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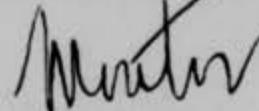
Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter addressed to you by Mr. Sidney Hollander.

I assume that you wish this matter placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal. When is a convenient time for you for such a meeting?

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS
Inc.
165 West 46th Street, New York, N.Y.

May 29th
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, National Chairman
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We desire to present for consideration of the United Palestine Appeal our request for a contribution from your agency on behalf of the New York City Campaign of the United Jewish Appeal. The services of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds are supported primarily by the member agencies, and the cost of the program is apportioned locally on the basis of the size and extent of local Jewish fund-raising. New York City, the largest center of Jewish population, does not have the same structure for local Jewish fund-raising that has been developed in other parts of the country. For this reason we are turning to you this year as in 1939 and in 1940 to present for your consideration the problem of finding adequate support in New York City for the nation-wide services of the Council

With the sympathetic support of the New York City Campaign of the United Jewish Appeal we were successful in securing contributions in 1939 and in 1940 as follows: In 1939 the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee contributed \$5,000 and the United Palestine Appeal \$2,500. In 1940 we received similar sums from these two organizations and in addition a contribution of \$2,500 from the National Refugee Service. The total amount of \$10,000 received in 1940 from these sources represents a generous contribution, but covers only half of the support that the Council should equitably receive in New York City exclusive of the New York and Brooklyn Federations. We are, therefore, asking the United Palestine Appeal, the Joint Distribution Committee and the National Refugee Service for grants which we hope will amount in 1941 to at least \$20,000 from these three sources.

Though our request for your consideration of our appeal is based primarily upon the special problems of fund-raising in New York City, we feel that we have another basis for requesting that your national agency contribute to the cost of services of the Council. Our expenditures are primarily for the purpose of organizing local Jewish communities in order that important Jewish causes in this country and overseas may rely upon effective and soundly developed local structure. The permanent local welfare fund machinery which has become established throughout the country has been built up and served by our continued efforts. In this task we receive your interest and cooperation.

The Council would appreciate your placing this request on the agenda for your next meeting and we have confidence that you will give it your most sympathetic consideration.

May I add on a personal basis that I appreciate fully your cordial interest in the organizing services of the Council and its member agencies.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

SIDNEY HOLLANDER
President

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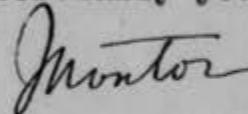
Attached hereto is a copy of the Auditor's Report of the expenditures of the Inquiry of the Allotment Committee of the 1940 United Jewish Appeal.

I had thought that the Allotment Committee of 1940 had terminated its activities and that the inquiry staff, having submitted its report, no longer had occasion to draw funds of the United Jewish Appeal. But it is evident that even as of May 9th, 1941, there are people employed by Mr. Friedman who are receiving funds of the United Jewish Appeal.

What action do you think is advisable under these circumstances?

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:EH
Encl.

INQUIRY OF THE ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE FOR 1940

AUDIT REPORT

August 22, 1940

to

May 2, 1941

NATHAN WALD
Certified Public Accountant
Counselor at Law
1170 Broadway
New York

May 12, 1941

Mr. Harris Perlstein, Chairman
Allotment Committee for 1940
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the request of Mr. Elisha M. Friedman, I have made an examination of the books and records of the Inquiry of the Allotment Committee for 1940 and herewith submit my report consisting of Comments and the following Financial Statements:

EXHIBIT A - Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for the period from August 22, 1940 to May 2, 1941.

EXHIBIT B - Statement of Assets and Liabilities as of May 2, 1941.

Schedule #1 - Accountants Expense
" #2 - Research Expense
" #3 - Stenographic Expense

Respectfully submitted,

(signed)
NATHAN WALD, C.P.A.

-COMMENTS-

SCOPE OF AUDIT

I have examined all bank statements, cancelled checks, vouchers and time records; and, except for a few insignificant discrepancies, I have found everything in order.

RESERVE FOR OVERTIME

Mr. E. M. Friedman set up a reserve at one dollar an hour for overtime for Messrs Phiebig and Grubel who worked on weekends and nights.

BILL FROM ACCOUNTANT TO THE INQUIRY

Bill from Mr. Joseph Kalafa for \$160.00 is subject to adjustment. It will be paid only if there is any money left after Messrs Phiebig and Grubel draw down their weekly salaries set up as a reserve, the accountants having agreed to continue the clearing and mopping up as volunteers.

STATEMENT of CASH RECEIPTS and DISBURSEMENTSFor the Period from August 22, 1940 to May 2, 1941RECEIPTS

Allotment Received	\$25,000.00
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DISBURSEMENTS

Director's Fee	\$5,000.00
Accountants Expense (Schedule #1)	8,415.56
Research Expense (Schedule #2)	6,535.35
Stenographic Expense (Schedule #3)	2,514.52
Telegrams & Telephone	326.08
Stationery & Printing	410.51
Miscellaneous Expense	<u>587.16</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>23,789.18</u>
Balance on hand May 2, 1941	<u>\$ 1,210.82</u>

STATEMENT of ASSETS and LIABILITIESMay 2, 1941ASSETS

Cash on Deposit in National City Bank		\$1,210.82	
Accounts Receivable:			
J.D.C. for 50 copies of the report	25.00		
U.P.A. " 100 " " " "	50.00		
N.R.S. " 50 " " " "	25.00		
Hadassah " 6 " " " "	3.00		
C.J.F.W.F. " 234 " " " "	<u>117.00</u>	<u>220.00</u>	
TOTAL ASSETS			1,430.82

LIABILITIES*

Accounts Payable:			
Metwood Office Equipment	65.00		
Business Letter Service	931.02		
Council of Jewish Federations	<u>61.66</u>	<u>1,057.68</u>	
SURPLUS			<u>\$ 373.14</u>

The Surplus is subject to the following Reserve for Overtime:

A.J. Phiebig		
316 hours at \$1.00 per hour	\$316.00	
F. Grubel		
304 hours at \$1.00 per hour	<u>304.00</u>	
Total	<u>\$620.00</u>	

* Bill from Accountant to the Inquiry in the amount of \$160.00 not included. (see comments)

ACCOUNTANTS EXPENSE

ACCOUNTANTS:

Bernard J. Reis, Principal C.P.A.	539 hrs. (77 days)		\$4,000.00
Joseph Kalafa, C.P.A.	678 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	@ 3.29	2,233.09(a)
Sidney S. Green, C.P.A.	102 "	@ 3.29	333.94(b)
Stanley Strocker, C.P.A.	13 "	@ 1.97	25.61
Stanley Strocker, C.P.A.	7 "	@ 1.64	11.48
Guster Varet, Senior	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	@ 1.64	12.30
Bernard Teitelbaum	388 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	@ .98	380.73
Abraham J. Cohen	427 "	@ .98	418.46
Arthur Fox	190 "	@ .98	186.20
Raymond Minkowsky	38 $\frac{3}{4}$	@ .98	37.98
Harold Zankel	39	@ .98	<u>38.22</u>
Total			7,678.01

TYPISTS:

Lillian Salzman	266 hrs.	@ 1.00	266.00
" "	47 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	@ 1.50	71.25
Shirley Strauch	195 "	@ 1.00	195.00
" "	24 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	@ 1.50	36.75
Rose Kohn	3 "m	@ 1.00	<u>3.00</u>
TOTAL			572.00

EXPENSES

TOTAL ACCOUNTANTS EXPENSE \$ 8,415.56

(a) overcharge \$1.65
 (b) undercharge 1.65

RESEARCH EXPENSE

Albert J. Phiebig	\$ 1,541.00*
Fritz Grubel	1,177.00
Dr. Jules Backman	1,600.15
W. Bein	900.00
Abraham Revusky	744.00
Prof. A. Abrahamson	269.10
Heinrich Infeld	170.00
R. Lewin Epstein	80.00
Dr. Lewis Lorwin	25.00
George Wolfe	14.00
Joseph H. Gilman	
railroad fare	8.10
Expenses	<u>7.00</u>
Total	\$ <u>6,535.35</u>

* Includes salary for week
ending May 9th, 1941

STENOGRAPHIC EXPENSE

Ruth L. Alexander	\$474.88	
Muriel Friedman	544.00	
Jacquiline Birkhahn	516.60	
Rose Miller	423.55	
Chas. E. Horak, Mr. & Mrs.	385.00	
Ann Parsoff	13.86	
Lila Ross	16.00	
Lillian Greenspan	72.55	
Gertrude Goldsmith	29.00	
Helen Reiley	20.50	
Lina S. Tepper	<u>4.52</u>	2,500.46
Telephone		<u>14.06</u>
TOTAL		<u>\$2,514.52</u>

MEMORANDUM

June 5, 1941

To : Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From: Mr. Henry Montor

Attached herewith is a copy of a memorandum prepared by Dr. Martin Rosenbluth, which compares the appropriations actually made by the J.D.C. in the period from January 1st to May 14th, 1941 as announced by the J.D.C. in the "Program and Budget" which was projected when the J.D.C. campaign was launched in January 1941.

HM:JB
Encl.

M E M O R A N D U M

May 28, 1941

To : Mr. Henry Montor

From: Dr. Martin Rosenbluth

Subject: The JDC's Statement of its Activities - January to May, 1941

1) It was clear from the outset that while the previously published "Program and Budget" was a summary of requests reaching the JDC from local relief organizations in Europe and South America, it did not constitute and was not intended to constitute a working program for January to June 1941. It is, nevertheless, of interest to compare some figures given in this "Program" with the actual appropriations approved by the JDC from January 1st to May 14, 1941:

	"Program and Budget" for six months	Appropriations made in 4-1/2 months
Greater Germany (including Old Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia)	\$2,253,000	\$228,000
Poland	3,200,000	340,000
Hungary and Roumania	1,541,485	82,500
Emigration from Lithuania	1,050,000	175,000

The first two items, totaling \$566,000, are being used through clearance arrangements, for transportation of emigrants from Greater Germany (but not from Poland!) Although the JDC may be quite correct in stating that, if adequate funds were available many more refugees could be rescued, I still maintain that under present conditions it would be impossible for the JDC to use \$5,453,000 (the amount anticipated in the Program) or any sum in that neighborhood, through clearance arrangements, for the financing of emigration from Greater Germany.

2) On Page Two, Paragraph (2), the JDC gives a statistical picture of its operations at the end of 1940, stating among other things that from funds provided by the JDC 283,000 persons received one meal daily and that during the first nine months of 1940, 82,264,080 meals were served in Poland. Since the total of JDC funds provided for Poland from January to September was \$923,000, including a balance of \$283,000 which the Relief Committee had in hand on January 1, 1940, it means that even if all JDC funds were used for the sole purpose of providing the 82,000,000 meals, a little more than one cent was sufficient for one meal. In fact, only a small fraction of one cent must have sufficed, since a whole catalogue of additional activities was financed out of JDC funds, according to the statement.

Such activities include:

"24,000 orphans, refugee children and war-abandoned infants received a daily nourishing meal in 122 branches of the Centos (Central Jewish Children's Aid Committee), a J.D.C. subsidiary.

"180,000 homeless people were cared for by the J.D.C. in various institutions and centers

"8,000 persons monthly received clothing

"108,000 persons received cash subventions through 162 monetary aid offices

"38,000 persons benefited by the health and sanitation programs of the Toz in 150 hospitals, homes, sanatoria, clinics, etc.

"42,000 children were cared for in 906 orphanages, nurseries and child care centers of the Centos

"3,000 persons were assisted with J.D.C. funds in various private institutions

"2,000 persons received constructive aid to enable them to earn their own livelihoods"

To the less informed reader, the "statistical picture of J.D.C. operations in Poland" thus conveys the impression that more or less all of the relief work is financed directly or indirectly by the J.D.C. The truth is that in Poland as well as in Greater Germany, the contributions of the J.D.C. are only a fraction of the amount spent for relief, since much larger sums are raised through local collections. They are not mentioned at all in the "statistical picture of J.D.C. operations" or anywhere else in the statement.

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Handwritten notes:
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June 10, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am sending you under separate cover the batch of clippings which appeared in the Yiddish newspapers with regard to the Matzoth Fund campaign conducted by the Joint Distribution Committee. You said that you wanted to forward these directly from Cleveland to Mr. Warburg in connection with correspondence that you have been having with him. I would appreciate copies of any letters which you send to him or receive from him.

I send you herewith a sheet showing the amount which Chicago has provided to the United Palestine Appeal or the United Jewish Appeal for the years 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940 and 1941, together with the Jewish population of that and related communities indicating the contributions to the U.P.A. or to the U.J.A. for the same time.

I am also enclosing copies of correspondence exchanged with Chicago during the hectic period of the independent campaign.

The compilation of Chicago's statistics with comparative figures for other cities you wanted to have in connection with the letter that you plan to send to Mr. Epstein of Chicago.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:FE

Handwritten notes:
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June 10, 1941

Jewish Population	City	Amt. Contributed to UJA 1935	Amt. Contributed to UPA 1936	Amt. Contributed to UPA 1937	Amt. Contributed to UPA 1938	Amt. Contributed to UJA 1939	Amt. Contributed to UJA 1940	Amt. Contributed to UJA 1941
367,876	CHICAGO, ILL.	No Campaign	\$ 205,405.50	\$ 181,616.	No Campaign	\$1,400,000.	\$1,000,000.	\$ 250,850. (Pd. to date)
100,257	CLEVELAND, OHIO	\$ 50,000.	60,000.	58,000.	\$ 70,140.	475,000.	475,000.P1. 411,200.Pd.	
92,185	DETROIT, MICH.	48,500.	35,000.	60,000.	60,000.	318,000.	350,000.	
41,536	SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.	70,000.	50,000.	50,000.	60,000.	350,000.	350,000.	
22,798	CINCINNATI, OHIO	60,000.	33,000.	35,000.	47,000.	190,000.	190,185.P1. 120,185.Pd.	
185,174	BOSTON, MASS.	27,191.37 P1. 20,429.40 Pd. 5,509.27 Exp. (Bal. uncollectable)	16,512.14	38,400.	49,000.	400,000.P1. 336,000.Pd. (Bal. uncollectable)	296,000.P1. 133,159.Pd.	
293,000	PHILADELPHIA, PA.	124,401.62 (Includes exp. of 6,450.13)	66,099.37	71,053.50	120,000.	800,000.P1. 378,175.Pd.	350,000.P1. 175,120.Pd.	
9,414	COLUMBUS, OHIO	12,500.	6,500.	11,000.	12,000.	70,000.	75,000.	
8,738	NEW ORLEANS, LA.	14,639.96	7,600.	10,520.	11,550.	77,000.	84,000.	83,600.P1. 41,800.Pd.
73,005	BALTIMORE, MD.	114,167. P1. 107,799.63Pd. (Bal. uncollectable)	No Campaign	45,356.	41,240.	300,000. P1. 277,464.80 Pd. (Bal. uncollectable)	260,230.P1. 241,230.Pd.	
90,717	LOS ANGELES, CALIF.	40,000.	34,419.	43,600.	59,160.80	535,000.	300,000.P1. 266,400.Pd.	
28,187	KANSAS CITY, MO.	19,000.	7,500.	12,348.	15,324.80	60,000.	75,000.P1. 70,000.Pd.	
51,095	ST. LOUIS, MO.	55,000.	32,000.	38,000.	38,000.	325,000.	321,000.	85,000. (Pd. to date)

<u>Jewish Population</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Amt. Contributed to UJA 1935</u>	<u>Amt. Contributed to UPA 1936</u>	<u>Amt. Contributed to UPA 1937</u>	<u>Amt. Contributed to UPA 1938</u>	<u>Amt. Contributed to UJA 1939</u>	<u>Amt. Contributed to UJA 1940</u>	<u>Amt. Contributed to UJA 1941</u>
25,000	WASHINGTON, D. C.	\$ 22,612.75 Pl. 21,400. Pd. (Bal. uncollectable)	\$23,256.52	\$ 25,200.	\$ 32,572.	\$ 154,680. Pl. 141,472. Pd. (Bal. uncollectable)	\$ 151,877.50 Pl. 143,377.50 Pd.	\$113,300. Pl.
52,350	PITTSBURGH, PA.	55,808.38 Pl. (Bal. uncollectable) 49,249.19 Pd. 5,269.30 Exp.	23,410.40	36,600.	40,000.	240,000. Pl. 218,500. Pd. (15,500 uncollectable)	150,000. Pl. 141,000. Pd.	
2,069,035	NEW YORK, N. Y.	656,813.91 Pl. 538,944.26 Pd. 94,601.72 Exp.	480,611.64	494,417.23	650,462.73	6,067,540. Pl. 5,367,302. Pd. (50,000 uncollectable)	5,043,306.69 Pl. 3,787,000.00 Pd.	Pl. 3,323,050. Pl. Pd. 1,000,000. Pd.

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JEWISH WELFARE FUND
128 North Wells Street
Chicago, Illinois

February 14, 1941

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, National Chairman
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd Street
New York City

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Board of Directors of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago initiated its current campaign for funds during the month of December, 1940, at a time when the United Jewish Appeal of 1940 was in existence, and during a time when it seemed possible that a United Jewish Appeal might be constituted for the year 1941. Hence, the discussions at the beginning of the campaign here in Chicago related to the general quota and, in a general way, to the type of organizations and activities that were to be included.

Since the announcement of the termination of the United Jewish Appeal and since requests began to come to us for allotments to various organizations hitherto both direct and indirect beneficiaries of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago, the Board of our Fund held hearings with the three major beneficiaries, namely, the United Palestine Appeal, National Refugee Service, and Joint Distribution Committee. Meantime, there have been a number of discussions with local representatives of some of these organizations and a number of meetings of the Board which concerned themselves with the primary and difficult problem of allotting funds equitably to these and other organizations.

As you know, the Jewish Welfare Fund this year has included certain local needs. Of the local needs included, one is an additional need to those included last year, namely, the raising of a part of Building and Rehabilitation Fund commitments of The Jewish Charities. On the basis of a \$2,000,000 quota, The Jewish Charities was to receive, if needed, \$150,000 toward its net operating deficit for 1941, and also to receive the sum of \$300,000 toward the Building and Rehabilitation Fund. In addition, there had been budgeted, at the beginning, a sum of \$300,000 for the needs of refugees in Chicago and of the resettlement program that is centered around Chicago. The \$750,000 thereby involved constituted $37\frac{1}{2}\%$ of the total quota. It has been possible to reduce this to a total of 35%.

In all fairness to the various causes and organizations involved as beneficiaries of our Fund, it seemed proper that we follow, in a general way, the commendable practice hitherto established by the United Jewish Appeal in the year 1939 and 1940. We refer to the practice of making an allotment of a considerable part of the funds to be raised, but not of all the funds to be raised, and reserving for decision at a later date the distribution of the remaining funds.

Thus, the Board of Directors of the Welfare Fund, at its meeting

on February 11, 1941, decided that it would set up a distribution at this time of 70% of the gross total pledges made to the Fund. This implies a preliminary allotment of 70% of the gross total pledges to the various organizations. The final allotment, of course, will be conditioned by a reserve for shrinkage in pledges and by the expenditures necessarily made to conduct the campaign, as well as by the total amount of money that will be known to be available at the end of the campaign.

In addition to the 35% which is allotted on the above mentioned basis for local Chicago needs, including local refugee needs, an additional 6% is being allotted to the smaller and miscellaneous organizations such as Hias, Ort, etc., that have hitherto been beneficiaries of our Fund. The remaining 59% is to be allotted to the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal, and the National Refugee Service.

The allotment to your organization is 15%.

You understand, of course, and it is so stated in the resolution adopted by the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago, that there is no obligation upon the Board of the Jewish Welfare Fund to divide the remaining funds in the same ratios as apply to the division of 70% of the gross pledges.

We are quite cognizant of the fact that because our community this year again was the first of the larger communities to have a campaign, your organization, among others, is somewhat dependent upon receiving cash collected by our campaign. We should be very happy, upon your request, to forward to you at an early date our check in partial payment of the above indicated allotment.

Very sincerely yours,

(signed)

James H. Becker
President

(signed)

Samuel A. Goldsmith
Secretary

C O P Y

January 2nd, 1941

Mr. Samuel Goldsmith, Secretary
Jewish Welfare Fund
128 N. Wells St.,
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Goldsmith:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of December 31st. On December 22nd, I sent a letter to Mr. James H. Becker, President of the Chicago Jewish Welfare Fund, in which I submitted an application for a grant to the United Palestine Appeal out of your 1941 campaign, and in which I requested the opportunity to meet with the Board of Directors of the Jewish Welfare Fund in the near future to explain the application more fully and to submit such additional information and material as may be required. This application and request were made to your Board in view of the new situation which has arisen as a result of the dissolution of the United Jewish Appeal. Mr. Becker did not take the trouble to reply to my letter. You, as secretary, sent me a rather brusque note declining the request of the United Palestine Appeal, and suggesting that an opportunity to meet with your Board might be granted after your campaign has been finished.

The United Palestine Appeal cannot consent to have any Welfare Fund undertake to raise money for it without first consulting with it, and without some understanding as to what the United Palestine Appeal might expect from the campaign. With the dissolution of the United Jewish Appeal, there are no longer any national ratios which give the former beneficiaries of the United Jewish Appeal the protection of at least their minimum requirements. The United Palestine Appeal must make sure ~~that~~ of these minimum requirements. The friends of Palestine in every community will wish to know before they make their contribution to their Welfare Funds what Palestine's share will be out of the total raised.

This is not an unusual position to take. This was the position taken by the United Jewish Appeal in all of its campaigns, and Jewish communities throughout the nation readily complied with a few exceptions, notably Chicago, which was always a law unto itself. In Chicago, the United Jewish Appeal was consulted neither before the campaign nor after. In fact, it is the only position which a Welfare Fund can take in order to insure whole-hearted cooperation on the part of all the members of the community.

Since you declined to meet with an official representative of the national headquarters of the United Palestine Appeal until after your campaign is over, we have decided to leave the entire matter in the hands of our friends in Chicago.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Abba Hillel Silver

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JEWISH WELFARE FUND
128 North Wells Street - Chicago, Ill.

December 31, 1940

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
105th at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This is purely a personal communication to you, though you may desire, as Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal for 1941, to take some official action in the matter.

As you know, the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago has begun its 1941 campaign. We have already secured, the Special Gifts Division, some \$720,000. The campaign is for \$2,000,000, and includes, aside from local refugee needs, a relatively small amount to meet the net deficit of The Charities, and also includes some \$300,000 toward local building needs. If the campaign is successful, I surmise that the J.D.C., U.P.A., and N.R.S. will, in grant total, secure something more than the \$1,000,000 that was distributed to them last year. If the campaign is something or much of a failure, naturally, the amount to be distributed to these three organizations will be less than last year.

Quite naturally, all of us here who have the welfare of our community at heart and who desire that our community shall do all that it can on behalf of major national agencies, are working very hard in the campaign. You probably also know that in our own community there are some small collections made for the Jewish National Fund; there is a sum in the neighborhood of \$50,000 raised independently of our Welfare Fund drive for the Geverkschaften Campaign; and there is a sum which in late years has averaged around \$60,000 to \$70,000, raised also outside of the Welfare Fund, by Hadassah. Very few of our local citizens -- perhaps four or five altogether -- give substantial amounts to individual projects in Palestine beyond all this, because, in our city, only the UPA is part of the Welfare Fund.

I write you because today I had quite a number of telephone calls from persons who in the past have been active in the Trades, Industries, and Professions Division of our campaign, and I have learned through my associate, Mr. Friedlander, of a conversation which he had with Rabbi Berman, who is Chairman of the Rabbis group in the campaign.

It seems that a number of persons here, possibly acting on advice from the national office of the UPA, have been endeavoring to bring all possible pressure on the Welfare Fund and more particularly on its President, Mr. James H. Becker, to compel a decision at this time with respect to the proportion or percentage of the funds to be raised that will be allotted to the UPA. The inference that has been made to us is that this would have a decided bearing on the proportionate amounts that might be allotted in other cities, because of the presumptively influential position that Chicago has with respect to other communities.

I realize fully, of course, the tremendous responsibilities that you are carrying as Chairman of the present campaign of the UPA and personally, of course, I do not wish to aggravate these responsibilities. However, I do feel very sincerely and very definitely that maladroit tactics will inevitably result

in such small participation on the part of Zionists and Zionist sympathizers in our present campaign as to make very difficult a reasonable attitude on the part of these who will vote the expenditures to be made by the Welfare Fund to various participating beneficiaries. Not only is this true with regard to the Welfare Fund, but, in this city particularly, it does seem to me, knowing the sources of the fund which we have raised, and personally having been responsible for the institution of the Welfare Fund, that the over-all amount to be raised on behalf of Palestine will be materially reduced.

What some people here are talking about as part of a pressure campaign, is an independent UPA campaign. It does seem to me that you, as National Chairman, or that the administrative group of the campaign, ought to decide whether or not you wish to participate in the Welfare Funds on any crude or refined budgetary basis which the Welfare Funds may work out individually, or whether you truly desire to make a campaign in each individual city.

When Mr. Montor was here recently he, I thought, made it very clear to me that it was the desire of all of you who were associated in the management of the UPA that you wished to be part of the Chicago Welfare Fund and its campaign. What has been said here to me today, however, leads me to the belief that you desire not only to receive funds from the Welfare Fund and to receive some indication of how much money the Welfare Fund will give, but to receive such an intimation of a contribution well in advance of the Welfare Fund's securing from the UPA, from you personally and from all other sources, facts on which the division of funds might be based. Furthermore, we have already been informed that persons have been approached and asked to withhold gifts to the Welfare Fund so that in the event the UPA decides to have an independent campaign, they might make their gifts to such an independent campaign.

Insofar as our present Welfare Fund campaign is concerned, it, of course, would be somewhat affected by the spreading of any such propaganda as that which I have just mentioned. I doubt, however, whether in terms of dollars it will so substantially affect the total amount to be raised as to prove a useful weapon, even of propaganda, to the UPA. It may, however, quite on the other hand, so discourage the non-Zionists or the non-active Zionists with respect to the usefulness of continuing the Welfare Fund beyond this year, as to wreak serious damage to the UPA and other causes that have had the support of the Welfare Fund, and might mitigate against the possibility of continuing the structure into the future.

Naturally, an independent UPA campaign would be strongly competitive with Geverkschaften, Hadassah, and other like efforts. I repeat that I think, without arguing the Welfare Fund case too strongly -- I need not do this with a person who has been, for a number of years, the Chairman of the Cleveland Welfare Fund -- common sense would dictate the utmost support of the Welfare Fund in order to have the utmost influence in the decisions which it will reach.

Sofar as our Special Gifts work has gone, I might say this to you:

Though we are securing a number of increased gifts, and though there are relatively few persons active in this bit of propaganda who have given in the Special Gifts Division as yet, those that have given have in no single instance increased their gifts over last year, and in other instances, possibly in the light of this propaganda, gifts have as yet not been made. You can understand how, from the standpoint of campaign psychology, this is not a good situation within which to advocate immediate action on the UPA and action that would lead to any increased appropriation to the UPA.

We have, in the publicity attendant upon the Special Gifts effort so far, and we intend, in the publicity that will be concerned with the general campaign, to

include substantial mention of the UPA and of the work in Palestine. Do you wish us, at this time, to drop this publicity? Do you wish us, at this time, to notify those who have already given that the UPA is withdrawing from the Chicago Welfare Fund? Do you wish us, at this time, to consider with equal justice the appeals which the JDC and NRS certainly will make at some future date to us together with, of course, equal justice to the appeal that you personally or someone who acts on your behalf will desire to make on behalf of the UPA?

Finally, might I say this:

It has been our regular procedure to gather the funds and then, insofar as we have been free to do so in the past, to vote allocations at the close of the campaign. I say, "Insofar as we have been free to do so" because, by far, the major part of our funds went to the United Jewish Appeal in the past, and we had nothing to say, as a Jewish Welfare Fund, with regard to the distribution of funds collected by the United Jewish Appeal. Quite obviously, it is desirable for us to receive requests for funds from other organizations that have, in the past, been beneficiaries of our Fund. Quite obviously, it is important for us, insofar as we can, to make some evaluation of those appeals from facts presented and thereafter to have hearings with representatives of the organizations, after which time allocations can be made. Under the circumstances attendant upon the current campaign, we hope that hearings such as I have just indicated can be held wither toward the end of February or early in March.

I do believe that it would be quite important, as rapidly as you conveniently can get to the matter, for you to give some word to us and to those who apparently are acting on behalf of the UPA here in Chicago, as to whether or not the UPA is desirous of acting as the agency of our community, via the Welfare Fund, or whether it is desirous of making its own appeal.

This letter is written you purely as a personal communication and not upon instructions of the Welfare Fund. As you can surmise, I am deeply engrossed in the campaign and have to carry a good deal of responsibility in connection therewith. I would view with a good deal of chagrin any breakdown in the expression of solidarity on the part of our Jewish community, so far as our Welfare Fund expresses it, and, frankly and personally, I would view with a good deal of dissatisfaction any material reduction that the present somewhat vicious propaganda tactics will bring about in the total support that goes from Chicago to Palestine.

With all personal good wishes,

Cordially yours,

(signed)

Samuel A. Goldsmith

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JEWISH WELFARE FUND
128 North Wells St. Chicago, Ill.

December 23, 1940

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, National Chairman
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd Street
New York City

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your letter dated December 22nd, in which you make application for a grant of \$500,000 to the United Palestine Appeal from the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago, has been received this morning. Your letter will have the consideration of the members of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Welfare Fund at an appropriate time.

At the present moment, our policy is not to hold meetings with respect to allocations until the campaign has been finished -- which we hope will be by the fifteenth of February.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Samuel A. Goldsmith

SAMUEL A. GOLDSMITH
Secretary

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December 22, 1940

Mr. James H. Becker, President
Jewish Welfare Fund
128 North Wells Street
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Becker:

I herewith submit to you the formal application of the 1941 United Palestine Appeal for inclusion in the fund-raising effort of the 1941 Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago.

To meet the requirements of Palestine involving the maintenance, security and extension of the present structure, and to stimulate the absorptive capacity of the country for additional immigration, the United Palestine Appeal asks that out of the funds raised for 1941 by the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago a sum of not less than \$500,000 be made available to the United Palestine Appeal.

In order that the facts to sustain this application may be presented directly to the officers entrusted with this responsibility, I request that the United Palestine Appeal be given the opportunity of meeting with the members of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Welfare Fund at the earliest opportunity, some time within the next two weeks.

The Jewish Agency for Palestine and the Jewish National Fund, the two constituent organizations of the United Palestine Appeal, which also includes the Mizrahi Palestine Fund, have adopted a budget of \$13,640,000 for the period that coincides with our campaign effort. Because of the collapse of Jewish communities in Europe, which previously made substantial contributions to the Palestine upbuilding program, because of the effect of war on other countries, such as England, South Africa, Canada, etc., and because of the new emergency and war-time needs and opportunities that exist in Palestine, the leaders of the Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Fund believe that it is only fair that American Jewry assume at least eighty per cent. of the responsibility for the conduct of their programs.

This challenge to our statesmanship and our generosity the United Palestine Appeal is prepared to accept with the understanding and sympathetic cooperation of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago and its constituency.

Formal documents giving in detail the nature of these budgets will be submitted to you and to your fellow officers of the Jewish Welfare Fund through the personal meeting which I trust can be arranged soon, and through the submission of statistical material.

In brief, however, these are the essential elements of the program which requires our energetic and effective collaborations:

In the field of immigration, Palestine continues to be an outstanding factor in the absorption of refugees. On Friday the announcement was issued by the Palestine Government that the validity of certificates for five thousand refugees who are now in various European ports has been extended until March 30, 1941. This is in addition to the new immigration schedule that is to be announced by the Government for the period ending April 1, 1941.

The continued entry of non-certificated immigrants into Palestine today assumes wider proportions than ever before, as is attested by the entry in the one month of November of over three thousand non-certificated refugees. The fact that Palestine absorbed 24,000 refugees in the first year of the war must also be taken into consideration in determining the enlarged financial responsibility of the Jewish Agency.

The continued influx of a large immigration, combined with the impact of war upon the economy of Palestine, has brought new burdens to the Jewish Agency budget in the form of provision for relief. In the past several months the Jewish Agency has made available increased sums of money through the Vaad Leumi so that some 75,000 people a month could obtain relief assistance.

This is in addition to the obligation which the Jewish Agency assumes when non-certificated refugees are released into its custody by the Government. Thus, in the case of the 1700 hapless refugees, whose fate became known to the world through the explosion of the Patria, the Jewish Agency was given the responsibility to see to it that these men, women and children did not become public charges, and moreover that they were fed, sheltered, clothed and restored to the health which they had lost in the months of wandering on the seas.

The war has dislocated a great part of the economic and industrial life of the country. To prevent demoralization, to cut down on the relief load, the Jewish Agency as the representative of the Jewish people has undertaken to stimulate commerce and industry so that men could be employed in jobs and that the security of the country could simultaneously be strengthened through the continued functioning of the economic machinery and through the extension of various public works, particularly those to enlarge and to link the Jewish settlements.

The continuation of the colonization program is one of the most important duties facing the Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Fund in 1941.

The 257 Jewish settlements which dot Palestine must be protected and their areas and activity extended; equipment, livestock, agricultural instructions and assistance must be given, particularly to some hundred colonies established in the past decade, sixty of them in the last four years.

In the year 1940 the Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Fund were responsible for the establishment of eight new colonies. The program now under way provides for the erection of fifteen additional settlements in 1941. This colonization program is essential for these reasons, in brief:

To widen the frontiers of Jewish colonization in the Jewish homeland, to provide the soil upon which the Yishuv's capacity for self-sufficiency in agricultural production may be enhanced, to erect settlements for the purpose of in-

creasing the strategic security of colonies already established, and to give a foot-hold on the land to an increasing number of refugees who have come to Palestine to rebuild their economic life through integration on the soil of Palestine.

The program of land acquisition that has been carried on by the Jewish people since 1903 through the Jewish National Fund must be continued. The land previously contracted for must be redeemed, and new areas available for acquisition must be obtained so that the refugees who enter Palestine may have land upon which to settle and land from which to obtain the food for their support.

Grave new burdens have fallen upon the Jewish community of Palestine. It has met these burdens with patience, faith and self-sacrifice, providing increasing sums of money for emergency, security and war-time needs. However, certain programs which the Jewish community in Palestine was able until the war to carry on by itself in whole or in part must, if this magnificent structure is to be preserved and widened, be assumed by American Jewry.

Thus, the Jewish Agency must enlarge its contribution for the maintenance of the educational system of Palestine, which embraces some sixty thousand children. This is but one illustration of the wide variety of cultural and economic, as well as agricultural activities which the United Palestine Appeal is sponsoring.

The facts of Palestine's development are in themselves a source of pride, and encouragement to all Jewry. We must remember that because of the generosity and the vision of the Jewish people in previous years, there exists in Palestine the largest free Jewish community in the world next to that of the United States. Preservation of the Jewish people and of Jewish values is bound up with the growth of the Jewish Homeland in Palestine.

Today the Jews of Palestine are playing a significant role in the struggle whose outcome will determine the fate, not alone of one country, but of our present-day civilization. Over six thousand Palestine Jews are in the British army. Palestine Jews are now serving in the battles in Egypt and Greece. In the coming months additional thousands of Palestine Jews will be recruited in the regular forces and in the Volunteer Force which has just been initiated this week.

The Jews of America have the opportunity and the responsibility of making clear to this great Jewish community in Palestine that we share with them the spirit of faith in the ultimate triumph of the cause for which they are fighting and that we shall do everything in our power to maintain their morale, not alone with moral, but with an increased material support.

For these reasons, I have every confidence that you and your associates in the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago will give the most sympathetic consideration to the request of the United Palestine Appeal for a minimum allotment of \$500,000 for 1941, and that the Jewish Community of Chicago will respond to your 1941 Welfare Fund campaign with a generosity sufficient to meet this obligation which we have eagerly assumed.

Looking forward to word from you for one of several days on which the United Palestine Appeal might meet officially with the members of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago, I am

Very cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver
National Chairman

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND (KEREN HAYESOD)
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June 17, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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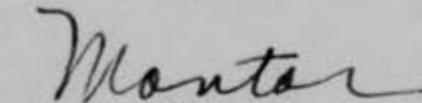
Dear Dr. Silver:

Do you want to plan a meeting of either the Executive Committee or the Administrative Committee of the UPA for Monday, June 30th, or Tuesday, July 1st, in connection with your visit to New York to attend the meeting of the Executive Committee of the UJA on Monday, June 30th at 4:00 P.M.? You might want to arrange a luncheon session on Monday or else a Tuesday afternoon meeting, or perhaps we can get along without a meeting at all.

Again I want to remind you of Mr. Gluska of the Yemenites who has been pounding away at me three or four times a week. He wants to have an opportunity to tell his story to the Administrative or Executive Committee so that if they say no, it will be official.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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M E M O R A N D U M

June 17, 1941

To : Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From: Mr. Henry Montor

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter addressed to me by Isaac Rivkind, Chairman of the League for Religious Labor in Palestine.

On several occasions I have had the difficult duty of saying that the contract between the U.P.A. and the Mizrachi Palestine Fund was nebulous in character and but inadequately compensatory to the U.P.A. in terms of the withdrawal of competitive fund-raising efforts.

There can be no question of the fact that the League for Religious Labor in Palestine is dominated completely by the Mizrachi Organization in this country. It operates from the same offices and has the same personnel. In addition to the League for Religious Labor in Palestine, the Mizrachi Organization has fathered a number of other fund-raising enterprises, all in direct conflict with the legal and moral obligations undertaken in the contract with the U.P.A.

It is with deep regret that I have noticed that year after year these evidences of indifference to a contract on the part of the Mizrachi Organization have not been treated with properly in the U.P.A. contract. The sufferers are, of course, the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth. I hope that their sub-committees may take action.

HM:JB
Encl.

LEAGUE FOR RELIGIOUS LABOR IN PALESTINE
1123 Broadway New York, N.Y.

June 12, 1941

Mr. Henry Montor
Executive Director
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Montor:

We are in possession of a circular letter sent out by the council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds concerning our organization. The information therein is based upon our printed material and the interview of our Executive Director by the representative of the Council.

Among the comments on this information there are excerpts of two letters of yours. One dated November 20, 1940, and the other dated December 6, 1940, in which you state your negative attitude to our organization. It is very regrettable that you have disposed so lightly of the League without a thorough acquaintance with its character, purposes, and activities.

There are two points in your letters in repudiation of the right of the League to be included in the budgets of the Welfare Funds.

The first point concerns itself with the allegation that members of Mizrahi are not to "participate or approve of any other campaign."

In a letter to Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, a copy of which is included here, we have clearly stated that the League is not in any way under the jurisdiction of the Mizrahi. While it is entirely the business of the Mizrahi to cope with this question, it is nevertheless well known that not only members of the Mizrahi, but also members and leaders of other Zionist organizations, are actively participating in other fund raising activities, outside of the United Palestine Appeal. But the League must not suffer because of the Mizrahi members on its board.

As to the second point that no "Zionist groups coming under the jurisdiction of the World Zionist organization are permitted to carry on fund raising activities without any authorization from the World Zionist Congress." Permit me

Mr. Henry Montor
United Palestine Appeal

June 12, 1941

to state that the League cannot be regarded in this category, since it is a non-partisan organization composed of various elements, the only uniting factor being the purpose to support Religious workers in Eretz Israel who do not receive the proper aid and attention.

In the letter to Rabbi Silver we stated that we are ready to furnish any additional information concerning our work. We regret that you have not consulted us before sending out your letters.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. May we please ask you to correct the statements you made to the Council, concerning the League, in line with the information herein.

It is unnecessary to say we would be very glad to meet with you so that we may thoroughly clarify the situation. Anticipating your early reply, I am

With Zion's greetings,

(signed)

Isaac Rivkind
Chairman

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June 17, 1941

Mr. Leon Gellman, President
Mizrachi Organization
1133 Broadway
New York City

Dear Mr. Gellman:

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter dated June 12th, sent to me by Mr. Isaac Rivkind, Chairman of the League for Religious Labor in Palestine.

At various times you have said to me that you would secure the definite withdrawal from the field of fund-raising in Welfare Funds of the League for Religious Labor in Palestine. Not only has this not been accomplished, but the League for Religious Labor in Palestine now seems to be aggrieved at the United Palestine Appeal for daring to suggest to the Welfare Funds that there is no valid basis for the claim which the League is now making to the Welfare Funds of the country.

I am attaching herewith a copy of a memorandum which I have addressed to Rabbi Silver on this general subject of competitive fund-raising efforts initiated by the Mizrachi Palestine Fund.

It would seem that the relations between the U.P.A. and the Mizrachi Organization do not go in both directions, that is, that there is ^{not} a vigorous effort on the part of the Mizrachi Organization to prevent the influx into the field of Mizrachi-dominated competitive drives.

Sincerely yours,

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Henry Montor
Executive Director

M E M O R A N D U M

June 17, 1941

To : Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From: Mr. Henry Montor

The name of Dean Isidor Loeb of St. Louis was one of those on a list submitted by Harry L. Lurie of the Council of Federations, as being a possibility to represent Welfare Fund communities on the 1941 Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal. I asked Rabbi Julius Gordon of St. Louis about Dean Loeb and the attached is his reply.

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CONGREGATION SHAARE EMETH
Saint Louis, Mo.
Julius Gordon, Rabbi.

June 12, 1941

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

Dear Mr. Montor:

Dean Loeb is, of course, not a
Zionist. But I have always found him fairminded
in his judgment. It is my personal opinion that
if Dean Loeb were to serve on the Allotment Committee,
he would be judicious and fair.

Sincerely

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(signed)

Julius Gordon

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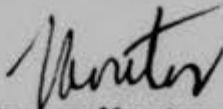
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter which has come to me from Joseph Goldstein of Rochester who is a member of the Board of the Council of Federations and one of our best assets in Rochester. He had been inclined at first to accept the statement of the Council that it was endeavoring to meet the wishes of the opposition. You will recall that Mr. Goldstein was the Chairman of the Tellers Committee at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Council.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

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C O P Y

GOLDSTEIN and GOLDMAN
718 Union Trust Bldg.
Rochester, N. Y.

June 13, 1941

PERSONAL

Henry Montor
Executive Director
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd St.
New York City

Dear Henry:

I have received your recent letters. In the first place, I have written to Mr. Hollander on Tuesday of this week, telling him that I could not accept membership on the Committee. I did not give him the reasons for my action but indicated in the letter that I would be glad to tell him these reasons, personally at some time in the future when I met him. I did not feel that I could adequately set forth these reasons in a letter.

I am very frank to say to you my action in declining membership on the Committee was prompted a good deal by my loyalty to the Zionists and by the letters which I received from you. Aside from any criticisms of the resolutions adopted by the Council, I felt, in view of what you had written me, that I would be doing an injustice to the Zionist Cause in accepting a position on the Committee.

Insofar as the resolutions are concerned, you will remember that when I first talked with you my re-action was that the Council did endeavor to meet the wishes of those who voted negatively as well as those who voted affirmately. I thought there was an earnest desire to initiate a service which might be acceptable to all elements. However, upon re-reading the resolutions I am included to feel that Section 4 of the resolution, to a great extent, nullifies whatever conciliatory action may have been intended by the first part of the resolutions. It does now, seem to me, unless I am otherwise assured, that through Section 4 the Council could very well proceed with its original proposal which met with so much objection, by a great mass of the Jewish people of this country. I am therefore inclined to agree with the proposed letter of Dr. Silver which indicates that the plan of National Budgeting about which there has been so much agitation has only been postponed until 1942. I think that Section 4 is the only serious objection to the resolution and presents the only real obstacle to full cooperation.

I think the proposed letter to be sent to Mr. Hollander is a very fair statement, although I don't see how he can give any other interpretation than that which is set forth in the resolution, without further action by the Council Board.

I further feel that the Council ought to go very slowly in doing anything which would cause friction and divisiveness in American Jewish life. I think before the Council takes any action such as this, there ought to be substantial agreement between all groups. I think that this is the experience of our local communities. In our own community, it took many years before we could get substantial agreement on the Welfare Fund idea or on the Jewish Education Association idea, and I think it was wise to wait until we had crystallized public opinion before proceeding. I think the same procedure should be followed by the Council.

Regardless of whether the present action was good or bad, I see no particular haste in proceeding at this time and if waiting a year or two was necessary to crystallize public opinion, it would be wise to do so.

I have written you rather in a personal vein and would appreciate your keeping this letter confidential, although I have no objection in your presenting the point of view which I have indicated.

With kindest regards, I am

(Signed)

Cordially yours,
J. Goldstein

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

You will recall an official letter sent to you and Rabbi Wise as National Chairmen by Mr. Samuel Goldsmith of Chicago, advising us of an allotment of \$900,000 (A).

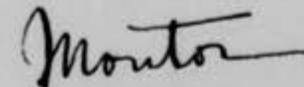
I then drafted a letter (B) which I thought would be appropriate for Rabbi Wise and yourself to sign.

Mr. Coons then sent me a note (C), advising that Rabbi Wise would not sign the letter that I had drafted, and submitted a draft that he thought would be acceptable.(D).

I took it upon myself to have Rabbi Jonah Wise sign the letter himself leaving out your name as per (E), since I do not understand why Chicago should be addressed with any greater tenderness than any other community, particularly when its contribution to the United Jewish Appeal is far from "generous".

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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JEWISH WELFARE FUND

128 North Wells Street

Chicago, Ill.

June 10, 1941

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

Gentlemen:

I am happy to inform you that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Welfare Fund held yesterday, an allocation of \$900,000 was made to the United Jewish Appeal for the year 1941, subject to the following provision, which applies to all our beneficiary organizations excepting those dealing with the problems of refugees in the city of Chicago:

"This allocation is made tentatively and may be subject to revision if, in the judgment of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Welfare Fund, such revision is justified, or if collections on outstanding pledges are not paid in full."

A check for \$250,000 has already been sent to the Co-Treasurers of the United Jewish Appeal and an additional check of \$200,000 will be sent in a day or two, thus bringing the payment of funds up to 50% of the total amount provisionally allocated.

Very sincerely yours,

(signed) Samuel A. Goldsmith

Samuel A. Goldsmith
Secretary

June 15, 1941

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

Dear Mr. Goldsmith:

We are glad to acknowledge your letter of June 10th advising us that the Board of Directors of the Jewish Welfare Fund has allocated \$900,000 to the United Jewish Appeal for the year 1941, subject to collections.

We appreciate the deep interest which has been displayed by the Chicago Jewish community in the agencies which comprise the United Jewish Appeal and know that the campaign in 1941 was animated by the desire to raise a maximum of funds for the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service.

In reconstituting the United Jewish Appeal, the agencies comprising were mindful of the desires of the Jewish communities of America that a single instrument be continued to raise funds more efficiently and more adequately for the urgent requirements of the three organizations.

Under these circumstances, therefore, we note with regret that Chicago has not been able to allot to the United Jewish Appeal a sum commensurate with our larger goal and with the larger tasks that face us. In 1933 the United Jewish Appeal was allotted \$1,400,000 by the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago. In 1940 this sum was reduced to \$1,000,000, producing a result that very seriously affected the operations of the three agencies. We earnestly hope that it may be possible for the Board of Directors of the Jewish Welfare Fund to reconsider its decision with a view toward increasing the allotment. This would be a substantial contribution to the success of our campaign in terms of the money involved, but also in relation to the example set for other communities which would be stimulated to a proper understanding of their own responsibilities if major cities like Chicago were to make an increase, even if only a token increase, to the United Jewish Appeal of 1941.

We earnestly trust that this plea for reconsideration will have the attention of your Board of Directors at its earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Abba Hillel Silver Joseph D. Wise
 National Chairman National Chairman

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MEMORANDUM

June 16, 1941

TO: Mr. Henry Montor

FROM: Mr. Isidor Coons

SUBJECT: Acknowledgment to Chicago

I know that Rabbi Jonah B. Wise would be unwilling to sign in toto the letter which you were kind enough to draft in response to the letter from Mr. Samuel A. Goldsmith advising us as to Chicago's decisions.

Rabbi Wise would not sanction the last three paragraphs. Therefore, I submit a revised draft which I know would have the approval of Rabbi Wise for this particular community.

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June 16, 1941

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128 North Wells Street
Chicago, Illinois

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It is very encouraging to anticipate an additional check in the sum of \$200,000 at an early date, and we thank you for your personal interest and understanding.

Sincerely yours,

Abba Hillel Silver Jonah B. Wise
National Chairmen

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Jonah B. Wise
National Chairman

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Henry Montor

Dear Dr. Silver:

At 10:30 this morning, Dr. Nahum Goldmann and I met at the office of the J.D.C. with Mr. Joseph C. Hyman and Dr. Bernhard Kahn for the J.D.C., and Miss Jeannette Leibel, Executive Secretary of Hadassah.

Mr. Hyman stated that the J.D.C. had received cabled advice ten days ago from Dr. Judah L. Magnes suggesting the creation in Palestine of a committee of American citizens, which he would presumably head, in order to deal with such emergencies as might arise in Palestine. Dr. Magnes indicated that men like Dr. Kligler and Mr. Julius Simon were prepared to serve as members of that committee. In the meantime, Dr. Magnes had asked the J.D.C. to place at his disposal a sum of \$40,000 on which he could draw for emergency purposes.

Mr. Hyman stated that the subject had not been dealt with as yet officially by the J.D.C., and that it was the desire of the J.D.C. to keep in touch with such bodies in America which were currently charged with responsibility for the Palestine program.

Miss Leibel advised the meeting that Dr. Magnes is the chairman of an emergency committee set up by the Hadassah in Palestine, which has been functioning since the beginning of the war. Mr. Julius Simon is treasurer and Miss Szold is the other member of this emergency committee of Americans acting on behalf of Hadassah, through which its activities are being channeled.

Dr. Goldmann pointed out that the Executive of the Jewish Agency is the responsible Jewish authority for Palestine, and that the Vaad Leumi represents the Jewish community. Between them they have the authority and the competence to deal with

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

June 17, 1941

emergencies that might arise. In the event that any emergency should arise, there is no reason to believe that a body of Americans might be more competent to deal with the situation than the Executive itself.

It was our common understanding at the close of the meeting that the organizations represented at this morning's session would keep in touch with each other, apprising each other of developments in their respective spheres as they relate to the emergency in Palestine.

Mr. Hyman stated that the J.D.C. was not desirous of displacing any other organizations dealing with the Palestine problem, but since it had been called upon by Dr. Magnes, it wanted to clarify the issue. Mr. Hyman stated that the J.D.C. would cable to Dr. Magnes, pointing out that the Executive and the Vaad Leumi were now the bodies competent to deal with emergency problems in Palestine, and that it was therefore not necessary to create any J.D.C. committee, but that the various organizations in America would keep in touch with each other on developments.

Attached herewith is a copy of a cable which I addressed today to Mr. Eliezer Kaplan, Treasurer of the Jewish Agency, with the approval of Dr. Nahum Goldmann.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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JUNE 17 1941

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JERUSALEM

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TO BE FOLLOWED HERE

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M E M O R A N D U M

June 17, 1941

To : Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From: Mr. Henry Montor

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter from Mr. Joseph C. Hyman in response to a note suggesting that the U.P.A. representatives on the Allotment Committee are prepared to meet with the J.D.C. representatives to consider the selection of the three representatives of Welfare Fund communities on the 1941 Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal.

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THE AMERICAN JEWISH
JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE, Inc.
100 East 42nd Street
New York City

June 12, 1941

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

Dear Mr. Montor:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of June 9th advising that the Executive Committee of the United Palestine Appeal has officially selected as its members and alternates on the Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal for 1941 the following: As members, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Mr. Charles J. Rosenbloom, and as alternates, Dr. Israel Goldstein and Judge Louis E. Levinthal.

I note that the members of the U.P.A. on the allotment Committee are prepared to meet at a mutually convenient time with the members delegated by the J.D.C. so as to consider the problems affecting the Allotment Committee, including the consideration of the names of members to represent Welfare Fund communities.

I expect shortly to let you know who the nominees of the J.D.C. are.

With kind greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

(signed)

J.C. Hyman
Executive Vice-Chairman

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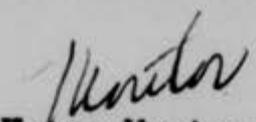
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto is a letter addressed to you by Rabbi Simon Greenberg of Philadelphia. Undoubtedly this refers to a personal interchange of correspondence and you will wish to answer him directly from Cleveland.

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:FE

RABBI SIMON GREENBERG
2253 N. FIFTY-THIRD STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

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June 13, 1941

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On December 16, 1940, I wrote you a letter about Mr. Ben Eliezer and you were kind enough to answer it. Unfortunately, your response to me has been lost, and I am particularly anxious at the present time to have a copy of your original response. I would appreciate that and any further comments you may care to make on this whole subject. The problem is becoming rather pressing in our community at the present time.

With Sabbath greetings and kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,
Simon Greenberg

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd Street
New York City

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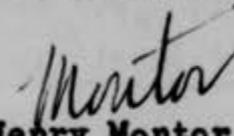
Dear Dr. Silver:

The "Jewish Morning Journal" is planning to conduct a referendum of its own on the subject of national budgeting. It proposes to create committees in every community where there is a member agency of the Council of Federations for the purpose of "canvassing" the community and of "testing" and "validating" the ballot of the agencies and of the community on the subject of national budgeting. What is your thought on this subject?

I know that the "Morning Journal" would be gratified if it could start off this referendum with an article from you expressing interest in the project which it is launching and reiterating some of your fundamental convictions on the democratic organization of Jewish life as the prelude to any possible budgeting procedure.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

P.S. Attached hereto is a copy of a memorandum given to me by Mr. Isreeli who has been cooperating with the "Jewish Morning Journal" on the subject of its own referendum.

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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
41 East 42nd Street

MEMORANDUM

June 17, 1941

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TO: Mr. Montor

FROM: Mr. Isreeli

SUBJECT: Morning Journal Recount

In view of the doubts existing as to the accuracy of the referendum made by the Council of Federations regarding its budgeting proposal and the poor participation in it, the Jewish Morning Journal is undertaking a recount of votes on the following basis:

1. The Morning Journal will invite representatives of the Zionist bodies and of the Agudath Harabanim, Agudath Israel, Young Israel and wherever possible - the Independent Order Brith Abraham, Brith Shalom and other organizations with a standing in the Jewish community, to constitute themselves into recount committees under the auspices of the paper.

2. In all cities where the Council has agencies such committees will be organized and instructions given to them for recount. The central committees will be asked to request their local organizations to help the paper in the recount.

3. After the ballots will be received by the paper, a committee of tellers from among prominent representatives of the various organizations will be asked to pass judgment on the recount.

4. If the recount should happen not to be favorable to the proposal on budgeting, the matter will rest there and a complete report will be sent to all concerned. In case the recount is favorable to the Council, there will still remain another step, namely a referendum among the readers of the Yiddish press for the purpose of ascertaining the opinion of the community at large. The referendum will be a strong weapon against the usurpation by the comparatively small group of welfare fund leaders of the financial machinery of the entire community.

M E M O R A N D U M

June 18, 1941

To : Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From: Mr. Henry Montor

Attached herewith is a copy of the minutes of a meeting held on June 5, 1941 when discussion was given by the committee of twelve appointed by Rabbi Jonah B. Wise to the launching of a permanent fund-raising machinery in New York City.

HM:JB
Encl.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF FUND-RAISING COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, JUNE 5th, 1941

PRESENT - Dr. Jonah B. Wise, Presiding; Abner Bregman, Dr. Israel Goldstein, Sylvan Gotshal, Mrs. David M. Levy, Louis Lipsky, William Rosenwald, Judge Morris Rothenberg

Samuel Blitz, Henry C. Bernstein

In opening the meeting Dr. Wise stated that pursuant to the decision of the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal, a committee was appointed to consider plans for a more competent and adequate fund-raising machinery to be submitted to the beneficiary agencies of the United Jewish Appeal.

The Committee consists of Abner Bregman, Dr. Israel Goldstein, Monroe Goldwater, Sylvan Gotshal, Mrs. David M. Levy, Harold F. Linder, Louis Lipsky, William Rosenwald, Judge Morris Rothenberg, Edward M. M. Warburg, Dr. Jonah B. Wise, Dr. Stephen S. Wise.

Dr. Wise stressed the need of establishing a permanent fund-raising organization in New York for the constituent agencies of the United Jewish Appeal in order to avoid continued wasted expenditures, overlapping of staffs and inadequacy of preparations caused by the dissolution of joint drives. Dr. Wise pointed out that many important volunteers have clearly indicated that they would not lend their activities to separate campaigns and that the reasons which forced the reconstitution of the United Jewish Appeal for 1941 also apply for the establishment of a permanent fund-raising machine in the city of New York for overseas work similar to the permanent fund-raising machine of Federation.

The following participated in the discussion of the proposal:

MRS. DAVID M. LEVY stated that Federation has also appointed a committee to consider the advisability of a permanent fund-raising machine for refugee and overseas needs and suggested that the views of that committee be ascertained.

MR. BREGMAN deplored the breaking up of a well managed and effective fund-raising organization after the 1940 UJA campaign and strongly favored the proposal made by the Chairman.

DR. GOLDSTEIN stated that despite the difficulties involved, New York manages to raise its share of the national quota and suggested that the agencies of the United Jewish Appeal might in October decide to continue the merger so that the establishment of a permanent fund-raising machine may not be necessary in the immediate future.

JUDGE ROTHENBERG favored the adoption of the plan in principle and suggested that consideration be given to the problem of allotments.

MR. LIPSKY stated that there would be no immediate problem of allotments should the national agencies agree to terms for a joint drive. He suggested that if there could be some way to establish an allotment committee which would have the confidence of all elements in the community, the problem could be solved.

MR. ROSENWALD supported the plan to establish a permanent organization.

MR. GOTSHAL urged that rather than anticipate problems, consideration be given to them as they may arise and suggested that a small committee be appointed to give further study to the proposal.

Dr. Wise accepted this suggestion and appointed the following Committee:

Abner Bregman, Judge Morris Rothenberg, Louis Lipsky, Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, ex-officio.

Dr. Goldstein stated that the proceedings of the meeting would be reported to the Executive Committee of the United Palestine Appeal which meets the next day and that he and his colleagues in the UPA would be guided by the instructions of that meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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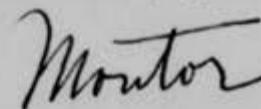
Dear Dr. Silver:

The United Jewish Appeal has received an additional check for \$30,000 on account of the 1940 appropriation from Cleveland, which was \$475,000.

With the present payment there is now still due \$33,800. Thank you for the acceleration of this remittance.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:EH

M E M O R A N D U M

June 18, 1941

To : Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From: Mr. Henry Montor

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter from Mrs. Moses P. Epstein of Hadassah in regard to the relationship of the U.P.A. to the National Advisory Budgeting Committee.

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HADASSAH
1860 Broadway
New York City

June 16, 1941

Mr. Henry Montor
41 East 42nd St.
New York City

Dear Mr. Montor:

I was disappointed that at the meeting of the Emergency Committee last Thursday there was not a fuller discussion of the letter which Dr. Silver has prepared for transmission to the Council of Welfare Funds.

I need hardly tell you that I am in complete agreement with the presentation of the case and am well aware of the motivation of the acts and procedure of the Council. However, on re-reading your letter, it seems to me unwise to state categorically that the United Palestine Appeal would have nothing to do with the new Advisory Committee. I think it would be better strategy to try to bring pressure to bear on the Council of Welfare Funds not to set up the National Advisory Committee in view of the reluctance of so many important communities to subject themselves to this projected body.

It seems to me that there is time for a second letter after the Council has been definitely set up, stating that there can be no relationship between this new body and the United Palestine Appeal. This would have nothing to do with the letter to be sent to all Zionist bodies urging them not to cooperate. That is an internal matter and one with which I believe all Zionist groups will be in complete agreement. I make this point because in Dr. Silver's last paragraph he presents the possibility of a misinterpretation. I know that it is a rhetorical statement, but — it could be used as a springboard for added pressure that the Council withhold action on the setting up of a committee which has such serious implications for Jewish life in America.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Judith G. Epstein
Mrs. Moses P. Epstein

M E M O R A N D U M

June 18, 1941

To : Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From: Mr. Henry Montor

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter from Mr. Joseph C. Hyman, announcing the names of the representatives of the J.D.C. on the 1941 United Jewish Appeal Allotment Committee.

Do you want to suggest a meeting on June 30th or July 1st with the J.D.C. representatives to consider the nominees for Welfare Fund communities?

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JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE
100 East 42nd Street
New York City

June 18, 1941

Mr. Henry Montor
41 East 42nd Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Montor:

I am glad to advise you that the Joint Distribution Committee has selected as its members and alternates on the Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal of 1941, the following: as members, Dr. Solomon Lowenstein and Mr. James H. Becker; as alternates, Mr. Harold F. Linder and Mr. I. Edwin Goldwasser.

I share your view that it is of the utmost importance that a meeting be arranged at the earliest possible time of the nominees of your organization and of ours on the Allotment Committee, so as to reach agreement on persons who are deemed to be representative of the viewpoint of the Welfare Fund communities.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. C. Hyman
Executive Vice-Chairman

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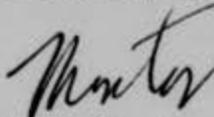
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Tenth and Ansel Roads
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In another connection I wrote to you of the wide use that was being made of photographs submitted to the newspapers by the U.P.A. I am sending you here-with a tear-sheet of photographs and accompanying text sent out by the Newspaper Enterprise Association, which has over 300 daily newspaper subscribers using the mats which it circulates.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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

I spoke today to Dr. David de Sola Pool and gave him the background of the national budgeting discussion with which he was familiar, in view of the fact that he had been at Atlanta. He said to me that if he were invited to become a member of the National Budgeting Committee, he would not accept.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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June 19, 1941

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

Thank you for getting Col. Wedgwood to address the Cleveland Zionist Society on Wednesday evening, July 2.

We will arrange for a large public gathering in Mahler Hall of The Temple. Please send me photographs of Col. Wedgwood and some publicity matter, if you have them available. Unless he requests otherwise, I shall make reservations for him at the Wade Park Manor which is across the street from The Temple.

Please have Col. Wedgwood or his secretary let me know what time he plans to arrive in Cleveland so that a committee may meet him at the station.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

June 19, 1941

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I do not believe that another meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal is necessary at this time.

As far as Mr. Gluska is concerned, I believe it would be well to invite him to the next meeting when it is held and give him an opportunity to tell his story.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

MEMORANDUM

June 19, 1941

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From Mr. Henry Montor

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter which I have addressed to Mr. Sylvan Gotshal, Chairman of the Greater New York United Jewish Appeal, in relation to the establishment of "a permanent fund-raising machine in New York."

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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

41 EAST 42nd STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y.

June 19, 1941

Mr. Sylvan Gotshal
60 East 42nd Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Gotshal:

Thank you for your kind invitation of June 17th to have lunch with you on Monday, June 23rd, at 12:30 P.M. I believe I shall be out of the city on my way to address a session of the annual convention of the Order B'rith Sholem.

(1) I should like, however, to condense some of my thoughts on the subject of a "permanent fund-raising machine in New York for the agencies of the United Jewish Appeal."

Insofar as a United Jewish Appeal in New York is a varying instrumentality depending on the current needs of the particular institutions or the ability of those agencies to secure maximum consideration for their respective requirements, I do not see how they can perpetually mortgage their future, particularly when occasions may arise in the future, as they have in the past, demanding freedom of action for the agencies to determine their respective best interests. Certainly no one knows now what the future will be of America's participation in the upbuilding of the Jewish National Home in Palestine. The post-war period, which may come soon or late, may involve American Jews in contributions of an unprecedented character.

Is it wise at this particular time, when all of Jewish life is in unparalleled flux, to say that 1941 or 1942 is the year when "a permanent fund-raising machine in New York" is the indispensable "summon bonum" of New York Jewry? Have the friends of Palestine, knowing the attitude with which some in the community view the future of the upbuilding of the Jewish commonwealth in Palestine, the right to entrust the destiny of American Jewish relationship with Palestine to a body which will be irretrievably fixed in pattern.

I have watched the functioning of the United Jewish Appeal in New York for the past three years. At best, the advocates of Palestine are tolerated; at worst, they are contemned. "A permanent fund-raising machine" will not change a psychological attitude. But the power inherent in the Zionist movement and in the friends of Palestine can modify that attitude, as it has in the past.

(2) Workers in New York are said to be "tired". That has been the reaction throughout the country during the past few years. The result has been the growth and strengthening of Welfare Funds in

June 19, 1941

individual communities. But I am inclined to believe that there has been definite confusion between the increased prosperity and the intensified fear of American Jews, and the increase in giving to various causes. It has not been conclusively demonstrated that the more causes included in a unified campaign, the more money is raised. As a small illustration I cite the inclusion of the Ort in the 1940 United Jewish Appeal in Greater New York. Less money was raised in 1940 than in 1939. I do not believe that even the \$110,000 allotted to the Ort was offset by a similar contribution from Ort sources. In 1941 there is no allocation to Ort in the Greater New York United Jewish Appeal. I doubt that this will affect the outcome of the campaign one way or another.

It is politic to speak now solely of the establishment of a "permanent fund-raising machine in New York for the agencies of the United Jewish Appeal." But anyone familiar with the background and the points of view of the persons interested in its development knows that what is wanted is the eventual establishment of a Jewish Welfare Fund in the City of New York. Considering the evils insofar as agencies in the United Jewish Appeal are concerned arising out of the functioning of some of the Welfare Funds in various cities, I doubt whether New York Jewry is prepared or wishes to establish a Welfare Fund from the point of view of the best interests of the organizations involved, although it might "relieve" the so-called labors and giving of some of the members of the community. One has only to look at Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston and Los Angeles to see how a Welfare Fund, originally created to serve national and overseas purposes, became the instrumentality for relieving local community leaders of their local Jewish obligations.

(3) One of the reasons for the agitation for the establishment of "a permanent fund-raising machine in New York" is the uncertainty year after year as to whether the national United Jewish Appeal will be continued. It is obvious that if terms can be worked out nationally there will be a continuation of the unified campaign in New York City year after year. Why do the drives break up because a national agreement is not possible? How would the cause of Palestine be aided if New York, which plays a preeminent role in the national United Palestine Appeal, were to be no factor in the national decision, since a "permanent" machine will have been established in New York, thus tying perpetually the hands of the national leadership of the United Palestine Appeal?

(4) It is my belief that in these uncertain times, when developments occur so swiftly and so unpredictably, it would not be wise or desirable for the United Palestine Appeal, of all bodies - concerned as it is with the future of the whole Jewish people in terms of Palestine upbuilding - to enter into a compact at this time, whose only advantage at the moment seems technical in character, but whose disadvantages are too innumerable to mention.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

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Henry Montor
Executive Director

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Dear Dr. Silver:

National Co-Chairmen

Stephen S. Wise
*Chairman,
Administrative Committee*

On June 12th, in accordance with the decision of the Executive Committee of the United Palestine Appeal, you wired to the Jewish Agency to advise that body that the United Palestine Appeal had voted \$25,000 to Chief Rabbi Herzog. Copy was sent to you at that time. Attached is another copy.

Louis Lipsky
*Chairman,
Executive Committee*

Attached also is a copy of a cable that has come signed by the Executive of the Jewish Agency, the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth referring to the original cable of information.

Solomon Goldman
Israel Goldstein
Edmund I. Kaufmann
Morris Rothenberg

Treasurer

Charles J. Rosenbloom

In addition I send you a copy of a cable addressed to me by Eliezer Kaplan, Treasurer of the Jewish Agency, which seems to supplement the cable addressed to you by the Executive, the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth. What Mr. Kaplan says in effect is that the Jewish Agency will have given approximately \$15,000 to Chief Rabbi Herzog before the end of September in a period of approximately five months.

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Cordially yours,

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COPY OF CABLE

JUNE 12, 1941

KAPLAN
JEWISH AGENCY
JERUSALEM

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL VOTED TWENTYFIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS
FOR ONE YEAR TO CHIEF RABBI HERZOG FOR RELIEF NEEDS OF
OLD YISHUV

ABRAHILLEL SILVER

COPY OF CABLE

JERUSALEM, JUNE 19, 1941

SILVER
41 EAST 42
NEWYORK

YOURS 12/6 BROUGHT BEFORE MEETING EXECUTIVE AND FUNDS STOP

WITHOUT ENTERING MERITS CASE MEETING UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED UNABLE
AGREE AND ASK YOU REVOKE YOUR DECISION WHICH CREATING DANGEROUS
PRECEDENT STOP ALLOTMENTS FOR PALESTINE CAN BE DEALT ONLY
EXECUTIVE FUNDS STOP

EXECUTIVE KAYEMETH HAYESOD

COPY OF CABLE

JERUSALEM, JUNE 19, 1941

MONTOR
41 EAST 42
NEWYORK

SEE SILVERS 12/6 MINE TODAY STOP BEFORE RECEIVING SILVERS EXECUTIVE
DECIDED INCREASE ALLOTMENT YESHIVOT BY 1500 POUNDS MAKING TOTAL
AVAILABLE TILL END SEPTEMBER 3500 POUNDS STOP WHO IS OLD YISHUV
STOP DECISION UPON CREATING DANGEROUS PRECEDENT PRACTICALLY UNINCREASING
RELIEF FOR YESHIVOT

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
 The Temple
 East 105th Street and Ansel Road
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National Chairman

Abba Hillel Silver

Dear Dr. Silver:

National Co-Chairmen

Stephen S. Wise
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 Louis Lipsky
*Chairman,
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The material described in your letter of June 19th and the accompanying draft to several of the officers of the United Palestine Appeal have been circulated to them for their comment and suggestion and as rapidly as these can be collated will be forwarded to you for the draft which you wish to send to Mr. Blaustein.

Solomon Goldman
 Israel Goldstein
 Edmund I. Kaufmann
 Morris Rothenberg

Mr. Charles Rosenbloom, who was in New York on Friday, saw the letter and felt that in general it met his own view of the situation. Mr. Rosenbloom was in the city in connection with a meeting of the Budget Committee to consider expenses of the U.P.A. for the balance of the year. Those present at the meeting included Mr. Sincoff and, for a fraction of the time, Mr. Ress. It is to be regretted that when such a meeting was called a full attendance was not available. I shall send you a description of the results of this meeting in another letter.

Treasurer

Charles J. Rosenbloom

I should like to give you my own observations on what might be considered by Mr. Blaustein a suitable compromise formula:

Associate Treasurers

Abraham L. Liebovitz
 Jacob Sincoff

The country as a whole has indicated its interest in fact-finding largely because of the ignorance that prevails about the multiplicity of small organizations, whether they be national or overseas in scope. The average chairman of a budget committee, no matter how intelligent he may be, wants more information on the Los Angeles and Denver hospitals, on the yeshivoth, on the various national social welfare undertakings, as well as on the variety of competitive appeals in the fields now occupied by the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service. And yet this phase of the problem, which should be easiest to deal with because the facts are most easily accessible, is being shunted since it is stated that "agencies in other fields shall also be considered for study if staff resources are available". Any program which attempts at this time to analyze the operation of the United Palestine Appeal, the Joint Distribution Committee and the National Refugee Service is dealing with a situation in such

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violent flux that a report issued on Monday might prove worthless on Friday.

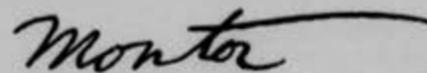
Subject to international developments whose swift tempo is unpredictable, the agencies of the United Jewish Appeal are the ones least susceptible of "analysis" and yet the ones most susceptible to the subjective point of view. I do not understand under what requirements it is necessary to have the Council continue to say that the powers of the committee it shall set up shall be such that the committee shall not be prevented "from considering and reporting on the United Jewish Appeal agencies should necessity arise." Obviously that means that if at the end of 1941, for reasons which we cannot now predict, the United Jewish Appeal cannot be continued, this outside body constituted on seemingly unrelated grounds would have been given the power by your own assent to determine how the United Jewish Appeal shall be constituted and under what terms, because that sentence has no limitation whatsoever. Any capacity that the United Palestine Appeal would have to resist the dictates of the Joint Distribution Committee or the pressure of this outside committee would be futile in the face of the permission it will have given in the assent to this document to have an outside committee "consider and report on the United Jewish Appeal agencies."

In effect, what is being said is that not the United Palestine Appeal and the Joint Distribution Committee alone shall have the right to determine their mutual relations in the United Jewish Appeal but that in addition to the three Welfare Fund representatives on the Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal there shall be an outside force which, because it is outside, will have far greater powers than either the United Palestine Appeal or the Joint Distribution Committee in determining what the fate of these agencies shall be.

Is it not often pertinent to ask what ground is covered by the item "examination of results of the services provided by organization". Is that not actually evaluation in more prolix language. I regret that I cannot see how, having stirred the country to a fundamental discussion of the right of ideas and causes based on ideas to preserve their integrity, we should now, in effect, if not in language, yield to Mr. Blaustein and his associates.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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M E M O R A N D U M

June 24, 1941

To : Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From: Mr. Henry Montor

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter from Mr. Leon Gellman, President of the Misrachi Organization, together with a copy of the letter which he sent to the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds on the basis of a resolution adopted by the Administrative Committee of the Misrachi Organization.

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MIZRACHI ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
1133 Broadway
New York City

June 23, 1941

Mr. Henry Montor
41 East 42nd St.
New York City

Dear Mr. Montor:

Attached herewith you will find a copy of the letter I have just sent to Mr. Sidney Hollander, of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, in behalf of our Administrative Committee, protesting against the proposed National Advisory Budgeting Committee.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Leon Gellman
President

June 23, 1941

Mr. Sidney Hollander, President
Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds
165 West 46th St.
New York City

My dear Mr. Hollander:

I bring to your attention the resolution here appended, adopted at a meeting of our administrative committee, in reference to the decision of your board to establish a National Advisory Budgeting Committee, to allocate sums to the various agencies applying for community support.

The resolution reads as follows:

"The Misrachi Organization of America, through its Administrative Committee, proclaims its extreme disfavor with the effort of the Council of Federations to establish a national advisory budgeting service designed to allocate national fund collections to the various beneficiaries of American philanthropy. We have no illusions as to the anti-religious and anti-traditional character of this project, and of its effect, if established, on every movement and principle religious Jewry holds dear.

"Misrachi, religious orthodox wing of the Zionist movement, feels that such action is a menace to Judaism and calculated to undermine the religious principle under which every Jew possesses the right to contribute freely to any purpose his heart desires. Four hundred rabbis affiliated with the Misrachi movement have published a strong protest in the Jewish press against this effort of the Council to monopolize Jewish charitable giving.

"In order that American Jewry continue to function with freedom and with proper adherence to the age-old sanctities of Judaism, we urge our co-religionists in America to raise against any such unauthorized and un-Jewish invasion of their rights and liberties."

I trust that your Board will reconsider the matter, and obviate an open cleavage in American Jewry.

Yours very sincerely,

LEON GELMAN
President

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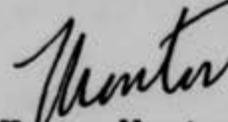
Dear Dr. Silver:

You will recall that I indicated my feeling about the things Colonel Wedgwood was doing here. I add for your background information a copy of a letter from Jacob B. Hoffman of Philadelphia, describing an address which Colonel Wedgwood made, presumably on our behalf, in Philadelphia on Monday, June 23rd.

I thought you might be particularly interested in its contents so that you might guide yourself accordingly with Colonel Wedgwood to explain that you are expecting him to talk on Palestine.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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JACOB B. HOFFMAN AND COMPANY
1315 Walnut Street
Philadelphia

June 23, 1941

Dear Mr. Montor:

I am writing to express my chagrin and disappointment at the kind of speech delivered by Colonel Wedgwood before the luncheon meeting arranged by the Allied Jewish Appeal Monday, June 23, 1941 at the Warwick. It was my understanding that Colonel Wedgwood was here to present the case for the United Palestine Appeal. This he definitely failed to do. Throughout his remarks he did not even mention the United Palestine Appeal.

In his preliminary remarks Colonel Wedgwood did refer to the fact that everyone knew how he felt about Zionism. He presented the case for J.D.C. and most sympathetically the case for the National Refugee Service. To put this mildly, it was a diluted speech.

I feel I am giving voice to the sense of outrage that was felt by the Zionists who heard Colonel Wedgwood. Mrs. Oscar G. Bender, Professor Hayim Fineman and Rabbi Decter all felt that we had been let down. Mr. David Braginsky, Secretary of the United Hebrew Trades of Philadelphia, felt that the speech was meaningless as coming from a friend of Palestine. Professor Fineman put it very well when he said, "I thought Colonel Wedgwood was here to convince those workers who are not with us so they would understand and sympathize with the U.P.A. Instead, he succeeded in convincing our workers and winning them for the N.R.S." Harry Takiff, President of Masada expressed it most colorfully. He said, "We was robbed".

For your information, it is well to mention that the Philadelphia chapter of Hadassah gave up its annual meeting in order to hear Colonel Wedgwood. Its members formed the greater part of the luncheon audience. We Zionists, of course, expected a militant presentation of the case for Palestine.

I am passing along to you my sentiments somewhat hurriedly so that you may know at first hand how it seemed to those of us who are primarily concerned in the furtherance of the objectives of the U.P.A. I have returned from the luncheon a disappointed person, but much wiser.

(Signed)

Cordially yours,
Jacob B. Hoffman

Henry Montor, Executive Director U.P.A.
41 East 42nd St.
New York City

Same letter to Messrs. Jacob Sincoff
Charles J. Rosenbloom
Charles Rees
Abraham J. Liebowitz
June 26, 1941

Dr. Israel Goldstein
270 West 89th St.
New York City

Dear Dr. Goldstein:

In connection with the meeting of the Budget Committee of the United Palestine Appeal to be held on Monday, June 30th, at 2:00 P.M., at the United Palestine Appeal office, I am sending you herewith a copy of the additional budgetary material which Mr. Bernard J. Reis prepared on the basis of the first (and incompletely attended) meeting of the Budget Committee last Friday.

You will note that the actual estimated increase of expenses in 1941 over 1940 totals about \$71,000, a very substantial part of which includes unavoidable non-recurring items such as:

- (1) \$3,000 to Dr. Chaim Weizmann;
- (2) \$5,000 plus, toward the conduct of the national budgeting discussion;
- (3) Expenditures in connection with Messrs. Rosenbluth and Bakstansky; etc.

In actuality, therefore, the enlarged "educational program" of the United Palestine Appeal for 1941 will involve about \$40,000 more than in 1940. Is it worth that much to intensify our contacts with the committee?

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

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Henry Kontor
Executive Director

COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS
Inc.

Dr. Silver

165 WEST 46 Street, New York, N.Y.

June 26, 1941

Rabbi Jonah B. Wise
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
National Co-chairmen
United Jewish Appeal
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

We understand that the UJA has arranged a meeting for the representatives named by the JDC and by the UPA to the Allotment Committee for the purpose of completing the organization of this Committee through the selection of additional members to represent Jewish welfare funds on the Allotment Committee. The organization of this instrument has involved the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds in the past and our continuing responsibility is implied in the arrangements to be concluded for this year.

We therefore wish to make a formal request that a representative of the Council be invited to attend the organization meeting that you are planning for Monday in order to carry out our responsibility for approval and endorsement of those members selected by your Committee to represent the interests of Jewish welfare funds.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Sidney Hollander
SIDNEY HOLLANDER
President

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*Chairman,
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Dear Dr. Silver:

Louis Lipsky

*Chairman,
Executive Committee*

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter which came today from Mr. Sidney Hollander, President of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, demanding that a Council representative attend the meeting at 11:00 A.M. Monday to consider Welfare Fund representatives on the Allotment Committee of the 1941 United Jewish Appeal.

Solomon Goldman

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With kindest regards, I am

Treasurer

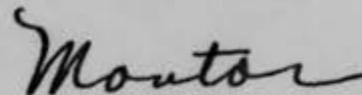
Charles J. Rosenbloom

Cordially yours,

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MEMORANDUM

June 27, 1941

To : Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From: Mr. Henry Montor

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter from Mr. Bernard G. Rudolph of Syracuse, in which he quotes a resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of the New York and Ontario Region of the Council of Federations and Welfare Funds. The adoption of this resolution is particularly significant since it is approximately the point of view of the people who attended the meeting of the Executive Committee of the East Central States Region of the Council of Federations.

EM:JB
Encl.

C O P Y

RUDOLPH BROS. INC.

107 E. Washington St., Syracuse, N. Y.

June 25, 1941

Mr. Henry Montor
U. P. A.
41 E. 42nd St.
New York City

Dear Mr. Montor:

In line with your request, I am pleased to inform you that I attended the meeting of the Executive Committee of the New York and Ontario Regions on Sunday, June 22nd.

Mr. Joseph Goldstein of Rochester who took an active part in the Council of Federations meeting held in New York recently gave a report on the results of the vote on the Referendum and also his comments on the actions taken at this last conference in regard to same.

A discussion followed and in the end, the following resolution was adopted with only one dissenting vote.

"RESOLVED that the members of the Executive Committee of this meeting here assembled inform the Council of J. F. and W. F. that it is opposed to having the National Advisory Budgeting Service make recommendations on the relative budgets of the agencies and that its services and investigations be limited exclusively to a fact finding service."

Those of us who are interested in the U. P. A. hope that this will have considerable weight with the National Council.

Yours very truly

BGR:RR

(Signed)

B. G. RUDOLPH

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Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter from Joseph Goldstein of Rochester. You will remember that he was the Chairman of the Tellers Committee at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Council on May 17th.

Treasurer

Charles J. Rosenbloom

Goldstein is considered one of the fairest-minded people by the Council as well as by ourselves. I thought you might be interested in having his reaction to your proposed draft.

Associate Treasurers

Abraham L. Liebovitz
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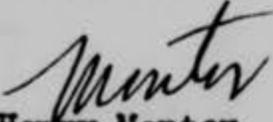
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Cordially yours,

HM:JB
Encl.


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COPY

GOLDSTEIN and GOLDMAN
718-720 Union Trust Building
ROCHESTER, N. Y.

June 25, 1941

Henry Montor
United Jewish Appeal
41 East 42nd St.
New York City

Dear Henry:

I received your enclosures this morning and I am very much pleased with the progress thus far made. It seems to me after reading Mr. Hollander's letter as well as Dr. Silver's letter that a very satisfactory understanding can be reached which will avoid all the criticisms and unpleasantness which have arisen. I do hope that the suggestion made in Mr. Hollander's letter for a personal conference will be accepted and with Dr. Silver's letter to Mr. Blaustein as a basis for discussion, an agreement should be reached which should be satisfactory to both groups.

The text of Dr. Silver's letter to Mr. Blaustein as well as the tone of Mr. Hollander's letter to Dr. Silver indicate a sincere desire on both sides to achieve unity and cooperation in Jewish life and I hope that the negotiations which have started will be brought to a satisfactory and peaceful conclusion.

Please keep me informed.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) JOE
J. Goldstein

JG:TM

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Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter from Simon Shetzer, bearing on the draft of the letter which you have prepared for Mr. Blaustein. Apparently he approves in general.

Treasurer

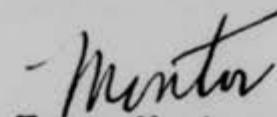
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I. SHETZER & SON
142 East Jefferson Avenue
DETROIT, MICHIGAN

June 25, 1941

Mr. Henry Montor, Executive Director
United Palestine Appeal
142 E. 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Henry:

I have read with interest your letter of the 20th and the enclosures.

Am I to infer from the fact that Mr. Blaustein thought out Dr. Silver for a long conference, that the Council is actually prepared to back-track on the position which it took last month? If in truth, the Council is prepared to issue a revised statement, then Dr. Silver's suggestions are satisfactory. It would re-establish the basis for continued cooperation between the U.P.A. and the Council. I suppose it would be too much to expect the Council to state that upon reconsideration of the results of the referendum, it finds that the majority proposals were in fact defeated.

From the point of view of the U.P.A., the limitations upon the activities of the proposed "Extension and Research Committee" would protect our position. Why, however, might it not be suggested that the Committee concern itself at the beginning with some other field of investigation? Heaven knows, that elaborate studies have been made and a mass of data is already available concerning the U.J.A. agencies. There are other fields that represent total black spots. Certainly, a most fruitful field for investigation would be the American Jewish Committee, the Anti-Defamation League and the Jewish Labor Committee, now included in a joint defense fund campaign.

Is it too much to ask that the Council initiate its expanded research facilities in this heretofore barely scratched area? On more than one occasion, the officers and staff of the Council have represented that the budgeting proposals were not directed primarily against the U.J.A. It could honor these representations by starting its investigations elsewhere.

The meeting in Columbus a week ago was a rather dull and routine affair. For thirty-six hours everyone avoided reference to the referendum, although, obviously, it was uppermost in the minds of those in attendance. Not until 3:00 o'clock on Sunday afternoon was the matter referred to formally when the presiding officer asked Mr. Lurie to tell the members the status of the referendum. This gave me my opportunity to reply at length, and a colloquy between Mr. Lurie and myself ensued.

Mr. Schanfarber entered the discussion and very explicitly pointed out that the Council had conducted the referendum most improperly and with a very definite partial interest. His statement was exceedingly effective. Nothing much resulted except that Mr. Lurie was put upon the defensive and his attempted explanations of the charges which I had made were most inadequate.

Outside of Charles Rosenbloom who came down Sunday afternoon, but did not participate in the discussion, there was no one else from our side in attendance.

In the absence of Rabbi Feuer and Rabbi Heller, there was no one with whom to discuss the suggestions offered in your letter of June 3rd. I should like to take a little bit more time before committing myself on the proposal to call a conference.

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of the paper which you presented at the National Conference of Jewish Social Welfare. It's really a gem and deserves wide circulation. Mr. Sobeloff told me that your paper was the high spot of the whole conference.

With kindest personal regards,

(Signed)

Cordially yours,

SI
Simon Shetzer

SS:a

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June 30, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a memorandum to me from Dr. Stephen Wise, dated June 24th, in which he expresses his agreement with the draft that you propose to address to Mr. Blaustein.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:EE
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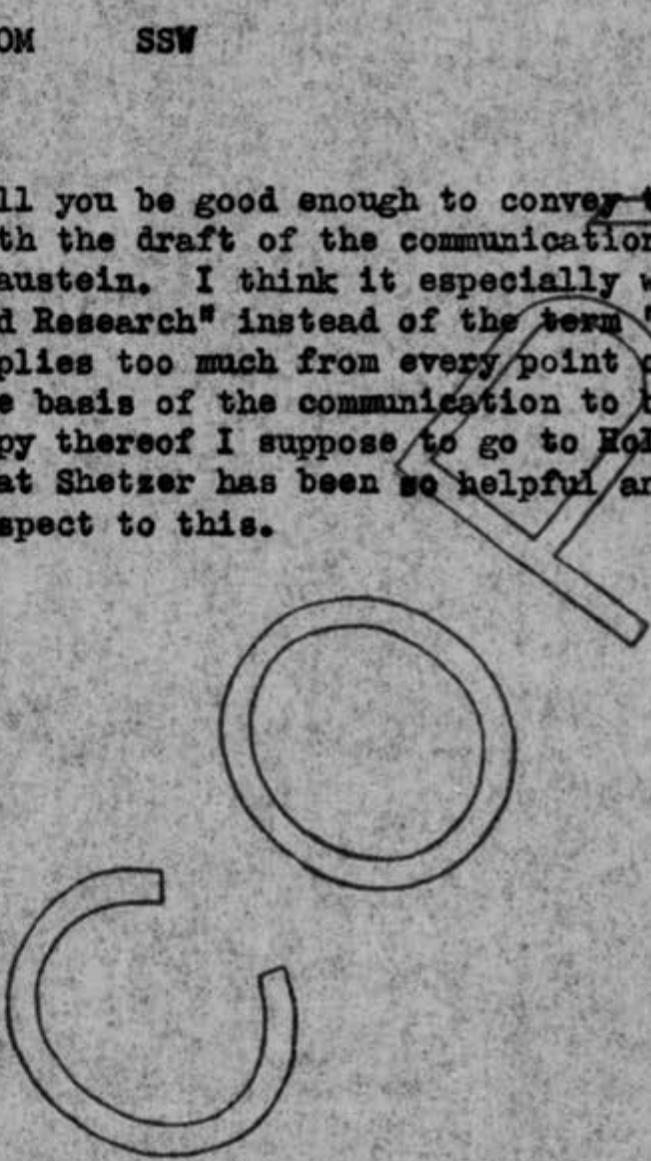
MEMORANDUM

June 24th, 1941

TO EM
FROM SSW

Will you be good enough to convey to Dr. Silver my entire agreement with the draft of the communication which he proposes to address to Blaustein. I think it especially wise to use the term "Extension and Research" instead of the term "National Advisory Budget", which implies too much from every point of view. I favor making this draft the basis of the communication to be addressed to Blaustein, and a copy thereof I suppose to go to Hollander and also to Shetzer. Seeing that Shetzer has been so helpful and loyal he might be consulted with respect to this.

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July 1, 1941

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

Please let me know what final disposition was made of the budget of the UPA for the remainder of the year.

I do not understand the enclosed telegram of Rabbi Herzog. Please notify him that he will receive his allocation from us here and not from the Agency in Jerusalem.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

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Dear Dr. Silver:

It was decided by the Budget Committee that the question of the budget was one of policy rather than of finance. Accordingly, that will be the chief item on the agenda of the Administrative Committee on Thursday night, July 10th.

Treasurer

Charles J. Rosenbloom

Chief Rabbi Herzog has been advised as per the attached copy.

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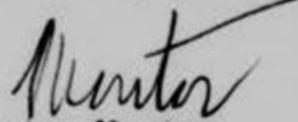
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With kindest personal regards, I am

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Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
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~~CHIEF~~ RABBI ISAAC HERZOG
P O B 1102
JERUSALEM PALESTINE

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United Palestine Appeal, 41 East 42nd St., NYC

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July 3, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am wondering whether you have noticed the June 30th issue of "Notes and News" issued by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

What is interesting is that on page 12 again appears the statement "It was emphasized that the reports in 1941 will not attempt to translate evaluations in terms of budget requirements, etc." Is that what is termed Jesuitism?

I see that Mr. Shroder's paper before the National Conference of Jewish Social Welfare, in which he refers to "the effect of the clash between the aims of the Zionists***** and the position of those who look for the satisfaction of their every hope in their home-land in America", does not carry simultaneously critical observations on his statement.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:FE

MEMORANDUM

July 3, 1941

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
From Henry Montor

Eliezer Kaplan in a cable dated July 1st stated:
"AGREE YOUR LINE MEETING JOINT."

Attached hereto is a copy of the cable which was
originally sent to which agreement was voiced.

HM:FE

COPY OF CABLE

JUNE 17, 1941

KAPLAN
JEWISH AGENCY
JERUSALEM

NAHUM GOLDMANN HADASSAH REPRESENTATIVE I MET JDC RESULT MAGNES CABLE TO JDC
URGING CREATION OF COMMITTEE AMERICANS INCLUDING MAGNES KLIGLER SIMON VITELES
DEAL EMERGENCIES PALESTINE stop MAGNES ASKED JDC FOR FORTYTHOUSAND DOLLAR FUND
TO DRAW ON stop GOLDMANN INFORMED JDC THAT EXECUTIVE AND VAAD LEUMI ARE RECOG-
NIZED BODIES FOR ALL JEWRY AND NO CHANGES NECESSARY OR DESIRED BUT AGREED JDC
UPA EMERGENCY COMMITTEE HADASSAH KEEP IN TOUCH TO APPRISE EACH OTHER OF
DEVELOPMENTS TO ASSURE UNITED ACTION WHEN ECESSARY stop PLEASE ADVISE POLICY
TO BE FOLLOWED HERE

MONITOR

HM:JB

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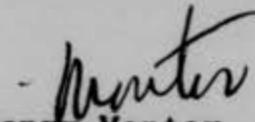
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COPY OF CABLE

JERUSALEM JULY 1, 1941

MONTOR
41 EAST 42
NEWYORK

PLEASE CABLE UPAS ATTITUDE EXECUTIVES AND FUNDS CABLE 16/6 RE YESHIVOT STOP
AGREE YOUR LINE MEETING JOINT STOP MISRACHI REQUESTS ADDITIONAL GUARANTEE
4000 POUNDS FOR MISRACHI BANK REPAYABLE 1942 1943 CABLE OPINION

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
 The Temple
 Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In accordance with the telephone conversation which I had with you on Wednesday, I spoke to Mr. Hyman with respect to having the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds invite the three Welfare Fund representatives to serve on the Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal.

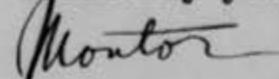
Mr. Hyman consulted with several officers of the Joint Distribution Committee, who approved of the idea. He then communicated with Mr. Harry Lurie, Director of the Council, who did not know whether, in view of the fact that the Council did not have any representatives present at the meeting of the U.P.A. and J.D.C. representatives on June 30th, they would want to send out a letter of invitation to the other three members. He undertook to discuss this matter with Mr. Sidney Hollander, President of the Council.

This morning Mr. Hyman advised me that he had heard from Mr. Harry Lurie who, after talking to Mr. Hollander, stated that the Council felt that it did not wish to issue these invitations since the Council was not involved at this time. Accordingly, Mr. Hyman said that all that could be done was to make a note of the fact that the Council had been invited to issue the invitations and that the Council had declined.

The invitations to Messrs. Frederick Greenman, Samuel Markell and Amos Deinard are going out as per the enclosed copy.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
 Executive Director

HM:EH
 Encl.

Similar letter sent to: Mr. Samuel Markell, Boston
Mr. Frederick F. Greenman, New York

July 3, 1941

Mr. Amos Deinard
Leonard, Street and Deinard
Andrus Building, 10th Floor
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Deinard:

At the joint request of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal, we address this communication to you and extend to you an invitation to become a member of the Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal of 1941.

By agreement between the J.D.C. and the U.P.A. provision was made for the allocation of the first \$8,800,000 raised by the United Jewish Appeal. The balance of the funds above that sum is to be divided among the U.P.A., the J.D.C. and the H.R.S. at the sole and exclusive discretion of an Allotment Committee. The allocation of funds provided for within the framework of the first \$8,800,000 is not to be regarded as a precedent or guide by the Allotment Committee in dividing any funds subject to its disposal. It is the intent and purpose of the agreement constituting the United Jewish Appeal that the Allotment Committee shall make such division upon the basis of its own independent study.

The Allotment Committee is to be composed of an equal number of nominees of J.D.C. and U.P.A. and is to include also three representatives of Welfare Fund communities to be approved by the J.D.C. and U.P.A. before said representatives shall become members of the Allotment Committee. The J.D.C. nominees to the Allotment Committee are Dr. Solomon Levenstein of New York and Mr. James H. Becker of Chicago. Their alternates are Messrs. Harold F. Linder and I. Edwin Goldwasser of New York. The U.P.A. representatives on the Allotment Committee are Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland and Charles J. Rosenbloom of Pittsburgh. Their alternates are Rabbi Israel Goldstein of New York and Judge Louis E. Levinthal of Philadelphia.

The representatives of the U.P.A. and J.D.C. have met to select the three other representatives and have agreed unanimously on your name. We should be grateful if you would at the earliest moment let us know of your willingness to accept this responsibility.

Mr. Amos Deinard

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July 3, 1941

In view of all the factors involved, we should regard it as of the greatest value that you accept this appointment. Your doing so would render a great service to the Jewish communities of America and to the three causes involved in the United Jewish Appeal.

Sincerely yours,

Henry Mentor
Executive Director
United Palestine Appeal

Joseph C. Hyman
Executive Vice-Chairman
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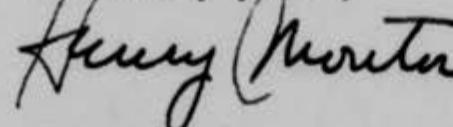
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JEWISH WELFARE FUND
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June 26, 1941

Mr. I. Edwin Goldwasser, Co-Treasurer
United Jewish Appeal
342 Madison Avenue
New York City

My dear Ed:

I have the receipt of the United Jewish Appeal for \$199,150, for which I thank you very much.

You state in your letter that you hope that the United Jewish Appeal will "continue to receive the most generous consideration by virtue of the increased requirements of its constituent agencies with which you and our other good friends in Chicago are completely familiar".

I don't believe we are completely familiar with the increased requirements of the constituent agencies of the United Jewish Appeal. Quite to the contrary, there is feeling on the part of many persons here that currently the requirements have much decreased. It would, therefore, be extraordinarily helpful to us if you could have the auditors of the United Palestine Appeal, Joint Distribution Committee, and National Refugee Service each send us a very brief statement indicating exactly how much money has been spent by each of these organizations since the first of the year.

May I call your attention to the fact that I do not believe that information concerning "appropriations made" will be of any service. What we should like to know, in the case of agencies operating overseas, is how much money has actually been sent overseas, and, in the case of the N.R.S., how much money has actually been spent since the first of the year.

I do not anticipate that further remittances will be sent by the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago to the United Jewish Appeal until sometime in September.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Samuel A. Goldsmith
Secretary

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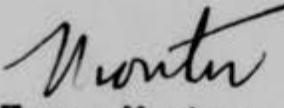
July 3, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter addressed to Mr. Charles J. Rosenbloom by Mr. Louis E. Spiegler, President of the Seaboard Zionist Region, in regard to the notification that the subsidy to the Seaboard Region had been cut for the balance of the year.

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

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SEABOARD ZIONIST REGION
226 Hearst Tower Bldg.
Baltimore, Md.

July 2, 1941

Mr. Charles J. Rosenbloom, Treasurer
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd St.
New York City

Dear Mr. Rosenbloom:

Reference is made to your letter of June 20, 1941, conveying the decision of the Budget Committee of the United Palestine Appeal with reference to the subvention of \$1,250, due the Seaboard Region for the period from July 1st to December 31st, 1941.

In view of the importance of this decision to the Seaboard Region, I convened a special meeting of the Administrative Committee in Baltimore on Wednesday evening, July 2nd, at which time we fully discussed the matter. Based upon the action taken by the Administrative Committee, I am pleased to write you as follows.

The records of the Seaboard Region show that the agreement for a subvention of \$2,500 for the year 1941 to the Seaboard Region from the United Palestine Appeal was a continuation of an agreement which was reached with the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal. In the circumstances, I cannot understand why your letter should refer to the fact that the decision to eliminate the subvention for the balance of calendar year 1941 was made by the Budget Committee. I cannot understand by what authority the Budget Committee made this decision. It appears that this action must have been taken without a full knowledge of the relationship existing between the Seaboard Region and the United Palestine Appeal respecting the subvention. Furthermore, in my judgment the action is arbitrary as it nullifies the agreement which has been reached and maintained for a period of years, and which is legally and morally binding, certainly, at least for the calendar year of 1941.

Relying upon this understanding and having full faith and confidence that this agreement would not be arbitrarily done away with, the Seaboard Region, for the year 1941, obligated itself by incurring fixed obligations which must be met and which cannot be curtailed. I am sure that as a Good Zionist, you would not want to be a party to a situation where Zionists in this area would have to go back upon their pledged word in incurring the expenditures just mentioned.

In these circumstances, I sincerely and earnestly regret that I cannot accept the decision of the Budget Committee, as it has no authority morally or legally, to have made this decision in view of the uninterrupted and may I say mutually profitable arrangement which has existed between the Seaboard Region and the United Palestine Appeal over these many years.

I share the view with many of my colleagues who have been leaders in this area on behalf of Palestine and its fund-raising agencies, that the Seaboard Region has more than justified its existence and expenditures.

In order that the work of the Region may proceed without interruption, I shall appreciate it if you will let us have a check for our June and July remittance.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,
(Sgd) Louis F. Spiegler, President

CC: Dr. Silver

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LEONARD, STREET AND DEINARD

1036 Andrus Building

Minneapolis, Minn.

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July 7, 1941

Attention:
Messrs. Henry Montor
and Joseph C. Hyman

United Jewish Appeal
342 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Sirs:

I am responding to yours of July 3. I must confess that I am a little awestruck by the responsibility that must confront the allotment committee, and those who will serve upon it. However, if you feel that your humble servant can make any contribution to its work, I shall be happy to become a member of the committee and do whatever I can.

I shall appreciate knowing the other neutral members of the committee, and what are your tentative plans for the manner of conducting its inquiries, and any meeting schedule that may be known to you.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) AMOS S. DEINARD

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July 11, 1941

Mr. Amos S. Deinard
Leonard, Street and Deinard
1036 Andrus Building
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Deinard:

We are glad to acknowledge your letter of July 7th and to express appreciation of your acceptance of the invitation to join the Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal for 1941 as a representative of the Welfare Fund communities. The other two to whom invitations for membership were addressed are Mr. Frederick F. Greenman of New York City and Mr. Samuel Markell of Boson, both of whom have indicated their acceptance.

We are sending you herewith a copy of the agreement constituting the 1941 United Jewish Appeal which indicates the functions and nature of the Allotment Committee.

It is planned to have an early meeting of the Allotment Committee for organization purposes. The Allotment Committee will endeavor to keep you informed as promptly as possible of the planned meetings, but we imagine that these will be dependent upon the schedule which the Allotment Committee itself will determine at its initial organization meeting.

With kindest personal regards, we are

Sincerely yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director
United Palestine Appeal

Joseph C. Hyman
Executive Vice-Chairman
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With kindest personal regards, I

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Cordially yours,

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 The Temple
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Dear Friends:

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal on June 30th, the National Chairmen of the U. J. A. were instructed to appoint a sub-committee to look into the problem of combined campaigns for all causes which is beginning to represent an issue in many communities in the country starting with Cincinnati.

It was the feeling of the Executive Committee that the issue was of an emergency nature and that it was desirable to have a committee investigate the problem as thoroughly as possible. The sub-committee was empowered to call for another meeting of the Executive Committee of the U.J.A. as soon as its findings were completed.

I am reminding you of the contents of the minutes so that you may join in naming a sub-committee for the purpose herein indicated.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor

Henry Montor
 Executive Vice-Chairman

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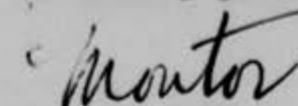
Under separate cover, there is being sent to you a letter on United Jewish Appeal stationery, addressed to both Rabbi Wise and yourself, reminding you of the necessity of appointing a sub-committee to deal promptly with the question of the combined campaign, whose first manifestation is to occur in Cincinnati. You will recall that you told the Executive Committee that you regarded the issue as emergency in character. I agree with you completely, because unless some counteraction is taken, the United Jewish Appeal may be wholly stripped of any power to act, owing to the fact that we have acted too late.

Do you believe that the committee should consist of three, five or more members? My own feeling is that to have a committee of more than five would be too unwieldy and would not actually result in a discussion of the issue. Ordinarily, New Yorkers ought to be appointed to this committee. But my own experience has been that though it may be possible, it would certainly be difficult to get New Yorkers to attend meetings devoted to what some of them regard as "philosophical" problems. Actually, of course, these problems are highly practical and concrete, as well as immediate.

What do you think of having Rabbi Heller and Charles Rosenbloom represent the UPA on this sub-committee?

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
 Executive Director

HM:EE

July 8, 1941

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

Have you checked up on Mr. Eli Ginsberg? It is important that we know as much as we can know about him in the very near future as a decision will have to be made. Dr. Lowenstein writes me that he called up Fred Greenman and explained to him the work of the Allotment Committee. He said he would be willing to accept the appointment as one of the neutral members." I do not like the idea of Dr. Lowenstein offering the position. We had agreed on writing to the neutral members, and the matter should follow through the regular procedure. The invitation was to have been extended by the Council of Federations and Welfare Funds.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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July 8, 1941

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July 8, 1941

To : Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From: Mr. Henry Montor

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter dated June 4th from Mr. Eliezer Kaplan, Treasurer of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, together with an accompanying copy of an enclosure.

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(Translated from Hebrew)

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF RABBI
2 Melchett St.
Tel Aviv
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Eliezer Kaplan, Esq., Treasurer
Jewish Agency for Palestine
Jerusalem

Dear Mr. Kaplan:

It was with great satisfaction that I received the information that the Executive of the Jewish Agency has decided to support the Yeshivoth in Palestine and to make the allocations to them. I see in this decision one of the most important steps taken by the Zionist movement in recent times. As I have expressed it to you at our recent meetings, this decision testifies to the fact that the united Zinnist entity is concerning itself with the spiritual possessions of our people and that the movement derives its very essence and strength from our Holy Torah.

At this time when the institutions of the Torah in the Diaspora have been destroyed, the great task rests upon us to educate the guardians of the Torah in Eretz Israel, that, Heaven forbid, the Light of Israel and of the Torah be not extinguished.

I am pleased to learn that my great friend Rabbi J. L. Hacohen Fishman, the leader of our movement and one of its founders, who represents religious Jewry in the Jewish Agency, is to deal with and supervise this holy task. I am sure that the Agency will support Rabbi Fishman in his work and increase its support for those institutions who are creating the soul of our people.

I would ask you to be good enough to convey to all the members of the Executive of the Jewish Agency my heartfelt thanks for the decision they have taken and my warm personal greetings.

With best wishes for a Happy Festival,

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) M. A. Amiel
CHIEF RABBI

I understand that Rabbi Fishman, who generally speaks in the Executive for Yeshivoth, considers these allotments to be satisfactory, in view of the present situation. I am sending you translation of a letter from Rabbi M. A. Amiel, Chief Rabbi of the Tel Aviv District, concerning our allotment for Yeshivoth.

However, we must insist that appropriations for Palestinian purposes from Zionist funds can and should be made only by Headquarters here. As you know I have always adopted this principle and I feel that it should hold good especially in the present grave situation.

I am receiving the material sent by you for which I thank you heartily. I read it with great interest and I regret that I do not find the time to write to you as I would like to do. I shall try to do so within the next few days.

Cordially yours,

(Signed) E. Kaplan

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JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE
P. O. Box 92
Jerusalem

June 4, 1941

Henry Montor, Esq.
41 East 42nd St.
New York City

Dear Montor:

I received your letter of the 1st of May regarding an allocation for the Hebrew University. We cabled you and Mr. Goldstein on the 19th May as follows:

"Agree University allocation \$15,000 1941 condition Joint participation as last year.

Ussishkin, Hantke, Kaplan"

The above telegram was sent to you after consultation with Dr. Senator on behalf of the University who agreed to its contents. This no doubt disposes of the demand of the American Friends of the Hebrew University.

I am in receipt of your telegram dated the 13th May with regard to Rabbi Herzog, and have replied as follows:

"Re Herzog in principle categorically opposed UPA making any appropriations Palestinian purposes which exclusive right Executive and Funds other ordered budgeting impossible. Especially so when now compelled cut appropriations even urgent emergency needs.

Ussishkin, Hantke, Kaplan"

and:

"continuing our todays re Herzog Agency approached here with demand allocate £500 monthly for same purpose have already paid £1000 intend allocate additional £1000. Further appropriations under discussion.
Kaplan"

The situation of the Yeshivoh is very difficult, but we have to face very grave problems these days and to take decisions in the light of the urgency of the needs. However, we have already paid £1000 this year to the Yeshivoh and we recently allocated another £1,000 to them. I understand that Rabbi Herzog has also approached the South African Zionist Federation for a contribution for the same purpose. The problem of the Yeshivoh is now under discussion here. The demand put before us by Rabbi Fishman and others is for £500 per month, and we intend to allot for the Yeshivoh another £1,000 to £1,500 when we receive further moneys from South Africa.

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

In accordance with your suggestion I met today with Professor Eli Ginzberg who teaches economics at Columbia University. He is the son of Professor Louis Ginzberg of the Jewish Theological Seminary.

He was recommended for the post of Director of Inquiry of the 1941 Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal. The first one who mentioned his name was Harry L. Lurie, Director of the Council of Federations; and the other person who recommended him highly is Dr. Solomon Lowenstein.

Professor Ginzberg is approximately thirty-five years of age. He has a very attractive personality both in feature and in approach. He received his finishing education at Heidelberg and spent a number of years in Europe in connection with certain economic projects which he was investigating. He has just received a substantial grant from the Rockefeller Foundation to initiate a survey of economic effects of migration. Although he has several important projects calling for his services, he seems to regard the UJA undertaking as an obligation upon him as a Jew, which he could not refuse if he were called upon to perform the service.

An inkling into his outlook is provided by a series of statements he made during our luncheon conversation. It is clear that he is not too familiar with Jewish life or with Jewish organizations. He has a general sympathy for Palestine but is not too informed on the details of its growth. I stated that the United Palestine Appeal was interested in objectivity and was concerned that there should not be any pressure of prestige of wealth to modify findings. In this connection Ginzberg observed that he had had an opportunity to study Jews of wealth at close range and was not very likely to be unduly impressed. He indicated that he had no use for people like Judge Proskauer and James Marshall, who he felt have a completely wrong slant on Jewish life.

I next called attention to the possibility that the National Refugee Service might want to set up, as a basic criterion for distribution, the closeness of the refugee problem in America to American interests, thus justifying priority for National Refugee Service requirements. Ginzberg observed that presumably this arose out of the

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

July 8, 1941

fear of assimilationists that their position in America would be affected.

Ginzberg declared that he had stated to Dr. Lowenstein - and asked the latter to convey to you - his view of the Inquiry problem. He sees no advantage in the compilation of enormous quantities of statistics, which was the tack followed last year by Elisha Friedman. He believes that Friedman wasted a great deal of time last year in gathering material that was of no value. He thinks that the report when it was finally written was much too bulky and contained a great deal of irrelevant material, not the least of which were quotations from medieval philosophers. There will be occasions when he will require the submission by the organizations of data in response to specific questions.

As he sees it, the job is largely a "thinking" job which will involve the weighing of various factors which are more important than the figures themselves.

He will require a limited staff that will consist of someone whom he has known for a long time, who knows Hebrew and Yiddish and is a Zionist. He may also require an accountant who will examine for him the validity of statistics that may be submitted by the three organizations. He thinks that the job should occupy about two months, at the end of which there should be available a report which at a quick reading should give the essence of his study.

In commenting upon a certain economist Ginzberg remarked that he belonged to the Brookings Institution. To him that seemed to be a disparaging remark, for he regards the Brookings Institution as a Republican propaganda outfit.

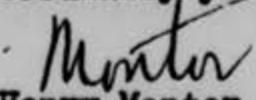
Ginzberg indicated that he wants to spend a great deal of time talking to representatives of the various organizations in order to deal with the broader aspects of their problems instead of being lost in a series of meaningless figures.

He indicated that he has the highest regard for Judge Mack and that he feels very friendly toward Dr. Solomon Goldman with whom he said he proposes to spend some time this summer in Maine. He also spoke in high terms of Dr. Stephen Wise who he said managed to bring him over to America when he was stranded in Europe at the outbreak of the war.

My conclusion is as follows: Ginzberg will require a great deal more time than he realizes to equip himself with a full knowledge of organizational background as well as facts of Jewish life. He seems to be a nice person to deal with and on some subjects is naive. Considering the fact that no other person seems to be available at the moment for the job and no one else has been suggested, I would cast my vote in favor of Ginzberg, always recognizing that it is difficult to arrive at judgments on the basis of a two-hour conversation.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
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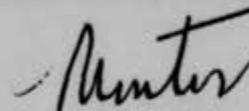
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41 EAST 42nd STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y.

July 11, 1941

Dr. Solomon Lowenstein
Federation
71 West 47th Street
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Lowenstein:

In accordance with your suggestion I am herewith sending you a written memorandum referring to our telephone conversation of this morning:

Dr. Silver endeavored to reach you last night but it was rather late and he could not get in touch with you. He wanted to inform you that he had met with Professor Eli Ginzberg and would suggest that you draft a letter on behalf of yourself and himself inviting Professor Ginzberg to assume the post of Director of Inquiry of the 1941 Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:FB

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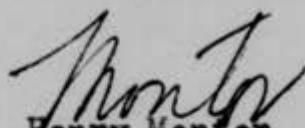
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Tenth and Ansel Roads
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

You will recall that at the last meeting of the Administrative Committee of the U.P.A. it was decided to appoint a committee of three to meet with Mr. Gluska to hear his complaints about the treatment in Palestine.

What three men would you like to put on this committee? How about three people like David Wertheim, Rabbi Irving Miller and Mr. Sol Cohen?

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

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1941 UJA 342 342. APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

July 18, 1941

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I received your telegram informing me of the Organization meeting of the Allotment Committee on July 31. I shall in all probability not be able to attend that meeting. Please arrange to have one of our alternates present and advise both Mr. Rosenbloom and the alternate about the procedure. They should not agree to any large scope for the Research Committee such as was had last year. Questions of evaluation should be held down to a minimum, and the Research Director should not bring in any specific recommendations as to the actual distribution of the funds. Our people should insist on comparable reports from all three agencies, the forms to be approved of by the Allotment Committee before they are submitted to the agencies.

At this initial meeting of the Allotment Committee the NRS should of course not be represented. No questions as to priority of payments should be entertained, and no linking up of the work with last year's research, thereby bringing Elisha Friedman into the picture again.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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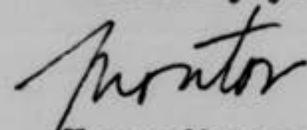
Dear Dr. Silver:

As you will note from a wire that was sent to you today under the names of Hyman and myself, the date of July 31st has been set for a meeting of the Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal.

I think it of the utmost importance that you be present to set the moral tone for the meeting and so that Eli Ginzberg does not get any strange notions as to who the dominant power in the Committee is.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:EE

July 21, 1941

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a cable which I received from Chief Rabbi Herzog.

With reference to the appointment of a committee to meet with Mr. Gluska I would suggest that you include in that committee, along with those mentioned in your letter, Mr. Friedberg.

In the letters which you sent to me by Jonah Wise to Mr. Ittelson there is reference to a contribution which Mr. Percy Straus made to the National Refugee Service. How much was that contribution, and has it been turned over to the United Jewish Appeal?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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July 21, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

It is with deepest regret that I read your letter of July 18th, saying that "in all probability" you will not be able to attend the meeting of the Allotment Committee on July 31st. I hope I am not guilty of too strong language when I express my belief that your absence would be disastrous. The others on the Allotment Committee, with all their competence, are new to the procedures. They will have to deal with a skilled veteran like Dr. Lowenstein who, with all the aura of a wise old father, can put over some of the most amazing legalistic tricks.

What will happen to the Allotment Committee this year will be determined by the July 31st meeting. This proved true in 1940, when everything that Elisha Friedman did subsequently, he declared he had authority for from the minutes of the first meeting of the Allotment Committee in 1940.

I know that you have been subjected to a great deal of pressure this year and deserve all the rest you can get. I realize also the special problem this Summer because of the illness of Mrs. Silver.

But I do beg of you, if at all possible, to endeavor to be present at the July 31st meeting. May I have reassuring word from you? I shall be grateful for a wire of encouragement to that effect.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Montor

Henry Montor
 Executive Director

HM:EE

July 22, 1941

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

In reply to your letter of July 21 - you may recall that when you spoke to long distance about having an organization meeting of the Allotment Committee at this time, I expressed my doubts as to the advisability of holding it just now. I thought it could well wait a few weeks. I further suggested to you that I was very tired and that I wanted a little vacation. It looks now as though I will be able to get ten or twelve days up in Maine beginning next Sunday when Mrs. Silver and I will visit our children in their camp. Mrs. Silver will simply not permit me to break in on that short vacation period by coming down to New York for a meeting.

I still don't know what the rush was about holding a meeting at this time. Mr. Ginzberg knows exactly what he is to do and he has been authorized to proceed. The meeting could well have waited until the end of August.

If the meeting can not be postponed, I would suggest that you instruct our representatives at this meeting fully so that they will know how to conduct themselves.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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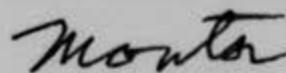
Dear Dr. Silver:

In accordance with your letter of July 21st, notes have been sent to Messrs. David Wertheim, Irving Miller, Sol Cohen and David Freiburger, advising them that you have appointed them members of a committee to meet with Mr. Z. Gluska with regard to statements he wishes to make on the status of the Yemenite Jews in Palestine.

Mr. Percy Straus sent a check for \$2,500 to the National Refugee Service, which was turned over to the New York United Jewish Appeal.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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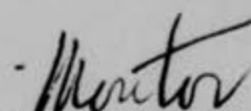
Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter from Rabbi Isador Breslau, asking the United Palestine Appeal to designate three delegates with voting power to the Zionist Convention. This is the annual procedure.

Judge Rothenberg, who has usually been delegated by the United Palestine Appeal for that purpose, has asked if he could be named a delegate this year. What two other people do you wish to name as the United Palestine Appeal representatives?

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

1720-16th Street, N.W.

Washington, D. C.

July 30, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Nat'l Chairman, U.P.A.
41 East 42nd Street
New York City

Dear Dr. Silver:

We wish to take this opportunity to extend a cordial invitation to your Organization to be represented by three delegates with voting power at the forty-fourth Annual Convention of the Zionist Organization of America, to be held at the Hotel Gibson, Cincinnati, Ohio, from September 6th to the 9th inclusive.

We will greatly appreciate your notifying us of the names of your delegates on or before August 15th, 1941.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Isadore Breslau

Isadore Breslau
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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August 4, 1941.

(dictated August 1, 1941.)

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am leaving on my vacation. There are plenty of competent people in the office to carry on with whatever needs to be done during this period. I shall look forward to seeing you during your next visit to New York, which I assume will be the early part of September.

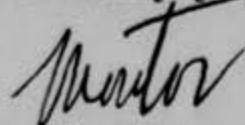
A meeting of the Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal was held on Thursday, July 31, with Mr. Rosenbloom and Judge Rothenberg representing the United Palestine Appeal, Mr. Linder and Dr. Lowenstein representing the Joint Distribution Committee, and Samuel Markell and Frederick Greenman representing the Welfare Funds. Mr. Amos Deinard did not make the trip from Minneapolis.

I was not present at the meeting, but I am informed that the following were the major decisions:

1. Frederick Greenman was named Chairman and Eli Ginzberg was named Secretary. Ginzberg was confirmed as Director of the Inquiry.
2. A great deal of the time of the Committee was spent on a statement by Mr. Linder raising the "cash position" of the National Refugee Service. Judge Rothenberg had to speak up rather vigorously to halt an interminable propaganda flow.
3. Discussion was given to the framework of the Inquiry.
4. The 1940 Allotment Committee was ordered dissolved and its possessions in money and records turned over to the United Jewish Appeal.
5. A tentative time schedule was submitted by Professor Ginzberg involving submission by the organizations of material not later than September 10. The preparation of a tentative report by Ginzberg was scheduled by October 1, and a meeting of the Allotment Committee by October 15.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
 Executive Director

HM:ET

August 11, 1941

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I hope that you are having a restful vacation. I have just completed mine and I feel better for the two weeks rest which I have had.

I read the report of the first meeting of the Allocations Committee. As I expected, the NRS was immediately projected into the discussion. These were the same tactics which were pursued last year. Rosenwald has evidently been on the heels of Ginzberg from the very first day of his appointment. Ginzberg should be tactfully warned -- as I tried to do in my interview with him -- of the relentless high pressure methods of the NRS. He should be admonished that the NRS is only a beneficiary of the campaign and that the funds are not collected to satisfy first the full needs of the NRS and then what is left, if any is left, to be distributed among the JDC and the UPA. I was sorry to see that Ginzberg presented the financial status of the NRS at this first meeting of the Allocations Committee without at the same time saying anything about the needs of the JDC and the UPA.

Even more important is it to bring to the attention of Mr. Fred Greenman these tactics of the NRS to stampede the Allocations Committee into all out aid to the NRS under the plea of its "particular plight", and the loans which it has made, etc. I believe that an informal talk by Judge Rothenberg with Greenman might be very helpful.

Judging from the statement of Dr. Lowenstein, the plan is to make the NRS "the heart of the distribution problem this year." This must not be tolerated. I note that the subject of priority payments to the NRS was also introduced thus early in the proceedings. I note that Dr. Lowenstein made a perfectly false reply to a question asked by Mr. Greenman. Mr. Greenman asked "whether the Allotment Committee had the authority to grant priorities to one of these organizations of the monies coming into the UJA." Dr. Lowenstein remarked "that the Allotment Committee had the authority to do anything it chose to do and that last year it had granted accelerated payments to the NRS out of the funds of the 1940 campaign -- namely

Mr. Montor

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the NRS had been given cash priorities." This is a false and misleading statement as the findings of the Allotment Committee for 1940, issued on January 31, 1941, and published in the Inquiry of the United Jewish Appeal, page b, indicate. "It appeared that the immediate problems of that beneficiary could be met by an acceleration of payments of the amounts still to be paid from the original allotments made by the United Jewish Appeal and the local New York campaign. The representatives of the JDC and the UPA agreed to recommend such an acceleration of payment to their principals, and since the meeting of December 7, arrangements have been made in this connection." The decision of whether priority payments should be made was thus left to the JDC and the UPA, and not to the Allotment Committee.

The Jewish press has been flooded in recent weeks with articles and pictures about the work of the NRS and the JDC. This is all a build-up for pressure work on the Allotment Committee. I note that the JDC has also been playing up the fact that it has been aiding emigration of thousands to Palestine. I think it is important that during the next two months, particularly prior to the High Holy Days, special articles and pictures appear in the Jewish press about the work of the UPA, of what it is doing for the refugees who coming to Palestine, and of the number of refugees that are coming; also the money spent on their reception, care, housing, retraining, etc. etc.

With reference to designating three delegates to the ZOA, I would suggest Judge Rothenberg, Charles J. Rosenbloom, perhaps Simon Shetzer or Joe Weingarten, or someone else from the South or Southwest.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

August 22, 1941.

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I am sending you a copy of letter
which I sent to Rabbi Jonah Wise. I would appreciate
receiving from you word as to the actual status of receipts.
by the U.J.A.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Cordially yours,

AHS:me
Encl.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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East 105th Street at Ansel Road
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Dear Dr. Silver:

In the absence of Mr. Montor, I wish to call your attention to the enclosed pictorial and news and feature material which has been issued on the work of the United Palestine Appeal to the English-Jewish press, during the past ten days, in accordance with your suggestions.

I am also enclosing a copy of an excerpt, which I took the liberty of making from your recent book, for the New Year editions of the English-Jewish press.

Sincerely yours,

Meyer T. Steinglass
Meyer T. Steinglass

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August 25, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The Perth Amboy, New Jersey, campaign is one of the earliest of the Fall season. For several years this community has been hoping and praying that it might have you to open its campaign. It raises approximately \$35,000. It could raise more. In proportion to its size it does better than most of the New Jersey communities.

Would it be possible for you to accept their invitation any time before the middle of September? The date could suit your own convenience. Perth Amboy is a short car distance from New York. If it is at all possible for you to make it, I believe it will be worth your while and that of the United Jewish Appeal.

Hoping to hear favorably from you, I am,

Cordially yours,

Montor
Henry Montor
Executive Director

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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND (KEREN HAYESOD)
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Dear Dr. Silver:

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In accordance with your request of August 22nd, I send you the following figures as to the receipts of the United Jewish Appeal, with comparative figures as between 1940 and 1941 covering both National and New York City income:

Cash received by United Jewish Appeal, from January 1st, 1941 to August 22nd, 1941, on account of 1941 U.J.A.:

National	\$2,718,693.93
New York City	<u>2,335,350.00</u>
Total	\$5,054,043.93

Treasurer

Charles J. Rosenbloom

Associate Treasurers

Abraham L. Liebovitz
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Cash received by United Jewish Appeal, from January 1st, 1941 to August 22nd, 1941, on account of 1940 campaign:

National	\$2,923,852.20
New York City	2,150,000.00
National Refugee	750,000.00
Service received directly from New York City	
Total	<u>\$5,823,852.20</u>

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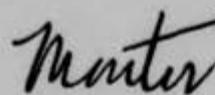
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With kindest personal regards, I am

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Cordially yours,



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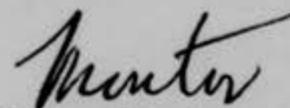
Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a report which I have sent to Mr. Carl Alpert, Managing Editor of The New Palestine, at his request.

I regret that the dispatch of this report was delayed up to this time because of my absence from the city. Although I am still officially on vacation, I rushed it through because The New Palestine goes to press on August 26th.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM/RW
Enc.

REPORT OF UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL TO ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Continuing the form of campaign which it conducted in 1939 and 1940, the United Palestine Appeal is raising its funds in 1941 through the United Jewish Appeal for Refugees, Overseas Needs and Palestine, which also includes the Joint Distribution Committee and the National Refugee Service.

At the close of 1940 after a series of discussions as to the nature of the agreement constituting the United Jewish Appeal, and after it had been emphasized that the war-time necessities of the Yishuv required greater consideration from American Jewry than was forthcoming in 1940, it was resolved to conduct an independent campaign for the United Palestine Appeal. Such a fund-raising effort was announced and launched. Subsequently, a great deal of pressure was brought upon the agencies constituting the United Jewish Appeal to urge them to return to the unified form of campaigning in which they had engaged in the two previous years. When discussions arising out of these efforts eventuated in an acceptance of the point of view of the United Palestine Appeal, the independent campaign was abandoned and the United Jewish Appeal was reconstituted in March.

The agreement for 1941 provides that the first funds of the United Jewish Appeal shall be allocated as follows:

\$2,525,000 to the United Palestine Appeal
4,275,000 to the Joint Distribution Committee
2,000,000 to the National Refugee Service

The sum allotted to the National Refugee Service also includes its participation in the New York City USA Campaign. In 1940, the first funds were allocated as follows:

\$2,500,000 to the United Palestine Appeal
5,250,000 to the Joint Distribution Committee
3,500,000 to the National Refugee Service, including
\$1,000,000 from the New York City Campaign

The sums above \$8,800,000 will be divided by an Allocations Committee composed of the following: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Charles J. Rosenbloom, members for the United Palestine Appeal; Dr. Solomon Lewenstein and James H. Becker for the Joint Distribution Committee; and Frederick Greenman, New York; Amos Delnard, Minneapolis; and Samuel Markell, Boston, representing the Welfare Fund communities. The alternates are: Dr. Israel Goldstein and Judge Louis H. Levintahl of Philadelphia for the United Palestine Appeal; and I. Edwin Goldwasser and Harold Linder for the Joint Distribution Committee.

In the early stages of the campaign, the officers of the United Palestine Appeal determined on the wisdom of continuing and expanding educational activities. As a result, a program was evolved that included closer contact between national headquarters and the individual communities and regions through field representatives, a widespread distribution of literature, films and similar promotion and educational material, as well as a comprehensive system of providing speakers to communities either during campaign periods or at other times. The United Palestine Appeal also continued the publication of a monthly called U.P.A. Report, designed to keep the key leaders of American Jewry in regular touch with the activities of the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth in Palestine, which receive the funds for their programs from the United Palestine Appeal.

A review of the income of the United Palestine Appeal during the period of the United Jewish Appeal shows the following:

1) As a result of the 1939 campaign, the United Palestine Appeal was allotted the sum of \$4,000,000 out of a total sum raised of \$16,227,019.69. As of August 15, 1941 the United Palestine Appeal had received on account of that allotment the sum of \$5,923,833.33.

2) Out of a total income of \$14,167,168.11 to the United Jewish Appeal in 1940, the United Palestine Appeal was allotted a total of \$2,900,000. Toward that sum the United Palestine Appeal had received on August 15, 1941 the sum of \$2,640,000.

3) Toward the initial allotment of \$2,225,000 for 1941, the United Palestine Appeal had received \$1,237,250.00 as of August 15, 1941.

The terms of the Internal United Palestine Appeal agreement between the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth were virtually similar to those in 1940, all income being divided equally between the two national funds after the payment of certain allocations and subsidies. The latter include a grant of \$125,000 to the Mishnahi Palestine Fund for expenditure in Palestine. The Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth also made a total contribution of \$15,000 for 1941 to the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. The United Palestine Appeal voted the sum of \$25,000 to Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog for relief to the old Yishuv. The Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs was financed by the United Palestine Appeal to the extent of \$25,000, and by the Keren Hayesod to the amount of \$10,000. Grants to Zionist Organizations for the maintenance of educational programs useful to the United Palestine Appeal include \$54,000 to the Zionist Organization of America, \$9,800 to the Mishnahi Organization of America, and \$9,800 to the Poale Zion. The sum of \$1,200 was also allotted to the Hashomer Hatzair for its activities. Supplementing the expenditures of the Jewish Agency in Palestine and elsewhere for immigration purposes, the United Palestine Appeal provided funds to help in the emigration from Kaunas, Lithuania, of 995 men, women and children, all of whom have since found their way to Palestine.

The financial report of the United Palestine Appeal for the period from January 1, 1941 to August 15, 1941, including the receipts from allotments from the United Jewish Appeal from previous years, and the receipts of the Jewish National Fund, shows the following: total cash receipts of \$2,475,950.40; remittances to the Keren Hayesod of \$1,097,950.00; and to the Keren Kayemeth of \$1,097,950.00. The balance represents payments made on account of grants, allotments and expenditures.

The participation by the United Palestine Appeal in the United Jewish Appeal campaigns has been reflected in innumerable ways. There has been the

participation of the national officers of the United Palestine Appeal in the opening and in the conduct of campaigns. Travelling from coast to coast as did Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, who is National Co-Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, as well as National Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, these officers stirred American Jewish communities to an enlarged understanding of their responsibilities, and contributed notably to the manner in which these campaigns have been concluded successfully in many communities. The United Jewish Appeal continues to be an equal partnership between the United Palestine Appeal and the Joint Distribution Committee, and its administration, personnel and conduct reflect that relationship in speakers, in publicity and in contacts.

Perhaps the most notable contribution made to the success of the United Jewish Appeal campaigns in 1941 by the United Palestine Appeal has been the uninterrupted progress of the upbuilding activities in Palestine. Although there were times when the edge of war crept closer to Palestine's shores, and even though anxiety for the future has not been stilled, the Yishuv has gone forward with the building of colonies, the acquisition of land and the expansion of its agricultural, industrial and economic machinery so that it might continue to play a worthy and heroic role in safeguarding that sector of the worldwide struggle against Nazism. The valor of the thousands of Palestine Jews enlisted in the British forces and fighting on all the Middle Eastern fronts fired the imagination of American Jews with its symbolic value as indicating the spirit with which Jews must respond to the critical time in which they live. The experience of the United Palestine Appeal during the past year indicates the continuing necessity for the most active participation and leadership by Zionists, as well as non-Zionists, in the communal structure of American Jewish life. It has been gratifying to see increasing numbers of leaders in the Palestine upbuilding movement playing outstanding roles in the conduct of welfare and other types of campaigns in their communities. With the emergence of the Wel-

fare Fund as the key to fund-raising in the largest number of American Jewish communities, it has grown ever clearer that one of the ways in which Zionists may meet their responsibilities to Palestine and fund-raising for its program is through wholehearted and effective participation in the Welfare Fund machinery as officers, as contributors and as workers.

The officers of the United Palestine Appeal for 1941 are as follows:

National Chairman, Abba Hillel Silver; National Co-Chairmen, Stephen S. Wise, Chairman, Administrative Committee; Louis Lipsky, Chairman, Executive Committee; Solomon Goldman, Israel Goldstein, Edmund I. Kaufmann, Morris Rothenberg; Honorary Chairmen, Albert Einstein, Herbert H. Lehman, Julian W. Mack, Henry Monsky, Nathan Straus, Henrietta Szold; Vice Chairmen, Barnett R. Brickner, Leon Gellman, James G. Heller, Edward L. Israel, Louis E. Levinthal, Charles Ress, Ethel D. Stone, Joe Weingarten, David Wertheim; Treasurer, Charles J. Rosenbloom; Associate Treasurers, Abraham L. Liebovitz, Jacob Sincoff; Executive Director, Henry Montor.

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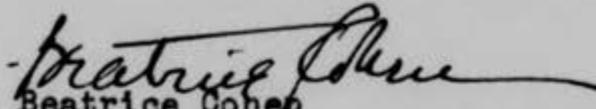
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

To avoid any possibility that a copy of the attached letter from Dr. Solomon Lowenstein was not forwarded to you directly in Cleveland, I am sending this on to you herewith for your information.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,


Beatrice Cohen
Secretary to Mr. Montor

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71 West 47th St.
New York City

August 15, 1941

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
41 East 42nd St.
New York City

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have your letter of August 11th. There is no question that factually you are correct in your statement and that my memory was faulty in making the statement which you quote with respect to the item from the minutes of the meeting of the Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal held on July 31, 1941.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Ginzberg so that he may insert your letter, of which you sent him a copy, and of this reply in the minutes of the next meeting as a correction.

However, while I agree with you as to your factual statement I do not agree with your interpretation that had the Allotment Committee of last year chosen to do so it might not have taken action directly instead of making the recommendation through the two participating bodies, nor do I believe that the Allotment Committee is without power to take any action it chooses, this year in accordance with the terms of the contract.

I have no copy before me of the contract for 1940 and therefore I make the above statement subject to any correction due to terms of the contract which may be in contradiction to it.

As to your commend upon Mr. Linder's presentation of the plight of the NRS and the last paragraph of your letter, I can say only that as a member of the Committee Mr. Linder was certainly at liberty to make the statement he did and if there had been any thought that it was out of order it would lie within the province of the Chairman of the Committee to indicate that.

With kindest greetings, I am

Yours truly,

(Sgd) Solomon Lowenstein

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August 26, 1941

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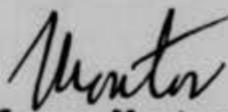
Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto is a copy of an invitation which I received from the Zionist Organization of America.

Shall I accept? Could you wire me?

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

1720-16th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

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August 28, 1941

Mr. Henry Montor,
Executive Director,
United Palestine Appeal,
41 East 42nd St.,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Montor:

Dr. Heller, Chairman of the Program Committee, asked me to inform you that the Convention would greatly appreciate hearing a 15 minute report on the United Palestine Appeal, by you, at the first session on Sunday, September 7th, at 10:00 A.M. Originally the time set aside for this was Tuesday afternoon, September 9th.

Kindly confirm this arrangement as soon as possible.

With Zion's Greetings, I am

Most cordially yours,

(signed)

H. A. Schulson

HS:GS

August 26, 1941.

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

Dear Mr. Montor:

Thank you so much for your letter of August 25 giving me the cash receipts of the U.J.A. I should like to know how much was distributed by the U.J.A. to the three beneficiaries during the same period of time.

Very cordially yours,

AHS:me

Charge to the account of

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

Cleveland, Ohio,
August 27, 1941.

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

Of course accept the invitation from the Zionist Organization

Silver.

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Dear Dr. Silver:

Louis Lipsky
*Chairman,
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In accordance with your request of August 26th, attached hereto are the figures showing the disbursements by the U.J.A. to the three agencies, and also the disbursements for the same period during 1940.

Solomon Goldman
Israel Goldstein
Edmund I. Kaufmann
Morris Rothenberg

In order to make the record complete, there are appended cash allocations made in 1941 and 1940 on account of previous campaigns. This gives a complete picture of cash income of the three agencies during comparable periods of 1940 and 1941.

Treasurer

Charles J. Rosenbloom

With kindest personal regards, I am

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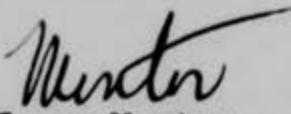
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CASH ALLOTMENTS TO UNITED JEWISH APPEAL AGENCIES
January 1, 1941 - August 22, 1941

<u>1941 ACCOUNT</u>	<u>1940 ACCOUNT</u>	<u>1939 ACCOUNT</u>
	<u>JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE</u>	
\$2,180,250	\$1,825,000	\$ 80,000
	<u>UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL</u>	
1,287,750	845,000	40,000
	<u>NATIONAL REFUGEE SERVICE</u>	
1,020,000	567,500*	-----

*Includes \$50,000 from New York

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THIS PERIOD:

J.D.C. - \$4,085,250.00
U.P.A. - 2,172,750.00
N.R.S. - 1,587,500.00

Executive Department
RECORDS

CASH ALLOTMENTS TO UNITED JEWISH APPEAL AGENCIES
January 1, 1940 - August 22, 1940

1940 ACCOUNT

1939 ACCOUNT

JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

\$2,415,000

\$1,955,666.67

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

1,150,000

927,833.33

NATIONAL REFUGEE SERVICE

National

New York City

1,150,000 + 750,000

1,900,000

60,000

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THIS PERIOD:

J.D.C. - \$4,370,666.67

U. P.A. - 2,077,833.33

N.R.S. - 1,960,000.00

August 28, 1941.

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I regret that I will not be able
to address the campaign meeting of the Perth Amboy
community.

Very truly yours,

AHS:me

P.S. I have just learned that Mr. Ed Warburg is making
a tour of a number of cities in October. He has requested
the J.D.C. representatives in Cleveland to arrange a meeting
for him.

August 28, 1941.

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

Dear Mr. Montor:

I am enclosing herewith an item which appears in today's J.T.A. about the so-called Youth Division of the J.D.C. The J.D.C. seems to be taking credit for the Junior Division which exists in many communities in connection not with the campaigns for J.D.C. but with their Jewish welfare funds. They are as much part of the U.P.A. and all other beneficiaries of welfare fund campaigns as they are of the J.D.C. The Publicity Department of the J.D.C. has certainly been busy in the last few months.

I am also enclosing herewith a letter which I sent to Rabbi Jonah Wise in reply to the one which he sent to me.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Very cordially yours,

AHS:me
Encl.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter from Judge Levinthal. Should Judge Levinthal be advised to tell the Council of Federations that he has resigned from the Board and will not participate in any of its meetings.

Have you heard any further from Mr. Blaustein, Mr. Hollander or any other officer of the Council with respect to the national budgeting plan?

Looking forward to word from you so that I may inform Judge Levinthal of your view in the matter, I am,

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Henry Montor
Executive Director

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JUDGES' CHAMBERS
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS NO. 6
City Hall
Philadelphia

Louis E. Levinthal
Judge

8-27-41

(Handwritten)

Dear Henry:

The enclosed letter and card arrived this morning. Apparently Mellander has not taken my name from the list of directors. Dr. Silver certainly made it clear to him that the UPA would not be represented on the Council's Board.

I think I indicated clearly enough that I was through.

Do you think I should wire (?) Lurie or do you think I should ignore the inquiry?

With kind personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

Louis

COPY

COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS
165 West 46 Street
New York City

August 26, 1941

FROM: H.L.LURIE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

September 27 and 28 have been suggested as the dates for the fall meeting of the Board of Directors of the Council. The plans are to have our meeting begin Saturday evening and continue through Sunday.

Will you kindly fill in and return the enclosed postcard so that we may know whether the date is promising for a good attendance and also your preference of the suggested meeting places.

POST CARD:

I can
cannot attend meeting of the Board if it is held
September 27-28, 1941.

Check preference for city of meeting in order 1,2,3.

Chicago _____
Cleveland _____
Detroit _____

Signed _____

August 29, 1941.

Mr. Henry Montor,
Executive Director,
United Palestine Appeal,
41 East 42nd Street,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Montor:

I am enclosing herewith letter from the Independent Jewish Press Service requesting a subsidy from the United Palestine Appeal. Please present it at the next meeting of the Administrative Committee of the U.P.A.

I am also enclosing a letter of Harold F. Linder. I am inclined to think that Mr. Linder, in referring to the assets of the J.D.C., "let the cat out of the bag". The J.D.C. has holdings in quite a number of subsidiaries, etc. I wish you would get one of our German bloodhounds to trace down these assets in a very thorough and exact manner. This will be very helpful for presentation to the Allotment Committee.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Very cordially yours,

AHS:me
Encls.

August 29, 1941.

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

In reply to your letter of August 28, Judge Levinthal has resigned from the Council of Federations and the Council was informed of that fact. Judge Levinthal should ignore the form letter which was sent to him.

I wrote to Mr. Blaustein a few weeks ago asking him for his reactions to the memo which I sent him. His reply is enclosed herewith. I shall probably hear from him before long.

Very cordially yours,

AHS:me

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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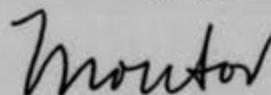
Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a draft of a covering letter for the various material being compiled for submission to Professor Ginzberg. It is intended to be as brief as possible, with complete reliance on the figures themselves. We had agreed earlier that there was to be no formal and extended argumentative approach to the members of the Allotment Committee, as was the case last year. This is intended to avoid the competitive documents which seemed to confuse the members of the Allotment Committee, and seemed to serve as the basis for additional organizational pressure.

This letter should be sent to Professor Ginzberg by next Wednesday or Thursday, at the latest. May I have any corrections that you think should be incorporated?

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:ET
encl.

D R A F T

Professor Eli Ginzberg, Director of Research
Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal
342 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Professor Ginzberg:

In addition to the great variety of material already made available to you for a study of the expenditures of the United Palestine Appeal and of the agencies financed in Palestine, I am submitting to you herewith the following material:

- (1) An itemized consolidated account of the income and expenditures of the national funds for the fiscal period beginning October 1, 1940 and ending March 31, 1941.
- (2) A similar consolidated account of the income and expenditures of these agencies for the month of April, 1941.
- (3) A consolidated account of the income and expenditures of these agencies for the month of May, 1941.
- (4) A tabulated account of the disbursements of the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth by months for the period from January 1, 1940 through June, 1941.
- (5) A description of the needs of the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth for 1941 in terms of the current situation, and in the light of previous expenditures.
- (6) A copy of a letter dated July 7, 1941 from Mr. David Bahral of the Treasury Department of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, giving a more detailed description of the items of income and expenditure which appear in the consolidated accounts above referred to.
- (7) A supplement by A. Ulitzur of the Treasury Department of the Keren Hayesod in Jerusalem to his extremely important analysis of the expenditures of Keren Hayesod during the 20 years ended in 1940. The supplementary statement is contained in a letter dated July 16, 1941, to which is appended an advance copy of the material reviewing income and expenditures of the National Funds for the entire period beginning October, 1917 and ending September, 1940, as it will appear in a forthcoming issue of the Bulletin of the Economic Research Institute of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.
- (8) An analysis of the collections of South Africa for Jewish purposes outside of the Union of South Africa for the years 1937 through March 1941. It is instructive to note the major emphasis placed by the generous Jews of South Africa on the support of the upbuilding of the Jewish national home in Palestine, as compared with all other overseas activities in behalf of Jews.

- (9) A summary of official figures reviewing various aspects of the development of Palestine for the period ending September, 1940. It should be noted that some of these figures end in 1937 or 1938, or do not take into account the total of Jewish immigration, but generally speaking this summary provides a bird's-eye view of the progress of the Jewish community of Palestine in the fundamental fields of activity.

It is clear from the reports that have been and are being submitted to you that Jewish upbuilding activities in Palestine during a period of war and crisis are suffering extreme hardship as a result of the increased failure of American Jewry to meet its obligations to the support of the Palestine program. It is the hope of the United Palestine Appeal that in presenting the case to the Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal, you will summarize the variety of material presented to you in a form that will reveal both the comparative and the qualitative inadequacy of American Jewry's contribution to the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth.

As was agreed between Messrs. Joseph Hyman, Albert Abrahamson, you and me, none of the material being forwarded to you is being transmitted to the members of the Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal. I understand that this also has been the decision of the Allotment Committee itself: that no application shall be submitted to the members of the Allotment Committee, nor any material be sent to any of its individual members, except as you may utilize the material offered to you.

Being cognizant of the possibilities of income of the United Jewish Appeal for the year 1941, and knowing the needs of Palestine, I appreciate the disparity. Nevertheless, it is undoubtedly the wish of yourself and the members of the Allotment Committee to make a decision, no matter how difficult, with the view in mind of distributing funds available above the \$8,800,000 in directions where it can be used most fruitfully in terms of immediate and also long range value.

The figures that have been submitted indicate that during the fiscal period from October, 1940 through June 1941 the Keren Hayesod had expenditures of approximately \$2,400,000. Even if we were to assume that war-time necessities would not impose upon the Keren Hayesod and the Jewish Agency obligations beyond the meagre expenditures thus indicated, we would find that on the average established by this nine-month record of expenditures, the Keren Hayesod and the Jewish Agency will spend during the calendar year 1941 from January 1 through December 31 a minimum of \$3,220,000. *and the Jewish Agency*

Also assuming that it will be able to resist incurring additional obligations required by the varied demands of the Yishuv, the Keren Kayemeth on the basis of that nine-month record, will spend during the 1941 calendar year, from January through December, approximately \$4,160,000.

Thus, the two basic agencies which receive their funds from America through the United Palestine Appeal will spend during the calendar year \$7,380,000. There has been allotted to the United Palestine Appeal from the first funds of the United Jewish Appeal \$2,525,000. Of that amount approximately \$400,000 is being allocated to other purposes, such as to Mizrahi Palestine Fund for expenditure

in Palestine, to Chief Rabbi Herzog for relief of the old Yishuv, for special expenditures for transportation, for subsidies and for administrative expenditures. Thus there will be available \$2,100,000 toward the expenditures incurred by the national funds in Palestine.

Last year the Allotment Committee had before it the plea of the United Palestine Appeal that a minimum of 80% of the budgets of the national funds in Palestine should be met by American Jewry. Instead, the Allotment Committee took into account the percentage of America's contribution to the income of the national funds of Palestine, thus penalizing Palestine further for the inadequacy of American Jewry's support of the program.

The percentage which the Allotment Committee of 1940 took into account was 62% for the Keren Hayesod and 63% for the Keren Kayemeth. Even on this basis, which I would challenge as a fair method of computation of America's responsibility, it is evident that there is an enormous gap between what has thus far been allotted to the United Palestine Appeal from the sums of the United Jewish Appeal, and the sum which the United Palestine Appeal should finally receive from the income of the 1941 United Jewish Appeal, to meet even a minimum share of American Jewry's responsibility.

I know that you and the members of the Allotment Committee will undoubtedly take into account the factors which pre-eminently attract attention from American Jewry for the maintenance of the program in Palestine, first because of the necessity of maintaining intact and extending the vital institutions of a Jewish community which has been built up with decades of effort on the part of the pioneers, ~~and~~ secondly to sustain the economic morale and financial resources of a community which is today the backbone of the British effort in the Middle East, and thirdly to hold together the foundations of a community which is destined to play, as it has already played, an increasingly vital role in the solution of the problem of Jewish homelessness.

Sincerely yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:ET

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
 The Temple
 Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith are copies of some of the material to be submitted in the next few days to Professor Eli Ginzberg. This material includes the following:

- (a) A consolidated account of the income and expenditures in Palestine for the months from October, 1940 through March, 1941;
- (b) A similar consolidated account for the month of April;
- (c) A consolidated account for the month of May;
- (d) An analysis and further itemization of the figures appearing in the consolidated accounts in a letter from Mr. David Bahral, of the Treasury Department of the Jewish Agency;
- (e) A comprehensive survey of the expenditures of national capital in Palestine, as described by A. Ulitzur of the Treasury Department of the Keren Hayesod.

You will recall that some weeks ago I sent you a copy of the printed volume describing 20 years' expenditures of the Keren Hayesod, as prepared by Mr. Ulitzur.

Anyone who takes the trouble to read thoroughly these various documents, not to speak of the wide variety of other material that has been and will be submitted to Professor Ginzberg, will realize first how comprehensive is the financial information being made available to the Inquiry, and secondly how fantastic and unfounded are the baseless and motivated declarations that Palestine does not offer sufficient reportage on its financial activities.

It should be noted, of course, that all the figures refer to cash expenditures, and not to appropriations or commitments, --

August 30, 1941.

the phrases of which the JDC is so fond.

Within the next few days I shall send you copies of further material being sent to Professor Ginzberg.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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September 2, 1941

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

Along with the bills sent out by the Cleveland Jewish Welfare Fund this month to many of its subscribers there went the NRS Bulletin of this month. I assume that the same arrangement was made by the NRS with other communities. I would suggest that you write to Mr. Goldhamer asking for the privilege of having the Bulletin of the UPA circulated next month along with the bills which will be sent out.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ARS:BK

September 2, 1941

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

The draft of the letter to be sent to Professor Ginzberg is quite satisfactory. I would suggest that Mr. Rosenbloom and our alternate members on the Allotment Committee should have a chance to see it before it is forwarded; perhaps also Mr. Lipsky and Dr. Wise, who were members of the Allotment Committee last year.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ANS:DK

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I enclose herewith a copy of a memorandum addressed to me by Bernard Stone from Los Angeles.

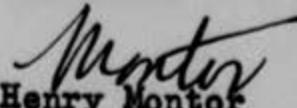
The action of the Jewish National Fund in sending a man to the West Coast and of planning approaches to the Welfare Funds for specific projects of the Jewish National Fund carries with it sources of irritation for the United Palestine Appeal in the future.

On the one hand, Dr. Israel Goldstein believes that the United Palestine Appeal should constrict its activities since its functions are being performed by the Zionist Organization of America; and on the other hand, although the United Palestine Appeal is supposed to be the fund-raising medium for the Jewish National Fund as well as for the Keren Hayesod, there is a widespread expansion of personnel and of program on the part of the Jewish National Fund. All of this is done at the expense of the United Palestine Appeal, since when money is turned over to the United Palestine Appeal from the funds of the Jewish National Fund, it is only the net which is transmitted, since the Jewish National Fund is not controlled in any way as to its expenditures by the United Palestine Appeal.

It is incidents such as these which make me believe that our whole complicated network will never be adequately resolved into an integrated pattern until there is one unified organization that will result not from the domination of one group of another, but of a common understanding as to what our aims and needs are.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,


 Henry Montor
 Executive Director

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MEMORANDUM

August 21, 1941

TO: Mr. Montor

FROM: Mr. Stone

Mr. Yardin arrived in the city a couple of days ago and was introduced to the Los Angeles J.N.F. Council at a meeting which took place yesterday. He is by no means an orator, but from my first impression of him, it is my belief that he will be a hard worker and could be developed into a useful member of our growing Zionist paid staff on the Coast.

At present this paid staff, in addition to myself, consists of Mr. Yardin for the J.N.F., Mr. Saadia Gelb for the Gewerkschaften, and Mr. Aryai Ben Hillel for Young Judes.

If the work that these paid officials do is coordinated both in general policy and in detail of routine work, it will be of considerable advantage to the Zionist movement. But if differences either of policy or lack of coordination in detail are allowed to develop, it may do considerable harm.

Mr. Yardin visited me late last night and we had a short talk. He envisages his work as requiring him to handle the forthcoming annual banquet of the J.N.F. in this city, and also to set up J.N.F. Councils where possible in every Jewish community of the 12 western states. He has in mind the establishment of projects of various kinds, such as a Nachlah for instance, by each J.N.F. Council, and then to approach the Local Welfare Funds and ask that the Nachlah be included for a specific sum in their campaigns. If this is not accepted then the J.N.F. Council would conduct its own campaign for the Nachlah, maintaining that the project is in accordance with the traditional activities which are permitted to the J.N.F. by its agreement with the U.P.A. He also figures upon expanding the propaganda and speaking activities for the J.N.F. on a considerable scale, both in Los Angeles and elsewhere throughout the territory.

Regarding San Francisco, he would like to have some project launched in the memory of Judge Golden, for the benefit of the J.N.F., and he is leaving for San Francisco today with this end in view. He expects to be away until next Tuesday, and has stated that he will come to see me on his return. I told him something of the situation in San Francisco, and informed him that he would not be able to carry out any project of this kind without the good will of the Bnai Brith which is very powerful in San Francisco, and besides the Bnai Brith itself has its own plans for a Golden Memorial Fund, concerning which I wrote you some time ago.

It is clear that Yardin's visit to San Francisco is to prepare the ground for Mendel Fisher's visit there next month. Fisher wants to utilize whatever can be established for the Golden Memorial Fund for the J.N.F. Mr. Yardin is also expected to do a similar job for Fisher in Los Angeles.

I suppose you know that Mr. Sobeloff of Detroit has been here and has seen our local leaders. It is possible that he may yet come to terms with the community here, so that he would eventually come here as successor to Charles Schottland. However, nothing definite has yet been decided.

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AIRMAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

September 3, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I greatly appreciate your letter of September 2nd with its references to what ought to be incorporated in remarks on the U.P.A. at the Z.O.A. Convention. I am rather skeptical as to whether I or anyone else representing fund-raising institutions will have an opportunity to make any kind of report at the Cincinnati meeting, considering the traditional attitude at Zionist Conventions toward the fund-raising bodies. Since the fund-raising business is supposed to be disposed of at the early Sunday morning session, I assume that my doubt is even more justified. However, the points that you made are certainly important for inclusion in any remarks that might be made.

I am communicating with Mr. Goldhamer as per the enclosed copy.

The United Palestine Appeal is faced with the question of deciding its future course. Presumably that cannot be done until after the Zionist Convention. In view of the criticism that had been voiced at the last meeting of the Administrative Committee of the U.P.A., I had even thought of the likelihood that the Budget Committee might suggest the elimination of future issues of the monthly U.P.A. Report as a means of economizing. At the same time, of course, the N.R.S. is intensifying its "services to the community", which means a very expensive and elaborate apparatus of publicity and literature. The few field men that we have are in a terrible quandary. On the one hand, they feel that they will be thrown out in December. On the other hand, they are asked to go out into the field and concentrate on the task before them of organizing regions, of making contacts, and of giving the impression that they are engaged in a continuous relationship to the individual communities. These men are not unaware of the constant barrage of criticism directed against the U.P.A. and which they must deal with in the communities which they visit.

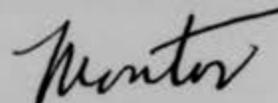
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

September 3, 1941

I would be very grateful for the opportunity of discussing this and related problems in Cincinnati. I shall be in Dayton to meet with some of the campaign leaders. Do you think it would be of any value to you if I were to go from Dayton on Thursday night to meet you in Cleveland on Friday morning to spend some time with you? I will be staying at the Biltmore Hotel in Dayton on Thursday.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:JE
Encl.

September 3, 1941

Mr. Samuel Goldhamer, Executive Director
Jewish Welfare Fund
320 Chester - 12th Building
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Goldhamer:

May I place at the disposal of the Cleveland Jewish Welfare Fund the facilities of the United Palestine Appeal in connection with your collection effort. We are now preparing the September issue of the United Palestine Appeal Report, which is the monthly four-page publication with which you are familiar. It should be ready within the next three weeks.

We would be delighted at the opportunity of placing at your disposal a sufficient number to circulate with your bills for next month. Could you advise me how many copies you would require?

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

HM:JB

Henry Montor
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Dear Dr. Silver:

Now that the fall campaign has begun in earnest, the communities are once again in need of stimulation that you can give.

Of the various requests which have been received, I submit two for your consideration:

(1) Wilmington, Delaware, which would like to open its campaign on Sunday evening, November 16, has been most cooperative with the U.J.A. and is the type of community which, with increasing cooperation on our part, has potentialities for greater results. Wilmington, as you know, is close to New York. It is probable that you have rarely, if ever, visited that community. I think it is worth while. It is the home of the DuPonts and has been known to rise to great heights, as it did during the last war period.

(2) Norfolk, Virginia, through its Chairman, Mr. Morton Cushner, has written to urge the U.J.A. to use its influence to prevail upon you to accept its invitation to open its campaign on Sunday, October 19th or any date thereafter. Mr. Cushner is expected to be at the Zionist Convention. I would appreciate it greatly if you would let me know by that time so that I could advise Mr. Cushner.

I will be at the Gibson Hotel in the event you want to write to me.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

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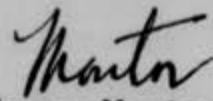
Dear Dr. Silver:

What plans should be made for a meeting of the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal during the month of September?

I am wondering whether plans for such a meeting might be hedged about with difficulty because of the occurrence of Rosh Hashonah on September 22nd.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:EE

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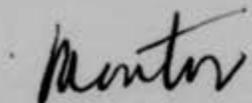
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Tenth and Ansel Roads
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have turned over the Linder letter to our "bloodhounds" and hope to have more information for you as soon as possible.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:JB

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
41 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

MEMORANDUM

September 4, 1941

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

FROM: Mr. Henry Montor

Attached hereto is a copy of an interesting summary of films distributed by the United Palestine Appeal during the period from January to June, 1941.

The figures indicate the recorded number of times these films were shown in the cities listed.

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U. P. A. FILMS RECORD

JANUARY - JUNE 1941

<u>STATE</u>	<u>"DAGANIA"</u>	<u>"THEY FIND A HOME"</u>	<u>"COLLECTIVE ADVENTURE"</u>
Arizona	1		
California	14	7	1
Delaware			1
Washington, D.C.		1	4
Florida		1	
Georgia		1	1
Illinois	4	2	1
Indiana	2	3	7
Iowa		1	2
Louisiana	1	1	
(New Orleans)	2	1	2
Maine	3		
Massachusetts	15	2	1
Michigan	1	1	3
Minnesota		4	2
Mississippi		1	
Missouri			3
Nebraska	2	4	
New Jersey	9	4	1
New York State	1	2	4
(New York City)	10	5	5
North Carolina	1	1	1
Ohio	10	7	1
(Cleveland)	8	7	8
Oklahoma			1
Pennsylvania	11	14	4
Rhode Island	2	1	
Tennessee	4	3	2
Texas	3	3	2
Vermont	1		
Virginia	1	1	
Washington	4		
West Virginia	4	2	
Wisconsin	3	1	2
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	117	80	60

Total Requests for Films 257*

* These figures do not necessarily indicate the number of times these films were actually shown within a given state after they were shipped from the national office. In many instances, films were kept for one or two months and were used extensively during the campaign.

REMARKS: The following are interesting composite comments on the three films:

"DAGANIA"

.....the combination of good photography, excellent subject matter and the comments of Maurice Samuel, had a very visible effect upon the audience last night.

.....Impressed. Had little understanding of Palestine previously.

.....One of the Christian chaplains who was present asked to see the film again and have it shown to non-Jewish groups.

.....It was beautiful. This was their first glimpse into Palestine. Best comprehensive and well-rounded views of Eretz that I have ever seen.

.....The response was most enthusiastic. Time and again the young people applauded spontaneously.

"COLLECTIVE ADVENTURE"

.....Gave our audience a first-hand picture of what is being done in Palestine - and how!

.....Film helped launch our renewal drive for membership.

.....Very much impressed.

.....Needs better sound track.

.....It was a great hit even with those of us who saw it previously.

"THEY FIND A HOME"

.....Film was thoroughly enjoyed by a capacity audience.

.....Showing of film big help in raising funds.

.....Excellent.

Charge to the account of _____ \$

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DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM	ORDINARY
DAY LETTER	URGENT RATE
SERIAL	DEFERRED
OVERNIGHT TELEGRAM	NIGHT LETTER
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Send the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Sept. 4, 1941

Henry Monton
Biltmore Hotel
Dayton, Ohio

Will be glad to see you here Friday
morning. Kindest regards.
Silver

September 8, 1941

To

From Mr. Henry Montor

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter which Dr. Silver has received from Mr. Jacob Blaustein, with reference to the Council of Federation's program for national budgeting. I am also enclosing again a copy of the draft which Dr. Silver had addressed to Mr. Blaustein.

Dr. Silver is drafting a letter of reply which will then be made available.

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Sent to: DR. SOLOMON GOLDMAN
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Mr. Henry Montor
Gibson Hotel
Cincinnati, Ohio

HAVE THOUGHT THE MATTER OVER AND DECIDED NOT TO COME STOP POSITION OF
UPA DOES NOT CALL FOR DEFENSE AND I DO NOT WISH TO BE DRAWN INTO A PHONEY
JURISDICTIONAL DISPUTE.

A. H. Silver

September 8, 1941

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I am sorry that I can not go to
Norfolk, Virginia, much as I should like to.

As far as Wilmington is concerned,
I may be free to go there in November, but
not on a Sunday.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
41 EAST 42nd STREET

MEMORANDUM

Date September 8, 1941

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From Mr. Henry Montor

Subject

In accordance with the decision of the last meeting of the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal, a supplementary account is being opened by the United Palestine Appeal at the Public National Bank and Trust Co.

I am herewith sending you an authorized signature card. Would you be kind enough to place your signature on the left hand side of the card and return it as promptly as possible so that the card may be given to the bank and the account formally opened.

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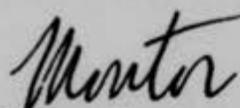
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Tenth and Ansel Roads
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of the resolution which was adopted at the convention of the Zionist Organization of America on the subject of "Coordination of Zionist Activities".

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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Encl.

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
41 EAST 42nd STREET

MEMORANDUM

Date September 10, 1941

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Mr. Charles J. Rosenbloom

From Henry Montor

Subject

In the late afternoon of Wednesday, September 10th, I found before me a copy of the attached letter signed by Abraham Keller, Chief Accountant of the United Jewish Appeal. I knew nothing of this letter until after it had gone out.

This letter had not been authorized. I informed Mr. Keller that he had more than exceeded his authority and was under no circumstances authorized or entitled to send such a letter to the officers of the United Jewish Appeal. He informed me that Mr. Goldwasser had instructed him to dictate such a letter and to send it out without consulting anyone else.

Under the circumstances, therefore, you are entitled to ignore the letter.

HM:EH
Encl.

September 10, 1941

Rabbis Abba Hillel Silver and
Jonah B. Wise, National Chairmen
Messrs. I. Edwin Goldwasser and
Charles J. Rosenbloom, Co-Treasurers
United Jewish Appeal
New York City.

Gentlemen:

An additional remittance of \$100,000 has just been received from the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago. With it was the following letter:-

"In accordance with a letter which we have received recently from Dr. Jonah B. Wise, I take pleasure in forwarding to the United Jewish Appeal herewith a check of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago in the sum of \$100,000.

We are forwarding this sum in view of the fact that Dr. Wise indicated the great need for funds, and particularly indicated the great need for funds on behalf of the National Refugee Service. It is the hope of the Directors of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago, with whom I have discussed the matter, that some way will be found by the United Jewish Appeal, in consequence of the suggestion made by the 1940 Allotment Committee that priority be given to the National Refugee Service in the distribution of funds, -- in view of the National Refugee Service's difficult financial position, to make available to the National Refugee Service a considerable portion of the funds now forwarded by us."

There is as of this date in the 1941 national campaign treasury \$288,727.58. The usual procedure would be to give to the Joint Distribution Committee \$128,250, the United Palestine Appeal \$75,750, and the National Refugee Service \$60,000.

As the Accountant for the United Jewish Appeal, I feel that in deference to Mr. Goldsmith I should submit this letter to you. If you decide to follow his suggestion, will you kindly advise me in writing so that in preparing and submitting the necessary checks to the Treasurers, I can show proper authorization for the distribution of funds, as suggested.

Sincerely yours,

Abraham Keller
Chief Accountant

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Henry Montor

Dear Dr. Silver:

I received a telephone call yesterday from Charles Rosenbloom advising me that he had received a telegram asking him to attend a "small confidential conference" at the Ritz Carlton Hotel on October 18th and 19th to discuss the "refugee problem in America". It was emphasized in the wire, which Mr. Rosenbloom described as being very "lengthy", that no funds would be raised but that a serious situation had arisen with respect to the refugee problem and refugee needs and that this had to be considered by a select group of American Jewish leaders. It is interesting to note that the signatories of the wire are David Dubinsky, Judge Samuel Rosenman, William Rosenwald and William Shroder. The wire was sent from 122 East 42nd Street, which is Mr. Rosenwald's office address.

During the next few weeks both the J.D.C., as you are aware, and the N.R.S. are arranging for small private meetings in virtually every major city in the country for the purpose of emphasizing the needs of either the J.D.C. or the N.R.S. In each case the meeting has no relationship to the local Welfare Fund but is arranged by a local individual on a more or less social basis.

I realize that there is nothing much that we can or wish to do about the situation, but I thought that you would like to know particularly about the October 18-19 meeting. I wonder whether it is merely coincidence that it takes place at about the same time as the projected meeting of the Allotment Committee of the U.J.A.

I had a meeting yesterday with Professor Ginzberg who, without expressing himself explicitly or committing himself in any way, indicated that his report would point out certain deficiencies in the N.R.S. structure which presumably would involve less expenditure. He stated that he had intimated his conclusions to both the J.D.C. and the N.R.S. Whether this has any bearing on the October 18-19 meeting I do not know.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

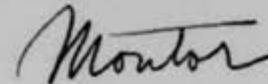
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September 11, 1941

Do you believe that there ought to be any meeting of the Administrative Committee of the U.P.A. some time toward the end of this month after the New Year?

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
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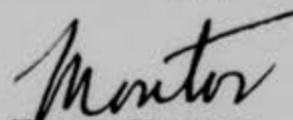
Dear Dr. Silver:

You may be interested in a letter which I received from Amos Deinard of Minneapolis.

Isn't there some expression in law which has to do with "suborning" of witnesses?

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Henry Montor

September 11, 1941

Mr. Amos Delnard
1036 Andrus Building
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Delnard:

This will acknowledge your letter of September 8th. It is my impression from conversations held at various times with Professor Eli Ginsberg that it is planned to have a meeting of the Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal around October 15th. I am sure that Professor Ginsberg will be glad to cooperate so that you would not be removed from a regional meeting which is certainly vital to you and to a great many other people in your part of the country.

Hoping that I have your permission, I am turning a copy of your letter over to Professor Ginsberg and asking him to communicate directly with you. He is, as you know, the Director of the Inquiry and is now responsible for the calling of all meetings. As I understand it, he is expecting to send out the material to the members of the Allotment Committee as far along as possible for the projected meeting of the Committee, so that there will be ample time for considering the data presented. However, he can write to you with much greater authority on this subject.

Looking forward to the pleasure of seeing you in New York next month, I am, with kindest personal regards,

Cordially yours,

HW:JM

Henry Hontor
Executive Director

September 12, 1941

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I believe that we ought to have a meeting of the Administrative Committee of the UPA towards the end of this month. A meeting has been called of the committee on Palestine affairs (the Weizmann-Stroock committee) to meet in New York on Thursday, September 25, from five o'clock on. I would suggest that the meeting of the UPA be a luncheon meeting. *on same day.* If that cannot be arranged, I might try to come for an evening meeting on Wednesday, September 24 although I would much prefer the luncheon meeting.

The subject to which you call my attention about the NRS small confidential conference as well as similar meetings of the JDC will have to be discussed at this meeting. It might be necessary to call conferences of our own to counteract this subtle pressure which is being built up to make a raid on the Allotment Committee.

I believe that you should continue your conferences with Dr. Ginzberg and suggest to him that he indicate more fully in his report that the NRS must cut its expenses. It cannot expect to have its entire bill met at the expense of the UPA or the JDC. Neither of these two latter organizations is operating, or ever has operated on a full budget and has ever been able to do a hundred percent job because of lack of funds. The NRS can not expect preferential treatment, i.e., have all of its bills paid for a full program of services (however laudable) with the UPA and the JDC getting the leavings, if any are left.

I have written to Mr. Keller about his letter of September 10. You have by now, I am sure, received a copy of it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

September 11, 1941

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United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Montor:

I am sending you herewith a copy of the letter which I sent to Mr. Blaustein as well as the revised draft of the memorandum which I sent him originally. You will note there are no material changes in the revised draft. We still insist upon changing the name of the committee and upon the three year period during which the subject of advisory budgeting is not to be reopened. All the other revisions are made for purposes of clarification.

With all good wishes, I remain

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Because of the limited time available (unfortunately I was out of town in connection with some U.J.A. matters) I would be very grateful if you would wire the U.P.A. office Monday morning indicating your approval or corrections in the letter. I shall not be in the office but Miss Cohen, my secretary, has complete instructions on going forward with the sending out of the letter. Perhaps you could give Miss Kline whatever corrections you have in mind and these could then be given to Miss Cohen on the telephone. I should very much like this to go out no later than Monday, September 15th.

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DRAFT OF A NEW YEAR LETTER
TO U.P.A., KEY LEADERS FROM DR. SILVER

Dear

On the occasion of the New Year, I should like to convey to you the greetings and best wishes of the officers of the United Palestine Appeal.

We in the United Palestine Appeal are grateful for the understanding and support with which you have responded to the needs of Palestine in a year of catastrophic war. I cannot help feeling that American Jewry in its turn owes a debt of gratitude to the Jewish community in Eretz Israel, whose heroic stand at the side of Great Britain has been a source of inspiration and hope to Jews everywhere, especially to those Jews who have been imprisoned behind the ghetto walls set up by the Nazi regime in so many parts of the European continent.

In the annals of Jewish history the year 5701 will be marked as a year of unprecedented persecution and suffering, a year in which the very existence of the Jewish people was menaced by relentless and fanatical foes.

In the midst of this hatred and destruction, Palestine was the one outstanding instance of further constructive progress. In spite of the war clouds overhanging the Jewish homeland, the year just ended resulted in further achievement, strengthening the Jewish position in Palestine. The Jewish community of Palestine gained in quantity, as well as quality, and it is now stronger and larger than ever before. This increases its capacity to absorb, when this war will end, millions of our brethren who, uprooted by the War and intense Nazi persecution, will need a new start in more normal surroundings.

Despite difficult communications and severe restrictions, Palestine absorbed during the year 5701 an important number of Jewish refugees. With one regrettable exception, when 1659 refugees were deported to the Island of St. Mauritius, all of them found a haven and work opportunities in Palestine. Palestine's Jewish community showed during the year another net increase of 22,000, most of which is due to immigration.

With the Allied occupation of Iran, a new and easy way was opened for Jewish refugees who were stranded in Soviet Russia after their previous flight from Poland, Rumania and the Baltic countries. The United Palestine Appeal was instrumental in rescuing a considerable number of desperate refugees during the last year and will now have a new opportunity for this work.

In the midst of war dangers, the Palestine institutions supported by the United Palestine Appeal - Jewish Agency, Keren Hayesod and the Jewish National Fund - went ahead with their constructive activities. About 40,000 more dunams of land became the permanent property of the Jewish people. New settlements were founded and great efforts were made to enlarge the cultivated area of previously founded villages. New irrigation work was successfully accomplished. Due to these efforts, mainly financed by the United Palestine Appeal, the production of food by the Jewish agriculturists of Palestine is now about 30% greater than before the outbreak of the war. Palestine can now rely upon its own food to a much greater extent than ever before.

No interruption took place in the activities of the Jewish Agency aimed at enlarging the labor opportunities in Palestine. Thousands of refugees and local workers were trained in new trades, insuring a greater productivity of the country and more earnings to themselves.

With the help of the United Palestine Appeal funds spent through the Jewish Agency, local communities were able to lay important highways and carry out other work-creating projects. A number of fishing villages were established on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea. All kinds of mechanical trades pertaining to factories, automobiles and aviation were actively promoted. While being used at present for the conduct of the war, this great amount of technical knowledge diffused among the young Jewish generation of Palestine will, after the war, become of tremendous importance for the further upbuilding of the Jewish National Home.

I am proud to state that the United Palestine Appeal, through its agencies in Palestine, was able to play an important part in the activities which sustained the Jewish economy of Palestine in the present war emergency. By organizing the new Jewish industries and sustaining them with credits and guarantees, the Jewish Agency was able to overcome the dangers which a policy of inactivity would involve in the present war period. We may take much credit for the increased employment in Palestine's cities and villages.

While the public school system of Palestine is carried mainly by the local Jewish community represented by the National Council, the subsidy of the Jewish Agency is essential for its continued existence. During the year 1901 the Jewish Agency, financed principally by the United Palestine Appeal, was able to assure not only the continuous work of the public schools under the supervision of the National Council, but it also helped to rescue the schools of the Alliance Israélite Universelle which were on the verge of liquidation because of the collapse of their parent body in France.

Institutions of higher learning such as the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, the Technical Institute of Haifa, the Music Academy, the Arts

Institute, the Chemical Research Institute in Rehobot, the Teachers' Seminaries and an increasing number of Rabbinical Schools, including the Yeshivoth recently transferred from Poland and Lithuania, all functioned in a normal way. Some of them, and this particularly applies to the Hebrew University, greatly expanded their facilities. Other cultural activities, newspapers, book-publishing, theaters, orchestras, continued as usual. The development of Palestine into a Jewish center, not only in an economic but also in the cultural sense of the word, is rapidly becoming a reality.

Continuously harassed by financial difficulties the medical institutions of Palestine did splendid work. Thus the health standards of the Jewish Homeland were maintained on the previously attained high level.

I am happy to state that the task of overcoming the serious economic difficulties encountered by Palestine at the beginning of the present war, and of adapting the life of the Jewish community to the new war needs, was greatly facilitated by the improved relations established with our Arab neighbors. It would seem that independently of their broader political aspects, Jewish-Arab relations locally will continue to improve, further progress of the country facilitating for the benefit of both peoples.

During the year 5701 the Jews of Palestine greatly increased their participation in the war against Nazism. While London still hesitates about the offer of a substantial Jewish Army based on Palestine, about 10,000 Palestinian Jewish volunteers entered the ranks. Many of them distinguished themselves by bravery in Libya, East Africa, Greece and Syria. The casualty lists published in Palestine contained about 2,000 Jewish names, killed, lost and missing.

In summarizing the Jewish year 5701, I cannot conceal the fact

that the leaders of the upbuilding work in Palestine were frankly disappointed by the comparatively meager sums received from the United States. The total revenue of the United Palestine Appeal was much below the growing needs of Palestine's upbuilding. Many important tasks scheduled originally for this year had to be postponed, and the accumulated needs of Palestine are growing in volume and intensity. It is fair to say that the Palestine institutions will be confronted during the coming year with much greater opportunities - in the field of colonization, land buying, work training, immigration, industrial expansion. It would be a great pity if these opportunities were not used to their full extent.

The money given to the United Palestine Appeal may be regarded as the best and safest investment of the American Jewish community from the point of view of our continued existence as a people.

I hope that this will be better understood in the months to come and that the leaders of the courageous Jewish community in Palestine will have an even greater measure of response from the great Jewish community in the United States.

We face the New Year with a solemn hope that persecution and oppression of our people will be ended, and that reparation and restitution will be made to the first and hardest-hit victims of Hitlerism. But we must recognize that the prospect of peace in itself constitutes a challenge to us to plan and work for the rehabilitation of the Jewish people on a firm and constructive footing. The continued upbuilding and defense of Palestine as the cornerstone for a reborn Jewish life in the post-war era, constitutes a task of immediate necessity and importance.

May the New Year strengthen all of us in the resolve to assure the survival of the Jewish people on a level of freedom and creative existence.

Very cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver

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United Palestine Appeal
41 E. 42nd St.
New York City

Attention: Miss Cohen

Dear Miss Cohen:

I am enclosing herewith at the suggestion of Mr. Montor a revised draft of the New Year letter which is to be sent out. I have made some minor changes in the first four pages, and have substituted a few closing paragraphs to take the place of page 5.

I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:RR

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