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United Jewish Appeal, United Palestine Appeal, union controversy, UJA, 1940.

October 1, 1940.

United Palestine Appeal 41 East 42nd Street New York City

Attention: Mr. Henry Montor

Gentlemen:

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL 41 EAST 42nd STREET NEW YORK, N. Y.

> Because of the passage of the Burke-Wadsworth Conscription Bill and the imminent conscription of many of your employees into the service of the United States government, we feel that provisions should be made for their re-employment upon their discharge from service. This, as you know, is the intent of the law.

We would therefore like to suggest that a stipulation be added to your contract providing for this contingency. We enclose a model clause. We should very much like to hear your reaction to this and if you prefer, have a discussion with you about it.

Many employers, out of their regard for the patriotic sacrifices which their employees will be called upon to make, are also making arrangements for a form of compensation which will implement the \$30 per month pay in government service, and which will help those conscripted to take care, in a measure, of those who are dependent upon them for support.

This, too, we should like to have you think about and to discuss with you at your convenience.

I hope to have the pleasure of receiving your reply as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

PETER K. HAWLEY, (signed) President

UOPWA NO. 16

(et 10.28.40)

RABBI JONAH B. WISE 35 E. 62ND ST. . New York, N. Y. October 1, 1940 Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Euclid Avenue Cleveland, Ohio Dear Abe: privacy at this time.

I hate to disturb you on the eve of the New Year, but I feel you are rugged enough to accept a small share of the invasion of my own

Mr. Peter K. Hawley, President of Local 16 of the United Office and Professional Workers of America, C.I.O., insists that he will go to very definitely extreme measures to exact from us the signing of the contract as he handed it to me, with the exception of the 71% wage increase, (which is to be modified), and the 48-hour test of new employees, (which is reduced to 24 hours.) These items are in Section 9 (b) and Section 1 of the Proposed Working Agreement.

I have advised Mr. Hawley twice, in personal conferences with him, that we were ready to accept as standard practice of our office the demands of the suggested working agreement, with the exception of Article l as indicated, Article 9 (b), Article 22, and the Preamble. We have agreed to substitute for Article 22 and the Preamble a letter to be signed by you and by me to the committee of our employees, making the terms of employment, such as are indicated in the Working Agreement minus the paragraphs indicated, and such changes as I have indicated.

As I said, I presented all this to Mr. Hawley, who flatly declined to consider it. He asked me if I would attend a meeting of the staff committee. I agreed to do so. The meeting will be held on Monday, October 7th, at 10:30 a.m., at the office of the U.J.A. I do not see any real reason for bothering you to come to New York at this time, when your best efforts are needed with your Congregation. I would like, however, to have your opinion on the situation, as it would greatly help me in my negotiations with the employees' committee.

I am enclosing a copy of the Working Agreement, marked in pencil by me.

With best wishes for the New Year, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Jonah B. Wise

JBW/ks Enclosure

WORKING AGREEMENT

between the

LOCAL 16, UNITED OFFICE & PROFESSIONAL WORKERS OF AMERICA, (C.I.O.)

and

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL (INC.) FOR REFUGEES AND OVERSEAS NEEDS, National Office., 342 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y.

The parties to this agreement, entered into this ______day of _______1940 are the UNITED JEWISH APPEAL (Inc.) FOR REFUGEES AND OVERSEAS NEEDS, hereinafter referred to as the "Employer," and LOCAL 16, UNITED OFFICE & PROFESSIONAL WORKERS OF AMERICA, CIO, hereinafter referred to as the "Union."

The parties hereto, desiring to continue harmonious relations and clearly to define mutual obligations, stipulate and agree as follows:

THE EMPLOYER AGREES:

- 1. To employ only members of the Union in good standing to perform all office work of temporary and permanent character. To fill all vacancies with members of the Union engaged through the office of the Union. In the event that the Union is unable to furnish satisfactory employees within forty (48) hours after being called upon to do so by said Employer, then the Employer may employ non-Union employees, provided that such individuals, so employed, shall make application for membership to the Union within two weeks.
 - (a) The trial period for new employees shall be one month.
- 2. To grant employees a five-day work week of thirty-seven and a half (37½) hours per week from September 9th to June 30th, and a five-day, thirty-five (35) hour work week from June 30th to September 9th. Employees shall be given one hour off for lunch.
- 3. Over-time shall be paid for at the rate of time and a half on week days and double time on Sundays and holidays. Over-time on week days shall start at 6 P.M.
- 4. To grant employees a whole holiday with pay on the following legal holidays and all religious holidays and other holidays customarily observed in the office. The legal holidays are:

New Year's Day Washington's Birthday Decoration Day Independence Day Labor Day

- (c) In making promotions, wherever applicable, the employee with the greatest seniority shall be given preference. After a reasonable trial period, the employee thus promoted shall be given an increase in salary commensurate with the new position. If the employee does not qualify for this new position, he or she shall be returned to his old position at his or her old salary.
- 7. The Employer agrees to grant employees a reasonable amount of sick leave with pay.
- 8. To designate in writing a person or committee who shall have power and authority to consider all questions of wages, conditions of employment or grievances and to make all office rules not inconsistent with the terms of this agreement.
- 9. Except as herein stated, no employee shall receive less than twenty-one (\$21.00) per week.
 - (a) The following are the minimum salaries which shall be paid to all employees:

\$18.00 - Stock Room

\$21.00 - Office Clerks
File Clerks
Typist

\$23.00 - Switchboard Operator
Stenographers
S tock Room Head

\$25.00 - Record Department
Statistical Department
Bookkeepers

\$28.00 - Special Stenographers
Collection Assistant

\$35.00 - Secretaries
Assistant to Field Director

\$40.00 - Correspondents
Heads of Departments
Speakers Bureau
Filing Department
Record Department
Statistical Department

(b) All employees whose salaries are not increased by virtue of the establishment of the minimum salaries (Paragraph 9a.) or whose salaries are increased to an amount not equal to seven and one half $(7\frac{1}{2}\%)$ percent, shall be given an increase of seven and one half percent $(7\frac{1}{2}\%)$.



- to time a responsible committee to represent the Union and the employees covered by this agreement.
- 14. The Union agrees to furnish competent members on reasonable notice, providing their services are available.
- 15. The Union agrees to compel its members to give two weeks notice before quitting.
- 16. The Employer agrees that it will not ask its employees to make any written statement or verbal contract which may conflict with this agreement.
- 17. No employee is to suffer any reduction in wage, if transferred to other work, temporarily or otherwise.
- 18. Dishonesty shall be sufficient cause to discharge without further notice.
- The Employer agrees that when a member leaves, he will, on request, issue a true statement as to his or her character of service.
- 20. No clause in this agreement is understood to imply a lowering of the working conditions heretofore existing in the office.
- 21. In case of disagreement in carrying out the terms of this agreement and inability to mutually settle same, it is agreed that the matter in dispute will be submitted for arbitration to a board of arbitration consisting of one representative of the Employer, one representative of the Union, and a

third to be mutually agreed upon by both arbitrators. In the event of the inability to agree upon a third arbitrator, the third arbitrator then shall be appointed by the New York State Board of Mediation of the State Department of Labor.

- (a) It is agreed that when the arbitration clause has been invoked by either party, arbitration machinery will be set up within forty-eight (48) hours.
- (b) The Board of Arbitration, when chosen, shall sit and decide the issue in controversy and its decision shall be final and binding upon both parties
- 22. This agreement shall remain in full force and effect until December 31st, 1940 and shall automatically renew itself from year to year, if the United Jewish Appeal is continued, unless notice shall be given by either party to the other in writing sixty (60) days in advance of such termination.

LOCAL 16, UNITED OFFICE & PROFESSIONAL WORKERS OF AMERICA, CIO

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UNITED JEWISH APPEAL (Inc.) FOR REFUGEES AND OVERSEAS NEEDS, National Office.

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UOPWA NO.16





LOCAL 16

UNITED OFFICE & PROFESSIONAL WORKERS
OF AMERICA, C. 1. O.

PETER K. HAWLEY PRESIDENT

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239 FOURTH AVENUE New York

CHRONOLOGY OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN

NATIONAL OFFICE, UNITED JEWISH APPEAL AND LOCAL #16,

UNITED OFFICE & PROFESSIONAL WORKERS OF AMERICA

1939

Oct. - Union requested discussion on contract. Advised by management that discussions were premature since 1940 campaign had not yet been agreed upon. Suggested that we present request when campaign decided upon.

1940

Feb.14 - Executive Committee designated Messrs. Montor and Coons to explore with Union provisions of proposed contract. (This committee had no power to act - merely to report back its recommendations to Executive Committee.)

Discussions continue until May 29. Full agreement was reached (subject to final approval by Executive Committee) on all questions of relationship, wages, personnel practices and arbitration of differences. On question of general increase - the Executive Vice-Chairmen said they could not personally recommend Union's proposal.

- June 26 Executive Committee met. Authorized National Chairmen to appoint committee with full powers to negotiate and conclude contract.
- July 22 Committee still not appointed by National Chairmen.
- Aug. 16 Committee appointed, consisting of Messrs. David Bressler and Louis Lipsky, met. Committee split Bressler taking anti-Union attitude, even against personnel practices already in existence for long period.
- Sept.24 After many attempts to get Drs. J. B. Wise and A. H. Silver to appoint new committee, meeting was arranged with Dr. Wise. Dr. Wise declared himself in favorof contract but asked modification of closed shop. Union promptly offered preferential shop. Dr. Wise said he would speak to his colleagues and assured Union that favorable action would be taken. Definite answer to be given by September 26.
- Sept.30 Dr. Wise repudiated his promise and offered only statement of personnel practices (which is not a contract and retractable at will). Consented to meet again October 7.
- Oct. 7 Dr. Wise and committee of 17 employees met. Dr. Wise promised to sign 10:30 full contract to be typed on Union letterhead instead of contract form A.M. and have it in Union's hands by October 10.
- Oct. 7 Dr. Wise phoned and again repudiated his promise. After protest by Union, 5:30 Dr. Wise asks for more time to reconsider and discuss with colleagues. P.M. Union advised that it will wait only until Wednesday Noon, October 9 for decision.
- Oct. 9 Union modified its demands to a signed letter containing 2 points: 10:30

A.M. 1 - Recognition of Union

2 - All differences to be submitted to arbitration;

and a list of personnel practices to be attached to this letter.

This further concession of the Union was refused.

UOPWA #16

CHRONOLOGY OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN

NEW YORK CITY CAMPAIGN, UNITED JEWISH APPEAL AND LOCAL #16,

UNITED OFFICE & PROFESSIONAL WORKERS OF AMERICA

	1939 Oct.		Union requested discussion on contract. Management advised such discussion would be premature, since 1940 Campaign had not been decided upon. Suggested that Union again present request when plans for Campaign completed.
	1940 Feb.	-	Union met with Abner Bregman and other officials. They stated contract could not be signed since "there was legal question as to who (if anyone) in the City Campaign office would have the right to sign such a document".
	Fob. & March	-	A number of dilatory meetings at which there were evasions, postponements and reconsiderations.
	April 14	-	Brogman stated unequivocally that there would be no signed agreement and no arbitration of differences. He would resign if the Executive Committee disagreed with him. Union asked when the Executive Committee would meet. He stated not before May 15th. He refused to consent to our appearance before Executive Committee to present our case.
	April 15 to 20	-	Mr. Bregman consented to discuss terms of proposed contract. Agreed to few personnel practices already in existence, rejected others already in existence, because he did not wish "to bind himself" to their continuance.
	May 8	-	A potition signed by 169 employees requesting Union recognition, presented to Mr. Bregman.
	May 24	-	Executive Committee meeting - originally postponed from May 15th to May 24th - again postponed to week of June 10th.
	June 19	-	Executive Committee appointed a sub-committee consisting of Messrs. Bregman, Rosenbloom and Liebowitz to meet with Union, examine proposed contract and bring back recommendations.
	Juno 27	-	Sub-Committee met. Contract proposed by Union, read. Practically no questions asked - no objections raised - no discussion and no assent on any point. Another meeting scheduled for week of July 15th.
	July 15 to Aug 120		Proposed meetings delayed from week to week for reasons of vacations, preoccupation with other affairs, absence of one or the other member.
	Aug. 21	-	After manifestation of extreme impatience by Union, a meeting was called. Mr. Bregman stated that Sub-committee met twice, but did not discuss contract - only vacation problem.
	Aug. 28	-	Mot again. Mr. Brogman rejected signed agreement and arbitration. Again agreed on a few already prevalent personnel practices. Union demanded to appear before Executive Committee.
	Sopt.24		Executive Committee met at Harmonie Club. Representative of Union appeared. Stated its case. Was advised that Union would be informed of decision.
5	Sept. 25	-	Collective bargaining through Union recognition, signed contract and arbitration rejected. Management offered to "post" personnel practices (revokable at will).

October 4, 1940 Rabbi Jonah B. Wise 35 East 65th St. New York, N.Y. My dear Jonah: Thank you for your letter of October 1st. Whatever satisfactory arrangements you can make with Mr. Peter K. Hawley will be acceptable to me. But you should not permit the situation to develop whereby Mr. Hawley will take "very definitely extreme measures" and which might greatly embarrass our organization. After all, these agreements which Mr. Hawley calls for are not with an organization which will continue indefinitely, and it does not pay to make a terrific issue about the whole matter. As far as I am concerned, I would be willing to accept the working agreement as suggested without any modifications if failure to do so would lead to unpleasantness. Do the best you can under the circumst nces. With all good wishes for a Happy New Year, I remain Very cordially yours, AHS: BK P.M. My Temple is at East 105th and Ansel Road, not on Euclid Avenue.

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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

HOTEL COMMODORE 42 ST AND LEX AVE NYC=

OBTAIN BONA FIDE CONTRACT WITH YOUR ORGANIZATION. UJA MUST NOT PLACE ITSELF WITH REACTIONARY EMPLOYEES ABOVE MORAL OBLIGATIONS LABOR RELATIONS ACT. URGE YOU MAINTAIN LABORS GOODWILL BY ACCORDING YOUR EMPLOYEES THEIR FULL RIGHTS=

EVELYN ADLER PRESIDENT SOCIAL SERVICE EMPLOYEES UNION

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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

WORKERS OF AMERICA

COMMODORE HOTEL LEXINGTON AVE AND 42 ST NEWYORK NY=

SPEAKING IN THE NAME OF 3500 MEMBERS OF OUR UNION, A LARGE WHOM ARE EMPLOYED IN JEWISH SOCIAL AGENCIES, WE URGE THAT YOU IMMEDIATELY CONCLUDE A CONTRACT WITH US COVERING THE UNITED JEWISH APPEAL THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY EMPLOYEES OF THE SELECTED OUR UNION AS THEIR COLLECTIVE AS A TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS, IT IS YOUR IN ACCORDANCE PUBLIC SPIRIT. OUR TO DO EVERYTHING NECESSARY TO SECURE IT= HAWLEY PRESIDENT UNITED OFFICE & PROFESSIONAL

LOCAL 16 239 FOURTH

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DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

COMMODORE HOTEL NYC=

THE WORKERS OF THE UPA ARE IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE EFFORTS OF THE WORKERS OF THE UJA IN THEIR INSISTENCE ON A WRITTEN CONTRACT. THE UJA IS A SOCIAL AGENCY AND OWES A DEBT TO SOCIETY TO LIVE UP TO THE PUBLIC POLICIES OF 1940. WE ARE READY TO GIVE EVERY EFFORT TO THESE WORKERS IN THEIR JUSTIFIABLE STAND.

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL UPWA LOCAL 16.

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RABBI BBA HILLEL SILVER (DUPLICATE AND CORRECTED COPY)=

HOTEL COMMODORE 42ND ST AND LEX AVE NYC=

2000 MEMBERS OUR UNION FULLY SUPPORT DECISION LOCAL 16 UOPWA TO
OBTAIN BONA FIDE CONTRACT WITH YOUR ORGANIZATION. UJA MUST NOT
PLACE ITSELF WITH : REACTIONARY EMPLOYEES ABOVE MORAL OBLIGATIONS
LABOR RELATIONS ACT. URGE YOU MAINTAIN LABORS GOODWILL BY
ACCORDING YOUR EMPLOYEES THEIR FULL RIGHTS =
EVELYN ADLER PRESIDENT SOCIAL SERVICE EMPLOYEES UNION
39 EAST 40TH STREET.

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HOTEL COMMODORE 42 ST & LEXINGTON AVE=

**450 UNION MEMBERSHIP FOLLOWING WITH GREAT INTEREST YOUR RELATIONS WITH MEMBERS OUR SISTER UNION LOCAL 16. HOPE UJA ADMINISTRATION COURAGEIOUS ENGOUGH IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES TO PURSUE LIBERAL, SENSIBLE COURSE AND SIGN CONTRACT WITH UNION. THE FUTURE OF UJA DEPENDS UPON MAINTAINING PUBLIC GOODWILL. IT WILL LOSE IT IF IT REFUSES TO DEAL FAIRLY WITH IT EMPLOYEES=

ROBERT DOLINS, CHAPTER CHAIRMAN NATIONAL REFUGEE
SERVICE CHAPTER SOCIAL SERIVE EMPLOYEES UNION. 450

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WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT RIGHT OF UNITED JEWISH APPEAL OFFICE STAFF FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNDER UNION CONTRACT STOP OUR AFFILIATION WITH LOCAL SIXTEEN FOR PAST FOUR YEARS HAS BEEN MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL TO STAFF AND ADMINSTRATION=

OFFICE STAFF JEWISH NATIONAL FUND OF AMERICA.

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RABBI HILLEL SILVER=
HOTEL COMMODORE NEWYORK NY (LOCAL DELY)=

WE FULLY SUPPORT UJA EMPLOYEES STAND FOR UNION CONTRACT AND RIGHT TO BARGAIN COLLECTIVELY. URGE YOU RESPECT THESE AMERICAN PRINCIPLES BY IMMEDIATE RECOGNITION CONTRACT=

JDC CHAPER UOPWA LOCAL #16-

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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER, HOTEL COMMODORE

=42 ST AND LEXINGTON AVE=

URGE YOUR SIGNING AND RECOGNIZING UNION CONTRACT FOR UJA
OFFICE EMPLOYEES AND PLEDGE THEM OUR FULL SUPPORT=
OFFICE STAFF AMERICAN ORT FEDERATION
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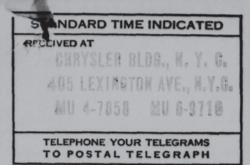
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COMMUNICATE WITH RABBI WISE WITH REGARD TO UNION RECOGNITION
THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF A SIGNED CONTRACT= UJA NEWYORKCITY CHAPTER
LOCAL 16 UOPWA: NINA SUSER MATHILDA ROTHMAN GRACE MAHER ZELDA

CECIL HAUSMAN BELLE BLUMENTHAL FLORENCE KRELL ZUCKERMAN ESTHER R FELDMAN JEAN ROSE KOSTRINSKY SYLVIA MOSS ANNE JACKSON SADA ZIMMERMAN RUTH WASSERBERGER ROSENBLATT HELEN H METZGER LILLIAN EPSTEIN ROBINSON ELAINE LONDON ANNA WOLFSON HYANS VERA SIMON GUSSIE ZALFUS MILDRED TOPPER ESTHER RUTH GREENBERG BEULAH M WALLACH MAE WAINGART SYLVIA





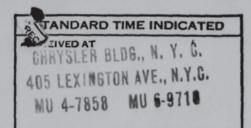
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RABBIE ABBA HILLEL SILVER,
HOTEL COMMODORE= 42ND ST AND LEXINGTON AVE NYC=

WE HAVE THIS DAY SENT THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM TO RABBI JONAH B WISE QUOTE WE URGE THAT YOU CONSIDER VERY SERIOUSLY THE FULL IMPORT OF REFUSING TO NEGOTIATE A PROPER CONTRACT WITH UJA NATIONAL CHAPTER LOVAL SIXTEEN UOPWA STOP WE STAND READY TO LEND OUR FULL STRENGTH AND SOPPORT TO THE NATIONAL CHAPTER IN ALL ACTS AND MEASURES WHICH IN THEIR OPINION WILL BE NECESSARY TO BRING ABOUT UNION RECOGNITION STOP TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE AND NECESSITATES YOUR IMMEDIATE ACTION UNQUOTE WE TRUST THAT YOU WILL IMMEDIATELY



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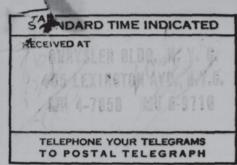
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COMMODORE HOTEL LEX AVE & 42 ST=

THAT YOU REFUSE TO ENTER INTO INFORMED WITH LOCAL 16 UOPWA. AGREEMENT BARGAINING UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD BE FORCED LABOR APPEAL UNFAIR TO ORGANIZED JEWISH AFFILIATED UNIONS AND MEMBERS OF SUCH ACTION. SUCH ACTION BECAUSE WE TO TAKE HAVING WITH THE PURPOSES OF THE UJA. HOWEVER YOU YOUR OBLIGATION TO RECOGNIZE AND DEAL IN GOOD FAITH WITH UNION OF YOUR EMPLOYEES CHOOSING. WE TRUST THAT YOU WILL





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ELIZABETH MANNES BEATRICE FENICHEL MATILDA DE LOYS ANNA W BENNETT ANNE LUSTGARTEN RUTH SCHONBRUN JUDITH SILVERBERG ANN COHN HELEN LERNER MOLLIE FELDMAN BEATRICE HANDEL SYLVIA SACH ANN ROSENBAUM=

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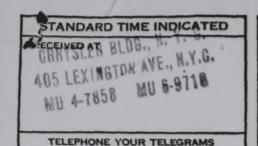
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WE HAVE SENT THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM TO RABBI JONAH B WISE DOUBLE QUOTE

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AND GAVE US ASSURANCE OF IMMEDIATE ACTION ON COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT STOP TODAY WE LEARNED THAT YESTERDAY AFTERNOON YOU ADVISED THE UNION THAT YOU REFUSED TO KEEP THE PROMISE MADE TO A COMMITTEE OF 17 WORKERS STOP WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND THIS REVERSAL BUT WE ARE NOT AT ALL UNDECIDED ABOUT WHAT ACTION WE WILL TAKE TO ESTABLISH OUR BASIC RIGHTS STOP WE UNDERSTAND THAT YOU WILL ADVISE OUR PRESIDENT BY WEDNESDAY NOON AS TO WHETHER OR NOT YOU WILL ABIDE BY YOUR ORIGINAL DECISION AND GRANT ACTUAL RECOGNITION ABSOLUTELY

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ESSENTIAL TO HARMONIOUS RELATIONSHIP STOP FOR A YEAR WE HAVE BORNE
THE FULL BURDEN OF CONSIDERATION FOR THE UJA STOP WE NOW
REFUSE TO CARRY THE ENTIRE LOAD AND INSIST THAT THE MANAGEMENT ASSUME
ITS SHARE OF THIS RESPONSIBILITY. UNQUOTE

STANLEY H SILVERMAN ESTELLE BLUMENTIAL EDITH FAYER BEATRICE

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DOROTHY BERKAL IRENE B BLACK ZOE WE'L IRENE PRAGER ETHEL BANTIT

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October 9, 1940 Mr. Peter K. Hawley, President Local 16, U.O.P.W.A., C.I.O 239 Fourth Avenue New York, New York My dear Mr. Hawley: Enclosed please find letter signed by me, and a duplicate of which has been sent to Rabbi Silver in Cleveland by Air Mail after having been read to him over the telephone. You will receive his signed copy by return mail from Cleveland. Sincerely yours, Rabbi Jonah B. Wise JBW/ks Enclosure

The Union requested the following changes be made in the letter of October 9, 1940, addressed to Mr. Mawley, of which you have a copy:

- (1) The Union asks that in Clause I there be inserted the words "sele collective" before bargaining agency.
- (2) The Union is satisfied with Clause 2.
- (3) With respect to Clause 5, the Union suggests the removal of the words for any of its members affected", leaving to the Union the right of appeal.

It also asks that the Committee to whom the appeal may be made shall consist not of the individuals suggested in the letter, but shall read as follows: "Committee consisting of a representative designated by the United Jewish Appeal, one designated by the Union and a third to be selected to be acceptable to these two; failing to obtain a satisfactory third, the choice of this third member is to be left to the New York State Board of Arbitration

At my request, Mr. Hawley assured me that no action to disturb the normal procedures of the United Jewish Appeal office would be undertaken before Nonday.

HM:BG