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On the Follow-Up of the White House Conference in Ohio

420 Rowlands Bldg., Columbus, Ohio

April 10,1941

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

I tried to see you following our meeting last Wednesday evening but was unsuccessful in my efforts.

I want to tell you of the great satisfaction that was expressed to me by many members of the Governor's Committee that you had accepted its leadership. Your address was both an inspiration and a challenge to us to go forward and not to accept any defeatest attitude in spite of threatening conditions in the world today.

You will be happy to know that the reports given by the three sectional chairmen on Thursday morning were adopted unanimously by the committee, and that plans are going forward to make the recommendations in these reports effective in our state.

The three chairmen will continue to serve as leaders of their respective sections, and within a short time they will appoint commissions to make needed studies in the fields of Welfare, Health and Education, to be reported upon at the general meeting to be held in Akron next October in connection with the Ohio Welfare Conference. In the meantime, the Ohio Welfare Conference plans to hold Regional Conferences within the next two months covering the entire state at which there will be reports of the meeting of the Governor's Committee last week, and plans made for making the recommendations adopted, effective in counties and local communities.

There will be ameeting of the joint program committees of the Ohio Welfare Conference and the Governor's Committee on Friday morning, April 18, in Columbus. This is for the purpose of making plans for the meeting next fall which will begin on Tuesday evening, October 7 and end on Friday noon or late afternoon, October 10th. We should be most happy to receive any suggestions you may have for this program.

Cordially yours

Hannah L. Protzman.

Secretary.

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Director Mrs. Betty Eckhardt May Today I am sending letters to my new "bosses." I arrived here on August 14th after completing my summer teaching assignment at the University of Michigan. Miss Curry stayed with us until August 23rd in order to see that I was well initiated. She has graciously agreed to stand by as an adviser.

The letter-head will give you details of the new address for the Committee and the telephone number. Our landlords, the Russell Sage Foundation, gave us an opportunity to get settled before September 1st, but our rent does not begin until that time.

Miss Curry asked me to tell you that Mrs. Borg and Mrs. Fisher agreed to serve as Committee members. You will note that they are included on this new letter-head. They have shown a great interest in the program of the Committee.

This letter is merely to tell you that I have reported for duty. I am now preparing a tentative plan of work for the year, to be submitted at the next meeting of the Executive Committee. I would appreciate any suggestions you may have to offer.

You may perhaps remember my association with the program at Oglebay Park, Wheeling, West Virginia. I still remember the excellent address you gave at one of our dinner meetings. Please let me know when you expect to be in New York. I was especially glad to find your name among the members of the Committee and hope that I may soon have an opportunity to see you. There is a possibility of my attending the joint meeting of the Governor's Committee on the Follow-up in Ohio and the Ohio Welfare Conference at Akron on October 8th.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Betty Eckhardt May

Director

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October 20,1941.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

As I told you just before you made your address at the joint meeting of the Governor's Committee on the Follow-Up in Ohio of the White House Conference and the Ohio Welfare Conference in Akron, we thought we had a court stenographer ready to take both yours and Mr. Taft's addresses. We did everything possible to get a stenotypist but were unable to locate one. The court stenographer failed us at the last moment.

We know it is asking a great deal of you but because your address was one of the outstanding contributions to our Conference, we earnestly hope that you will find it possible to send us at least a condensed outline of it for publishing in the printed Proceedings of the Conference.

Cordially yours,

Hannah L. Protzman' Executive Secretary

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October 21, 1941 Miss Hannah L. Protzman, Executive Secretary Ohio Welfare Conference 420 Rowlands Building 12 North Third Street Columbus, Ohio My dear Miss Protzman: Thank you so much for your kind letter. I am sorry that you did not have a stemographer available. I do not know when I shall have the opportunity to sit down and write out a digest of the address. My busy season is on and I travel about a good deal. If I get the opportunity, I shall be very happy to comply with your request. With all good wishes, and thanking you for the opportunity of addressing the fine group of men and women, I remain Most cordially yours. AHS: BK

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October 23, 1941

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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East 105 Street at Ansel Road
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

The enclosed program of the Ohio meeting indicates the far-reaching effect of the White House Conference follow-up in some states.

In order to have a first-hand knowledge of the needs and opportunities on a state and local level, I am spending considerable time this month in field work. In early November I hope to send you a narrative report of activities since I took over the office on August 15th and also a suggested plan of work for the year.

As a member of the National Citizens Committee, I hope you will send me your suggestions.

Sincerely yours,

Belly Eckhardt May

(Mrs.) Betty Eckhardt May

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. Folks has asked me to contact members of the Executive Committee in order to determine a suitable date for an early meeting in New York.

Certain proposals made at the January 19th meeting of the Emergency Cooperating Committee for Children and Youth, appointed from the National Citizens Committee and the American Youth Commission, demand careful consideration.

Please let me know if you could possibly arrange to spend about two hours in executive session sometime during the first week in February.

If by chance there is no possibility for attending such a meeting during the first week in February, will you indicate suitable days during the second week.

Please allow for alternatives in dates if possible, so that a day may be selected that will suit the convenience of the greatest number of members.

It will be very helpful if you can take time to reply promptly.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Betty Eckhardt May

Director

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Enclosure: List of Publications on White House Conference

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## The GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE

### On the Follow-Up in Ohio of the White House Conference

420 Rowlands Bldg., Columbus, Ohio

January 29,1942

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To: Members of the Executive and Program Committees of the Governor's Committee:

At the request of Governor Bricker, the various state agencies having to do with welfare, health, education and defense (related to the state administration) have been requested to cancel any state-wide meetings scheduled within the next few months, for the purpose of pooling all efforts on a program devoted to civilian participation in Ohio's Defense or War Program. We, therefore, are calling off the joint meeting of the Governor's Committee and the Ohio Welfare Conference which was to have been held in Columbus on April 29th and 30th.

In furtherance of this plan, on January 21st, Governor Bricker called a meeting in his office of representatives of a number of the agencies or groups affected. At this time a small steering committee was appointed to work out the details of a joint state-wide meeting - to be held in Columbus preferably in March - on civilian participation in the war program of Ohio. Mr. Harrison M. Sayre was appointed chairman, and Dr. Herschel W. Nisonger, secretary, of this committee.

At a recent meeting of the steering committee it was decided that the contemplated conference should be held on the campus of Ohio State University, Columbus, for a period of three consecutive days in the week of March 23rd. Further information in regard to this program will be sent you by the secretary of the steering or program-building committee.

Sincerely yours

Hannah L. Protzman

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April 22,1942

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

As I am to be in Cleveland the latter part of this week, and possibly on Monday of next week, it is very important that I have an opportunity to see you to talk over the future of the Governor's Committee on the Follow-Up of the White House Conference in Ohio.

Upon my arrival in Cleveland, I shall call your secretary to see if I can make an appointment to see you at a time to suit your convenience.

Cordially yours,

Manhah L. Protzman

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February 6,1942

Rabbi Mbba Hillel Silver, The Temple, Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

The meeting to which Miss Protzman referred to on the telephone today, and of which you received a copy in the mail, will be held in the office of -

Miss Rhods O'Meara Regional Representative Bureau of Public Assistance Social Security Board, Room 521 Union Trust Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio

at 11:30 A.M., Monday, February 9th.

Cordially yours

Secretary to Miss Protzman

February 13,1942

To:

Miss Rhode O'Meara, Cleveland, O. Dr. Leonard W. Mayo, Cleveland, Dr. Grace L. Coyle, Cleveland, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Cleveland Judge Henry J. Robison, Columbus Mrs. Lucia J. Bing, Columbus.

In accordance with the plans made at our luncheon meeting last Monday in Cleveland, Judge Robison and I took up with Mr. Sherwood on Wednesday of this week the recommendations made at that time in regard to a program on Family Security in connection with the state-wide conference on Givilian Defense to be held in March, and also in regard to the status of the Governor's Committee on the Follow-up in Ohio of the White House Conference.

Mr. Sherwood feels that it is wiser for us to wait until the needs created by the war situation are more clearly defined before we attempt to set up a Family Security Program. He also feels that serious consideration should be given as to how the White House Conference Follow-Up Program can best serve in this war crisis - even though that service might be a suspension of activities - and to this end he approved Rabbi Silver's plan to call in the near future a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Governor's Committee.

In harmony with the opinions expressed above, Mr. Sherwood has relieved both the Ohio Welfare Conference and the Governor's Committee on the Pollow-Up in Ohio of the White House Conference from participation in the institute on Civilian Defense to be held in Columbus the week of March 25rd. In making this decision, Mr. Sherwood said he felt the best needs of the Ohio Welfare Conference could be served by its participation in the Regional Conference of the Child Welfare League of America, to be held in Cleveland on March 12, 15 and 14, and to this end he has agreed to send out the usual call making it possible for the expenses of public employees to be paid.

Please believe we appreciate greatly your courtesy in meeting with us at our request last Monday to help think through the problems referred to in this letter.

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Copy to: Mr. Charles L.Sherwood, Director, State Dept.of Public Welfare, Cordially yours,

Hannah L. Proteman Trotymen

Secretary,