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January 4, 1946

Mr. Emanuel Neumann
749 West End Avenue
New York, N. Y.

My dear Emanuel:

I understand that, as President of the ZOA, I have the right to appoint five additional members to its executive committee. I should like to add five names of people who we wanted to get on the executive committee but could not at the time of the Convention. Men like Judge Henry Ellenbogen of Pittsburgh, and there may be some others who are anxious to get on the executive committee who would be good material--preferably some good laymen outside of New York. Can you recommend some names?

With all good wishes, I remain as ever,

Yours,

AHS:GR

January 4, 1946

Mr. Emanuel Neumann
749 West End Avenue
New York, N. Y.

My dear Emanuel:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter which I received from Mr. Rosenbloom. I am very anxious that action be taken if possible next week. I know that most of our people will be busy in Washington in connection with the Joint Commission of Inquiry; nevertheless, this important matter of election of officers for the 1946 campaign of the U.P.A. cannot be postponed any longer.

I entrust the matter into your hands since I will not be in New York next week. If you cannot take care of it, please ask Daniel Frisch to attend to the matter without fail.

Charles Rosenbloom had a very unfortunate experience two years ago in connection with this same post, and I do not wish to have him subjected to another long period of waiting and unpleasantness. He is too good a friend of ours, and of the movement.

With all good wishes, I remain as ever

Yours,

AHS:GR

P.S. I have received the enclosed letter from Dr. Akzin.
What do you think of it?

January 9, 1946

Mr. Emanuel Neumann
749 West End Avenue
New York, N. Y.

My dear Emanuel:

I have appointed you to represent the Zionist Organization of America at the forthcoming session of the American Jewish Conference, which will be held in Cleveland beginning Sunday February 17. I trust that you will be able to serve.

The other two members representing the ZOA are Dr. Leon Feuer of Toledo and Judge Louis E. Leventhal.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

January 9, 1946

Mr. Emanuel Neumann
749 West End Avenue
New York, N. Y.

My dear Emanuel:

The enclosed letter from Dr. Wolfgang von Weisl is of interest. What do you think should be done about it, if anything?

Ought we to reply to this Mr. Mike Hecht, whose letter I enclose herewith?

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR
Enc.

January 18, 1946

Mr. Emanuel Neumann
749 West End Avenue
New York, N. Y.

My dear Emanuel:

I am enclosing herewith a letter which I received from ex-Senator Gillette, who is trying to get up another Joint Conference of all bodies interested in Palestine under the aegis of his League for a Free Palestine.

This is another one of the impertinent adventures of Bergson. Please draft a suitable reply to him, turning down the invitation. I will discuss the reply with you when we meet on Monday. I think Gillette should be told in a forthright manner that his well-intentioned interventions have been distinctly harmful to the cause.

With all good wishes, I remain as ever,

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR
Enc.

January 23, 1946

Mr. Emanuel Neumann
521 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

My dear Emanuel:

I am enclosing herewith a letter from Peter Bergson, and a copy of the letter which his committee addressed to Dean Acheson on the subject of Trans-Jordan.

I note from today's JTA that the Jewish Agency Meeting in London decided not to issue any statement on the subject. I hope that by the time you receive this letter you will have heard from London in reply to the cable which we sent.

It is a peculiar business for the Jewish Agency Group in London, attended by Ben-Gurion and Weitzmann, to suggest that if any statement is to be issued it will be made by the Political Department in Jerusalem!

With all good wishes, I remain as ever,

Yours,

AHS:GR

P.S. I believe that I left Ed. Kaufman's letter with you last Monday. Would you please return it to me.

February 6, 1946

Mr. Emanuel Neumann
521 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

My dear Emanuel:

they The enclosed cable from Shertok is self-explanatory.
~~We~~ certainly don't want Tulin there. I do not believe
that failure to invite him will create any internal
problem, and I assume therefore that the matter should
be dropped.

Have you done anything about getting the Mayor of New
York to invite Mr. Rokach?

I am enclosing also a letter from Mr. Frank. After
reading it, please return it to me. There is considerable
irony in the third paragraph before the end, in which Mr.
Frank reports an American member of the Committee of Inquiry
saying "If the Jewish Agency or the Zionists could get a
definitive statement from Molotov or Stalin on Russian policy
so far as Palestine is concerned, half our battle would be
won. I think they ought to try to get it." Well, we got it
unsolicited! . . .

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR
Enc.

February 7, 1946

Mr. Emanuel Neumann
521 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

My dear Emanuel:

I have given considerable thought to the matter of the editorship of "The New Palestine". I don't think that we can work out the arrangement with Lowenthal. I think that Mr. Ludwig Lewisohn should be left where he is, but given some energetic assistance.

You mentioned Carl Alper. I don't know him, but if he has initiative and knows how to draw in writers not only American but from Palestine and Great Britain, who would freshen up the pages of the magazine and would give it literary tone, he is the man whom we should engage. We ought to put in our staff, on a professional basis, some of the outstanding Hebrew writers of Palestine who contributions we would translate. There should be no difficulty in obtaining a first-rate translator in this country. We should arrange also for regular contributions from the Continent of Europe.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:GR

P.S. I am passing on a letter from a Mr. Sagall and a covering letter of Mr. Akzin. I will discuss his recommendations with you on Monday. One or two of them seem to be very interesting.

COMMISSION ON PALESTINE SURVEYS

Administrative Office

521 FIFTH AVENUE

ROOM 1903

NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

March 12, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

I am enclosing a letter received from Mr. Berkowitz for your perusal. I am taking full advantage of Mr. Neumann's absence in sending this along, as I know full well how prone he is to disregard this type of personal publicity. However I feel its contents fully justifies me in this case.

At last we received word from Mr. Neumann that he arrived in Palestine on Monday. The trip must have been a terrific ordeal both from the point of view of strain as well as physical discomfort. I understand Paris suffered the worst blizzard and cold spell in seventy-five years. However we are all grateful for their safe arrival.

Sincerely yours,

Blanche Wiseman
Secretary to Emanuel Neumann

BW

March 14, 1946

Miss Blanche Wiseman
Secretary to Emanuel Neumann
Commission on Palestine Surveys
521 Fifth Avenue
New York 17, N. Y.

My dear Miss Wiseman:

I am returning herewith the letter addressed to Mr. Neumann, which I read with keen pleasure. The contents of it did not surprise me in the least. I am waiting to hear from Mr. Neumann about his experiences in Palestine.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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Mr. Barbarash's office received this cable from Jerusalem. It is not signed but they believe it is from Mr. Elias Epstein

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Via _____

PALESTINE COMMITTEE BRIT ACCEPTED TERMS UNION WITH GENERAL ZIONISTS ALEPH AND PER HABOKER LATTERS (LETTERS) PALESTINE COMMITTEE AGREED ALSO STOP AGREEMENT TO BE SUBMITTED THIS WEEK COUNCILS EACH PARTY FOR RATIFICATION PROSPECTS FAVORABLE

MEMORANDUM

TO: DR. EMANUEL NEUMANN
FROM: JACQUES TORCZYNER

DATE: May 4, 1946

SUBJECT: Following your suggestion I had a meeting with Abe Tannerbaum and we and we discussed the various problems we are facing.

- I. At the next meeting of the National Executive, which should be called at the earliest possible date, a nominations committee of nine (9) persons should be elected.
 - A. It should have full power to arrange the names as they are to appear on the ballot.
 - II. The Slate should consist of two distinct sections.
 - A. The first should be the National leadership.
 - B. The second should be composed of candidates chosen by the Regions.
 - C. Following a "key" which should take in consideration the number of members and the number of Shekolim sold.
 - D. Each candidate should:
 - a.- endorse our platform,
 - b.- affirm his intention to attend the Congress wherever it may be held
 - c.- affirm to abide by the majority rule at the caucus of general Zionists.
 - III. A Conference of General Zionists of the Western Hemisphere to be held in New York is not advisable at this time.
 - A. A pre-Congress Conference of General Zionists delegates of the Western Hemisphere could be held in New York, as most of the delegates will leave through or from the United States in New York.
 - B. We feel that a speaker should be sent through Central and South America, and for this purpose we recommend the following names, in alphabetical order:

Jacob Frischman
Daniel Frisch
Rabbi Harry Halpern.

 - a.- It should not be forgotten that a person traveling through South America must be a good Yiddish speaker.
 - IV. In reference to your tour we came to the following decisions:
 - A. The following cities must be visited by you and nobody else due to their strategic importance: Detroit, Chicago, St. Louis, Los Angeles and San Francisco.
 - B. Other cities which must be visited by leaders are: Baltimore, Philadelphia, Newark, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Kansas City.
 - V. I have again asked the National office to give me a list of the Hadassah leaders as soon as possible.
 - A. We feel that we should start a campaign which will attempt to win people to vote our ticket.
 - B. During my recent visits to a few communities, I noticed that if there are Hadassah women who will vote our ticket, there are a few Hadassah husbands left who will vote their ticket.
- NOTE: In general I must say that the picture is brighter than it was a few weeks ago. Our campaign is in full swing while the other parties seem to have spent themselves already.

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ZIONIST CONGRESS. REGARDS=

DR EMANUEL NEUMANN CHAIRMAN ZOA INTERIM
COMMITTEE.

May 17, 1946

Mr. Emanuel Neumann
521 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

My dear Emanuel:

The names of some ten to fifteen would-be delegates, like Felix Levy, Rabbi Rudolph Rosenthal of Cleveland, Rabbi Armond Cohen of Cleveland, Ezra Shapiro of Cleveland, etc., should be placed in the group 30 to 40 on the list. This will encourage them to plug hard to bring out the vote on June 16.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:GR

May 20, 1946

Mr. Emanuel Neumann
521 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

My dear Emanuel:

Rabbi Lelyveld would like to go to Palestine this summer in connection with the Congress. It would not do to send anyone on our staff as a delegate because quite a few would want to be sent in that capacity. Is there any other way in which we can send him, as a member of the Secretariate of our Delegation? I understand that he also wrote to you.

I am enclosing herewith a letter from Dr. Schalit. Do you know him? He wishes us to designate him as a delegate. I am afraid that that would not be possible, but you may wish to write to him in the name of the Nominations Committee.

With all good wishes, I remain as ever

Yours,

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Enc.

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