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## NATIONAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE

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DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

President of the Jewish Agency for Palestine and of the World Zionist Organization

NEW YORK, N. Y.

Algonquin 4-3600

December 14, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I take great pleasure in inviting you to be one of the Honorary Chairman of a National Reception Committee that is being formed on the occasion of the imminent visit to the United States of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, one of the foremost Jews of modern times, whose great service to the Jewish people is symbolized in his capacity as President of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

American Jewry is indeed honored at the opportunity of being host to the great statesman and scholar who, for more than three decades, has made equally distinguished contributions to science and to the advancement of Jewish ideals.

The purpose of the National Reception Committee is to indicate to Dr. Weizmann, through a group of leaders in various fields of American life, the welcome which American Jewry extends to him at a time when his counsel and his inspiration can strengthen and encourage all of us.

The enclosed card is for your convenience in indicating your acceptance on the National Reception Committee for Dr. Weizmann. If you would care to write some lengthier word of welcome to Dr. Weizmann, I would be very happy to transmit it to him on his arrival.

Faithfully yours,

Stephen S. Wise

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(All dates, cities, events tentative --- merely intended for discussion purposes -- based on presumed arrival of Dr. Weizmann about January 1st or immediately thereafter.)

Jan. 5, 6, 7, 8 - Washington, D.C. Jan. 5 -- possible luncheon sponsored by press or by "Christian Friends of Palestine"

6--Saturday evening: attendance at UPA conference

7-attendance at UPA conference; addresses at luncheon and banquet

8--private visit in Washington

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- Jan. 10, 11, 12, 13 it is said that E.I. Kauffmann, Washington, D.C., wants to arrange one or more meetings with leaders from all parts (Florida) of the country who will be in Florida at that time.
- Jan. 14, thru 25th New York City In addition to private business which Dr. Weizmann may wish to uniertake, there would be arranged:

(1) a mass meeting by the Z.O.A. (2) a luncheon or dinner under auspices of UPA for campaign leaders

(3) series of private lunches and dinners with leading prospective contributors to U.P.A. or U.J.A.

- (4) one or two meetings with general and Jewish press. (5) Dinner tendered by Jewish Agency, with emphasis on attendance by non-Zionists of New York and elsewhere.
- (6) also function tendered by officers of N.Y.U.J.A.
- Jan. 26 Detroit, Mich. Address on Saturday evening, Jan. 26, before annual meeting of Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds
- Jan. 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 Chicago, Ill. A series of functions to include

(1) mass meeting sponsored by Zionists (2) luncheon or dinner sponsored by Chicago Welfare Fund

(3) Regional meeting sponsored by United Palestine Appeal, to bring together delegates from Mid-Western States.

February 1, 2, 3, 4 - Boston, Mass. A series of functions to include

(1) dinner sponsored by Boston United Jewish Fund

(2) Regional conference sponsored by United Palestine Appeal for whole of New England area

(3) mass meeting sponsored by Boston Zionists

February 5, 6 - Philadelphia, Pa.

(1) meeting sponsored by Zionists (2) luncheon or dinner sponsored by Philadelphia Allied Jewish Appeal

Rebruary 7, 8, 9, 10 - New York City To permit rest and to continue private engagements

(1) only public function, a dinner sponsored by Pittsburgh United Jewish Fund February 11, 12 - Pittsburgh, Pa.

(2) perhaps also mass meeting arranged by Zionists

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February 13, 14 - Cleveland, O. (1) function for community sponsored by Cleveland Welfare Fund

Esbruary 15, 16 - Cincinnati, O.

(1) luncheon sponsored by Cincinnati Welfare Fund

(2) mass meeting sponsored by local Zionists

February 17, 18, 19 - St. Louis, Mo.

(1) luncheon or dinner sponsored by St. Louis Welfare Fund (2) mass meeting sponsored by local Zionists

February 20, 21 - Kansas City, Mo.

(1) luncheon or dinner sponsored by Kansas City Welfare Fund

February 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 - Los Angeles, Calif.

(1) luncheon sponsored by Los Angeles Welfare Fund

(2) mass meeting sponsored by Zionist groups (3) meeting with leaders of movie industry

(4) possible regional meeting spensored by UPA for Western States

February 28, 29, March 1, 2 - San Francisco, Calif.

(1) luncheon sponsored by San Francisco Welfare Fund (2) mass meeting sponsored by Zionist groups

March 3. 4 - Portland, Ore.
(1) function sponsored by Bortland Welfare Fund

March 5, 6 - Seattle, Wash. (1) function sponsored by Seattle Welfare Fund

March 8, 9, 10, 11 - Texas

(1) visit to Houston, Tex., sponsored by Houston Welfare Fund

(2) function in Dallas, Tex., sponsored by Dallas Welfare Fund (3) regional meeting sponsored by United Palestine Appeal for Texas and surrounding states.

March 13. 14 - Hew Orleans, La.
(1) function sponsored by New Orleans Welfare Fund

March 15, 16, 17 - Atlanta, Ga.
(1) function sponsored by Atlanta Welfare Fund

(2) possible regional meeting sponsored by U.P.A.

March 19, 20 - Washington, D.C.

(1) function sponsored by Washington United Jewish Appeal

March 21, etc. - New York City