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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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SECRETARY OF WAR STIMSON AND KNOX OF THE NAVY WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES JOINED WITH PAUL V MCNUTT IN CALLING A NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF COMMUNITY LEADERS AT WASHINGTON LAST THURSDAY. THIS WAS A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS. I AM ASKED BY THEM TO CALL YOU TO A REGIONAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN CHICAGO ON THURSDAY MORNING APRIL 24TH ELEVEN O'CLOCK AT STEVENS HOTEL NOT PALMER HOUSE AS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED AT WASHINGTON. THE DEFENSE PROGRAM HAS CALLED A MILLION YOUNG MEN INTO SERVICE CENTRES. IT WILL CALL MORE. THESE CENTRES MUST BE LOCATED FOR MILITARY PURPOSES WHICH MEANS THAT ADJACENT COMMUNITIES GENERALLY DO NOT HAVE FACILITIES FOR SOLDIER ACTIVITIES ACTIVITIES OFF THE MILITARY POST. THE CHIEF OF STAFF INSISTS THAT MCRALE IS DEPENDENT ON THE PROVISION OF THE FACILITIES BY PRIVATE AGENCIES. SIX NATIONAL AGENCIES HAVE WORKED OUT A COOPERATIVE PLAN WHICH HAS BEEN APPROVED. THIS REGIONAL CONFERENCE IS TO GIVE INFORMATION AND TO PLAN ACTION WHICH WILL

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CHAMP CARRY CHAIRMAN.



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UNITED SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVITATION. REGRET INABILITY TO ATTEND MEETING
APRIL 24. AM SCHEDULED TO BE EAST FOR IMPORTANT CONFERENCE THAT DAY. WILL
BE HAPPY TO COOPERATE

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICE • THE SALVATION ARMY • THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

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The Executive Committee of the "United Service Organizations Campaign" is now complete and I am inviting the entire group to have luncheon with me in the Terminal Club, 8th floor, Cleveland Hotel, Monday, May 26th, at 12:15 P.M. for the purpose of reviewing our position and determining the course to be followed for the realization of Cleveland's quota of \$250,000.00.

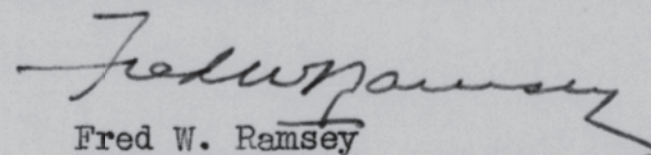
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I will be very grateful for your attendance.

"U" Division—Co-Chairmen
ELLWOOD H. FISHER
JOHN A. GREENE

Yours sincerely

"S" Division—Co-Chairmen
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P.S. Under separate cover I am sending copies of literature furnished by the national headquarters, which you will be interested in looking over.

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For God and Country -- United We Serve

A PRELIMINARY STATEMENT ON THE PROGRAM OF

United Service ORGANIZATIONS

FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE, INC.

The Young Men's Christian Association • The National Catholic Community
Service • The Salvation Army • The Young Women's Christian Association
The Jewish Welfare Board • The National Travelers Aid Association

Everyone wants to help defend their country and to help those who are doing the most to defend it. That is why there is now being organized a great nation-wide effort to help bring to our soldiers, sailors and defense workers a program which will contribute to their morale and show appreciation of what they are doing.

Here is the story:

The youth of our nation is the core of our defense.

More than 1,500,000 young Americans are in uniform today.

Over 2,000,000 others, many of them young people, are engaged in our new defense industries.

These are our defenders. We stake our national destiny on their spirit—on their vital morale.

The Making of Morale

Within camps and naval stations every effort is made to develop morale. Not only by military discipline but by programs of recreation, education and religious service. The objective is to create spirited defenders.

But when required duties are done for the day the soldier or the sailor is eager to get away from bounds. He seeks relaxation in the nearby communities.

What happens then?

The Camp Community Problem

Many communities adjacent to the huge training centers and new defense industrial plants are ill-prepared for this sudden influx of eager youth.

Boys in uniform stand on street corners—wondering what to do, no place to go, no good friend to whom they may turn when lonely or in need of advice.

The homesick boy is often easy prey for the vicious elements which promote questionable recreation and even vice.

This is a matter of gravest concern to our Army and Navy leaders because in too many cases it nullifies much of their constructive effort.

In this crisis the Government is turning to its citizens for aid.

The President, Secretary Stimson, Secretary Knox and Federal Security Administrator McNutt have asked six great national agencies working through a single cooperative body, to develop and operate a nation-wide program of service to soldiers, sailors and defense workers in communities where such help is needed.

United for Service

These agencies are: The Young Men's Christian Association, The National Catho-

lic Community Service, The Salvation Army, The Young Women's Christian Association, The Jewish Welfare Board and The National Travelers Aid Association.

These agencies have gained extensive experience during and since the last war. They have the confidence of Army and Navy authorities, the boys now in service and citizens generally.

These organizations have been combined within a single coordinating body, thereby assuring a minimum of duplication and a maximum of effectiveness and economy, so they may work jointly for national service in the defense emergency. This cooperative body is the United Service Organizations for National Defense, Inc.



The U.S.O. Program

The United Service Organizations plans to set up 339 service clubs adjacent to camps, naval stations and defense industries throughout the United States and its overseas bases so that the influence and comfort of the American home community may be brought to those who have been separated from their homes to service their country.

The activities of the United Service Organizations will not be confined to their own buildings. It will cooperate with local groups to marshal all community resources for the betterment of morale.

The activities of the U.S.O. service clubs will include counsel and guidance, religious service, social events and diversified group recreations.

The facilities provided are solely for helpfulness and recreation. The boys have the

option of entering any of these service clubs or all—or none. The choice is entirely his and no attempt will be made to influence him.

The Financing

The Government plans to provide the needed buildings, which will be leased to the United Service Organizations for a nominal fee. Consistent with its policy of imbuing the whole nation with a sense of morale it has left the financing of the manifold activities to the public as a spiritual responsibility. Furthermore, this policy emphasizes anew the disassociation between State and Church.

The Citizen's Part

The total cost of the programs for the six units participating in the United Service Organizations, for the first year, will be approximately \$10,765,000.

To mobilize citizens in a nation-wide campaign to raise this money a committee of the leaders of the nation has been organized. Chairmen are to be appointed and committees organized in every State, county and community in the country for the campaign which will open June 3.

Urgency of the Need

In the meantime advance gift solicitation is under way so work may be started at once at points where the need is greatest. It grows greater every day as more boys entrain for camp. It is doubly urgent now because we are not at war. It is much harder to build morale in peace-time, when there are no battle flags, no soldiers marching to the front.

All Are Asked to Help

The forthcoming campaign gives every individual an immediate opportunity to share in defense work. The organization must be swiftly and surely assembled to insure the success of the fund. A great army of workers must be recruited and equipped, ready to take the field when the call is sounded.

The incentive resides within our national situation. The men now in training and the tides of youth who will follow them into camp, warships or defense plants are sacrificing. Participation in this enterprise of the United Service Organizations is an acknowledgment of the debt we owe those who are guaranteeing our safety and the continuation of our democratic way of life.

Moreover, it will be a demonstration, which will stand before the world, of the unity of all faiths in the transcendent spirit of America.

Volunteer for service in the U.S.O. campaign in your own city or town. Communicate directly with U.S.O. headquarters in New York, if you have not already been advised, and you will be given information regarding plans of organization in your area.

United Service Organizations

FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE INC.

EMPIRE STATE BLDG., NEW YORK, N. Y.

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MINUTES

Luncheon Meeting, May 26, 1941
Executive Committee
Terminal Club, Hotel Cleveland

Those attending:

Fred W. Ramsey, Presiding

Archbishop Joseph Schrembs
Rev. Philip Smead Bird
Dean Chester D. Emerson
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Mayor Edward Blythin
Mrs. Julius Fryer
Miss Mabel Head
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Dr. C. V. Thomas
Malcolm B. Vilas
Willard W. Wilson

1. The meeting was opened with invocation by Archbishop Schrembs.
2. Mr. Ramsey gave a brief outline of the purpose of the campaign, and the background of the need of the work of the U.S.O. In explaining the need, Mr. Ramsey gave a short account of his personal visits to camps, and pointed out the very definite unpreparedness and inability of towns adjacent to camps to provide for the tremendous influx of soldiers, sailors and national defense workers. Mr. Ramsey explained that the Army and Navy Departments were taking care of the men within the confines of their posts with recreational, religious and other needs, but the urgency was to take care of the men on their "off-post" activities. He further pointed out that since the United States is not at war, men in camps are allowed more liberties than the soldiers of the previous war were allowed, thus increasing the importance of the work we are about to undertake.
3. Mr. Ramsey read a brief paragraph from the United Service Organization manual, wherein Mr. Frank L. Weil states: "This country has embarked upon a program of national defense against its will. It has embarked upon a program of military preparedness which has been forced upon it. It is therefore vital that we shall preserve the faith in the belief in the individual dignity of man, so that our young men may preserve that dignity and not become lost as parts of a machine...." "The one great problem before the United States today is that we make effective our program of national defense. There is but one enemy of that program--that enemy is loss of unity....We reject any philosophy that seeks to take our differences and give them aversions to each other. From these differences we propose to continue to draw strength, and in this strength we shall, in our American way of life, maintain unity."

4. Mr. Ramsey asked for approval of the Committee for those actions taken in bringing the campaign to date, explaining the three major divisions of the campaign, the "U" Division to solicit the major industrial corporations as units, including the corporation gift and executive group in a single gift. "S" Division, Special Gifts including those not in "U" Division, and "O" soliciting those in the outlying territories, both individuals and industrial firms.

5. Mr. Ramsey stated that Mr. Sidney B. Congdon had agreed to serve as Treasurer, and asked that Mr. Congdon be given authority to appoint others to sign checks in his absence and handle those things pertaining to the Treasurer's office. Mr. Cull moved that items 4 and 5 be approved. Mr. Wilson seconded, and it was unanimously carried.

6. Mr. Ramsey then asked approval of the campaign objective of \$250,000 and of the dates of the campaign as outlined below:

Opening dates of Campaign

- (1) "U" - Monday noon, June 9
- (2) "S" - Tuesday Noon, June 10
- (3) Opening Public Phase ("O")
Monday night, June 23

Closing date - Tuesday Night, July 1st

and such report dates as may be necessary.

7. Mr. Ramsey stated that Mr. Thomas E. Dewey, the National Campaign Chairman, had been asked to speak in Cleveland on June 6th and that he expected confirmation within the next 48 hours of Mr. Dewey's acceptance. In this connection it was thought wise to attempt a large mass meeting, preceeded by a parade of youth with the theme "Youth Supports Youth," drawing upon the Boy Scouts, the Girl Reserves, the Hi-Y Clubs, the high school representation including their bands, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and others to the extent of approximately 3,000 in a short parade ending at the Arena, with this group to be seated on the Arena floor. Through the medium of Radio and Press, invitation to be extended to the city at large, to attend the meeting and hear Mr. Dewey's message. After some discussion, Archbishop Schrembs moved that Mr. Ramsey's proposal be approved and amended to include the dates of the campaign and the objective. This was seconded by Dean Emerson and unanimously carried.

8. In closing, Mr. Ramsey called upon Rabbi Silver, Archbishop Schrembs, Mayor Blythin, Rev. Philip Smead Bird and Dean Emerson. Each in turn covered an important appeal of the campaign. To summarize:

Rabbi Silver: "That the combined efforts of the six agencies will become the beacon light of guidance for the spiritual, recreational and welfare needs of our army, navy and defense workers."

Archbishop Schrembs: "That the unity of action of this program will be the effective force in caring for the needs of our soldiers, sailors and defense workers, and conveying to them the unity of the nation. "

Mayor Blythin: That through the United Service Organizations and the forces behind them, it becomes our obligation to help develop a morale so strong that the nation may live over all obstacles.

Rev. Bird: That this is the work of the Kingdom. "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done in Earth as it is in Heaven."

Dean Emerson: That in recalling his experiences in France, outstanding in his mind is the amazing results that a little friendliness and kindness and sympathy can bring...that in war even more than in peace, a man needs to be fit in mind and heart.

9. Mr. Ramsey stated that it was not his intention to call the committee together often, and that he was appreciative of their support and their giving of time and thoughts to the success of the United Service Organizations Campaign, and thanked all those in attendance.



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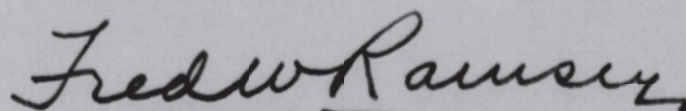
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Under the national chairmanship of Thomas E. Dewey a campaign to secure \$10,765,000 for a very important defense service in which all citizens are asked to join, will be undertaken in June. The enclosed literature issued by the national headquarters sets forth the plan and objective of the movement.

The six national agencies have been requested by President Roosevelt and the Secretaries of War and of the Navy to pool their resources of personnel and experience for this essential service, and they have cordially accepted the proposal. This united service will be rendered under the name of "United Service Organizations For National Defense, Inc."

I want you to know this as we will need your assistance in securing Cleveland's share in the national goal.

Sincerely yours,



Fred W. Ramsey, Campaign Chairman

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United Service Organizations

FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE INC.

EMPIRE STATE BLDG. NEW YORK, N. Y.

A STATEMENT ON PROGRAM

THE common task of the united organizations will be to provide services not otherwise available in the communities near camps and defense industries, where the young men and women of our military and defense organization spend their free time.

As far as possible, member organizations will strive for a common program, subject to such variations as local resources and needs suggest. At the same time, each organization will seek to render its own distinctive type of service and to make its own distinctive contribution in terms of its philosophy and purpose and established clientele.

Local needs will be the point of departure in program planning — these to be determined on the basis of first-hand study which will include consultation with military authorities, local citizens' groups, and government officials. Lay and professional representatives of the cooperating organizations will serve, with other citizens, on the essential local community-wide planning committees and will function also in ways to strengthen these community committees. In no sense are the programs of these organizations to be conceived as substitutes for public recreation; rather they complement public recreation, as in the case of "normal" communities. The U.S.O. seeks to avoid any assumption of public agency functions, in particular, mass recreation and large-scale over-night housing.

The programs of the member groups will be geared to service to individuals as individuals and to the activities of small groups.

The development of friendly and wholesome contacts between persons in civilian and military life will be a major function, directed toward helping men in uniform to adjust themselves to their new conditions of life with enthusiasm and high morale.

With these considerations in mind, the contemplated local program may be characterized as follows:

1. *Religious service* for those of different faiths, in cooperation with the chaplains in camp and with the churches in the community.
2. *Counsel and guidance* covering the full range of personal problems.
3. *Social events*, including dances, in cooperation with morale and recreation officers, providing opportunity for wholesome community contacts.
4. *Home hospitality*, in the largest meas-

ure possible, to provide congenial associations that lead to normal friendships.

5. *Building services*, including lounges; reading and writing facilities; games (checkers, ping pong, etc.); light refreshments; overnight sleeping accommodations on a limited scale if required; provision for meetings and social functions. An effort will be made to provide a friendly, attractive, and home-like "club house" atmosphere for service men and their guests.

6. *Entertainment*: games and self-directed activities.

7. *Group activities*: including special interest or hobby groups, discussion groups, cultural groups, particularly in dramatics and music.

8. *Cooperation with educational and cultural programs in camp*.

9. *Hospital visiting*, under the direction of and with the cooperation of the American Red Cross and camp chaplains.

10. *Information service*, regarding

a. *Room registry* for civilian employees of Army and Navy posts, for commissioned officers, non-commissioned officers and enlisted men who must provide homes for their families, and for workers in defense industries.

b. *Transportation facilities*, railroad and bus schedules to and from camps; information for relatives and friends who wish to visit service men and defense workers.

c. *Recreational resources*, places of interest, other community resources.

d. *Aid in locating soldiers*, in nearby

camps who do not correspond regularly with their homes.

11. Where no other social service agencies exist, *aid to transient soldiers and sailors* on leave or on passes who require transportation or a place to stay. Similarly, aid to relatives and friends of service men who come into these communities to visit them.

12. Follow-up service for *preservation of community contacts*:

a. Names of enlisted or selected men maintained on mailing lists of organizations to which they belong.

b. Subscriptions to local newspapers and periodicals sent to them at camp.

13. *Helpful literature*.

14. *Special service to women and girls*.

a. Counsel and practical aid in individual problems.

b. Religious guidance.

c. Group program with attention to religion, health, personal and family relations, work problems, inter-racial and international relations.

d. Co-educational and co-recreational activities: dramatics, discussion groups, social events, including dances.

Programs will vary, depending upon local needs and resources. Each agency, naturally, will emphasize certain aspects of work that reflect its particular philosophy and approach. Both nationally and locally the objective will be to provide the maximum of cooperation in the planning and conduct of activities.

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June 19, 1941

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, D. D.
Rabbi, The Temple
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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

The opening meeting of the soliciting organization for the United Service Campaign will be held next Monday evening, June 23, in the Euclid Ball Room of the Statler Hotel, at 6:30 P.M.

For the encouragement of the organization, I am anxious to have as full an attendance of our Committee as possible.

I will greatly appreciate your attendance and your presence at the Speaker's Table. I am asking the Speaker's Table group to meet at 6:15 P.M. in the Pine Room, mezzanine floor, Statler Hotel.

I hope to have your acceptance.

Yours sincerely,

Fred W. Ramsey

June 21, 1941

Mr. Fred Ramsey
United Service Organizations
1001 Huron Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Ramsey:

Thank you for your kind letter of June 19.
I should very much like to attend the opening
meeting on Monday evening, June 23, but I shall be
in the East on that day and regretfully, I shall be
unable to attend the meeting.

With all good wishes for success, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

USO WAR FUND CAMPAIGN FOR \$32,000,000 — OHIO'S GOAL \$2,145,000
MAY 11 — JULY 4, 1942

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The Temple
E. 105th St.
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have accepted the invitation of Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., National Honorary Chairman of the USO War Fund Campaign, to serve again as Ohio Chairman. Governor John W. Bricker has again consented to serve as Honorary Ohio Chairman.

The national goal for 1942 is \$32,000,000, of which Ohio's quota is \$2,145,000.

The services of USO among our fighting forces are of the greatest importance in winning the war, and I am writing to request your cooperation in this vital work by becoming a member of the Ohio Sponsoring Committee. Your support and counsel will be invaluable to the successful outcome of this campaign.

We are endeavoring to get under way as soon as possible, and I would appreciate very much if you could advise me of your acceptance at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Harvey S. Firestone Jr.
Ohio Chairman

HSFJr/V

March 13, 1942

Mr. Harvey S. Firestone Jr.
Ohio Chairman, United Service Organizations, Inc.
431 Atlas Building
8 East Long Street
Columbus, Ohio

My dear Mr. Firestone:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of March 12 to Rabbi Silver. Rabbi Silver is in England at the present time. When he returns to Cleveland I shall be pleased to refer your letter to his attention.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

April 9, 1942

Mr. Harvey S. Firestone Jr., Ohio Chairman
United Service Organizations, Inc.
431 Atlas Building
Columbus, Ohio

My dear Mr. Firestone:

I have just returned from England and I find your letter of March 12 inviting me to become a member of the Ohio Sponsoring Committee of the USO War Fund Campaign. I shall of course be most happy to serve and I wish that important cause every success.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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Dr. Abba H. Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th St. at Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Prior to the opening of the USO War Fund Campaign in Ohio, we are holding a meeting of community leaders at Columbus on May first and I hope that you can be with us.

I am sure you will find the program an interesting one and most valuable in preparation for the drive. We have been fortunate in securing as one of our speakers for that day, Mr. Prescott S. Bush, National Campaign Chairman. Our Honorary Chairman, Governor John W. Bricker, will give an address of welcome at the opening of the meeting.

The program is designed to conserve your time and give you all the information and assistance you need in helping to make Ohio one of the first States to reach its quota.

The meeting will be held at the Deshler-Wallick Hotel in Columbus. It will open at 10:30 A.M. and close not later than 5:00 P.M. In addition to various informative talks, you will be given the opportunity to discuss any problems you may have with those fully acquainted with the work of USO and its War Fund Campaign.

National Headquarters consider this a very important meeting and your presence will help greatly to make it a success.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Columbus on Friday morning, May first.

Sincerely yours,

Harvey S. Firestone, Jr.
Ohio Chairman

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