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Zionist Organization of America, draft AHS for Presidency, 1943.

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July 23, 1943

Dear Fellow-Zionist:

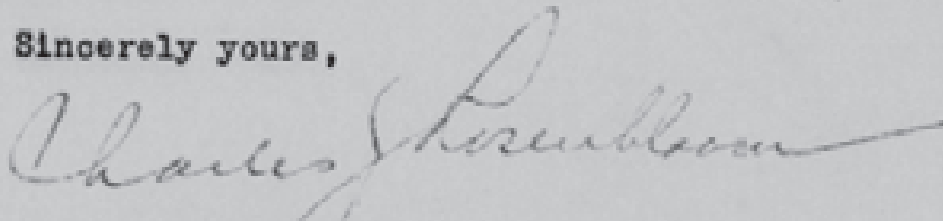
I am forwarding to you copy of a newspaper release announcing the action by a group of Zionists in various parts of the country to obtain the services of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver as President of the Zionist Organization of America.

This effort was launched in the conviction that in this critical period the best interests of the Zionist movement will be served by securing for its leadership a man of Dr. Silver's abilities and attainments. Dr. Silver's outstanding position in American Life, his matchless gifts of mind and speech, his dynamic personality are invaluable assets which should now be completely at the disposal of the Zionist Movement.

We believe that Dr. Silver will be prepared to put aside his other communal obligations and accept the call of the forthcoming convention to assume the Presidency. We ask Zionist workers everywhere to join with us in giving expression to the overwhelming popular desire for Dr. Silver to serve as President of the Z.O.A. If you are in sympathy with our effort we urge you at once to indicate your willingness to cooperate. A reply postcard is enclosed for your convenience.

With Zion's greetings,

Sincerely yours,


Charles J. Rosenbloom

HOTEL WILLIAM PENN
PITTSBURGH

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July 24, 1943

Dear Dr. Silver:

The offensive has been launched and I'm confident the resistance, if any, will be very feeble. The steps taken so far are:

1) publicity release sent out today announcing formation of sponsoring committee.

2) Letter by Rosenbloom to officers of Zionist Districts throughout the country, enclosing press release and soliciting expressions of support.

Copies of these are enclosed.
3) I was told yesterday by Irving Miller that he had called a meeting in N. Y. for Tuesday at the Hotel Astor where the movement will be launched. Rosenbloom has agreed to be present at the meeting.

We shall follow up with the mobilization of additional support, and of course, the practical business of electing delegates. I am hoping that by the end of next week we shall have the proper statement from you for our next press release. I am returning to N. Y., which will now be the center of operations.

Kind regards,

Sam Kaplan

From Charles J. Rosenbloom
521 Union Trust Bldg.
Pittsburgh, Pa.

For Immediate Release

LEADERS START MOVEMENT TO DRAFT DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER FOR ZIONIST PRESIDENCY

See Zionist Movement "Faced With Greatest Crisis in History" and Urge Cleveland Rabbi To Take Helm in Fight on British White Paper Policy for Palestine And to Prepare Palestine for Post-War Mass Immigration

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Pittsburgh, Pa. - A group of 100 leading American Zionists from coast to coast have launched a movement to draft Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Cleveland rabbi, and National Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal and also National Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, for the Presidency of the Zionist Organization of America, whose annual convention is to be held in Columbus, Ohio in September. The group is headed by Charles Rosenbloom, Pittsburgh philanthropist, as Chairman and Joel Gross, Jewish leader of Newark, N. J. as Vice Chairman.

The draft effort was made public by Mr. Rosenbloom in a desire to get the support of other Zionists in persuading Dr. Silver to "put aside all other Jewish communal obligations in order to accept the leadership of the Zionist movement in America."

The group revealed that an appeal had been submitted to Dr. Silver asserting that "the Zionist movement is faced with the greatest crisis in its history, requiring leadership that will be courageous, stimulating and inspiring," and declaring that he was the one man in America to take the helm.

The fight on the British White Paper policy for Palestine, due to go into effect next year, was said to be one of the important tasks requiring the best leadership. Dr. Silver was also reminded that preparations must now be made to prepare Palestine for mass Jewish immigration after the war.

The Committee sponsoring Dr. Silver's candidacy is in the process of formation and will include representatives of every Zionist District in New York. Some of the Zionist leaders who joined in making the appeal to Dr. Silver to state that he would be "ready to serve if called upon," are:

Dr. Harry Friedenwald of Baltimore, Honorary Vice President of the Zionist Organization of America; Gustave Goldstein, President of the Zionist District of Los Angeles; Mortimer May, Nashville, President of the Southwestern Zionist Region; Abe Srere, President of Jewish Welfare Fund of Detroit; Joe Weingarten, Houston, Texas; Israel Goldman, President Zionist Organization of St. Louis; Rabbi Leon Fram, Detroit; Dr. Moses Gellman, Baltimore; Oscar Berman and Rabbi Samuel Wohl, Cincinnati; Rabbi Rudolph M. Rosenthal, Cleveland; Alex Lowenthal, Pittsburgh; Jacob Hoffman, Philadelphia; Mark Sugerman, Coatesville, Pa; Emanuel Teitelbaum, Johnstown, Pa; Dr. Illie Berger of Providence; Joseph Goldberg of Worcester, Honorary Chairman New England Zionist Region; Dr. Arthur Shain of Brookline, Mass., President New England Jewish National Fund Council; Jacob Rabinowitz, Boston; Bennett Silverblatt, Lowell, Mass.; Eli Cohen, Lynn, Mass.;

also Joseph Goldstein, Rochester
Phil Slomovitz, Detroit

Bernard W. Marcus, Boston; Abraham Machinist, Manchester, Honorary President New Hampshire Zionist Federation; Rabbi Joseph Shubow of Boston, President New England Division American Jewish Congress; Michael Hollander, Michael A. Stavisky and Daniel Sheiman of Newark; Joseph H. Lerner, President Newark Zionist Organization; Samuel I. Kessler, President Essex County Council of Jewish Agencies; David Goldstein, Chairman of United Jewish Appeal of Asbury Park.

The text of the statement as released by the committee was as follows:

"Because the Zionist movement is faced with the greatest crisis in its history, requiring leadership that will be courageous, stimulating and inspiring, we appeal to you to put aside all other Jewish communal obligations in order to accept the leadership of the Zionist movement in America.

"The future of the Jewish people is now being determined. For those who believe that this future is linked inseparably with Palestine, the years immediately ahead will witness either frustration of our hopes or their fulfillment in the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth.

"The British Government has given no indication that the Chamberlain White Paper policy of 1939 will be abrogated in 1944, when under its provisions Jewish immigration into Palestine is scheduled to cease. The will and the resources of the Jewish people must be mobilized to halt this violation of a solemn pledge in the midst of a war fought for freedom and security for all people. The strength of American Jewry must be mustered in overwhelming force so that as soon as victory comes, the remnants of a shattered Israel may be quickly and successfully transferred to Jewish Palestine.

"These tasks require singleness of purpose. They do not permit of defeatism. They demand the concentration of mind and energy and spirit. We are convinced that American Jewry and American Zionism will be equal to the tasks if they have the benefit of great leadership. You are the man to provide this leadership. Yours is the opportunity and the obligation to lead the Zionist forces of the greatest Jewish community in the world in these crucial years.

"The signatories to this appeal have no wish other than to assist you as we may be called upon in the exercise of your leadership. We are acting only as individuals in submitting this plea but we feel confident that the Zionists of America will join with us at the next convention of the Zionist Organization of America to summon you to the tasks of leadership. In the meantime, we urge that you make clear that you are ready to serve if called upon so that the convention may act accordingly."

ZIONIST LEADERS LAUNCH MOVEMENT TO DRAFT DR. ABBA SILVER FOR ZOA PRESIDENCY

PITTSBURGH, July 26.(JTA)-- A group of 100 leading American Zionists from coast to coast have launched a movement to draft Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Cleveland rabbi, and national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal and of the United Jewish Appeal, for the presidency of the Zionist Organization of America, whose annual convention is to be held in Columbus, Ohio in September, it was learned here today. The group is headed by Charles Rosenbloom, Pittsburgh philanthropist, as chairman and Joel Gross, Jewish leader of Newark, N.J., as vice chairman.

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ANTI-SEMITISM HAS NO LOGICAL CONNECTION WITH FASCISM, SAYS GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

LONDON, July 26.(JTA)-- Anti-Semitism was defined today by George Bernard Shaw as "hatred of the lazy, ignorant, fat-headed Gentile for the pertinacious Jew who, schooled by adversity to use his brains to the utmost, outdoes him in business."

In a statement issued by him in connection with his 87th birthday today, the Irish wit and playwright, commenting on the state of the world, also said that "anti-Semitic propaganda has no logical connection with Fascism, which is simply state-aided capitalism instead of 'Laissez-Faire.'"

MIKHOELS AND FEFFER GIVEN OFFICIAL RECEPTION IN DETROIT

DETROIT, July 26.(JTA)-- Prof. Solomon Mikheels and Lieut.-Col. Itzik Feffer, the Jewish cultural delegation from the Soviet Union, were received here over the week-end by Mayor Edward J. Jeffreys at City Hall. The mayor gave Prof. Mikheels, who is a member of the Moscow City Council, a gavel as a gift to the mayor of Moscow. The delegation's visit to this city was arranged by a committee of prominent Jewish and non-Jewish notables headed by Fred M. Butzel and Aaron Rosenberg, Detroit Jewish leaders.

HOLLANDER COMPANY ATTEMPTS TO OUST ALLEGED ANTI-SEMITES FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NEWARK, N. J., July 26.(JTA)-- A fight to secure the removal of Luigi Criscuolo, investment banker and a director of the fur-dyeing firm of A. Hollander Sons, Inc., from the board of directors of that company, has been launched here by Michael Hollander, its president, who charges that Criscuolo has injured the company by issuing material attacking Jews, anti-Fascist Catholics and prominent public figures.

Criscuolo is the publisher of "The Rubicon," a news letter distributed to large business firms. This publication has at various times attacked Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Mayor LaGuardia, Congressman Sol Bloom, Archbishop Spellman and others. The issue of Criscuolo's removal will be settled on August 9 when a stock-holder's meeting will be asked to adopt a charter amendment which would result in his ouster.

July 28

Dr. Wise telephones suggesting that Goldstein meet with me. Tell him that I would be glad to meet with Goldstein provided he has authority to negotiate.

I write Dr. Wise requesting a clear-cut statement from him on his position vis a vis chairmanship of Emergency Committee.

July 30
a.m.

Goldstein telephones saying that he is authorized to negotiate, suggesting that we meet. Inform him that I am leaving same evening for Maine.

Outline to him the crux of the issue and suggest that he discuss matter with Neumann who has full authority to negotiate.

4: P.M.

Neumann telephones that he had telephoned Goldstein. Was told that he was out. Later on was reached and informed that Goldstein had left for the country, and that Mr. Bockstein would meet with him.

4:10 P.M.

Goldstein called. Still would like to meet with me. I suggested that we meet in Portland on Monday morning.

5:00 P.M.

Telephoned Neumann. Informed him of Goldstein's request to meet me. Bockstein in meantime had asked Neumann to meet him at his home over weekend.

Aug. 1-

N. phoned me at Camp Wigan - Read memo to be submitted to Bockstein with whom he meets Monday.

Aug 2

N. phoned at noon Bold Mt. Camp - reporting on conversation with B - They are willing to have me take charge of pol. work - Chair. of Emerg. Com. not clear, due to Wise, from whom I am still to hear. They suggest that that be left to agreement w - Goldstein - Silver + Smith -

I am to be appointed by G. Chairman, pol. Com. after consultation.

Told N. to phan me later in day after he knows W's attitude.

3 P.M.

V. called. Reports conversation with Lipsett who saw W. Wise eager for me to take pol. work. L. however suggests W. retain chairmanship of Emerg. Com. - I to take, Chair. Exe. Com. + Ad. Com. Asked N. to speak to W. himself.

- Receive telegram from Louis Bernstein - Philadelphia
W. B. Sykes - urging not to see him -

4.45- H. called - spoke to base. W. ready to re-
sign from Chairmanship - accept Co-chairman by
with me - + I also, chairman Ex. Com - offer
Com - Said that G. would phone at 5

8³⁰. J. phoned. Offered at first chair & panel
Com - vice ch. & Energy - House - Chair. & Offer
Com. Later that I could have Chair. &
Offer Com - Said he met with here -
Hessy - Wenzell. They think W. should
be ch. & Energy. Com. H. earlier in day per?
off. Dennis what W. is willing to do
10 A. - I told W. to ^{any} ^{asked him to start the} ^{up} ^{status} ^{reply by}

wire to my letter.

9 P. N. phoned - referred to him for com-
vocation - Authorized him to issue
statement to women union - unless
to bar to conference -

Aug. 3

2- N. phoned. Had talk with G. at latter's invitation.
G. is prepared to recommend to his group Co-chair.
Energy. Com - N. has not yet issued statement -
told him - if G. persuades his group - it would be
wiser not to issue statement - for we have none!
Our friends, however, seem to be urging to do
them with draft.

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TELEPHONE LONGACRE 5-2600

July 29, 1943

Dear Dr. Silver:

The postcards summarized in the attached list were forwarded to me from Pittsburgh. Rosenbloom left yesterday for the West Coast but he will be in touch with us and he will do some things in California.

Regardless of the "negotiations", which I am convinced, are a delaying action calculated to impair our efforts, we are proceeding with the work in hand. As Rabbi Miller may have told you, we have arranged to open an office at the Biltmore Hotel. We are gathering the necessary funds for the purpose of conducting a real campaign. Rosenbloom sent me a check for \$500. before he left. I still have the conviction that as your reply of acceptance is published, the campaign will gather such momentum that the present heir designate will fade from the picture.

Sincerely,

Sam Coplan

July 29, 1943

To Dr. Silver

From Samuel Caplan

The following is a tabulation of the first batch of postcard replies received by Mr. Rosenbloom in reply to his letter announcing the formation of the Committee for Dr. Silver as President of the ZOA and soliciting pledges of support:

		<u>Special Remarks</u>
Frank Brown	Logan-Blvd District Philadelphia	"Dr. Silver is the outstanding man for the post. I will do all I can to help his election."
Morris Brown	Treasurer Philadelphia ZOA	"The remarks of Dr. Silver at the UPA conference in Phila. and their aggressiveness make him the desired leader of the ZOA."
Rabbi Henry R. Goldberger	Altona, Pa.	"My District is proud to go on record favoring Dr. Silver's Presidency of the ZOA."
Edgar M. Henderson	Alttona, Pa.	"Will do all I can in behalf of Dr. Silver's candidacy."
Alex Mayer	Lorain, O.	"All our Zionist groups are 100% in favor of Dr. Silver and sincerely hope he will accept."
Samuel Elkins	Chelsea, Mass.	"The Chelsea District with its 350 members behind election of Dr. Silver."
Albert B. Fickman	Pittsburgh, Pa.	"Thank you for privilege to associate myself with the Committee for Dr. Silver."
David Goldberg	Westwood, N.J.	"I should consider it an honor to work toward this end."
E. Gilbert	Bluefield, W. Va.	"The election of Dr. Silver for President will promote the ZOA work greatly."
Isidor Rabinowitz	Lynn, Mass.	"I know I am expressing the strong sentiments of my entire District."
Jack Minkoff	Stamford, Conn.	

Lou Cohen	Martinsburg, W.Va.	
David L. Sablonsky	Indianapolis, Ind.	"May your efforts be successful as I fully believe Dr. Silver as President can do most for the Zionist cause."
Isador M. Cohen	Huntington, W.Va.	
Dr. A. Shappel	Yonkers, N.Y.	
Hyman Hirsh,	Middletown, N.Y.	
Isaac M. Taylor	Ellicott Cit, MD.	"At this time we need the best man we have."
Louis Cohen	Port Chester, N.Y.	"In this crucial hour Dr. Silver's leadership of the ZOA is indispensable."
Henry Lomenstein	Danville, Va.	
Robert P. Jacobs	Asheville, N.C.	
A.P. Wernik	Metuchen, NJ.	"I will do all in my power for the man I admire and respect."
Bernard Weiss	Monticello, NY.	"Congratulations on your good efforts for Dr. Silver. You have my sincere good wishes for your assured success."
Alex Baumohd		"As President of the Peekskill District I am glad to have Dr. Silver as President of ZOA."
Marcus A. Libster	Flint, Mich.	"Dr. Silver has the respect and admiration of all in our District."
I. Papernaster	Fargo, N.D.	
H.L. Dorsim	Marshalltown, Iowa	
E.J. Evans	Durham, N.C.	"No finer person could be chosen for the important position. I hope he will accept it."
Archie Barlofsky	Lowell, Mass.	
Harry D. Jagolinter	Providence, R.I.	"I shall do all I can in support of Dr. Silver by the Providence delegation."
Minette Bawn	Ft. Wayne, Ind.	
Abe Borman	Belleville, Ill.	

1. Final agreement to be reached within the next three four days before I issue statement.
2. The crux of the situation is the chairmanship of the Emergency situation. Wise should be asked to step aside and accept honorary position.
3. The crux of the matter is the centralization of political authority in my hands and their ready and whole-hearted cooperation in this arrangement.
4. Vigorous prosecution of draft movement in the meantime.
5. Reorganization of political set-up to be effective within the next week ten days during which time we continue our draft movement.
6. to insure loyal cooperation there should be agreement on the Executive and official family of the ZOA prior to the convention.
7. What role for Neumann and Miller?
8. Finances



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July 30, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Camp Wigwam
Harrison, Maine

Dear Abba:

I am sending you two drafts, the one which you already had from Rabbi Miller, and the second, which I have prepared today, in which the second paragraph is new, while the third paragraph is a modification of the old version. The second is, of course, the important paragraph. Personally, I believe it is so cautiously worded that it can be given out even if negotiations are in progress. That is also Sol Cohen's view. We all feel that delaying the issuance of such a statement beyond Monday jeopardizes the whole position.

I hope you enjoy your stay, and I shall try to contribute by keeping my communication with you down to the indispensable minimum.

With love to the family, I am

Faithfully yours,

Emanuel
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July 30, 1943

*Received
Aug. 10*

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Bald Mountain Camp
Haines Landing, Maine

Dear Dr. Silver:

It was only a week ago today that I learned of the efforts made by an influential group to put you forward as the candidate for the presidency of the Zionist Organization of America. I immediately told Bob Silverman, my informant, that it would be disastrous to have a contest over the presidency at this critical time, particularly following the American Jewish Conference, and suggested something which I understand had already been put forward, that you should head the Emergency Committee - to which your long time devoted service and ability entitle you.

I don't have to tell you about my personal admiration for you, and feeling of friendship, and I am sure that your own Zionist instincts will correspond with mine, that this is no time for a major contest, that is bound to be pursued along personal lines.

I have spoken to a number of people who are prominent in their advocacy of the election of Dr. Israel Goldstein, and I feel certain that a formula can be found which will gain for us your splendid service in this critical hour of our need. I even went to the extent of urging Dr. Goldstein personally that it was his duty to consult with you and enlist your aid on behalf of the ZOA in the Emergency Committee. Only a little while ago I had a long talk with Emanuel Neumann, over the telephone and he, too, felt that the situation might be met, if you were accorded a proper place of service - and of course I would be the last one to urge you to accept any mere empty honor.

I am advising Dr. Goldstein to get in touch with Emanuel Neumann, in view of your absence in Maine, and see if the situation cannot be clarified so that we may avoid the spectacle of a convention struggle which would be unseemly in this critical period of our history.

I hope you will accept this letter in the good spirit in which it is offered, and that we may continue all to work together for happy results on behalf of Palestine.

With kind personal regards, I am
Sincerely yours,

Bernard A. Rosenblatt
Bernard A. Rosenblatt

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July 30, 1943

Dear Mr. Rosenbloom:

I am in receipt of your communication on behalf of a national committee of Zionists, urging me "to accept the leadership of the Zionist movement in America."

It is with full understanding of the responsibility and obligations involved that I authorize you to state that I am entirely at the disposal of the forthcoming Zionist Convention, and shall be proud to accept its call for service.

I am deeply appreciative of the numerous expressions of confidence conveyed through you by Zionist workers throughout the country. If it is the will of the Convention to entrust me with the task of leadership, I shall welcome the cooperation of all Zionist forces so that, as a united and determined body, conscious of the justice of our cause, we shall go forward in this hour of decision to achieve for the Jewish people the aim of Zionists - the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth.

Cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver

July 30, 1943

Dear Mr. Rosenbloom:

I am in receipt of your communication on behalf of a national committee of Zionists, urging me "to accept the leadership of the Zionist movement in America."

I have never sought any office in the gift of the Zionist movement, nor do I seek any now. But I have never refused to serve the movement in any appropriate capacity, nor would I withhold such service at a time like this. (It will be for the Zionists of America, acting through their accredited representatives at the forthcoming Convention, to determine how and in what capacity each of us may best serve the Cause in the immediate future.) Each of us should stand ready to respond to any call that may be made upon him.

I feel greatly honored as well as moved, by the numerous expressions of confidence conveyed through you by Zionist workers throughout the country. We should all be deeply conscious of the heavy responsibility which rests upon ~~all~~ of us in these fateful days and of the imperative necessity of welding our Zionist forces so that, as a united and determined body, fortified by the justice of our cause, we shall go forward to achieve for the Jewish people the aim of Zionism - the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth.

Cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver

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ON RECEIVING END STOP BELIEVE THIS CONSTITUTES DELAYING
STRATEGY TO IMMOBILIZE OUR FORCES STOP OWN CONSIDERED OPINION
THAT YOUR CANDIDACY WILL SWEEP COUNTRY AND ENABLE YOU
REORGANIZE ENTIRE MACHINERY STOP WISE OTHER LEADERS FACTORS
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IRRESPECTIVE WHETHER FURTHER CONVERSATIONS CONTINUE ANY OTHER
COURSE CREATING RESENTMENT APPEARANCE LET DOWN SUPPORTERS.
PUBLICATION NEED NOT PRECLUDE FURTHER DISCUSSION OPPONENTS
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IN BEST INTEREST YOURSELF AND CAUSE AUTHORIZE PUBLICATION
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DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

BALD MT CAMP HAINESLANDING ME=

HAPPY REPORT MESSAGES OF SUPPORT CONTINUING TO COME IN. STOP. HAVE JUST BEEN INFORMED BY ABE GOODMAN, CHAIRMAN KH FINANCE COMMITTEE AND LONG A MEMBER OF SZOLD GROUP, WHO HEADS FLATBUSH DISTRICT, ONE OF LARGEST IN THE CITY, THAT HE WAS DISAPPOINTED AT THE BEHAVIOR OF HIS GROUP AND WOULD GLADLY LEND HIS NAME AND INFLUENCE TO SUPPORT YOUR CANDIDACY FOR THE PRESIDENCY. DOES NOT BELIEVE IN HALF MEASURES. STOP. OUR FRIENDS HERE CONVINCED FURTHER DELAY IN ISSUING YOUR REPLY ROSENBLOOM FATAL. MYSELF CONVINCED DEMOBILIZATION WILL SET IN TOMORROW. OTHER FRIENDS HAVE SUGGESTED THAT IF YOU RUN AND WILL BE MASTER OF CONVENTION, A MORE SATISFACTORY COMPROMISE CAN, IF POSSIBLE, BE EFFECTED THEN. REGARDS=

EMANUEL NEUMANN.

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Charles T. Dolenz, M.D.
Commissioner
Superintendent

Division of
City Hospital
Department of Public Health and Welfare
City of Cleveland
3395 SCRANTON ROAD - CLEVELAND, OHIO

August 2, 1943

My dear Rabbi,

Joe and I worked all day on Sunday instead of going on a picnic to make up an extra list of names as Rabbi Miller had suggested in his telegram.

Oscar Altshuler was in town and he told me that all of his eleven delegates are pledged to you solid. He sent a telegram to this effect to Mr. Rosenblum.

There is a combined meeting with Elyria and Lorain on Wednesday. Mr. Deutsch called me to be there and assured me that his organization is 100% for you. I will ask him for some extra names to be sent to Rabbi Miller.

Thursday night I am going to Akron to the meeting of the Zionist District. They have four delegates and are all for you.

Hoping that you and Mrs. Silver are having a good rest,
I am,

Sincerely yours,

H. A. M. Talisman
14128 Superior Rd.

FMF:rm

Aug. 3.

3 P.M.

✓

N. phoned. Had heard from Wene who stormed against me, charging that I seek to dislodge him. Eventually Gold. tol. had been to see him.

N. disarms him. Lipshy + Muller will see him.

5 P.M.

✓

Lipshy + Muller phone from W's study. Suggest that I yield on Co-chairmanship. I refuse and tell them that unless that is accepted by W. I will withdraw altogether from picture.

8³⁰

N. calls. Congratulates me. Wene all along line! W. consents to Co-chair - + all other points.

W. phoned Gold. who agreed. W. is to issue statement of unity. Suggest a written invitation in both names. of agreement.

Suggest that he write Resolutions + other friends of agreement.

Terms - Co-Chair. } Exec. Com.

Chairman } Pol. Com. 20A.

" - } Pol. Com. 20A.

Pol. - Lib. + wise to agree as 20A states

Aug. 4.

12- Wise tried to reach me by phone. Left bee. he could not wait bee. of delay in making connections.

4- N. called. Read his draft of announcement which is revision of W's draft. Suggest to get approval of Paul Jinn + Margaret + Howard before announcement is issued. N. reports conversation with Frederick S. 2 who

altogether agreeable. W. reports that another effort was
made this morning to change W's mind but W. held
firm.



ELIHU D. STONE

ATTORNEY AT LAW

44 SCHOOL STREET

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Roth Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland Ohio

August 3, 1943

Dear Roth Silver.

It is my ardent hope that you will be a candidate for the office of President of the L.O.A.

There are not ordinary times and you are not an ordinary man.

To say that the Jewish people are confronted today with an unparalleled crisis is but a mild expression of the tragic reality.

Indeed the gravity of the hour calls for a Zionist leadership steeped with Macabean courage, faith, devotion and prophetic vision. Like in the days of Gideon the son of Joash the Abiezrite the leader of American Zionism at this decisive juncture in the history of our people should be a "mighty man of valour...."

With all the solemnity at my command I say to you: You are the Man; you are the leader; you must assume the sacred task of Zionist leadership in order to help bring about the "New departure from Egypt". This is a privilege as well as a sacred duty.

You will be supported by the Zionists. It will be my happy privilege to cooperate with you most heartily.

So I say for you in the words of the Angel: "go in this thy might and thou shalt save Israel." Sincerely, Eliezer D. Stone

Received Aug. 5.

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RICHMAN & RICHMAN
SUITE 200
N. E. COR. 19TH AND CHESTNUT STREETS
(43 SOUTH 19TH STREET)
PHILADELPHIA -3

PHILIP RICHMAN
JACOB S. RICHMAN

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RACE 7557

August 4th, 1943.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Ball Mountain Cap
Hain's Landing, Maine

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am one of the Philadelphia Committee supporting your candidacy for President of the Zionist Organization of America. In view of the fact that you as yet have not expressed your determination to accept the nomination, may I join in the chorus of those urging you to do so.

I am the President of the South-Central Philadelphia Zionist District, and I am also on the National Executive of the Committee for a Jewish Army, and on the Organizing Committee of the Emergency Conference to Save the Jews of Europe. May I explain the relationship between my being one of the leaders of the Committee for a Jewish Army and being one of those who are supporting your candidacy. As you are aware, the Committee for a Jewish Army is composed of sincere individuals groping for forceful leadership in Jewish affairs. I joined the Committee because I was aware of the ineptitude and inadequacy of the Zionist leadership in America. In addition I was aware of the universal resentment against the "do-nothing" policy of its leaders. I felt that the Committee for a Jewish Army could act as a gadfly or as a catalyst to precipitate action by the Zionist Organization by demonstrating to its leaders that dynamic political action is necessary to achieve its aims in these crucial days.

I joined in the movement to support you because you represent to me the standard bearer of the revolution within the movement in contradistinction to the Committee for a Jewish Army which is the revolution from without. I am aware of the revolutionary ferment which is brewing throughout Jewish life and it is my fervent hope that these forces will be properly directed and canalized under your leadership within the Zionist Organization rather than leadership from without the Zionist Organization.

The situation among Jews today is analogous to that which existed in America in 1932. At that time the American people were confronted with a choice of determining whether the reactionary and inert policies of the Hoover Administration should continue or a dynamically strong movement should take over the reins of government. At that time there were also revolutionary

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Rabbi A. H. Silver

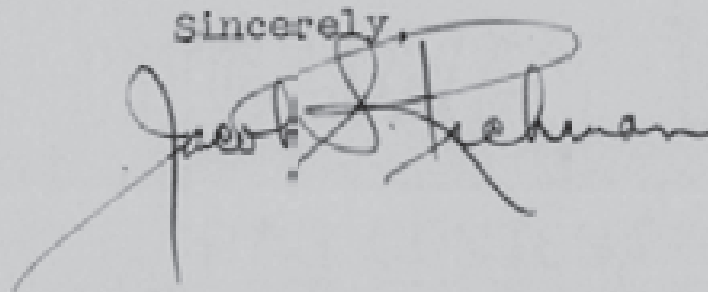
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August 4th, 1943.

forces at work as evidenced by the indiscriminate destruction of property, the illegal interference with the lawful processes by such acts as the hanging of sheriffs who sought to foreclose on properties, and other lawless demonstrations, and also the growth of many organizations catering to the needs of the day and led by bombastic demagogues intent upon capitalizing upon the existing revolutionary forces. If Hoover had been successful in his candidacy for re-election it is my feeling that the revolutionary forces would have found fertile soil upon which to act. I give credit to President Roosevelt that he supplied strength and force within the democratic framework of our government thereby directing these forces demanding change into the proper governmental channels. To me it is a choice between a Rooseveltian Silver and a Hooverian Goldstein. We Zionists must make our choice, and you as a dynamic personality and a true Zionist must take up the standard and lead us to the eventual achievement of the true Zionist aims.

May I again urge upon you to heed the call of all who feel that this crisis must be resolved in favor of a new and forceful outlook and that you, as soon as possible, make known to us your intention to accept the nomination for President of the Zionist Organization of America.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jacob S. Richman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the bottom left of the name.

JSR/m

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MEETING REPRESENTATIVES NEWYORK DISTRICTS TODAY. WON OVER TO CONTINUING EFFORTS. BRING DELEGATES TO CONVENTION TO ENSURE FULL IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT, BECAUSE WITHOUT STRONG DELEGATION YOUR SUPPORTERS SITUATION WOULD STILL BE DANGEROUS. JUST RECEIVED WIRE FROM SCHWEFEL, CLEVELAND, SAYING: "SILBERT CLAIMS CANNOT RELY ON HALF SUBMITTED ALTERNATES ATTEND UNLESS CONTEST CANNOT ADD NAMES FROM CLEVELAND URGES TRY TOLEDO CINCINNATI AKRON CANTON DAYTON YOUNGSTOWN INTERESTING THAT EIGHT OF TEN CLEVELAND DISTRICT DELEGATES FOR SILVER IF CONTEST ARMAND COHEN LUKEWARM REFUSES ASK ALTERNATES UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES LEAVING FOR TOLEDO COMM PERRY HOTEL." URGE YOU WRITE OR WIRE JUDGE SILBERT APPRECIATING HIS EFFORTS TO DATE AND URGING IMPORTANCE TO GET ADDITIONAL ALTERNATES ALL OF WHOM I BELIEVE WILL EVENTUALLY BE INDUCED TO ATTEND CONVENTION WHEN YOU ARE BACK IN CLEVELAND AND EXPLAIN IMPORTANCE PERSONALLY. NOW WORKING ON REVISION ANNOUNCEMENT WHICH PERHAPS WILL BE RELEASED TOMORROW. HAVE YOU WRITTEN WISE? =

EMANUEL NEUMANN.

812A.

SILBERT.

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To _____ 19____

Care of or Apt. No. _____

Street and No. _____

Place _____

unofficial news item about
accord already published to
day's Yiddish papers front page.
Regards-
Emanuel.

Sender's address
for reference

Sender's telephone
number

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To Dr. A. J. Silver

rec. Aug. 5 19

Care of or Apt. No.

Street and No.

Place

Place Labeled full reply to
Wilmotown. suggestion to send
you a message to Maine. Contacted
Poole Suon and Mizacki both
unofficially in heartiest agreement
will secure more formal expression
from them today or tomorrow. And
issue announcement Wise's name pro-
vided text satisfactory. Meanwhile

Sender's address
for reference

Sender's telephone number



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TELEPHONE RANGELEY 8024

P. O. BALD MOUNTAIN, MAINE

(Aug. 5th)

will be New York August twelfth
~~session~~ executive meeting
American Jewish Conference.
Suggest ~~to~~ evening meeting
Emergency Committee to give
formal effect to agreement. Also
~~plenary~~ ~~private~~ meeting with Goldstein
wise to agree ~~convention~~ slate.
Regards.

SILVER

Emanuel Weiman

521 - 7th Ave
N. Y. C.



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TELEPHONE 31
LEOMINSTER, MASS.

August 5, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland
Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

It is with sincere pleasure that I learn of your decision to stand for presidency of the Z.O.A.

I know of no other man in this country whose qualifications befit him for the type of leadership which we so badly need today as your esteemed self.

It is now my sincere pleasure to endorse and to advocate your candidacy and I have no doubt that the forthcoming convention will confirm the expressions of the majority of thinking Zionists who I am sure believe as I do in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Mendell M. Selig

MENDELL M. SELIG
Vice-Pres. New England
Council

MMS:rec



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TELEPHONE RANGELEY 8034

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Aug 6 AM

Judge Joseph Silbert

We won all along line but
important insure full implemen-
tation ^{agreement} at convention stops must
have strong delegation our
supported. Please procure maxi-
mum alternates. Greeting
Danaceau, Falkman. ^{and many} ~~kindest~~
thanks.
~~Regards.~~

- SILVER.

Aug. 6 - 1 / Min.

Emanuel Neuman

521 Fifth Ave.

New York City

unsatisfactory
INview of telegram sent by Szold Frisch to districts
suggest that Rosenbloom ^{Grove} send message to districts.
in the name of our committee ²⁰¹⁰⁰
Thanking them for remarkable response to draft move-
ment and stating that Silver's leadership in and in-
tegration of political work of movement now assured
by agreement to invite him to become co-chairman with
Dr. Wise of Emergency Committee, chairman of executive
committee, as well as of the political committee. ~~of the~~
Z.O.A. This assures our movement the forceful leader-
ship which ~~we asked for when we appealed to Dr. Silver~~
~~to accept when we launched the draft Silver movement.~~
Having secured this we are withdrawing Dr Silver's candidacy
of the Z.O.A. for the presidency and endorse the candidacy of
Dr Israel Goldstein. We remain on the alert to insure
implementation of this agreement, and will render all sup-
port to Dr Silver and new administration.

Regards

Silver

Copy of letter to supporters to go out. Please return
Telegram sent today.

Suite 1441
Hotel Biltmore
New York, 17, N. Y.

August 6, 1943

Dear Mr. _____

Let me thank you, though belatedly, for your acceptance of the invitation to join the movement to draft Dr. Abba Hillel Silver for Zionist leadership. We have been gratified to find that the movement so modestly initiated evoked a wave of enthusiasm which swept the country. Hundreds of Zionist workers and leaders have promptly indicated their desire to help us achieve our aim.

The purpose which motivated us was to give to the Zionist movement in these critical days the benefit of Dr. Silver's magnificent gifts and his militant dynamic leadership. Dr. Silver was most reluctant to assume the burdens and duties of the Presidency of the Z. O. A., but for the fact that he was deeply concerned over the political aspects of the Zionist situation at this moment and the vital and paramount importance of strengthening our political position to the utmost. For this task and to that end he was prepared to make every necessary sacrifice. If his commanding figure has so long been missed on our political front it was not due to any refusal on his part, but solely to the fact that he had been deliberately excluded by a few persons, despite repeated efforts by Dr. Chaim Weizmann and Dr. Stephen S. Wise to draw him in.

It was against this exclusion that we rebelled because we regarded it as a crime against the movement in these fateful days. We felt there was no other way to resolve the issue than by starting the popular movement to draft him for the leadership which met with an overwhelming response. Within the past few days, however, a group of Zionist leaders in New York headed by Dr. Wise, have intervened with a view to solving the problem of leadership by agreement rather than by contest. I am informed that an accord has been reached, which, faithfully adhered to and scrupulously carried out in letter and spirit, will accomplish substantially what we set out to achieve, namely, to make possible for Dr. Silver to dedicate his talents to the direction of our political affairs with the certainty that he will receive the necessary cooperation on the part of the leadership and Administration of the Z. O. A. Not only will the policy of exclusion no longer be applied to him, but the spirit of partisanship will be curbed and superseded by genuine and effective unity in the Zionist movement.

The principal features of the accord to which I referred are as follows:

1. Dr. Silver will join Dr. Wise as Co-Chairman of the American Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs, and in addition, become the Chairman of its Executive and of its Political Committees, being thus placed in charge of the active direction of the political efforts of the movement in this country.
2. With the support of Dr. Silver and his followers, Dr. Israel Goldstein, whose name had previously been suggested for the Presidency of the Z. O. A., shall be uncontested by Dr. Silver for that office.
3. To provide a properly balanced and truly representative Administration for the Z. O. A., Dr. Silver, Dr. Wise and Dr. Goldstein are to reach an agreement and submit their joint recommendations to the

forthcoming Convention regarding the composition of the new Administration.

Dr. Silver has expressed his entire satisfaction with this accord and is earnestly desirous that those who have joined the "draft Silver" movement and all his supporters and followers, will attend the Convention with their delegates and help by their presence and participation to implement this Unity Program in all its aspects. Personally he will support it loyally and to the utmost of his strength.

For myself and my associates, we concur with these views, and from this moment our efforts will be directed toward safeguarding and implementing this accord effected through the energetic efforts of Dr. Wise. We shall not lose interest in the forthcoming Convention, but on the contrary, will redouble our efforts to make it a memorable occasion which will seal the compact, effect unity and demonstrate beyond a doubt that the elevation of Dr. Silver to the political leadership and the election of Dr. Goldstein to the Presidency of the Z. O. A. represent the consensus and will of all Zionists and not of any particular group or faction. We shall also demonstrate our readiness to bear our full share of the responsibility by participating in the new Administration pledged to give Dr. Silver as well as to Dr. Goldstein the fullest back and cooperation.

I will appreciate hearing from you ^{at} ^{my} once and receiving a report concerning the number of delegates you are electing pledged to the program herein indicated.

Cordially yours,

CHARLES J. ROSENTHAL CM

QJH:CM

WESTERN UNION

August 6, 1943

Re discussion ZOA Presidency you ought know that last April all Zionist leaders agreed Dr. Israel Goldstein be unanimously recommended to Convention for presidency. Judge Levinthal other leaders support was widely known but not publicly agitated. Dr. Silver has now decided not to be candidate but will have prominent position Emergency Committee. Confident that Dr. Goldstein now unanimous candidate for presidency will consolidate and advance Zionist progress of recent years. Will keep you informed.

Robert Smold
Daniel Frisch
On Behalf Committee for
Goldstein as President

The Municipal Court of Cleveland

JOSEPH H. SILBERT, ASSOCIATE JUDGE

August 6, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Bald Mountain Camp
Bald Mountain, Maine

My dear Dr. Silver:

Just received your wire. Congratulations on your splendid victory.

I have talked to Emanuel Neuman by telephone and also had a visit from one of his associates relative to the question of securing a large attendance of delegates pledged to our program at this forthcoming convention. We have as of this date forwarded to New York approximately 90 some odd names, that is in addition to our own 14 delegates, and we are hopeful that notwithstanding the agreement, we will probably have a minimum of 50 or 60 delegates of this number who will attend the convention. I have also received an acknowledgement from Mr. Neuman for the \$500 check which I sent him.

I have talked to Rabbi Armond Cohen a couple of times, and I am frank enough to say he gives me the impression that he is afraid to take a stand and rather enjoys sitting on the fence. I was told by Suggs Garber the president of the district, who by the way has been very grand in cooperating with me and also furnished me with about a half dozen names of people who belong to the district, and whom he personally contacted, and they all agreed to act as alternates and cast their votes with us. He informs me that Armond Cohen refused to submit his name as a delegate of the district, although he has on previous years been one. Garber asked me what I made of it in view of my statement to him that Armond Cohen was supposed to be favorable to us.

I won't bore you any further with business, so do have a swell time and say hello to Mrs. Silver and the boys for me. With kind personal affection, I am

Cordially yours,

Joseph H. Silber;

JS:JR

Answered
Aug. 9 -

ZIONIST COMMITTEE FOR DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER
AS PRESIDENT OF THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Charles J. Rosenbloom, Pittsburgh
Chairman

Joel Gross, Newark
Vice-Chairman

BILTMORE HOTEL
Madison and Vanderbilt Avenues
43rd and 44th Streets
New York 17, N. Y.

Boston Aug 7, 1943

Murray Hill 9-7920
Suite 1441

Dear Dr. Silver:

The enclosed Telegram has just been received in Boston - rather crude statement but I suppose we must be prepared for additional 'crudities'.

Your candidacy was magic - I had little difficulty in rallying New England leaders to the support of your candidacy - I feel certain your election would have been overwhelming - Goldstein certainly proved to be a "Stooge" and will have to be on guard.

I enclosing you a sample of the "alternates" designated in the first few days of my vacation - Elmer Stone and every other important leader joined our cause in your behalf - Our good? friend?? double crosser and propagator ^{as Luxe} Mendel Fisher had a sad awakening when he started checking into New England for Goldstein -

Hope you'll enjoy ^{without further interruption} what's proven to be a rather hectic vacation -

151 Charles St
Boston, Mass

Sincerely,

Bob Silverman
P.S. Montor was confined to his home with the whooping cough but I think he went up into New York for a brief rest.

C O P Y

FAIRMONT HOTEL

San Francisco, Calif.

August 9, 1943

Dear Mr. Caplan,

I am enclosing two telegrams which I received the other day, the one from Jacob Rich I do not understand.

I am terribly disappointed at what has taken place. I assure you I would have had no part of this whole thing if I felt that the outcome was to have been capitulation. Furthermore, as Chairman I think I was dealt with quite cavalierly.

To my mind it is quite useless and a needless extravagance to continue the Committee. It will result only in a further waste of time, energy and money. There is nothing for us to do -- talk of implementation of the accord is just that -- talk. You can have all the high sounding motions and resolutions you want at the Convention and they will all be passed but I assure you nothing will be done afterwards. Silver is not wanted by the Organization and now being made Co-Chairman of the Emergency Committee everything will be done to make life more miserable for him. And what, by the way, does Co-Chairman mean?

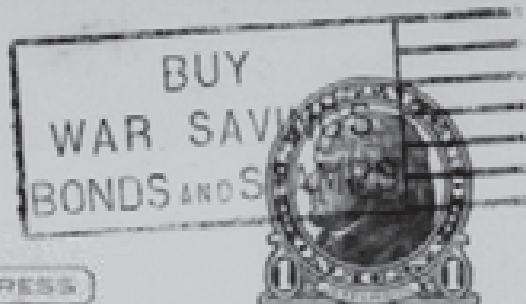
I am not interested in any longer continuing as Chairman of the Committee or being on the Committee. As a matter of fact I firmly believe the whole thing should be dissolved and forgotten about. We fell into a beautiful trap and what's the use of maintaining the fiction that there is still something for us to do. I'm sure Szold, Frisch, etc., are having a lot of laughs at our expense -- and I for one don't want to give them any more reason for amusement.

As you realize this is not written in any angry or resentful mood. I waited purposely for several days after receiving your wire telling of the change. I simply disagree with the course that has been taken and believe it at this time to be appeasement, compromise, and expedient none of which augurs well for the success of the new agreement.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Charles J. Rosenbloom



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

WRITERS



Robert Anna Miller Silver
Euclid Avenue Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

8/9/43

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am sending you a copy of The Jewish World in which I have published an editorial commenting on the campaign to place you in the presidency of the Zionist Organization of America. Aside from my views in print, please accept my best wishes for your success in realizing this new opportunity for service to our people.

Cordially yours,

Harry Cushing

Harry Cushing, Editor
126 Washington Avenue,
Chelsea, 50, Mass.

HC/bh

The Municipal Court of Cleveland

JOSEPH H. SILBERT, ASSOCIATE JUDGE

August 9, 1943

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Bald Mountain Camp
Bald Mountain, Maine

My dear Rabbi:

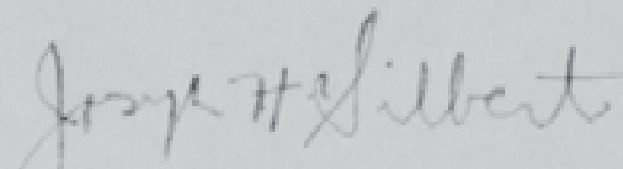
I have just talked to Rabbi Schwaefle who is the gentleman I mentioned in my last letter as being sent to me by Emanuel Neuman.

At the time Rabbi Schwaefle was here, he asked that I give him the names of active Zionists that he could contact in the various cities in Ohio, and I immediately contacted Suggs Garber and thanks to his help I was able to refer him to people in Columbus, Akron, Canton, Dayton, Cincinnati, Toledo, Youngstown, etc. Rabbi Schwaefle informs me that he has made all these stops and has had a very successful trip. He has secured about 50 alternates in Canton, 25 to 50 in Springfield, approximately 50 in Dayton, and in Toledo, Rabbi Feder had just returned from his vacation and was able to be with him, and they have secured a minimum of 100 alternates.

Rabbi Feuer expressed the regret that an agreement had been reached and that you were not a candidate for the presidency. He further said that if it became necessary, he would pack the alternates in automobiles and drive them to Columbus so that they would be there to vote.

So, from the reports of Rabbi Schwaefle and our own work here, I am frank enough to say that I sort of regret that you are not a candidate as I believe the administration is long past due for a sound licking. However, I am willing to rely on your good judgment as to what is best and I am more than happy to go along.

Cordially yours,



Joseph H. Silbert

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DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

BALD MOUNTAIN CAMP HAINES LANDING ME=

AIRMAILED YOU FULL REPORT YESTERDAY. AT OFFICE COMMITTEE TODAY WISE REPORTED CONCERNING ACCORD. REPRESENTATIVES POALE ZION, MIZRACHI EXPRESSED THEMSELVES IN FAVOR YOUR ELECTION. HADASSAH UNPREPARED BEFORE CONSULTATION THEIR BOARD. SUGGESTION TO CALL EMERGENCY COMMITTEE MEETING THURSDAY NIGHT NOT ACTED UPON BECAUSE OF FOLLOWING ARGUMENTS: (1) SESSIONS OF CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE MAY LAST INTO THE EVENING. (2) NECESSITY GIVING ALL GROUPS FULL OPPORTUNITY ADOPT FORMAL DECISIONS AVOIDING APPEARANCE OF IMPOSING DECISION UPON EMERGENCY COMMITTEE. FOR LUNCH WISE UNAVAILABLE. HAS IMPORTANT WEDDING. GOLDSTEN GLAD TO MEET YOU BUT DOUBTS ADVISABILITY HAVING FIRST MEETING WITHOUT WISE. PRESENT PLAN HOLD FULL MEETING EMERGENCY COMMITTEE IN ABOUT TEN DAYS AFTER CONSULTING YOUR CONVENIENCE AND LEVINTHAL'S RETURN FROM WEST=END 1.

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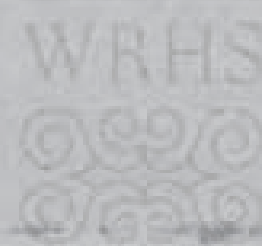
MEANTIME OUR ORGANIZATIONAL WORK PROCEEDING ENERGETICALLY, SUCCESSFULLY. AT MEETING OF STERING COMMITTEE TODAY STRONG DESIRE EXPRESSED BY SEVERAL TO HAVE SUPPORTERS MEET YOU SOMETIME THURSDAY. PERSONALLY I BELIEVE THIS MOST DESIRABLE TO STRENGTHEN OUR MORALE AND POSITION. PLEASE WIRE ME AT ONCE CONSENT TO MEET SUCH GROUP 20 OR 30 PERSONS, POSSIBLY INCLUDING SEVERAL FROM OUT OF TOWN THURSDAY EVENING.

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EMANUEL NEUNANN.

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To Rabbi Abba H. Silver

New York City

August 11, 1945/19

Care of or Apt. No. Bald Mt. Camp

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Place

Dr. Wise yesterday reported to office committee agreement regarding Presidency ZOA and chairmanship emergency and office committees. Stop. It was decided call meeting of full committee for Thursday 19th for election new officers provided you and Levinthal able attend that day. Please wire.

Arthur Lourie

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DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

BALD MOUNTAIN CAMP HAINES LANDING ME=

HAVE FORMED PHILADELPHIA COMMITTEE SUPPORT YOUR CANDIDACY
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DISTRICTS MANY PROMINENT ACTIVE ZIONIST LEADERS URGE YOU
ACCEPT CALL TO LEAD US=

JACOB B HOFFMAN BANKERS SECURITIES BLDG.

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Received
Aug. 10.

ZOA ABBA HILLEL.

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

ZIONIST COMMITTEE FOR DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AS PRESIDENT OF THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Charles J. Rosenbloom, Pittsburgh
Chairman

Joel Gross, Newark
Vice-Chairman

BILTMORE HOTEL
Madison and Vanderbilt Avenues
43rd and 44th Streets
New York 17, N. Y.

August 13, 1943

Murray Hill 9-7920
Suite 1441

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Bald Mountain Camp
Haines Landing, Maine

Dear Dr. Silver:

I send you herewith a copy of a letter just received from Mr. Rosenbloom. As you see, Mr. Rosenbloom's reactions were similar to that of most of our group who experienced a considerable let-down by the culmination of the agreement. I immediately called Mr. Rosenbloom on the telephone and explained to him our line of action intended to achieve the full implementation of the accord, and particularly that part of it pertaining to a satisfactory reorganization of the Z. O. A. Executive. By this time he has probably also received the material I had sent him by mail to explain our activities. I do not know whether I convinced him but at any rate he was willing to go along.

It will be very helpful if you would telegraph to him a message of appreciation and urge his continued cooperation. His present address is: Knickerbocker Hotel, Hollywood, California.

I also mentioned to Mr. Rosenbloom the suggestion which Mr. Neumann told me he had discussed with you about putting forward Mr. Rosenbloom as Treasurer of the Z. O. A. He told me he would not like to be considered for the office; first, because it would seem that as the Chairman of the Silver Committee, he was given a reward; and second, because he thought that the Treasurer should be someone in New York. I told him to hold his decision in obedience until you had a chance to speak to him about the matter.

Neumann relayed to us the information that you had a satisfactory talk with Dr. Goldstein, and agreed that some of us should meet for discussion of the personnel for the Z. O. A. Executive. You ought to know, however, that last night the Szold clique had a meeting on this very matter, and according to our information, they are determined to resist to the limit any attempt to implement the third part of the agreement. Of course, the test will come when Dr. Goldstein will be confronted by the alternative of sticking to the agreement or breaking with the group which originally sponsored him. It is likely that Goldstein will see the wisdom, in his own interest, of insisting that the agreement be executed in letter and spirit, even at the risk of antagonizing the few irre-

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

August 13, 1943

conciliables, who should be isolated in any event. At any rate we shall not engage in discussion with the Goldstein group until Neumann returns from his brief vacation.

With kind regards.

Cordially yours,



SAMUEL CAPLAN

SC:CM

Enc.



my present address:

Adirondacks

The "N" on
MOUNTAIN SPRING LAKE
EDITH Y. NICHOLS, Mgr.
POTTERSVILLE, NEW YORK

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Aug. 19..
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Cove.

Tues. Aug. 17, 43

Dear Abba,

I have just received word that the proposed meeting of the E. C. has been postponed because Judge Levitt is not arriving before Aug. 24. This looks suspiciously like further delaying tactics, but it won't do them much good!

We are planning a meeting of all New York delegates to the J. L. A. Convention for Wednesday evening the 24th at which I propose to have them adopt a set of resolutions constituting a platform or program to be submitted to the Convention and to serve as an ideological rallying ground for the Silver forces. In order to get out a good attendance on the 24th I propose to say in the notice that Mr. Silver and Dr. Goldstein are being invited to the meeting.

Since there is no meeting of the E. C. this week I shall probably stay over

till next Sunday or Monday.
Hereafter I shall be at your
service & disposal.

I have been informed that
Gold's "inner circle" had a meeting
a few days ago & decided they were
not bound by the point 3 of the
accord & will fight for their positions.

If you have not written to Chas.
Rosenbloom, I would suggest that you
do, explaining your position & urging
him to "stand by". He had taken the
draft movement seriously & literally &
evidently feels let down. So write him!

I have been giving a great deal
of thought to our problems & getting
some ideas.

Enclosed you will find Brainin's
column for this week & again he has
a piece about the silver movement.
His "Playing Ball."

Hope you are enjoying your vacation
at last. My love to Virginia.

P.S. See also the
"Fund 7 Events"

as well

Yours

Emmanuel

P. J. Jacks
317 Bay Street
Toronto

August 20, 1943.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
c/o The Temple,
East 105th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

From reports gleaned in the Anglo-Jewish Press, I am happy to learn that you are likely to become the head of the Zionist Organization of America, or its political head.

In the last few years, I have watched with a great deal of interest the developments in Zionism and naturally I am disappointed with the meagerness of the results to date. I sincerely believe that you will do a whole lot for the movement and add strength to it. May God give you strength.

To introduce myself to you without being egotistical, I can do so best by telling you of my recent relationship with Zionism. I headed the U. P. A. campaign in our city last spring, where there was raised over \$150,000.00. In addition, we raised here some \$60,000.00 for other Zionist causes this last year. Following our lead, we got Montreal to place Zionism on a higher pedestal, and they increased their collection from \$80,000.00 to \$200,000.00. I mention this to indicate the revival that has taken place in this country and I attach a great deal of significance to any change in leadership. I feel it must come, and I hope that you will be the choice in the coming convention. My own renewed interest stems from that inspiration I received at Cleveland after listening to you at the Welfare Fund Convention.

In our country, the lack of education, the lack of news and information and political action has been pathetic. Jews and non-Jews are unaware of the true state of affairs. Lately we have been attempting to remedy this condition, but most of our efforts are scattered and trivial. Our youth has been neglected.

S. J. Zucko
311 Bay Street
Toronto

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Potential Gentile friends have been left alone. We need strong vital leadership. Our own Canadian national executive has been an "America Jewish Committee" and has not been awake to its responsibilities. I feel our whole world movement needs a thorough shaking and revitalization. Newer, younger and bolder people must be brought in.

At this moment, it seems to me that something could be done through Mr. King, our Prime Minister. Our government might be induced to ask Mr. Churchill to remove the "white paper" and to give the Jews a better break in the world to come. I do not know what the American Emergency Committee or the World Zionist Organization is doing. I feel that Canada can be very helpful at any peace conference, or war conference, as Canada is so friendly with the United States, and is an important member of the British Commonwealth of Nations. I firmly believe that the Canadian government could be induced to intercede on the behalf of the Jewish people to help reshape the world for the Jews. At this dark moment, our leaders in Canada are apathetic and afraid to speak or to move. I do not know if there is any prompting or cooperation from above. I think there should have been.

I write to you for three reasons:

1. The President of our National Organization is not accessible, and is a sick man. He has not been any great believer in taking a firm stand politically.
2. I feel you should know that there is a group in Canada which wants to work through the Zionist Organization, and which can be helpful politically. We are ready to go forward with a live world Zionist movement, raising funds, mobilizing public opinion, stirring up our own youth, and enlisting non-Jewish support.
3. I would also like to extend to you an invitation to visit our city and be our guest at our next U. P. A. campaign in the spring. We would be greatly honoured to have you, and would set the dates to

S. J. Zacks
313 Bay Street
Toronto

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meet your convenience.

I intend to be at the Assembly on the 29th of August in New York, and would like to have the opportunity of discussing these matters with you.

Yours very sincerely,

Samuel Hays

Z/R

S. J. Zacks



WALDORF ASTORIA HOTEL

50th Street & Park

New York City

August 27, 1943

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Hotel Waldorf Astoria
New York, N.Y.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Please accept my most sincere and
heartiest congratulations upon your assumption of high
office in the leadership of the Emergency Committee.

You may count upon my genuine support.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Daniel Frisch".

Daniel Frisch

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HOTEL BILTMORE

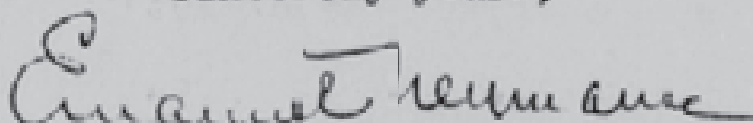
New York, N. Y.

August 27, 1943

On the occasion of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver's elevation to political leadership by his election as Co-Chairman of the Zionist Emergency Committee and Chairman of its Executive, a number of his friends will meet him at breakfast on Monday, August 30, 1943 at 8:30 A.M. in the Palm Room of the Waldorf-Astoria.

You are cordially invited. Please advise me by telegram whether we may expect you.

Sincerely yours,



Emanuel Neumann
Hotel Biltmore
Room 1441

① 3 Resolutions - ^{9 take pleasure} 2 declaratives

② Deliberated - 4 essays - 40.

③ Declaratives - ① Jewish Labor Council

② Int. Council of J. Workers

④ 3 Resolutions

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② A. J. Capers - ~~Pro-Zionist~~

③ ~~Zionist Bloc - Pro-Zionist~~

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August 31, 1943

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Dr. E. S. S. (15)
Rabbi Freehoff (16)

Mrs. Israel Goldstein (17)

Rabbi Perlman (18)

Judge Proskauer (19)

~~Robert S. Gold~~ (20)
~~Judge Rothenthal~~

~~Dr. Gold~~

Ezra Shapiro (23)

Meyer Brown (21)

Mrs. R. Jacobs

Mr. Revusky (22)

Judge Leventhal (24)

~~Robert Gold~~

Herman Shulman (25)

Rabbi David Shapiro (26)

Mr. Siegel - Chicago (27)

Isidore Bubbick (28)

Harry Levine (29)

Henry Murphy

Joseph Rotherberg

Sidney Harold (31)

Sherman (recomm. time)

Margolis (32)

Chaim Greenberg (30)

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② Delicate situation -
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→ work. Not for now!
I will be interested
to see how far we get near to
Conf.

③ Working time
same Palestine

④ Preamble

⑤ For immediate
solution

~~Recomm. time~~
Mrs. Epstein (33)

H. Albert (34)

Emmanuel (35)
H. Epstein
Chaim Greenberg
Herman Shulman
Margolis
Sherman
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Mr. Siegel - Chicago
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The Z.O.A. Discovers Columbus in 1943

The Z.O.A. convention is to be held in Columbus, Ohio. The question of the place of the convention was neatly disposed of by a handful of members of the Executive Committee at the tail-end of a meeting. Although the Administrative Council later recommended a change of place its preference in the matter was ignored. Of course, we have nothing against Columbus anymore than we have against Hoboken, or Indianapolis, or Kalamazoo. But the question is pertinent, why Columbus? Why was this small middle western town chosen for the convention in the war year of 1943? With travel conditions as they are and every national organization holding its convention at or near the large centers of population, what was the compelling reason for dragging the convention to an out of the way place in face of the certain knowledge that the bulk of the delegates from the East will be unable to attend?

We haven't been enlightened as to the reason nor do we presume to conjecture. We shall give the leaders of the Administration the benefit of the doubt and take it for granted that their decision is motivated by the purest Zionist considerations. The point we want to make, however, is that even in Columbus it might be possible to restore the convention to its former significance as the annual parliamentary session of the Z.O.A. In the last few years conventions have been largely mass meetings, oratorical contests, symposiums,—in fact, every-

thing except the deliberative assemblies they should be. Is it not time that Zionists insist that conventions shall cease to be what they have been and become what they should be?

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A Strange Case of Omission

In the recent elections to the American Jewish Conference the Z.O.A. quite properly endeavored to elect as many Zionists as possible. While it is estimated that the overwhelming majority of delegates are Zionists or pro-Zionists, their election, however, was not due altogether to the official efforts of the Z.O.A. In fact, quite a number of Zionists elected were not on the Z.O.A. slate at all and they will owe no obligations to the Z.O.A. at the Conference.

In Manhattan, for instance, there was an official Z.O.A. slate. There was a list of seven names of greater or lesser eminence. *But the two best known leaders of the Zionist movement were not included.* Dr. Stephen S. Wise and Mr. Louis Lipsky were not given the official Zionist endorsement. Their names appeared on the list of the American Jewish Congress and, of course, Zionist electors voted for them in large numbers despite their exclusion from the Z.O.A. ticket.

There was a great fuss at the last meeting of the Z.O.A. Executive about this matter. The criticism, however, was directed not at the "board of strategy" for its astonishing omission, but curiously enough, at Dr. Wise and Mr. Lipsky for leaving the Zionist reservation. That was adding

insult to injury. There was nothing in the election rules which prevented the Z.O.A. from nominating Dr. Wise and Mr. Lipsky on the Zionist ticket even if as officers of the American Jewish Congress they appeared on its slate as well. The fact that this was not done can be interpreted in no other way than as a deliberate effort by the controlling powers in the Z.O.A. to undermine the Zionist influence of Dr. Wise and Mr. Lipsky. Fortunately, the effort has failed.

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From Embassy to Washington Bureau

A Zionist Bureau was recently opened in Washington and the announcement was made with considerable fanfare and flourish. Remembering that some four years ago we set up an establishment at the nation's Capital, which was described as the Zionist Embassy, many Zionists throughout the country, on reading this news, undoubtedly rubbed their eyes and wondered. What has become of all the claims and assertions that were made in behalf of moving the Zionist headquarters to Washington and what of the big idea of an Embassy? Has it dwindled down to a little office? In the notice given of auspices and arrangements the Z.O.A. itself has faded out of the picture.

With the feeling of surprise that these circumstances will cause, will also come a sense of impatience and disappointment with the false and artificial emphasis which has for several years been placed on the physical arrangements for office location and the purely technical side of office management.

Zionists whose political education is up to the required standard have not been slow in realizing that the Washington Bureau idea, so often publicized, has no more merit than any one of the other extraneous proposals or devices that are put forward from time to time with perhaps the well-meant object of keeping alive the interest and sustaining the hope of the people, but with the

effect of mixing the incidental with the essential and thus causing confusion.

Washington is not at the other end of the world. Trains and airplanes carry one there in a few short hours and it is not the distance between New York—or any other city—and Washington that constitutes our tremendous obstacle and creates our present crisis. The crisis calls for bold and far-sighted measures and does not permit any trifling with false panaceas. For it will readily be understood that in Washington, personalities and circumstances favoring, much may be accomplished without having any Bureau or even a fictitious Embassy. On the other hand, you may have ten offices there without accomplishing anything. Educational work can be carried on from any central headquarters.

During the past winter a number of significant representations in behalf of Palestine and the Jewish cause were made in Washington; there were conversations with important officials, conferences, pro-Palestine dinners, statements issued in behalf of groups of Senators and Congressmen.

If at the close of these diplomatic endeavors there was to our sorrow no comforting statement to be made to the Jews of America, our leaders should have bided their time until the tide of more favorable events would have brought some cheering news for our people. To have followed all these political activities—carried on just as well without a Bureau—with the announcement that a Zionist Bureau was opened in Washington is in the nature of an anti-climax. This is not calculated to raise either the confidence or morale of the Zionist movement in America.

Self-laudation, the bluster and blowing of horns, the boosts of "inspired" columnists, who do not even own their own names, will not invest an amateurish undertaking with any importance or dignity. Least of all will people be impressed by arrangements for an office which suggests recourse to a naturalization bureau.

Exit . . .

The Committee for a Jewish Army is currently promoting an "Emergency conference to save the Jews of Europe." What this project has to do with the original purpose for which the Committee was formed only the clever prestidigitators in charge can say. It is clear, however, that this and similar schemes are designed to salvage the remaining particles of the crumbling Committee. While it has as yet inserted no screaming advertisements to appeal for funeral expenses we may expect that the word "finish" will soon be written over the tempestuous, checkered and check-seeking career of this storm-petrel among temporary and turbulent organizations.

The approaching dissolution of this body furnishes an occasion for certain observations on its origin and activities.

Extremes are produced by the contrast of attitudes, and the advent of the Committee for a Jewish Army with its bold and aggressive program was due to the long hesitation and timidity of the Zionist Organization of America after the outbreak of the war and when the position of Palestine was placed in dire jeopardy.

The healthy instincts of the Zionist rank and file and the Jewish masses responded at once to a desire,—voiced at once by the World Organization and the Jewish Agency—for the formation of a military unit of Palestinian Jews to fight with the British forces against the world's worst enemy, but the Z.O.A. was not stirred by the spread of this wholesome and spontaneous emotion and it continued to sit on the fence around the *passe kretschma* in Washington.

Henpecked, hamstrung and torn between the conflicting interests of the different parties, the American Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs debated and argued for many months and ruled on several hundred points of order without reaching any decision, the orchestral hemming and

hawing making a most disagreeable impression upon the Zionist public.

While precious time was thus lost and much impatience, doubt, and irritation created, where clear guidance should have been offered, the free-lance elements, without the weight of excessive responsibility and ponderous cogitation, entered the field and started the vigorous if vehement agitation for the Jewish Army, later inaugurating the picaresque parade of pay-for-the-advertising-as-you-go which attracted wide attention and ultimately detracted from the respect and admiration for the movement.

When the interest of the masses of Zionists and Jews in general became more intense and vocal and the Z.O.A. and Emergency Committee could no longer resist the pressure of public opinion, both of these bodies belatedly voted in favor of the Army idea, but by that time the situation was pretty well bedevilled and it was hard to clear the path of obstruction. Negotiations between the regular Zionists and the Revisionist-controlled Committee dragged along for a few more months and collapsed. The Emergency Committee then endeavored to help the movement with blessings and good wishes but its back had been broken by indecision, lady-like appeasement and blundering.

The moral? Consult your Zionist conscience first and, when the opportunity arises, act quickly regardless of organizational entanglements.

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The League Goes Forward The Zionist League enters upon its second year of activity.

Its record of achievement during the first year makes an excellent demonstration of the usefulness to the movement of a forum for the free and frank discussion of Zionist problems and an informal and hospitable gathering place of Zionists from New York and elsewhere.

Our discussions, debates and lectures and our little outspoken newspaper which was read with such intense interest have done much not only to

clarify Zionist issues but to vindicate the essential democratic character of our movement.

At the annual meeting held on June 15, 1943, Leo Wolfson, well known to Zionists throughout the country, was elected president of the League. Morris Margulies and Sigmund Thau will serve as Vice-Presidents with George I. Fox as treasurer and Marcus Abramson as secretary. The Executive Committee includes men who have been long and prominently identified with the movement.

Under Mr. Wolfson's leadership the League will resume publication of the ZIONIST REVIEW as a monthly journal of opinion and comment. Later in the year there will be held a series of Zionist Forums for the discussion of current problems and policies.

The League believes that there is need for a positive militant group of Zionists, which promises to become a force for a creative Zionism. In this work the League asks the support and co-operation of all alert and thinking Zionists.

ABOUT ARAB PROPAGANDA

The intensive Arab propaganda which is now being carried on in the United States and amongst high government officials, according to Frederick Kuh, London correspondent of the *Chicago Tribune*, is due to the advice given to Arab leaders by F. H. W. Stonehewer-Bird, British Minister to Saudi-Arabia and other British officials in the Near East. An avalanche of statements, articles, protests and news items about a Pan-Arab Federation, all of them of a violent anti-Zionist character, have appeared in our magazines and daily press. Ibn Saud of Saudi-Arabia had his say in a lavish article in *Life*. Emir Abdullah of Trans-Jordania is ready to head the Pan-Arab Federation which is to include Palestine. Nuri Pasha, the premier of Iraq is fulminating in press statements about the Arab case and the United Nations. Anjinnah of the Indian Moslem Committee published resolutions against a Jewish Palestine. The Egyptian Premier is

also much concerned about the Arab situation and clamors for attention. The Egyptian Minister to Washington went even so far as to file a protest with our State Department against Zionist claims and activities. The Arab propaganda material is a perversion of known historical facts, contains false and vicious statements about Zionist aims and activities and is always threatening dire results if the Zionists should succeed in their efforts.

Arab propaganda must be met with a vigorous campaign of enlightenment. A beginning has already been made in the admirable reply to Ibn Saud made by Dr. Wise in an article published in *Life*. The publication of Emir Faisal's agreement with Dr. Weizmann is the best answer to Ibn Saud's complete brushing aside of Jewish claims to Palestine. Other and similar articles should be prepared which will give to the American people an accurate picture of our position vis-a-vis the Arab world. Zionists will expect to be guided by official action on the part of our leadership and its directives. In keeping with such instructions our membership should be alert and react to everything that affects Zionism. Every time a Zionist encounters an item of Arab propaganda in a paper or magazine which he reads, he should do something about it. He can write a letter to the editor of the publication pointing out the false claims and allegations of the item in question, setting forth at the same time our own position.

It is pertinent to add that it is not a secret that some British officials are anti-Zionist and that they have aided the Arabs against the Jews. There must be a limit however to these indecent intrigues. The British government which has definite official obligations towards the Jews and a Jewish Palestine can not and will not in a time like this remain indifferent to the duties involved in the Balfour Declaration and the Mandate granted her and ratified by 51 nations, including the United States.

L. W.

American Zionism and Jewish Leadership

The primary purpose of Zionism is of course the advancement of the striving for Jewish national restoration on our own land, but Zionists as full-fledged Jews, being animated by this ideal, have always sought to exert a certain influence upon the Jewish communities both for their own wholesome development and the appointed part they are to play in the fulfillment of our destiny.

The advancement of the community has at all times depended upon informed, wise and capable leadership, and with the intellectual and spiritual revival which Zionism has brought into being and the new forces it has drawn into action our organizations were able to share to a large measure in the leadership of the communities.

Dr. Herzl's injunction to win the communities for the Cause was only partly realized before many of these amalgamations of our people were cruelly conquered and destroyed by the common enemy. The changes which these tragic events have wrought, while modifying some of our conceptions of *Galuth* and *Geulah*, have also shifted the centers of activity to other parts of the world, but our relations to the communities have remained the same and become more binding and significant. Upon the remaining free and prosperous Jewish settlements history has imposed new duties and tasks of great magnitude and the role which the march of fateful events has assigned to American Zionists involves far-sighted and bold leadership both in Zionism and in Jewry generally.

A Zionist leadership that is uncertain of itself, that discards tradition and the upholders of cherished traditions, that is groping for a new interpretation of its own ideology, that lacks boldness to strike out for action in a time of crisis—such a leadership is not calculated to exert a strong influence on the community.

Contrast the role of the Zionist movement in the United States in 1914-1918 with the part we

play in 1943 and you will realize how little we have advanced in a quarter of a century in our relations to American Jewry and its problems of organization and leadership. Some may sigh and say "there were giants in those days." True. But it was our organization that enlisted the giants and brought them into our movement and it was our organization that wielded a tremendous influence upon the great personalities outside of our movement.

Again compare our own community with that of the settlement that is closest to our own, not in size but in importance and prestige. While the British Board of Jewish Deputies, of aristocratic and condescending lineage, has gradually come closer to the masses of our people in England and has finally come under Zionist control, the corresponding organization in the United States, which after all is also amenable to public opinion, has in the last few years yielded to the domination of assimilationists and reactionaries. At the same time the other organizations of identical objectives have remained without the consistent and positive participation and support of the Zionists, the official relations between the Z.O.A. and the American Jewish Congress having become very much of a farce, with the heads of our organization and the Hadassah having lined up with the opposition group and become apologists for dictatorial policies.

Having progressively declined as a guide to and interpreter of Jewish issues, as an exponent of vital ideas, the Zionist organization has ceased to be a force in shaping Jewish life. It can only return to its former determining role by a return to the basic principles of Zionism in their broader application to Jewish life and the re-adoption of the Herzlian conception that "first comes the idea."

OUR PERPLEXED GUIDE TO ZION

While Jews throughout the world from the United States to Palestine who are at all free to act will continue to give all possible aid and encouragement to Soviet Russia as our brave ally in the war against Nazi barbarism. Well-informed and intelligent members of the race with definite convictions will not be confused by the attempts of blind partisans to gloss over certain fundamental differences that exist between the Soviet Government and Jewry and to twist out of shape a sad and still open history involving Judaism, Zionism, the Hebrew language, Jewish culture, etc. Thinking Jews sharing the widespread opinion that is reflected in the responsible Jewish press will not be misled, and despite the pro-Communist proclivities of writers for at least two Jewish press bureaus, they will not be taken in by the labored furor which is now being made on the arrival here of a delegation "from Soviet Jewry to the Jews of America."

But what holds good for others who keep in touch with the march of events does not apply to *The New Palestine*, the official organ of the Z.O.A. which remains organically befuddled and confused. In the issue of June 11 it has two references to the delegates from Russia and the two items have a terrible tussle between themselves. In the "National Review of the Press" conducted by Moses Z. Frank we find the following item:

One of the most eloquent obituaries on the demise of the Comintern was written in Hebrew by M. Shoshani (everybody knows it is Ribalow), in an editorial in *Hadoar*. The last section of the editorial, dealing with the possibilities of a Jewish national revival in Russia concerns us most.

"One thing we do know," says the writer: "The uprooting of the Zionist-Hebraist consciousness has been done in a thorough manner . . . If the great day comes and freedom is proclaimed for the spirit of Russian Jewry, we shall have to begin at the beginning."

As an illustration of the desolate state of Russian Jewry, he cites the fact that Russia could not find a more suitable emissary to send to American Jewry than Itzik Feffer, the poet who blasphemed everything sacred to the Jews.

In the same issue there is an editorial called "A Deepening Trend." From this we quote only two paragraphs:

Each day brings new evidence of the rapprochement and understanding which is developing between Soviet Jewry and world Jewry, comparable to the new, friendly relationship between the Soviet Government and the other nations of the world. It was some two years ago that the Jews of Moscow, breaking their long silence, first spoke up as Jews and asked their brethren the world over to lend their fullest measure of support to the battle against Nazism. Since that time Russian Jewry's contacts with the outside world have multiplied.

The most recent event in this chain is the visit to the United States by a Soviet Jewish delegation. The delegation consists of Solomon Mikhoels, noted actor, and the poet, Itzik Feffer. Great importance will be attached to their utterances concerning Zionism, the state of Judaism in Russia, the interests of the Jewish masses there, and other matters concerning which speculation is rife. It is reported that on their return trip the two will pay an extended visit to Palestine.

The "trend" here referred to might have been more significant if the Soviet Government had not repeatedly refused visas to both the Jewish Agency and Palestine Jewry which offered to send delegations in furtherance of this friendly intercourse and the promotion of the cause of Russia and her Allies. This circumstance would seem to be an integral part of the subject of the above comment just as the character of the delegation from Russia is pertinent to such discussion.

Yet one should sympathize with the *N. P.* in its manifestly painful struggle to attain a certain con-

sistency in reflecting Zionist events and currents of thought. Failing to mirror what is actually going on in Jewish life and what is being said in the Hebrew and Yiddish press and the important Zionist organs published abroad it resorts to the obvious editorial practice of featuring big names with some articles, pertinent or impertinent, attached, ("Take a letter Miss Goldman: Dear Mr. Adamic . . .").

Well, big names have their uses, too, but one has to know who is who and what is what. When a leading Jewish figure in American letters writes sympathetically about a Jewish State it is a matter worthy of notice, but when a notorious American appeaser and isolationist decides to flirt with Zionism it is no occasion for either rejoicing or for devoting two and one-half pages to his compliments. Of course the march of ideas is taxing and confusing and leaves many headaches behind. So on February 19, the *New Palestine* goes Revisionist, and while reviewing *The War and the Jew*, a book by the late Vladimir Jabotinsky, the writer comes to this conclusion:

Perhaps enough has already been discussed to indicate that *The War and the Jew* is an unusual book. Its chief claim for attention, however, lies in the fact that it presents a plan, a chart, a blue-print for Jewish action during the and after it. There may be amendments to the plan, or alterations to it; it may be revised, stretched, pulled, twisted, reinterpreted and redrawn—but it is at least something to begin with.

The readers of the paper are thus given to understand that neither the World Zionist Organization nor the Jewish Agency nor the Z.O.A. have prepared any plan whatsoever and that outside of this book—issued in England in 1940—there was nothing, even "to begin with."

The above state of obfuscation leads to other aberrations that take the form of petty smart-aleckisms. Thus on April 16 we have a headline which says: "Churchill Writes An Editorial," giving the startling impression that N. P. has acquired

a new editorial writer and scooped the press of the whole world! On April 2, 1943 the late Dr. Theodor Herzl joins the staff, but he is not permitted to use his own title to his famous answer to the "Protest Rabiner." Instead our sense of reverence is rudely violated with a flippant parody of a popular phrase: "Herzl Had a Name For Them."

Your commentator would like to have a name for this kind of thing.

T. R. J.

THE CREDO IS RATHER CRUDE

The Credo of an American Zionist, by Louis E. Levinthal. Washington, D. C., Zionist Organization of America.

It is not the usual practice of a believing and observant Jew, which the author surely is, to come forward with an offer of a new Credo, but assuming that Judge Levinthal felt justified in employing that ambitious title he should be prepared to make good his promise in utterances outside of this pamphlet, elegantly printed but deficient in any notable content. Most of the Zionist sentiments here stated are as well known as they are generally accepted and their presentation in this rather elaborate form may only be accounted for by the constant repetition which propaganda requires.

Whatever is true in this brochure is not new, and conversely whatever is or is intended to be new is far from being true. This is all the more regrettable since the attempts at improvisation are directed to non-Zionists with the intention of winning them to our side with an argument that is not at all calculated to be a winner. The outsiders are first of all given to understand that they cannot be good Americans, cannot be true adherents of democracy unless they are Zionists.

The effort to claim for Zionists a superior brand of Americanism and a deeper devotion to democracy—in imitation of the imitators who are decried—will surely fail to attract the non-Zionists

ciation between Americanism, democracy and Zionism is of course obvious and widely acknowledged, but the insistence that the acceptance of Zionism be conditioned on the degree of one's devotion to the general ideals leads to an intellectual muddle from which none of the seekers for a new American Zionism were able to disentangle themselves.

In essaying to deviate from simple and basic Jewish Nationalism the present writer becomes confused about several points as is indicated by his reference to General Zionism:

Perhaps the name *General Zionism* is a misnomer. By General we do not mean vague, indefinite, abstract. Rather does General in this sense mean integral, broad, comprehensive, universal. We might well refer to it as *Complete Zionism*, in contrast to a limited, restricted, partisan approach to Zionism.

However, the author's demand for complete fulfilment of Great Britain's obligation to the Jews in relation to Palestine is entirely to be commended.

J. S.

THE "DRAFT SILVER" MOVEMENT

Prospects of an unexciting Convention at far-off Columbus, with no contests to enliven the proceedings and no conflicts to disturb the smooth functioning of a well-oiled machine, were suddenly shattered in recent days by the dramatic announcement in the press of a movement to draft Dr. Abba Hillel Silver for the presidency of the Z.O.A. This movement came as a shock to the Administration forces whose carefully prepared plans for the future did not include Dr. Silver. It had been anticipated that Dr. Israel Goldstein would be uncontested for the presidency and everything would proceed according to plan.

The "draft Silver" movement and the tremendous response it evoked threatened to upset all the well ordered plans. It became apparent that if Dr. Silver should announce his willingness to be a candidate his election would be assured. Just then the peacemakers got busy and a "unity program" was arranged which seemingly is satisfactory to all concerned.

The background of the Silver movement and the final outcome is told by Mr. Charles J. Rosenbloom of Pittsburgh, chairman of the Silver committee, in the following communication issued after the accord was reached:

The purpose which motivated us was to give to the Zionist movement in these critical days the benefit

of Dr. Silver's magnificent gifts and his militant dynamic leadership. Dr. Silver was most reluctant to assume the burdens and duties of the Presidency of the Z.O.A., but for the fact that he was deeply concerned over the political aspects of the Zionist situation at this moment and the vital and paramount importance of strengthening our political position to the utmost. For this task and to that end he was prepared to make every necessary sacrifice. If his commanding figure has so long been missed on our political front it was not due to any refusal on his part, but solely to the fact that he had been deliberately excluded by a few persons, despite repeated efforts by Dr. Chaim Weizmann and Dr. Stephen S. Wise to draw him in. It was against this exclusion that we rebelled because we regarded it as a crime against the movement in these fateful days. We felt there was no other way to resolve the issue than by starting the popular movement to draft him for the leadership which met with an overwhelming response.

Within the past few days, however, a group of Zionist leaders in New York headed by Dr. Wise, have intervened with a view to solving the problem of leadership by agreement rather than by contest. I am informed that an accord has been reached, which, faithfully adhered to and scrupulously carried out in letter and spirit, will accomplish substantially what we set out to achieve, namely, to make it possible for Dr. Silver to dedicate his talents to the direction of our political affairs with the certainty that he will receive the necessary cooperation on the part of the leadership and Administration of the Z.O.A. Not only will the policy of exclusion no longer be applied to him, but the spirit of partisanship will be curbed and superseded by genuine and effective unity in the Zionist movement.

The principal features of the accord are as follows:

1. Dr. Silver will join Dr. Wise as Co-Chairman of the American Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs, and in addition thereto, become the Chairman of its Executive and of its Political Committees, being thus placed in charge of the active direction of the political efforts of the movement in this country.

2. With the support of Dr. Silver and his followers, Dr. Israel Goldstein, whose name had previously been suggested for the Presidency of the Z.O.A. shall be uncontested by Dr. Silver for that office.

Dr. Silver has expressed his entire satisfaction with this accord and is earnestly desirous that those who have joined the "draft Silver" movement, and all his supporters and followers, will attend the Convention with their delegates and help by their presence and participation to implement this Unity Program in all its aspects. Personally he will support it loyally and to the utmost of his strength.

It is taken for granted that the new Z.O.A. Administration will be constituted in agreement with the views of the Silver committee. It is now up to the Convention to implement the program. The Rosenbloom committee is determined to mobilize the maximum number of delegates to attend the Convention and make certain that every point in the program is translated into reality.

September 7, 1943

Mr. Philip Slomovitz
c/o Jewish News
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Phil:

I am replying to your letter of September 1 with inclosures, all of which I have shown to Silver.

1. I quite agree with you that Silver fully vindicated our confidence and fulfilled our best expectations.

2. I do receive your paper regularly. I have seen what you had to say about the Conference and Silver's role. It was splendid. Could you send me at once a half dozen copies of this issue? And may I suggest that in this week's issue, which is the pre-convention number, you publish an editorial about the coming convention, which among other things, should call upon the convention to endorse Silver's political leadership and pledge him the unqualified backing and cooperation of the ZOA. Believe me that this is important.

3. I was delighted to read the letter from Congressman Sadowski.

4. We will discuss Senator Vandenberg when we meet in Columbus. It does seem to me, judging by the newspapers, that Vandenberg and Taft are losing out as against other elements in the Republican Party who favor international collaboration.

5. We will deal with the Religious News Service and the Council for American Judaism in due course.

6. Regarding the ZOA Executive: as you probably know, it was a subject of long and at times bitter wrangling between Silver and Goldstein. Silver had called us in for our suggestions. We checked off on the list those members of the present Executive whom we considered to be friendly or independent and insisted that they remain. Next we submitted some ten or twelve new names to be put on. Your name was definitely included. Goldstein tried to meet our demands by offering us only two places. That resulted in a

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scene, in which Silver broke off negotiations and left the room. Subsequently Judge Rothenberg intervened as a mediator and a compromise was effected, whereby Goldstein agreed to the inclusion of five of our names and Silver did not feel that he could carry the fight beyond that point. Among those whom he did not get on the Executive were not only yourself but some others who are very close to him personally, like Rabbi Feuer of Toledo, author of the book, Why a Jewish State?, formerly his assistant in his Temple at Cleveland. Since you mentioned Lipsky's name, I must say in fairness to him, that he had nothing to do either with making up the list or with the negotiations on the slate. I have kept Silver fully advised concerning your active support and your valuable activity generally and I assure you that he appreciates both. He simply had to make the best of an unsatisfactory situation.

Knowing you as I do, I also know that you joined the "Draft Silver" movement with the best and most unselfish of motives, as did most of the other men; and I believe I can say without hesitation that we have already reaped a rich reward in the magnificent leadership that Silver gave us at the Conference. There will be more of that, I am sure.

I am looking forward to seeing you at Columbus. As ever

Faithfully yours,

EN:GCS

Emanuel Neumann

September 7, 1943

Dr. Raymond L. Buell
Time, Life and Fortune
Time & Life Building
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Buell:

I was delighted to have your note of September 1, revealing as it does your continued interest in our Palestine problems.

I have taken the liberty of making several copies of it and distributing them among some of our friends, including Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, who has just been elevated to the political leadership of the Zionist movement in this country. He has expressed a desire to meet with you when he returns to New York around the 20th of this month. I hope you will find it possible to meet him.

There is much I could tell you about the Sulzberger and Sedgwick dispatches in the Times. They are part of a well laid plot to discredit Zionism in this country. The Times, because of its Jewish ownership, is being deliberately prostituted to anti-Zionist ends and is behaving on this question not as an American newspaper but rather as a Jewish newspaper and the organ of the small group of anti-Zionist irreconcilables. I shall come back to the subject and hope to let you have a considered statement of fact and comment on the gun-running trial and its background.

With kind regards, as ever

Very sincerely yours,

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Emanuel Neumann

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ABBA.

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Emmanuel Newman

521 - Fifth Av.
New York City.

Please make sure announcement agreement properly worded. Should indicate significant reorganization, ~~which~~  achieved in view of ~~approaching~~  decision also unity in our interests. Stop. Following this statement I will issue one thanking friends who summoned me to leadership and call upon all to greatest efforts in behalf our movement. Kindest regards -
-SILVER-



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Sunday

Dear Abba:

(1) Forgive this pencilled scribble. No steno. - Have just heard from Schuyf who advises we now have ~~several~~ hundreds of alternates available from various Ohio cities. Am trying to distribute them properly thus insuring a strong "Silver Block" at Convention under slogan of supporting "Unity Program."

(2) Sam French has sought me several times proposing a close alliance of Silver ~~Goldstein~~ forces (unofficial) counterbalancing ~~the~~ extremists on both sides. Intimated he expects some heads will fall on this side (~~the~~ i.e. some of Gold's henchmen who represent no one but Gold like the Borfsteins, Juziks etc). He suggested a meeting between you & Goldstein; and if you & Goldstein so desire each may bring along an adviser; in which case he hopes to be picked by Goldstein & I by you.

(3) We had Norman Goldmann (who is in the Adirondacks) call up Wise to "straighten" him out & make him understand his interest lies with us - especially on corruption BOA Executive. Goldmann seems very happy over

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your triumph. He believes visit to State Dept
not before next week at earliest & thinks
you, Wise & a third, should represent us.

(4) Have tried to allay certain fears by stating
to various persons that I ~~do not~~ intend to
return to my job (or any job) in Emergency Com.

(5) Feeling seems spreading among more
far-sighted & political minded that your devotion
to political leadership forecasts much bigger
things to come on the international plane. Frisch
for instance, has repeated it repeatedly. I believe
they are right, though I insist you have no
plans or ambitions in that direction. In any
case it is essential for whatever the future
may hold that you have the J.O.A. situation firmly
under control. I shall do my utmost to that end.

(6) For discussion with Goldstein & Wise:

(a) Of primary importance that J.O.A. represen-
tatives on Em. Com be persons who will work with you.

(b) We should ask for 2 key positions: Chairman-
ship of Administrative Council of J.O.A. (now Heller)
and Treasurer (now Rucker) also chairman
finance committee (now Lipskowitz, Sol Goldman's
brother-in-law). For treasurer we can propose Charles
Rosenthal; for ch. finance committee we have several
including Abe Goodman who is ardently for you. For
Ad. Council we might propose Irving Miller, whom
they will ~~probably~~ ^{probably} oppose strongly. It may be
good strategy for you to propose Ezra Shapiro
who has been with us & this gesture may

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but after your election is a fact.

(10) Am cabling also to Palestine.

(11) Am arranging for considerable publicity
to accompany or immediately follow ^{the election}.

(12) So far as I am concerned, I don't
really know what to suggest. It may be desirable
to make me vice-chairman of Ex. Com. of
the Emergency Com. - but you may meet stiff
resistance & I would not for the world embarrass
you. It might be well to give me some office in
the ZOA so I can watch that front. In any
case what is important is that my prestige
& that of ~~SWIFT~~ ^{SWIFT} supporters should
be enhanced. That may be more important than
any particular position. There are many ways of doing
that. Show all the "leaders" like Goldstein, Win,
Levinthal, Pottinger etc. should be made to realize
by you that I must play an important part &
that they had better change their former attitude
& consult me & draw me in etc. I could stand
a little "buzzing up" after what has happened here.
Just how? I don't just know at the moment.

Perhaps in your speech at Ex. Com. meeting and
in your public statements you may make some
references to my contribution to the political work
along with contribute to Wise etc. Emergency Com.

(13) I shall be at the Commodore early Thursday
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arrive Wed. night it may be well to arrive "in cog."

For many reasons it may be well that you do not confer with people before I can see you & inform you further concerning the "wheels within wheels".

(14) Between you & me: I am thinking of celebrating your assumption of leadership by joining with a number of friends in presenting you with a special fund of at least \$50,000 & bestowing ^{sole} disposition for special political purposes. If this is done (by privately buying a small group) the presentation can be made at the Convention. It will be dramatic & give all our friends a lift & the feeling that ~~the~~ era of deeds & achievement is succeeding one of impotence & mediocrity. I am thinking of such friends as Oscar Berenson, Clara Rosenthal, Michael Hollander, Gross etc. etc. If you have any suggestions in this matter please let me know. I know we can get a good budget from the Funds, but such a special fund is most desirable from many standpoints.

Enough of "business" & "politics". I need not tell you how thrilled I am & ~~very~~ ^{extremely} interested. I feel like a new man, full of hope & optimism once more. I know that the news will send a thrill throughout the Jewish world.

God bless you, Abba, & give you the strength you need! Tell Virginia not to grieve but to rejoice.

No one can ~~not~~ escape his destiny or
has the right to avoid it - There is
calls & great things. God has given you
your gifts to use them for our people
now ~~nothing~~ in ~~the~~ blood. The inconvenience
& sacrifice it may entail for you & family
is relatively ~~unimportant~~. I know
that I would gladly give my life if it came
to that. And I know you are cast in
a more heroic mold than I.

God Bless Dear Abba!

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Ammanuel

Columbus in force to support the
 accord and ensure its full implementation
 in letter & spirit. We shall have a
 powerful block. who is coming from
 Detroit? who will join our "Silver-Johnston
 Block" which will probably be
 called the "United Delegation. Let me
 hear from you.



As soon as possible,
 Samuel

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Mr. Chas J. Rosenbloom
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Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Mr. Rosenblom:

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I wish to associate myself with the Committee for Dr. Silver as President of the Z.O.A. and I shall communicate my views to the delegates from my District.

Remarks.....



Name.....

Address.....

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V. Pres. Emer. Newman

Treas. Chas. R. Bloom -

Chair. Finance Com. - Abe Goodman

Chair. Adm. Com.

Irving Miller

Chair. Exec. Com.

Members -

V. Chair. Exp. Com. & Emergency ^{Emergency}

Emmanuel Newman?

Z.O.A. Representatives on Emergency Com. - how many?

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- all who typed

Alex Lowenthal - Phil
Joe Wengarten - Texas
Oscar Karpman - Ariz.
Rabbi Rosenthal - Cleveland
Jacob Fishman

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Sylvia Goldstein - Long
Mortimer May - Nashville
Abe Green - Detroit
Joseph Joseph Silber - Cleveland
David Solomon - St. Louis

Joel Doss

5. L. Allen - Exec. Com. Z.O.A.

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RABBI A H SILVER=

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RE DISCUSSION ZOE PRESIDENCY YOU OUGHT KNOW THAT LAST APRIL ALL ZIONIST LEADERS AGREED DR ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN BE UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED TO CONVENTION FOR PRESIDENCY JUDGE LEVINTHAL OTHER LEADERS SUPPORT WAS WIDELY KNOWN BUT NOT PUBLICLY AGITATED. DR SILVER HAS NOW DECIDED NOT TO BE CANDIDATE BUT WILL HAVE PROMINENT POSITION EMERGENCY COMMITTEE CONFIDENT THAT DR GOLDSTEIN NOW UNANIMOUS CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENCY WILL CONSOLIDATE AND ADVANCE ZIONIST PROGRESS OF RECENT YEARS. WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED=

ROBERT SZOLD DANIEL FRISCH

ON BEHALF COMMITTEE FOR GOLDSTEIN AS PRESIDENT.

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DRAFT OF LETTER FROM DR. SILVER

Dear Mr. Rosenbloom:

I am in receipt of your communication on behalf of a national committee of Zionists urging me ~~to put aside all other Jewish communal obligations in order~~ to accept the leadership of the Zionist movement in America.

It is with full understanding of the responsibility and obligations involved that I authorize you to state that I am entirely at the disposal of the forthcoming Zionist convention and ~~shall be proud~~ *am ready* to accept its call for service.

I am deeply appreciative of the numerous expressions of confidence conveyed through you by Zionist workers throughout the country. If it is the will of the convention to entrust me with the task of leadership, I shall welcome the cooperation of all Zionist forces so that as a united and determined body, conscious of the justice of our cause, we shall go forward in this hour of decision to achieve for the Jewish people the aim of Zionism--- the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth.

Cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver

MEMORANDUM OF ACCORD

(Between the Groups)

General Principles

The seriousness of the political situation requires that Zionist political efforts be re-organized and integrated, as well as greatly intensified. This is of immediate and paramount importance.

It is believed these ends will be served by:

(a) Inviting Dr. A.H. Silver to assume the leadership and active direction of the political work.

(b) Promoting internal unity among Zionist forces and factions by avoiding a contest and uniting upon the candidacy of Dr. Israel Goldstein for president of the Z.O.A.

Guiding Principles of the Accord

The following propositions are basic to the proposed accord:

1. The constitutional prerogatives of the World Zionist Executive (Jewish Agency) with regard to political affairs are to be recognized and respected.

2. Prevailing conditions make it desirable and necessary that political efforts in this country be carried on largely and primarily by American Zionists acting in close contact and complete understanding with the leadership of the World Zionist Organization.

3. The success of the political effort, by whatever body it is carried on, requires the fullest and whole-hearted cooperation of the Z.O.A. Accordingly, provision must be made for insuring smooth working relations, mutual confidence and reciprocal support between the administration of the Z.O.A. and the persons and agencies charged with the political work.

4. It is recognized that to insure efficient handling of this work, modifications and adjustments may be undertaken in the Constitution, functions and set-up of various committees and agencies concerned with political affairs. Such changes are to be effected by mutual agreement.

"Unity Program"

To accomplish the purposes indicated, in accordance with the principles set forth, the following "unity program" is to be carried out:

1. With the consent and agreement of all concerned, Dr. Silver is to be elected within a fortnight to the chairmanship of the Emergency Committee and of its Office Committee. It is understood that his position will be equivalent to that of Director of Political Affairs, which does not preclude the engaging of a professional director or directors, secretaries, etc.

⑧ Job changed to Ex. Com.
 vice to be made either Hon. Chairman
 or - President - a non-active post.

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2. As a further step toward integration and co-ordination, the Z.O.A. shall, at the forthcoming Convention, elect a Policy Committee of 7 members. Its special function shall be to consider and formulate policies on behalf of the Z.O.A. in the field of public relations and political action, and to promote the proper implementation of such policies. It shall be subject to the general authority of the Executive Committee of the Z.O.A., but shall be free to act, if urgent circumstances so require, between meetings of the Executive Committee, by issuing instructions on matters within its competence to officials of the Z.O.A. and to the representatives of the Z.O.A. on the Emergency Committee or any other policy-making body on which the Z.O.A. may be represented.

3. It is agreed that both groups shall support the candidacy of Dr. Israel Goldstein for the position of president of the Z.O.A. at the forthcoming Convention. It is deemed desirable that such agreement shall extend to other key positions and the general set-up of the Z.O.A., and that the fullest possible understanding on these matters be achieved at once.

4. The principal features of this accord shall promptly be made known to the active leaders and key men in both camps. From the moment of its conclusion, both groups shall give every indication, publicly and privately, of having reached complete understanding and of their will to unity and cooperation. An exceptional opportunity for such a demonstration of solidarity in Zion's ranks is presented by the forthcoming sessions of the American Jewish Conference.

