made and I am quite willing to do as you both request.

I have given careful consideration to other members of the COUNCIL Board who might be available, as well as others outside our membership, and herewith submit the following additional names to the six previously suggested.

Mr. Henry Wineman, Detroit ✓
Mr. Fred M. Butzel, Detroit
Mr. Joseph Goldstein, Rochester
Mr. Joseph M. Berne, Cleveland ✓
Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald, Philadelphia
Mr. Sidney Lansburgh, Baltimore
Mr. Louis Kirstein, Boston ✓
Mr. David Watchmaker, Boston
Judge Phillip Forman, Trenton
Mr. Donald Kaffenburgh, Hartford
Mr. Edward M. M. Warburg, New York ✓
Mr. Charles Riegelman, New York
Mr. Richard Frank, Chicago

Any of these men considered acceptable to the agencies will be satisfactory to the COUNCIL, but my own preference remains for the three who were my first choice. Long association with Shroder, Younker, and Blaustein has convinced me of their good judgment, their lack of bias, and their

deep interest in the work of all the agencies included in the United Jewish Appeal. This is without disrespect to the others whose names are now presented, but I am certain that the three I first suggested could be trusted to carry out this responsibility in a way that would be acceptable to all concerned; moreover, they are men whose decisions would meet with general acceptance thruout the country.

If you think that the selection can best be made by a small committee, I might suggest that the J.D.C. and the U.P.A. each designate one representative to confer with me at an early date to reach a decision; such decision could be referred back to the respective agencies for confirmation, if that is considered desirable.

With kindest personal regards,



Cordially,

Sidney Holland

P. S. A copy of this letter is being sent to Rabbi Silver for his consideration.

March 22nd, 1940

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MAR 25 1940	

Mr. M. Robert Herman
United Jewish Appeal
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Herman:

At a meeting just held we have set the dates for our campaign this year and we desire no other speaker to address us than Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver and I am going to ask you as a personal favor to see that we obtain the services of Rabbi Silver and that you do not disappoint me. First of all in view of the tremendous gain and increase in the amount we raised last year, we are entitled to the best; second, we are going to need the best to go over this year; third, I understand Rabbi Silver spoke in Charleston which is not as large a city as Savannah, and fourth, we have a large Orthodox community here who is very much interested in U.P.A. and they insist upon Rabbi Silver and we of the J.D.C. also want him because we think by having the most prominent U.P.A. man here that we will have taken a big step in strengthening the united drive.

We want him here for preferably the evening of May 14th. If that date cannot be arranged we could shift to May 15th.

Now I want to make this personal appeal that because of the work that I have been doing for the cause these long years, that regardless of reasons and conditions I want this favor granted. Please wire me as soon as you can give me a definite answer as I am most anxious to hear.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

SGA/AD

Sam G. Adler

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC.

12 MADISON AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

March 25, 1940

Mr. Sam G. Adler
Adler Department Store
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mr. Adler:

I am in receipt of your letter of March 22nd, with reference to obtaining Dr. Silver as the speaker for the opening of your campaign. I also received a letter today from Mr. Adams, urging our best efforts to comply with your request. I wish it were possible to do so, but as you may or may not know, Dr. Silver is Chairman of the Cleveland campaign, which opens the first week in May. He has the responsibility of raising approximately over three-quarters of a million dollars in his own community and he will not leave Cleveland during the campaign. I am sure that you can appreciate the soundness of his decision.

We certainly are more than cognizant of your splendid interest and efforts on behalf of the campaign and there is nothing that I personally would not do to grant any request, but in this instance we are just stymied.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

M. Robert Herman
Director of Field Staff.

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May 3, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Tenth and Ansel Roads
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Allow me to advise you that there will be a meeting of the Members and the Directors of the United Jewish Appeal, Inc. on Wednesday afternoon, May 8th, 1940 at 4:00 o'clock, at 342 Madison Avenue, New York City, Room 2000, for the purpose of considering the matters described in the enclosed covering memorandum.

I trust that you will find it possible to attend, and look forward to having you present.

Sincerely yours,

Philip E. Hoffman
Philip E. Hoffman
Assistant Secretary
United Jewish Appeal, Inc.

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May 3, 1940

To Members and Directors of the United Jewish Appeal, Inc.

Enclosed herewith please find proxy and waiver of notice, which instruments you should, I believe, find self-explanatory. The former is, of course, to be signed by you in your capacity as a Member, the latter as a Director of the United Jewish Appeal, Inc. The enclosures are to be used in connection with meetings of the Members and Directors of the said corporation proposed to be held on May 8th, 1940 at 4:00 o'clock, in order to accomplish certain formalities with reference to the proper organization of the corporation for its 1940 work. It is thus essential that both of the enclosures be back in our hands, duly executed by you, by May 7th at the latest. We would ask you to comply with the foregoing instructions whether or not you plan to attend the meetings.


The matters proposed to be dealt with at the meeting of the Members are: the amendment of the corporate By-Laws, in order to bring them into accord with the 1940 contract between the United Palestine Appeal and the Joint Distribution Committee; to provide for the notice on which meetings of Directors may be held; the expansion of the Executive Committee to thirty-seven members, and the provision of a quorum therefor; and proper provision for a Distribution Committee in place of the old Allocations Committee, in accordance with the 1940 contract above referred to.

Further action proposed to be taken at this meeting will be the election of Directors and Executive Committee; the ratification of the 1940 campaign agreement and of all new leases signed by the corporation; the receipt of the report of the Board of Directors as required by Section 7, Article III of the By-Laws.

It is proposed that the Directors' meeting will merely pass such new bank resolutions as may be necessary and convenient, and ratify, insofar as is in their power, such action as is taken by the members in connection with the foregoing particulars. Although no other business is now foreseen, these meetings will, of course, deal with such other matters as may properly come before them.

May we urge you again to see that the enclosures are returned to us by May 7th.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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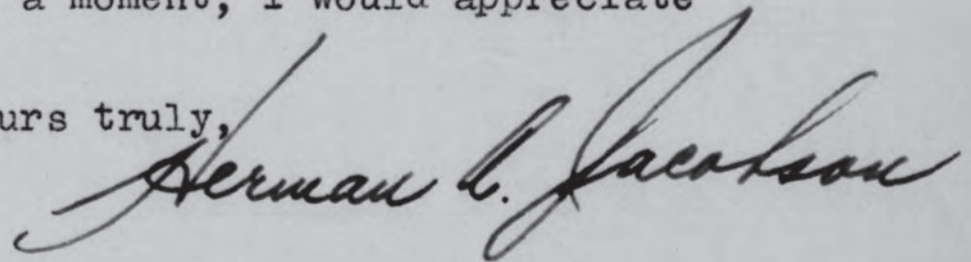
Dear Rabbi:

I know that your time is so fully occupied and taken up with most urgent problems of the day, but in writing this letter to you we have our troubles here, too, in regard to the pledges of a certain few people for The United Jewish Appeal. The goal here in Ashland and the surrounding communities is only \$1500. Through constant hard work in the last six weeks we have commitments totaling our \$1500 and have already collected \$800 of this amount.

But my reason for writing you is that in our efforts we have been let down by a few members of our community, who, we feel, should and can increase their pledge considerably. Certainly they have given, and generously too, but probably because they are not fully informed, and too, because they cannot really feel the need of want, they have not given all that they should. We have approached these people in every way we know how and want to know if you will write these people, personally, and again impress upon them the necessity of giving to such a cause.

Your great assistance will of course be considered a big favor, and when you have a moment, I would appreciate hearing from you.

Yours truly,



HACJacobson/hb

P.S. Mrs. Mary Kastan, 433 E. Main St.- Pledge, \$25. \$75 would not be a hardship.

Mr. Nathan Fliegel, 541 Eastern & Diamond- Pledge, \$50. This could easily be \$100.

Al Strauss, 236 Highland Ave.- Pledge, \$50. This could easily be \$100.

SIDNEY HOLLANDER
2419 GREENMOUNT AVE.
BALTIMORE

June
17th
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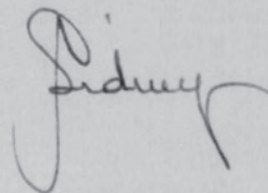
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105 St. at Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

WRHS
Monte Leman of New Orleans writes that it's impossible for him to serve on the Distribution Committee.

I'm therefore sending
an invitation today to the next on the list.

Cordially,



SH:SS

June
19th
1940

Mr. Harris Perlstein,
221 North LaSalle St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Perlstein:

I'm very appreciative
of your willingness to serve on the Joint Dis-
tribution and Study Committee established by
the United Jewish Appeal and the Council of
Jewish Federations & Welfare Funds.

As soon as I received
responses from the other two whom I've invited,
we'll try to arrange for an early first meeting.

Cordially,

Sidney Holland

SH:SS

June 21, 1940

Dr. Jacob Hoffman
122-124 West 95th St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Hoffman:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of June 19. The matter which you suggest will have to be taken up at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Palestine Appeal. Such a meeting will be held next week and its action will be reported to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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