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*acknowledged*

Dr. Emanuel Neumann  
Zionist Organization of America  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Neumann:

*E.N.  
8.9.46*

A brief statement to you from Munich - I have discussed the general situation here with several of the Jewish D.P. leaders, particularly those engaged in so-called "political activity" of the Central Committee of the Liberated Jews. The following points are of importance:

1) Incidents between D.P.'s and U.S. Army troops have occurred periodically in the past and may occur with increasing frequency and with potentially greater seriousness in the future. Because of the increasingly large influx from Poland, Roumania and Hungary, because of the cut in the caloric content of the diet, because of the constant waiting, because of increasing demoralization, there is a situation which is laden with danger for the future.

I pointed out how damaging it would be to the political work in America, where we are endeavoring to build pro-Zionist sentiment, if one morning the newspapers would carry the story that American soldiers have either been killed or injured in a battle with Jewish D.P.'s. I agreed that in ninety-nine out of one hundred such incidents are rather provoked, or, in any case, the D.P.'s are usually innocent in the starting of them. But nonetheless our D.P.'s must be disciplined for restraint even when innocent. For their part, the D.P. leaders agreed to spread this warning and to organize a propaganda program in this direction in all D.P. camps.

2) They asked that you and the Zionist Emergency Council do your best toward influencing the authorities in the War Department concerning two things: 1) a much better orientation of our occupying troops, particularly the enlisted men and the lower ranks of officers, toward an understanding of the Jewish D.P. problems; 2) toward influencing the Army Public Relations office in Germany, so that army newspapers, etc., might be used for the same purpose. In the latter connection it might be said that occasional unsympathetic treatment of the Jewish D.P. problem has been evidenced in the "Stars and Stripes."

3) The Central Committee of Liberated Jews also urgently requests that your best influence be used so that Rabbi Philip Bernstein will remain as Adviser to General McFarney. Rabbi Bernstein originally came for a limited period of time, which would normally soon expire, and the Committee feels that his leaving would be catastrophic. They ask that you do your best both with him and his congregation in Rochester.

August 7, 1946

4) As far as Zionist sentiment in the camps is concerned, it is overwhelming. In spite of the long wait, the Jews in their great majority still feel that they will go to no other land but to Palestine. In every camp there are kibutzim which range from Mizrahi all the way to Hashomer Hatzair, including General Zionist kibutzim. There are now some 27 Hachsharoth with 3651 residents.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

*Judah Nadich*  
(S.E.)

Judah Nadich

JN/se

(Dictated by Judah Nadich, but  
signed in his absence)



September 3, 1946

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

My dear Emanuel:

You may be interested to read the enclosed letter  
of A. S. Yahuda. After you have read it, please  
return it to me as I would like to acknowledge it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR  
Enc.



September 6, 1946

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

My dear Emanuel:

I thought that you would be interested in the enclosed letter which I received from the Dutch Group of General Zionists. Have you any suggestions?

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR  
Enc.

BARTLEY C. CRUM  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
RUSS BUILDING  
SAN FRANCISCO, 4

September 10, 1946

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

Dear Doctor Silver:

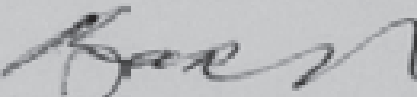
Thanks very much for your letter of September 6.

I cannot understand why our Government has behaved in the fashion which it has, except on the basis indicated by me in Washington, namely, that the State Department is not in sympathy with the President's policy.

Please note the attached copy of letter from me to Mr. Hannegan and from Mr. Hannegan to me.

Warmest personal regards,

Yours very truly,

  
Bartley C. Crum

Enclosure  
bcc:hu

September 18, 1946

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

My dear Emanuel:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of correspondence with Mr. Crum. I thought you may be interested in seeing it.

I recall that we promised to give to the Histadruth Ivrit \$15,000.00 as the ZOA subsidy for this year. Has that been done? I should not like to come to the Convention and be confronted with the charge that we have done very little for Hebrew culture, etc. If the money has not been paid to the Histadruth, it should be right away.

Have we sent to our districts throughout the country notification that the ZOA headquarters would be prepared to suggest the names of proxies for districts who may not be prepared to send their own? There may be sharp issues coming up at the Convention and it is important that we have all those who represent the viewpoint, which we have endeavored to represent, present there. This should not be overlooked.

With all good wishes, I remain

As ever yours,

AHS:GR  
Enc.

COMMISSION ON PALESTINE SURVEYS

Administrative Office

521 FIFTH AVENUE

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NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

September 17, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

I am sending you enclosed copies of two letters received from Jacques Torczyner which speak for themselves. Partly they are in reply to various inquiries that I made to him. I am glad he is there.

I am also enclosing copy of minutes of the Subcommittee meeting of September 11th, as well as copy of my memorandum to Mr. Greenleaf regarding the matter.



Faithfully yours,

*Emanuel Neumann*

Emanuel Neumann

*EN*

EN/M  
(Enc.)

C O P Y

Received at New York Sept. 16, 1946

PARIS

NLT EMANUEL NEUMANN  
521 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK USA

WEIZMANN TRYING FORCE HAND JOINING NEGOTIATIONS BY THREATENING  
TO RESIGN STOP IF WILL PARTICIPATE NEGOTIATIONS SILVER AND AMERICAN  
ZIONIST WILL BE INVITED STOP SWEN HAS IMPRESSION SPLIT IN EXECUTIVE  
MAY COME BEFORE CONGRESS STOP SEND PROMISED 7500 CONGRESS MONDAIL  
JUIF FOR DISPOSAL DE MARTON SOCIÉTÉ DE BANQUE SUISSE GENEVE STOP  
GOING BELGIUM HOLLAND THEN PARIS ITALY REGARDS

JACQUES

M/



September 17, 1946

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Joseph W. Greenleaf  
From: Emanuel Neumann

I have read the minutes of the Sub-Committee meeting of September 11th. I have the following tentative observations to make:

- 1) I believe that we should have time set aside for reports on the various activities of the ZOA, apart from the Funds. In the final analysis, the Funds have their own national conferences devoted to affairs; the ZOA Convention must take time for our own activities. There is no reason why we should not have special reports on:  
(a) Expansion Fund; (b) Youth Commission; (c) Committee on Unity;  
(d) Veterans Bureau, etc., etc. Perhaps one session devoted to reports, including reports on Funds, would do the trick.
- 2) I notice that you denote Sunday afternoon and Sunday evening as political sessions. It should be borne in mind that Dr. Silver's speech Saturday night will no doubt be largely political in content. I suppose that one or two major political resolutions can be adopted by the Convention on Sunday afternoon. Perhaps the Sunday evening session should be entitled "The World Zionist Congress" and devoted to a discussion of the problems connected with the Congress.
- 3) I think that a dinner on Monday evening may be the solution to the problem of keeping the delegates there to the end.

I am sending the minutes of the Sub-Committee meeting to Dr. Silver together with a copy of my memo to you and I will discuss the matter further with you.

EN/M



CONVENTION SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1946  
SUITE 213, 225 Fourth Avenue

PRESENT: Joseph W. Greenleaf, Chairman, Marcus Abramson, Samuel Berson, Mendel Fisher, Irving Galt, Abraham Goldstein, Philip Lassar, Abraham Redelheim, David Spiegel, Dr. Sidney Marks.  
Special Guest: Harry Frankel

Mr. Fisher felt that a great many problems facing the committee would be solved by eliminating lunches and dinners. The meeting room at the Breakers Hotel is entirely unsatisfactory. The opening session will be held on the Steel Pier but after that there is no place for meetings.

Mr. Spiegel also wished to discuss several problems in connection with the Convention. (1) The lack of coordination of the different sessions. There is no control of the sessions; there is no timing and no scheduling. He, therefore, proposed that a sub-committee be known as the Convention Control Committee and be empowered to have a representative at each function to control the closing time of this session. (2) All previous conventions have been marked by disorder. There is considerable that can be done to reduce the disorder and the lack of smooth functioning. He proposed that another committee be appointed, after the entire program had been thought out, to think out the inch-by-inch control of smooth functioning. (3) Young men should act as floor committees and reception committees at the hotels and on the floor of the meeting rooms. (4) Means should be employed to improve the physical appearance of the Convention: such as table coverings and draperies, banners and flags.

Dr. Marks indicated that the Central Theatre on the Steel Pier is all that is available to us. Mr. Goldstein felt that all sessions should be held in the theatre and an effort can be made to rope off sections for the smaller meetings. The members of the Executive can be informed by this Committee that they are expected to attend these meetings.

Mr. Fisher suggested that for Saturday night, the entire theatre should be used and for subsequent meetings the dais can be built in the pit and have the platform closed.

Mr. Berson was under the impression that if the leaders were made to feel that it is important to attend every session to increase the dignity and prestige of these meetings, <sup>such</sup> an atmosphere will be forthcoming.

Mr. Fisher made a motion that it be the consensus of this meeting that Dr. Marks be instructed to make arrangements for the dramatic material, such as banners and flags for the focal points of the convention. This motion was passed.

Mr. Spiegel did not believe that any business should be conducted at a public session. He also recommended that we revert to the practice of having the final meeting at a Monday night dinner, and not at a luncheon meeting as was suggested. He further felt that the minor committees be given enough time to make their reports so that no delegate will be ignored or offended.

Mr. Lassar indicated that it is important to consider the individual delegates and their problems. Every delegate should be made to feel that he is a part of the Convention, and has accomplished and learned something by attending.

The make-up of the various committees should be determined before the Convention.

Mr. Lassar stressed the importance of bombarding the delegates with mail and material before they arrived at the Convention, to make them feel that they are coming down to do a job and create interest.

Dr. Marks stressed the importance of timing the political meetings so as to secure good press releases and coverage.

Mr. Fisher felt that on Saturday night, after the opening meeting, there should be a reception for the delegates with refreshments served. This would give the delegates an opportunity to meet each other.

It should be adopted as a procedure of the Convention that the Resolutions be limited. The major resolutions can be presented before the plenary session. If resolutions are limited to those dealing with the present political situation, the proceedings will be reduced considerably.

It was suggested that the new executive meet on Tuesday morning so as to save time during the Convention for other functions.

Mr. Goldstein stated that a delegate can be satisfied if (1) he is appointed to a committee, or (2) if he can participate by saying one word at the Convention. He proposed that appointments to committees be done by the Regions. At the last meeting of the Executive he had remarked that he would like to see the participation of the delegates but it had been pointed out that it had not worked out at the last convention. The people who are to speak on the various topics should be announced before the Convention, and the rank and file speakers interspersed with the leaders to increase the interest of these speeches. Rank and file delegates shall be given 5 minutes in which to speak and the leaders shall be given twenty minutes.

Mr. Fisher suggested that an electrical system be employed whereby two minutes before the time allotted to the speaker is up, a light will flash, and another when his time is up.

Mr. Goldstein suggested that Dr. Silver preside at the Sunday evening political meeting to further control the speakers.

Mr. Greenleaf was asked to discuss the praesidium with Drs. Silver and Neumann. These names were suggested: Dr. Neumann or Mr. Frisch to preside on Saturday night.  
Rothenberg to preside at the funds meeting.  
Lipsky to preside at the political meeting Sunday afternoon.  
Dr. Goldstein to preside at the political meeting Sunday evening.  
Dr. Neumann or Dr. Wise to preside at the Monday dinner.

It was suggested that Mr. Sneh speak on Sunday night and devote the Monday dinner meeting entirely to Dr. Silver and Barclay Krum.

Mr. Goldstein felt that Dr. Silver and Dr. Neumann must be impressed with one thing: the political meetings must not be mass meetings



addressed by three or four speakers. There are important decisions to be reached and it is not sufficient to hear only a few points of view. If rank and file Zionists are to speak, someone should know in advance what they are going to prepare to safeguard against possible confusion.

It was suggested that on Sunday night, Jacques Torczyner report on the Congress election results.

Mr. Greenleaf indicated that the Inner Committee discussed time being given to the World General Zionist Confederation and it was also suggested that three or four men of pro-Zionist organizations, such as Bnai Brith and the Jewish War Veterans, be invited to address the Convention. Unless these people can be fitted into the Monday dinner meeting, it will not be possible for them to be invited.

It was suggested that the field directors be made responsible for telephone squads to remind committee members of the scheduled meetings.

Mr. Greenleaf felt that whatever decisions are reached at this meeting should be subject to the approval of Dr. Silver and Dr. Neumann.

Mr. Berson suggested that the fund meeting should be dramatized and questioned how it could be done. Dr. Marks pointed out that the fund speakers who have just returned from Palestine will be dramatic.

It was suggested that there be reporters to summarize each meeting. It was felt that this would add to the interest.

The following is the tentative program which the Convention will follow:

**FRIDAY:** Morning, the last meeting of the old Executive Committee.  
afternoon: Committee on Committees at 1:30 and follow immediately with Committee on Nominations meeting.  
evening: Short services, followed by ZOA Youth Dinner

**SATURDAY:** Morning services.  
Afternoon: Oneg shabbat at at the same time, if possible, an informal veterans' meeting.  
Night: The function will be opened with a five-minute report by the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Constitutional Revision report, and Dr. Silver will make his report.

**SUNDAY:** Morning: joint meeting of the funds.  
Afternoon: political meeting  
evening: political meeting

MONDAY: Morning: committee meetings.

Afternoon: committee reports, *election of officers*

Evening: Closing dinner session, addressed by Bartley Krum  
and Dr. Silver.

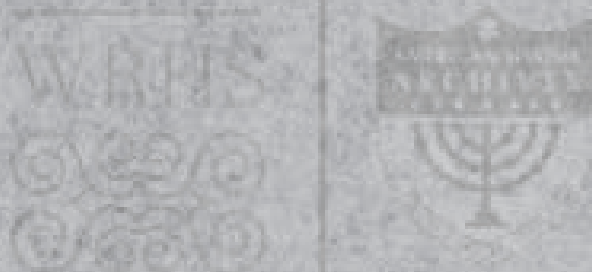
*Tues: Morning - Meeting of new Executive comm.*

Mr. Fisher moved that a committee of three be appointed to handle the matters left undone. (this small committee to consider all the spots to be filled.)

Mr. Goldstein amended this motion to the effect that if there are any changes to be made at the Convention, the committee should be called together if it is necessary. or

This motion was seconded and accepted.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45.



September 18, 1946

Dr. Emanuel Neumann  
521 Fifth Avenue  
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Neumann:

An opportunity of unequalled potentialities for my personal future has presented itself. As a family man with definite responsibilities, I find it impossible to refuse to take advantage of this opportunity and still have a clear conscience. Therefore, I find it necessary to submit my resignation as Director of the Veteran's Bureau to take effect on the 15th of October 1946.

Before leaving the employ of the ZOA, I desire to express my thanks to the staff, both professional and secretarial for its accepting me into the fold with open arms. The aid and cooperation given so cheerfully and freely by the various departments must be mentioned. I am most grateful to Ernest Barbarash, Yale Goldberg, Manny Posy, Iz Cooperman, Judith Daniels, Annette Barnett, and Estelle Zwerling for their cooperation.

Most of all, I wish to express my most heartfelt thanks and pay deep tribute to the efforts of Dr. Sidney Marks. Upon his shoulders must fall the credit for any of the gains achieved by the Veterans Bureau. I came to the ZOA without any major experience in Jewish Organizational work and with little knowledge of the specific techniques involved. The pointed advice and counsel of Dr. Marks; his direction of organization activities; his leadership; and his lucid and direct supervision made the Veterans Bureau an integral part of the ZOA apparatus. Without his guiding hand at the helm, none of the accomplishments of the Bureau would have been possible.

It should be understood that my leaving the ZOA in a professional capacity does not by any means rule out my continued activity in the organization in a voluntary capacity. I hope to be able to be of as much service



Dr. Emanuel Neumann

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as an ordinary member as I have been on a professional basis. The time and effort devoted by the members of the Inner Committee, the leadership of the ZOA, and the Administration is beyond commendation. I hope some day to be able to approach, in my own efforts, their example of self-sacrifice for the ZOA.

My associations have at all times been most pleasant in the organization. Had it not been for the business opportunity which has presented itself, I would not consider leaving, as there is no other position in any organization or otherwise in which I could so completely and pleasantly combine my moral beliefs and my personal happiness.

Most sincerely yours,

Herschel Auerbach

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September 24, 1946

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

My dear Emanuel:

I thought that you might be interested in reading  
the enclosed letter which I received today from  
David R. Wahl.

Please send it back to me after you have read it.

As ever yours,

AHS:GR

September 24, 1946

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

My dear Emanuel:

Please answer Rosenbloom in reply to the communication which he addressed to me, and explain to him why we cannot this year set aside a special session to the U.P.A.

I understand that the New England Convention will be held next Sunday. Lipsky is the speaker. I hope that he doesn't give the same kind of a speech which he gave in Brooklyn--a justification of the Agency, of partition, of Goldman, etc. You may wish to talk to him about it before he goes there. It is also important to have someone to represent our position fully at that regional conference.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

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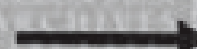
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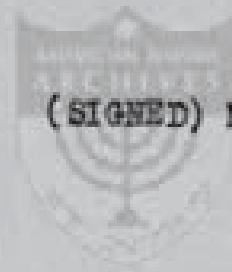


C O P Y

PARIS September 25, 1946

NLT EMANUEL NEUMANN  
521 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK

KNOWING PALESTINE EUROPEAN GENERAL ZIONIST DELEGATIONS CONVINCED LARGE  
MAJORITY CONFEDERATION SAME POLITICAL LINE ZOA STOP PREPARING WITH DAVID  
UNDERSTANDING FOR COMMON POLICY AT CONGRESS WILL DISCUSS IT PERSONALLY  
WITH YOU STOP LIPSKY'S FEAR ADDRESS CONVENTION UNWARRANTED STOP STILL  
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(SIGNED) MOSE SNEH

September 25, 1946

Mr. Charles J. Rosenbloom  
521 Union Trust Building  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Rosenbloom:

At Dr. Silver's request I am replying to your letter of September 23rd addressed to him.

While it will probably not be possible to devote a whole session to the UPA, the Convention Committee is planning to set aside time for reports by the Funds - UPA, JNF, KH - on either Sunday, October 27th, or Monday, October 28th, probably the former.

I understand that an invitation will be extended to you as National Chairman of the UPA to report for it. I am sure the Convention will listen to you with profound interest and will be greatly heartened by the splendid record which you will present. Personally I shall be looking forward to it myself with keen anticipation.

With kindest regards and best wishes for a happy New Year to you and Mrs. Rosenbloom, I am, as ever

Faithfully yours,

Emanuel Neumann

EN/M

Silver

September 30, 1946

Dr. Emanuel Neumann  
531 5th Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Neumann:

I appreciate very much the warmth of your letter of September 24th. However, I must regretfully inform you that my decision with respect to severance of my professional connection with the L.O.A. is definite. I have accepted another post and my new connection begins as of November 1, 1946. I am, therefore, most eager to talk with you about the specific problems related to the continuation of our work.

May I say, in passing, that Rabbi Jerome Unger is well prepared to carry forward the administrative work of the Committee. He should, of course, have the same assistance that I have been privileged to have; namely, a field director and an executive assistant to take charge of publications and publicity. In my new position, I shall make my headquarters in New York City, and you may rest assured that I shall give of my time freely to the new executive director of the Unity Committee.

I shall be in New York the entire week of October 6th. Won't you ask your secretary to call and name a time at which we shall be able to get together?

My most cordial personal greetings,

Sincerely,

Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld  
Executive Director

October 1, 1946

MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Mr. Harry Shapiro

From: Emanuel Neumann

I have been hearing from many quarters astonishing things about Mr. Hart, who is going about lecturing. It seems that he tells incredible stories about what's going on in Palestine, such as for instance a story that the Resistance movement has a large number of airplanes - more than the planes at the disposal of the British Army there, etc., etc. The impression he has created in the minds of many is one of great doubt about his sincerity. I am deliberately understating things.

I think it is urgently important to check up.

EN/M



October 1, 1946

Mr. A. A. Redelheim, Nassi  
Bnai Zion  
220 Fifth Avenue  
New York 1, N. Y.  
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Dear Mr. Redelheim:

I do not quite understand your letter of September 24th which refers to "the likelihood of Mr. Abraham Krumbein being eliminated by the ZOA as a regular delegate to the World Zionist Congress."

As I understand it, the list of delegates has been settled for months past and the order was likewise fixed at the same time by action of the National Administrative Council of the ZOA. I haven't the list in front of me and so I don't recall Mr. Krumbein's position on the list. Whether or not he will actually be a delegate will depend not only upon his position on the list but on other factors, such as the number of delegates which will finally be assigned to us by the World Organization, the number of elected delegates who may drop out because of their inability to go abroad, etc.

I need not tell you that I have the highest esteem and regard for Mr. Krumbein - one of our most loyal and devoted leaders. I do hope that he will be a delegate. Perhaps you should discuss the matter with Mr. Terczyner and Mr. Frisch, both of whom will be back in another week or ten days.

With warmest regards, as ever

Faithfully yours,

Emanuel Neumann

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October 3, 1946

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

My dear Emanuel:-

Mr. Eliahu Epstein phoned me from Washington and stated that he had been informed that Sneh's application for a visa has been rejected. Please write a formal letter to the State Department in the name of the Zionist Organization of America, stating that we have requested Dr. Sneh to come here to address the Convention on October 25, and that the Zionist Organization would appreciate facilitating his coming here by the granting of the visa. Who made the approach to the State Department for Mr. Sneh's visa?

It is too early to know the implications of the postponement of the London Conference, nor do we know what Bevin and Hull told our people in the informal conference which they held yesterday or the day before. I am enclosing herewith a copy of a cable which I received from Gellman. Do you think that we ought to communicate with Rabbi Fishman?

I am enclosing herewith an article written by Gerald Frank in reply to Zuckerman's articles in the American-Hebrew, etc. I think it needs some revisions, but it should be published. It might be necessary to append some name to it because Gerald Frank is unwilling to enter into what he regards a controversial subject. He feels that he can best serve the cause by acting the part of an objective observer, etc. Please communicate with Gerald for the final disposition of the article.

Please send the appropriate letter to Dr. Morris Zucker in accordance with the action taken at the meeting of the Executive Committee.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:CR  
Enc.

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October 7, 1946

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

My dear Emanuel:

I am enclosing herewith a letter of Ben-Gurion. I am afraid that is parvus in multo.

On the question of the duplication of our work in America, he practically rejects the proposal which we made to him — that political work in this country be centralized.

With reference to the Congress, he suggests that a preliminary meeting be held of responsible individuals from the three groups to talk over all problems which are likely to be on the Congress agenda.

Please return the letter to me.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR  
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October 15, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

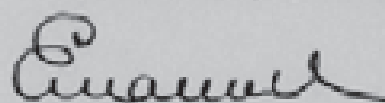
Dear Abba:

I forgot to speak to you last night about our good friend, Abe Goldstein, who merits further recognition.

There is a problem about places on the Executive and he thought it could best be met by promoting him to be one of the Vice-Presidents of the Organization and giving an extra place on the Executive to another man from Connecticut. What do you think of this?

I would point out that of all our friends in the country I believe he served us best in connection with the Congress elections in his state.

Faithfully yours,



Emanuel Neumann

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## INDEPENDENT POLITICAL CIRCLE

The Chairman of the Convention  
of the Zionist Organization of America  
41 East 42 Street  
New York 17, N. Y.

15th October, 1946

Dear Friends:

Your Convention is taking place at what may well prove to be a turning point in our history, and we wish to place before you the views of a section of the Yishuv which while, owing to inadequate organisation, has failed to be fully articulate, is, we believe, important in numbers and of substantial moral weight.

The above organisation aspires to create a bond between those members of the Yishuv and other Zionists abroad, who regard with apprehension the growth of certain tendencies in our public life which detract from the great accomplishment of our people in Palestine. We are concerned to ensure that the future of our people here should correspond to the high hopes Jews everywhere repose in the Yishuv and the Zionist Organisation, and to the fulfilment of which we are all dedicated. We regard the rebuilding of Palestine not exclusively for the purpose of providing a haven, indispensable though that is, for those Jews in the Diaspora who by force of economic or political circumstances, are obliged to emigrate to Palestine. We perceive in Eretz Israel the continuation of Jewish civilisation, the creation of a politically free, democratic, and economically secure and sound National Home of the Jewish People. From this viewpoint we are concerned to cooperate in bringing about certain urgent reforms in our public administration and political organisation.

In pursuance of the aims outlined below we have found it proper to join forces with the "Aliya Hadasha" organisation because it endorses a similar programme in the interests of the Yishuv as a whole.

In the elections of Knesseth Israel we supported "Aliya Hadasha" as Independents, and its list secured second place after Mapai.

We have not, however, identified ourselves with "Aliyah Hadasha" as such, because of its largely Landsmannschaft (German) character and its name. It is our hope, by gathering support for the programme below from Zionists of all countries, to change both these features. This should facilitate cooperation on a domestic programme of essential reform between Zionists who may differ in other spheres of policy.

1. We urge the encouragement of substantial immigration to Palestine from the free democracies in addition to facilities for the Displaced Persons. In particular we need manpower and technical assistance from the Zionists in the English-speaking countries. Such immigration will strengthen the capacity of the Yishuv to expand and govern itself, as well as strengthen the bond between Palestine and English-speaking Zionists. This policy calls for organisational machinery, which should include also encouragement of students from the USA and elsewhere, tourist activity, and cultural bonds between Eretz Israel and the Diaspora.

2. Only by a full ventilation of our problems in a spirit of tolerance and self-criticism can we hope to eliminate the faults and defects of our growing organism. Considerations of propaganda should not prevent us recognising undesirable tendencies. We plead for a free democracy based on constitutional safeguards, whereby the Executive is responsible to its Constituency. A free and independent press should be



encouraged; civil service chosen for its merits and qualifications; and the right for every individual to all the benefits of national services irrespective of his political creed or outlook.

3. The limits of competence as between the Palestine Zionist Executive representing the World Zionist Organisation, and the Knesset Israel representing the Yishuv, are not clearly and realistically defined. In consequence there is overlapping and duplication causing a waste of energy, while constructive initiative is thwarted.

4. The present electoral system favours an excessive splintering of the Yishuv into too numerous political parties and groups. Although, as in the case of the Zionist Executive, the Vaad Leumi is formally a coalition, the fact is that, as in the case of the Zionist Executive, the various parties composing this coalition, persist in opposing one another, and decisions taken represent not so much a coalition compromise, as a bargain between conflicting interests. We recommend the reform of this electoral system so as to ensure that delegates should represent geographic constituencies, rather than parties only, and so as to give the elector the opportunity of voting for the individual in whom he has confidence, rather than for a list of people who are selected by the party secretariat.

5. Financial Control.

The disbursement of our public monies calls in our opinion for stricter control, both in respect to the Jewish Agency and the Vaad Leumi. The budget for the current year is sometimes adopted long after the year has begun, and there is excessive latitude in changing or exceeding budgetary items without provision for current representative check.

6. The influence of political parties, especially those representing the majority, is excessive in respect to current administrative capacity. The party key determines both major and minor decisions. The so-called coalition precludes the wholesome influence of a constitutional opposition. Inasmuch as most parties represent the material interests of their members, public affairs are directed not so much in behalf of the people as a whole, but in accord with the party tug-of-war or bargaining.

7. We consider that the economic policy pursued by the dominant Labour party, which in fact controls all our central institutions, is biased. It limits the expression of individual outlook within its ranks and it restricts the opportunity of those outside to take their full share in public affairs. We favour a planned economy which will reconcile individual and collective interests without suppressing initiative or crushing minority representation. If private enterprise is legitimate, it should benefit from our national capital and services; otherwise, it should not be invited.

8. So important a matter as our educational system is subject to the control of the main political parties. We appreciate a differentiation in the curriculum of our schools in accordance with the wishes of parents. But at present there is no effective integrated control. The Vaad Leumi, nominally responsible for the Educational Department and liable for the budget, is in practice subject to the power of the Labour and Mizrahi parties. The latter regard the schools as nursing grounds for their future members. Under such circumstances we can hardly hope to build up a truly unified single nation.

9. We favour a national rather than party youth service dedicated to the general needs. We deprecate the indoctrination of young children with ideologies, thus splitting our youth before reaching maturity.



10. Such public services as health, social insurance, security, and athletic training should be on a central national rather than a political party basis.

11. We urge a reform of our self-government administration to permit of supreme elected bodies to meet for adequate periods to permit of current control of executive action, discussion of budget, etc. The Zionist Congress Constitution should be brought into harmony with present conditions so that those who carry the burden, should also be able to express and carry out their convictions in respect to policy and its implementation.

12. The great gap between policy and performance of the Palestine Zionist Executive is illustrated especially in respect to the terrorist campaign. The Executive has repeatedly asserted its condemnation of terrorist activity, but has failed to suppress it. Its authority is not recognized by the terrorist groups. We consider that the Executive is bound to resign and, in accord with recognized constitutional procedure, give way to a body that enjoys the confidence of the electorate.

We have confined ourselves here only to domestic affairs deferring the question of foreign policy, in order to establish a measure of agreement upon issues that can and should be determined irrespective of all political viewpoints.

Yours with Zion's greetings,

For the Independent Political Circle:

Elias M. Epstein

Joseph Meyuchas

Eliezer Rieger

M/

October 18, 1948

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

My dear Emanuel:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which Bernard G. Richards wrote to Mr. Reit. I draw your particular attention to the fifth paragraph. I think that someone ought to speak to Mr. Richards and set him straight.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR  
Enc.

October 18, 1946

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

My dear Emanuel:

I do not know why Abe Goldstein should not be promoted to be one of the Vice Presidents. He has certainly merited it by splendid services to the movement.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

Dr. Silver

November 3, 1946

Dr. Emanuel Neumann  
521 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Dear Dr. Neumann:

While in Atlantic City, I had some talks with Mr. Karpman who is here representing the General Zionist youth in Palestine. From these conversations, I gathered the impression that owing to the pressure of pre-Convention business, it was not possible for our organization to do as much as should have been done in promoting Mr. Karpman's mission here. Now that the Convention is over, I trust that the staff as well as the lay leadership will encourage him to make the maximum use of his time while he is here.

May I submit the following specific suggestions:

- 1) A part-time secretary to be placed at his disposal.
- 2) Information to be given to the field staff that Mr. Karpman will be available to address district meetings or even smaller groups in various parts of the country, and instructions to the staff to encourage districts to make use of Mr. Karpman.

We have been talking a good deal about the need for developing a General Zionist Consciousness among our people, and especially among our youth. Mr. Karpman's presence in this country is an opportunity to translate that aim. I am sure that his contact with our constituencies would be all to the good. He ought to receive at our hands the same degree of attentiveness and cooperation as the "Shlichim" of the other parties receive at the hands of their organizations.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Israel Goldstein



C O P Y

November 3, 1946

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

Dear Doctor Neumann,

In Atlantic City, before I myself had a copy of it, Doctor Silver was kind enough to point out to me the passage in his presidential address (last ten lines on page four) speaking of myself and of The New Palestine and ending with the following sentence: "The Convention should give directives to the incoming executive on this subject." The Convention decided that The New Palestine should continue to be a monthly magazine, keeping its present character and to be distributed to our entire membership.

I am, of course, not unaware of the problem of the fairly numerous unread copies. But I am sure that this situation can be remedied by quite simple devices which now that I am no longer practically alone but have so able an assistant as Carl Alpert can be very readily employed.

What I need at once is a directive from you, that is to say, from the executive, regarding the date of the appearance of the next number and, at least, the approximate date of succeeding numbers, as well as the number of pages I may look forward to. The uncertainty in respect of our publication has already cramped editorial efforts. I have hesitated to order material or to make arrangements for it. Even so we are involved in payments to most valued contributors, especially in Palestine, whose material became dated before we could use it. I shall therefore appreciate an immediate decision from you on these points in order that I may be free to act and to give Carl directives on my part.

Very sincerely yours,

Ludwig Lewisohn

LL:w

## COMMISSION ON PALESTINE SURVEYS

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November 5, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

Israel Goldstein has sent me a copy of his letter to you of November 3rd. The letter was sent on Monday and it so happened that I met him at Frisch's home that evening, where we attended a party arranged for Sneh. I told him I thought his presence at the Congress, if not indispensable, would be very important and urged him to change his decision. The upshot was that he, Frisch and I are to meet at lunch on Friday, at his suggestion.

I believe that while it may be inconvenient for him to go, the real reason for indicating his negative decision to us was his desire to clarify his status in the Organization and in our group during the coming year.

I believe he has in a sense burned his bridges with the opposition (Wise, Heller, etc.) and that he is prepared to play ball with us all the way down the line. But he evidently wants something and I presume that he would still prefer the Chairmanship of the UPA to anything else.

So far as that is concerned, I suppose I will have to tell him at our meeting on Friday that no decisions have been arrived at and will not be until we are through with the Congress. But I would not tell him that there is no hope or possibility of his getting that position. Affirmatively I propose to tell him that we would like him to be and to regard himself from this point on as an integral part of our group and inner circle, the group with which you consult from time to time regarding all internal matters, so that he will have a voice with the rest of us in the shaping of our internal policies and decisions. I believe we can and should do this now and make him feel that he is one of us.

Further, if he is prepared to be unequivocally and actively part of our group, I would be inclined to offer him the Presidency of the Keren Hayesod. This would enable him to play a prominent role in the UPA even if he does not get the Chairmanship of the UPA. I am prepared to take the Presidency of the KH if that is absolutely necessary but if Goldstein is willing to take it and carry out our policies I need not be burdened with that extra responsibility. Please let me

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

November 5, 1946

have your views as soon as possible and before my Friday's meeting  
with him.

Faithfully yours,

*Emanuel Neumann*

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November 5, 1946

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

My dear Emanuel:

I am enclosing herewith a letter from Rabbi Stitskin. He is a presentable young man whom you might wish to consider in connection with our educational work. You might inquire about him. He was in Youngstown for a time and did well. He wrote one or two books on Jewish subjects.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR  
Enc.



## COMMISSION ON PALESTINE SURVEYS

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521 FIFTH AVENUE

ROOM 1903

NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

November 6, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

I am enclosing copy of telegram I have sent you about your address at the Congress. I hope later in the day to advise you regarding the cable from Roumania.

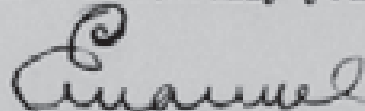
Crum had a conference with Ben Gurion on Monday and phoned me before and after. He said he gave BG a picture of the situation here and impressed him with the error of attempting to do the job in Washington without the representatives of American Zionists and over their heads. According to Crum, BG agreed with him entirely.

Sneh told me that BG wants to have a talk with me. I will do so after a further talk which I will have with Sneh today. He also told me that he had a preliminary talk with some Hadassah leaders and that he found them more reasonable than he had expected. He has also been invited to address their conference at a banquet next Tuesday night together with Beryl Locker and has accepted the invitation.

Indications seem to point to a successful dinner tonight and mass meeting tomorrow night. At the dinner Irving Miller will preside and Frisch will make the appeal. At the mass meeting I will preside and greetings will be extended by Israel Goldstein, Lipsky and Captain Kappelman for the Veterans.

Margoshes rang me up today and is coming to see me tomorrow to continue our discussion about the possibility of his devoting his time to Zionist work. On the phone he suggested that we get someone who knowhow, to make a technical analysis of the voting in New York. He pointed out that the defeat of Lehman is a serious blow for SSF. That defeat together with the general pro-Republican trend over the country removes him, in Margoshes' opinion, as a political factor.

Faithfully yours,



Emanuel Neumann

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DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER  
THE TEMPLE  
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November 6, 1946

MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Sidney Marks  
From: Emanuel Neumann

I have copy of your memo to Dr. Silver giving 12 names for appointment or reappointment to the Administrative Council. The following matters should be considered:

- 1) Mr. Ravalaky of Boston has been pressing for a place on the Administrative Council. He is an old Zionist and has lived in Palestine. He is President of a Zionist society in Boston and has been a loyal and ardent supporter of the policies of the ZOA Administration. I half promised him that he would be appointed.
  - 2) Dr. Falkman of Cleveland has been distressed by the fact that he has not been named to the Executive Committee. Whether he or any other additional person from Cleveland should be added to the Executive Committee is of course a matter which Dr. Silver must decide. If he doesn't go on the Executive Committee, he should at least be on the Administrative Council. Perhaps he is already on.
  - 3) I don't see people from the Pacific coast but perhaps they were already named.
  - 4) If he has not already been named by the Manhattan Region, I would recommend the appointment of Mr. Norman Winer of the Yorkville district, who served on the Political Committee of the Convention last year and this year and who is a strong Maximalist Zionist.
  - 5) Then there is Philip Slomovitz, whom Dr. Silver wants named as a member of the Executive Committee. I have wired him asking him to come to New York for a personal conference with me. If after that conference he is not appointed as a member of the Executive, we may perhaps add him to the Administrative Council. Would you please consult our friends regarding these suggestions and then communicate with Dr. Silver.
- I have already suggested that Mr. Jacob Richman of Philadelphia be either designated as Secretary of the Administrative Council or as Secretary of a standing Committee on Political Education of which Leon Feuer should perhaps be made Chairman.

November 6th, 1948

Memorandum

To: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
From: Mr. Emanuel Neumann

I have had another letter from Ehud Ben-Yehuda and I put him off until after the Convention. I am so snowed under, that I cannot possibly undertake this job, but I have written to Boris Margolin and am enclosing copy of my letter to him.

Have you any other suggestions?



November 6th, 1946

Dr. Boris Margolin  
469 Seventh Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Boris:

Mr. Ehud Ben-Yahuda has been to see Dr. Silver and myself and has been writing me about a volume of the dictionary which they wish to dedicate to Dr. Silver, involving an expenditure of \$10,000. I know that there is a similar proposition for Histadruth Ivrit and Hadassah. Naturally we would very much like to help, with or without a dedication of the volume to Dr. Silver; but I am afraid we cannot undertake to provide the sum of \$10,000 from ZOA funds, at least not at this stage, when we don't know how we will make out with the Expansion Fund.

I do believe that it ought not to be difficult to raise the whole or nearly the whole amount from a number of generous ZOA people in the country, who might contribute \$500 or \$1000 each. I am thinking of such people as the Levines of Leominster, Dewey Stone of Brockton, Mass., Eli Cohen and Archibald Silverman of Providence, etc., etc.. It simply needs one person to interest himself in the project, with the help of the Executive staff of the ZOA, and I am wondering whether you would be willing to undertake this assignment. It would be a beautiful thing to do. I also feel that if we do not succeed in raising the full amount, that we could make some appropriation from the Expansion Fund to complete the total.

I know that you are deep in the affairs of the Histadruth Ivrit, which will probably also be interested in the Ben-Yahuda project, but I hope you could nevertheless, act as chairman of a special committee, in behalf of the ZOA for this project. I also think it would be easy to get some districts and regions to make contributions. It ought not to be hard.

It would of course, be most appropriate to have the volume published under the auspices of the ZOA and dedicated to Dr. Silver. This would add a special appeal in the case of many people.

With best regards, as ever,

Faithfully yours,

Emanuel Neumann

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November 7, 1946

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

My dear Emanuel:

It is of utmost importance that we get a Zionist from Cincinnati to serve on our Executive Committee. I have spoken to Dr. Marks about it. You can readily understand why. This should be attended to right away.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

November 7, 1946

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

My dear Emanuel:

In this week's edition of the Jewish Post, there is an editorial called "A Bald Misstatement" in which the same scamp, G. M. Cohen, the editor, comments on the statement which I made to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that I was not present at the meeting when the Political Committee voted down the motion to invite Goldmann. Cohen states: "In Rabbi's statement there is one bold misstatement and too many false implications. The misstatement is Rabbi Silver's remark that he did not attend the meeting of the Political Committee of the Convention. He attended and also made a short talk."

You were chairman of the meeting. Please wire to Cohen and demand a retraction. I did not come in to the meeting until the Goldmann matter was disposed of, and I did not know that the matter was coming up at all.

The infamous lies and distortions of this fellow should be exposed in an article in the New Palestine. He is a mischief-maker of the first order.

I think someone ought to do an article in the New Palestine also on another journalistic scamp, the Bundist Zivion, of the Forward. He has regaled himself frequently in the last few months in attacks on American Zionists, and me in particular. The man was a bitter anti-Zionist, as you know, but with the bankruptcy of the whole Bundist line, he is now "horning in" on Zionist pastures where he is disporting himself. I don't know the writer who can do a proper portrayal of the gentleman, but Mr. Isreeli, I think, can either do the job himself or suggest someone for it. It is important that he be exposed. So far no one has replied to his many attacks.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:RK



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November 7, 1946

MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Sidney Marks  
From: Emanuel Neumann

I am terribly sorry but I am afraid I will be unable to attend the meeting of the Inner Committee, though it was called for this afternoon at my own suggestion. I believe it should take place and deal with a number of important and pressing items, including the following:

- 1) Meeting of our delegates to the Zionist Congress, preferably on Wednesday, *evening* November 13, at which they should be informed about Congress procedures, indicate their preference to serve on various committees, or alternatively authorize Dr. Silver to appoint a small Planning or Steering Committee which will recommend delegates to be named to various committees such as Political Affairs, National Funds, Organizational Problems, etc.; ~~at~~ the Conference of the Confederation of General Zionists; organizing the delegation by electing a Chairman, Deputy Chairman, a Secretary and an Associate Secretary, etc., etc. Among those who can hold forth at the meeting of our delegates are Dr. Sneh, Jacques Torcsyner, myself and others.
- 2) A presentation of budget or at least a report of our recommendations concerning budget at meeting of the Administrative Council. In that connection I am attaching two memoranda which I have sent to Milton Pollak recently.
- 3) Planning the session of the Administrative Council generally. (I won't be there before the middle or latter afternoon at the very earliest.) In connection with planning of the meeting of the Council, special arrangements should be made to clarify some of the points raised at the Convention regarding, for instance: (a) expenditures of the Expansion Fund; (b) did we do well or poorly in our fund raising last year? - actually we did very well; (c) complaint about infrequency of meetings of the Administrative Council. This can be rectified by an announcement on the part of Dr. Silver <sup>that</sup> every effort will be made during the coming year to hold more frequent meetings and to make the Administrative Council an actually functioning body in every sense; (d) similarly other points of criticism heard at the Convention should be constructively met at the meeting of the Council.
- 4) At the Council meeting we should also have Dr. Silver propose the names of Chairmen and Co-Chairmen of various committees and have them approved and ratified. This is most important. In this connection there is now some prospect that Dewey Stone may accept again Chairmanship of the Expansion Fund. I am in the midst of negotiations with him. There should be appointed alongside of him several Co-Chairmen or Vice-Chairmen, and plans should be made for holding a national meeting of Expansion Fund officers and local Expansion Fund Chairmen, perhaps in January after ~~the~~ return from the Congress. I also suggest that Rabbi Polish be named ~~with~~ Chairman of the Committee on Unity for Palestine, though it may be tactful not to drop Felix Levy but to name him and Rabbi Polish as Co-Chairmen, with the understanding that Rabbi Polish will attend meetings of the Executive Committee since he lives close to New York, and he should take active charge.

We should appoint Leon Feuer to a chairmanship ~~either~~ of a Committee on Po-

litical Affairs (political education of our constituents).

Jacob Richman should be taken care of preferably by electing him at the meeting as Secretary of the National Administrative Council. This will entitle him to attend meetings of the Executive Committee. I think there should be no objection to this arrangement although there is no constitutional provision for such an office but the Council is not precluded from electing other officers in addition to the Chairmen. If there should be serious objection to this plan I would have Richman named as Secretary of the Political Affairs Committee.

Regarding the Publications Committee (books) I have no immediate recommendation. That post could be filled by Polish if he isn't appointed on the Unity Committee or by Feuer if he is not made Chairman of the Political Affairs Committee. Unless some other good name occurs to the members of the Inner Committee I would strongly recommend that Feuer be named Chairman of the Publications Committee and we will have to find good Co-Chairmen and a Secretary living closer to New York who would really attend to this business.

I take it that Joseph Goldberg could be named again as Chairman of the Membership Committee and there should be Co-Chairmen or Vice-Chairmen. I believe that Mark Sugarman and Rudolph Sonnenborn should be asked to serve as Co-Chairmen or Vice-Chairmen of the Expansion Fund Committee.

Mr. Weisman should be urged to continue as Chairman of the Youth Commission, and I discussed with him plans for reorganization of the Commission by making it a larger body, including people from the country who will meet several times a year, and have a small Executive of very few persons who actually run the affairs of the Commission. Mr. Weisman should make recommendations for personnel for this committee promptly so that its composition may also be announced at the meeting of the Administrative Council.

Then there should be a General Education Committee to be in general charge of all educational activities, working with the Educational Director to be appointed. This committee should include persons to be in charge of various sub-activities in that field, including the Chairman of Publications, the Chairman for Committee on Unity, etc., and also a few others who may not be in charge of any special department such as Simon Greenberg, Irving Miller, Dr. David Petegorsky, Dr. Gitelson and others.

I would suggest that Irving Miller be asked to assume the Chairmanship of the General Education Committee with the assurance that we will provide an adequate budget to make real progress in this work during the coming year. I will be happy to cooperate with him closely.

The Inner Committee should go through the list and recommend other activities chairmen including Chalutzim, relations with General Zionists in Palestine and the Diaspora, etc.

5) Another thing to be done at the meeting of the Administrative Council is to proclaim the coming year as the Jubilee Year of the ZOA and issue a special call to enroll 100,000 new members and raise a million dollars for the Expansion Fund as part of this proclamation. It should be carefully prepared to read well in the press. The President should also be authorized to appoint a National Jubilee Committee of distinguished persons throughout the country, including of course all the officers of the ZOA. Dr. Harry Friedenwald should be requested to serve

as Honorary Chairman, the chairmanship to go to some other prominent and distinguished figure whom we wish to honor. The Jubilee Committee is to devise the methods by which the Jubilee will be appropriately celebrated through the year, culminating with a Jubilee program at the next Convention, including a pageant reviewing fifty years of Zionist history. In connection with the Jubilee there should be prepared and published a volume recording fifty years of American Zionist history. (This can of course be assigned to the Publications Committee). The Jubilee year idea can be stressed and carried out through all our campaign literature for membership and Expansion Fund, etc. throughout the year. It can turn the next Convention into a very great occasion from every point of view.

- 6) If I am not mistaken, November 13th, the date of the meeting, happens to be the birthday of Louis D. Brandeis. It would therefore be appropriate to take a few minutes to observe that date. Perhaps this may be a good opportunity for having Judge Fuld of the New York Court of Appeals make an appearance before the Administrative Council and deliver a ten minute tribute to the memory of Justice Brandeis (we should begin to bring him into our picture) and it will also make good reading in the press release.
- 7) The Administrative Council should also authorize the officers to take steps to secure \$500,000 from the UPA and the other funds for the constructive work of the General Zionists in Palestine during the coming year. In this connection a full report should be given concerning the \$100,000. We have not done so as yet at any meeting of the Administrative or Executive Committee. By the time the meeting takes place, we will have paid out probably the larger part of the \$100,000 on instructions we have received from Palestine.
- 8) The Council must also ratify the appointment of additional members on the Executive Committee. This must be arranged with Dr. Silver at once.
- 9) Someone ought to render a report of recent political developments, touching among other things on recent statements by Nahum Goldmann, the President's letter to Ibn Saud, the freeing of people from Latrun, etc. This should be done preferably by Dr. Silver himself but I would be prepared to do it if necessary, though I can do it only near the close of the meeting.
- 10) It is important that this particular meeting be well attended, especially by representatives of cities and regions throughout the country. There is no reason why we should not invite a few extra persons who are not members of the Council as guests and visitors to meet Dr. Sneh, whom they could not hear at the Convention. These people going back to their communities will carry a message and an inspiration. A large attendance is desirable and should be secured by using the telegraph and the telephone.
- 11) Both the Mizrachi and the Poale Zion have been getting into the Yiddish press long and detailed accounts of their deliberations, which look very impressive. Special arrangements should be made by Mr. Barbarash to have certain Yiddish writers who are loyal and friendly to us present at our meeting and write up its proceedings rather fully and perhaps have also special articles about this meeting.
- 12) We are starting off the year rather auspiciously both with respect to membership and Expansion Fund. This auspicious beginning should be highlighted at the meeting.
- 13) Something should be said at the meeting about the relation of the ZOA with the UPA, pointing out the fact that there is inadequate coordination, especially with respect to matters of policy, e. g., the negative attitude in the UPA with regard to a Zionist building, appropriations for the General Zionists, the tour of Mr. Grossman, which is a political tour making propaganda for Partition, etc. And a



resolution may appropriately be adopted requesting the officers and the representatives of the ZOA and the UPA to bring about a more harmonious relation and better coordination. <sup>52</sup>

14) A special committee was to have been appointed with power to authorize expenditures in connection with the Congress, including traveling expenses for certain delegates. I would suggest that the Treasurer and Associate Treasurer be named as this special committee, with full power up to a certain amount, say up to \$10,000.

EH/M



November 8, 1946

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

My dear Emanuel:

The enclosed is an analysis of the Congress  
Elections made by Israeli. I thought you  
might be interested in seeing it.

With all good wishes, I remain

As ever yours,

AES:GR.  
Enc.

Zionist Organization of America  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York 17, N. Y.

ADDRESS  
OF  
DR. EMANUEL NEUMANN  
Vice-President, Zionist Organization of America  
and Chairman of its Interim Committee

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"The release of the Jewish Agency leaders from detention in Latrun, the lifting of the curfews and other minor 'concession' should contribute to easing the tension in Palestine. We all hope these actions indicate the beginning of more humane and less brutal and tyrannical procedures on the part of the British Government. But we should also be on our guard against overrating these steps or giving them exaggerated importance. There has been as yet no indication of a change of basic policy. Palestine is still a police state. Incoming refugees are still being deported. The 100,000 displaced Jews, for whose admission President Truman has appealed in vain, are still there in Germany, Austria and Italy, languishing between fading hope and growing despair. We can neither jubilate nor indulge in paeans of gratitude to Great Britain for having released leaders of the Jewish Agency after four months of incarceration without trial or the semblance of judicial procedure."

Commenting on the recent Convention of the ZOA and the political resolutions which he had introduced as Chairman of the Political Committee and which were unanimously adopted by the Convention, Dr. Neumann said: "There has been considerable discussion concerning the stand of the Convention on the subject of partition of Palestine. It has been asserted that the Convention did not reject partition. The political resolutions which I had the honor to introduce on behalf of the Political Committee and which were adopted unanimously speak for themselves. They reaffirm the historic claims and aspirations as well as the legally established rights of the Jewish people, rights which, in the language of the resolutions, 'extend to the whole of Mandated Palestine, undivided and undiminished.' The resolution goes on to say that any attempt on the part of the British Government 'by unlawful, unilateral and arbitrary action to curtail these rights or to deny to the Jewish people free access to any part of the Homeland would be resisted to the utmost.' The resolution also stresses the Zionist demand and the urgent need for granting the Jewish people nationhood and statehood in their ancestral land. It does not bar discussions with the British Government provided the purpose of such discussions is the implementation of Jewish rights and the establishment of a Jewish State; but the point is strongly made that such exploratory discussions by

representatives of the Jewish Agency must be so conducted as to avoid committing the movement to any proposal regarding any proposed solution of the Palestine question. Any proposal which may emerge must, in accordance with Zionist procedure, be submitted to the World Zionist Congress or the General Council for consideration and acceptance or rejection. Our resolutions do not so much as mention the word 'partition' because actually no proposal of any kind, whether on the basis of partition or any other basis, is before us.

"Whether the resolutions constitute an express rejection of the partition idea may appear to some to be debatable. What is not debatable is the fact that the Convention withheld its endorsement of the partition solution, directly or indirectly. What is still less debatable is that the Convention was overwhelmingly behind our President, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, and his policies as outlined at length in his Presidential message to the Convention. He spoke for the great mass of American Zionists and he will speak for them at the forthcoming Zionist Congress in Switzerland next month."

Referring to Dr. Sneh and his alleged leadership of the Haganah, Dr. Neumann said: "I am not here to affirm or deny the allegation that Dr. Sneh is or has been the leader of the Haganah. He is here with us and will speak for himself. But I know that I am speaking for the thousands in this hall and for millions of our fellow-Jews throughout the country when I say that if he has been leading the Haganah in its noble work of defense and rescue and resistance to British illegality and tyranny in Palestine, that would in our eyes confer upon him the highest order of merit and the highest title of nobility. The British Government should be under no misapprehension as to how the Jews of America feel about the Haganah. We are proud of it; we stand solidly behind the brave men and women who have rekindled the torch of the Maccabees and the patriotic order of Bar Kochba. We have supported them; we are supporting them and we are going to support them in the future by every means at our command. As long as Britain continues its unlawful policies, its repressions, its war upon Jewish refugees, just so long will the Jews offer resistance, not only the Jews of Palestine but Jews throughout the world."



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111 BROADWAY  
NEW YORK

November 15, 1946.

Dr. Emanuel Neumann,  
521 Fifth Avenue, Rm. 1903,  
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Emanuel:

This is to report to you the events of last night when I met the entire executive staff at the ZOA office, in pursuance of their request. The meeting lasted from 7:30 until midnight.

The executive staff is thoroughly disquieted. They expressed a belief that there has been aloofness by the leadership from the staff during the past year and this aloofness is accentuated by the failure to invite any members of ZOA staff to the World Congress, whereas certain of the staff of the Emergency Council have been invited and it is even indicated that these invitees may form part of the secretariat to the President of ZOA.

Moreover, it has been rumored that Mr. A. Tuvin is about to be introduced into the organization. His association is not looked on with favor by the key members of the staff and if carried through may result in several key resignations. I am satisfied that these are not idle grumblings on the part of the staff. In fact I am considerably concerned by the spirit of the staff which seems to be resentful of the aloofness mentioned, whether it in fact exists is not material; the thing which is material is that it is considered to exist.

This morning Dr. Marks is coming to see me to discuss the situation with me. I am informed that he has received and held under consideration a lucrative offer from other sources, representing a very substantial increase over his present compensation. His unhappiness with the situation and that of his key personnel may lead him now to reconsider his previous position on this outside offer and to accept it.

The matter of increased compensation to the staff was satisfactorily adjusted as follows:

All members of the staff receiving less than \$5,000 are to receive a 10% increase in pay, retro-

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active to October 1, 1946.

All receiving above \$5,000 are to have a 7½% increase.

In any case where an equalization payment previously agreed upon exceeds these percentages, the amount of the compensation is to be not less than the total of base pay plus the equalization as the new base rate. The arrangement is to be incorporated in the union contract and to be for one year.

The suggestion was made also that Carl Alpert should be designated to take charge of the Zionist Education Department and that we should not look around for an expensive titular director. Moreover, we need at once a downtown office manager whose authority can be asserted and recognized.

I urge you to look into the matters mentioned in the first part of this letter promptly in the interests of avoiding a complete demoralization and breakdown. My own feeling is that unless you are prepared to change the top personnel completely, you must give them the associates who are acceptable to them. Proper personnel relations do not permit of compromise measures on this score because they inevitably lead to friction and irritation.

Sincerely yours,

November 18th, 1948

Mr. Benjamin Rabalsky  
Parker House  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Rabalsky:

Dr. Silver has written to me concerning your letter of November 1th, to him. His letter says in part, "I am very unhappy about this situation but I do not know just what I can do about it".

I am equally unhappy, as there is nothing I would like better than to have you serve as one of our delegates because I know not only of your devotion, but your views, which are so close to my own, especially with regard to the Jewish Zionist affairs and the problems in Palestine.

As you also probably know, I have been trying right along to see to it that you are not overlooked, but on the contrary, receive recognition and a proper place in the Councils of our Movement. You recall that you spoke to me about a place on the Administrative Council, and I promptly acted on that suggestion.

As for your being a delegate, I do not know, at the moment, what your position is, on the list, which is not before me. I will inquire promptly. If it is not too far down the list, there will be a fair chance of your being a delegate because a considerable number of those who preceded you, are not going to turn up. If you have a copy of the printed ballot and could advise me regarding your position on the list, I will give my further attention to the matter.

One thing I am afraid we cannot do, under the statutes of the World Organization, namely, to alter the relative position of delegates on the list, arbitrarily. There would also be not merely resentment, but the strongest kind of opposition on the part of the persons who would be displaced from his position on the list by such arbitrary action. I have never seen the letters sent out by Dr. Marks to delegates or prospective delegates, and it may well be that these letters should have been more carefully formulated in order not to leave any erroneous impression. However, that is now water over the dam. My own advice to you would be to go to Switzerland, there to take part in our own deliberations in the meetings of the American Delegation and of the World Confederation of General Zionists. I believe it is probably likely that you would be able to participate in at least some, if not all of the Congress sessions. In any case we are not going to have many alternates present and the few who will be there, will I think, have an opportunity to function

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That at least is how the situation looks to me at this moment, from what information I have had thus far.

There is one thing I would like to clear up at once. At the conclusion of your letter you say that "many changes" have recently been made in the positions of delegates on the list. I cannot understand this and I would appreciate your pointing out to me where and when such changes have been made. So far as I know, not a single change has been made from the order indicated on the printed ballot, nor so far as I know, has anyone the authority to make such changes.

I want to assure you once more, of our warmest regard and esteem for you and for your long record of devoted service, as well as my warm personal friendship for you.

As ever,

Faithfully yours,

Emmanuel Neumann

EN:BN



November 18th, 1946

Memorandum

To: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
From: Mr. Emanuel Neumann

Regarding Jacob Landau's letter to you and the dinner of the Overseas News Agency on November 26th:

I am afraid it is impossible for me to do anything about this matter personally as I am already swamped, but I will ask Sidney Marks and Joe Greenleaf to handle this matter to the best of their ability. Goodman is back in Florida and Sugarman is in Coatesville.

While I am on this matter I would earnestly suggest that you write, or better still, wire to Landau urging him strongly to have Smolar in Basle to cover the Congress. It is of the utmost importance to us that the principal proceedings and the doings there, should be reported by JTA fairly and in a friendly spirit. The presence of Smolar on the job will guarantee that. Nothing else will. It would, I think, be a serious mistake to trust in Bienenstock's reporting. Do wire Landau!

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COMMISSION ON PALESTINE SURVEYS

Administration Office

521 FIFTH AVENUE

ROOM 1905

NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

November 18, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

I have requested the calling of a meeting of the Inner Committee for tomorrow, Tuesday afternoon, and an enclosing copy of my memo to Dr. Sidney Marks and a draft of a letter to go from the ZOA to the Keren Hayesod, which meets tomorrow night.

Faithfully yours,



Emanuel Neumann

EN/M  
(Enc.)

November 18, 1946

MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Sidney Marks  
From: Emanuel Neumann

I think we shall have to have a meeting of the Inner Committee tomorrow, Tuesday afternoon, prior to the Annual Meeting of the Keren Hayesod and the first meeting of its new Board of Directors.

We have to consider and pass upon the new setup of the Keren Hayesod, including its slate of officers, etc.

There are also two important financial matters, viz., an appropriation for 1947 for the Confederation of General Zionists and a proposal for appropriating \$500,000 for the Weizmann Institute of Science.

There are also other important matters to be brought up before the Inner Committee. Will you please arrange for such a meeting.

EN/M

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Keren Hayesod  
41 East 43 Street  
New York 17, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

In connection with the reconstitution of the United Palestine Appeal for 1947, we beg to submit the following for your consideration:

- 1) Early this year the Zionist Organization of America submitted to the Keren Hayesod and to the Jewish National Fund of America a proposal for including in the contract governing the operations of the UPA during 1946 a provision to allocate the sum of \$500,000 as a grant to assist in the development of the constructive activities and projects of the Confederation of General Zionists in Palestine. Such an appropriation was intended to be used in Palestine in a manner analogous to the manner in which the Misrachi Organization makes use of a similar grant provided by the United Palestine Appeal for promoting Misrachi activities and projects in Palestine. Our proposal was favorably considered at the time by the Keren Hayesod but was not acted upon by the board of the Jewish National Fund.
- 2) Subsequently we submitted a new proposal calling for an appropriation of \$100,000 by the American Keren Hayesod for the purposes indicated above for the year 1946. This proposal was favorably acted upon by your board. A large part of this fund has already been transmitted to the Confederation of General Zionists in Palestine, and the balance will be transmitted in the near future.
- 3) As a result of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the World Confederation of General Zionists recently held in Paris, the representatives of the Zionist Organization of America and Hadassah were urged to renew the request for an appropriation of \$500,000 by the United Palestine Appeal or alternatively by the American Keren Hayesod and the Jewish National Fund of America, to be paid out during 1947 out of funds which will be available from the proceeds of the 1946 and 1947 campaigns. The representatives of the Zionist Organization of America as well as the representatives of Hadassah undertook to use their best efforts to secure this appropriation, and we are accordingly now submitting this proposal to you for your consideration and, as we hope, your affirmative action.
- 4) In our view, the most appropriate and desirable manner of implementing a favorable decision in principle would be to have this sum included in the new contract setting up the UPA for 1947 and to have the payments made by the UPA.



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5) Our attention has also been drawn to the need of the Weizmann Institute of Science for a sum of \$500,000 to supplement the substantial amount already raised for that Institute by private subscription in this country and enable it to go forward with its program. There is a widespread feeling in our Organization and among American Zionists generally that the Weizmann Institute represents a highly significant effort and bears the promise of a most important contribution to the future of the economic development of Palestine. It is also felt that the completion of this project, through the help of American Zionists, would be a tribute of American Jewry to the distinguished head of the Jewish Agency for Palestine and a richly earned recognition of a lifetime of devoted service to our cause.

6) We are informed that a further sum of \$500,000 is required by the Weizmann Institute of Science. While this sum can most probably be raised by a continuing effort on the part of American friends of the Institute, it would amount to another separate campaign, involving the divergence of effort from other Zionist funds and institutions. It is accordingly proposed that this sum be made available to the Institute by the United Palestine Appeal or alternatively by the Jewish National Fund of America and the American Keren Hayesod.

7) The officers of the Zionist Organization of America support this proposal in principal, provided that the allocation of \$500,000 for a Confederation of General Zionists in Palestine is not prejudiced but is assured as representing an earlier request and a prior claim. It has also been suggested that the sum required by the Weizmann Institute may not need to be paid out in one year but over a somewhat longer period, possibly in several years, thus reducing the proposed commitments to more manageable proportions during 1947.

8) We trust that your board will give earnest consideration to our proposals and recommendations and take favorable action upon them.

Very sincerely yours,

Executive Director

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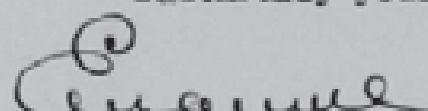
Dear Abba:

One of the matters we have to think about is the program of publications by the ZOA for this year. Last year Eliezer Lipsky was Chairman of the Publications Committee but did nothing. The three books which are appearing had been arranged for by the previous Chairman of the Committee, Judge Levinthal. We not only have to find a new Chairman and new Committee but make immediate arrangements for the publication of new books.

One book which ought to be gotten out in time for the next Convention, which will be the 50th Annual Convention of the ZOA, is a book telling the story of fifty years of American Zionism. I do not at the moment have the man to write it but believe that necessary research work in the preparation of the material should be started without delay. It has occurred to me that the staff of the Research Department of the Emergency Council can do this preliminary work during the next two months when they are unlikely to have any heavy work to do for the Council. This could be done I believe by an internal administrative arrangement on instructions from yourself.

There is really no time to lose. Unless we get started with some such projects, we will not have a single book published during the coming year, and I would earnestly suggest that you discuss the matter immediately with Harry Shapiro and Schwadron. If this is agreed upon I shall be glad to meet with Schwadron and reach agreement with him regarding the manner in which the work should proceed.

Faithfully yours,



Emanuel Neumann

EN/M

November 18, 1946

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Harry Shapiro  
From: Emanuel Neumann

I suggest that you arrange to have available in Switzerland plenty of documentary material dealing with the work of the Emergency Council and the political matters dealt with, including minutes, cables exchanged, important clippings from the press, etc.

I am sure that two or three members of the staff, if they put their heads together, could make up such a file, which may be important to have on hand.

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521 FIFTH AVENUE

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NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

November 18, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

I understand that Milton Pollak sent you a copy of the letter he sent me following his meeting with the entire ZOA staff.

On Thursday and Friday I suddenly found that we were facing a rather critical situation with regard to the staff. There had been considerable dissatisfaction over various matters previously, and it was largely for that reason that I took time off to spend an hour or two with the staff when they met in Atlantic City on the eve of the Convention. They had felt that the officers of the Organization had kept rather aloof from them and that they were not taken sufficiently into their confidence. They also claimed that there was a feeling of insecurity about their tenure, etc., etc.

Last Thursday I had a long and serious talk with Ernest Barbarash and arranged with him to meet the half dozen principal executives at lunch next Tuesday - the first of a series of such meetings which I plan to hold with them in the future in order to establish closer rapport. I also had two telephone conversations with Milton Pollak on Thursday in anticipation of his meeting in the evening with the staff to discuss their claims to salary advances, etc., and I urged him to be conciliatory in his attitude and to try to meet them half way.

The following morning, Friday, I spoke with him again on the phone and he gave me a report of his meeting, which lasted until midnight. He told me then that there was serious unrest and that we were likely to lose a number of our men, including Sidney Marks, whom he was going to meet later in the day. I then invited Sidney Marks to my office and spent nearly two hours with him. As Pollak had warned me, Sidney appeared to be almost hysterical and possibly on the verge of a breakdown.

I let Sidney talk himself out and get everything he had off his chest. He referred to a great many things, including the following:

- 1) The staff had been growing increasingly restive under the feeling that the national officers did not have sufficient confidence in them, and they feared for the security of their positions.
- 2) There was too much talk of reorganization.



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3) The situation was aggravated by repeated rumors to the effect that the boys in the Emergency Council were planning to "move in" and take over the running of the ZOA if, as was anticipated, the Emergency Council would be liquidated after the Congress. In this connection much was being made of the proposal to bring in Abe Tuvim, who is extremely unpopular among them and whose coming in they both dread and resent, fearing that he was going to be a sort of super-boss and the beginning of a plan to set aside or reduce the positions of the present executives in favor of the Emergency Council boys.

4) In this connection a good deal is also being made of the fact that while not a single member of the ZOA staff is being taken to the Congress, four or five members of the Council staff are going, and according to rumor, are to serve as the Secretariat to the President of the ZOA.

5) Some members of the Inner Committee had fallen into the habit of walking into the ZOA office and giving orders to members of the staff brusquely and peremptorily. On my closer questioning, it appeared that this type of criticism was directed chiefly at Dan Frisch, who appears to have been quite crude in his handling of the staff and was interpreting his position as Chairman of the Administrative Council to be that of General Administrative Head of the Organization.

Marks himself was not prepared to "take" the appointment of Tuvim and appeared to resent the circumstance that he had been hearing about Tuvim's coming in from various quarters (including Leo Sacks) as if it were an accomplished fact, though it had not been settled with him and despite his objections. He had written out his letter of resignation, effective December 1st, and told me that he had a position ready for him with an initial salary of \$18,000. He was emphatic that he did not wish to leave the Organization; he loved the ZOA and loved the work and had the greatest respect and admiration for yourself and myself, etc., but the stresses and strains from all sides were getting to be too much for him. Actually he talked at times in almost hysterical manner.

What is responsible for this incipient hysteria sweeping through the staff, I am still not sure of, even after taking all the concrete criticisms into account. It may be the result of an attempt from the outside, i. e., from the opposition, to create trouble for us among the staff. It may on the other hand be a simple case of nerves combined with poor handling of the staff on our part, particularly on the part of Frisch on the one hand and the Finance Committee on the other.

My long conversation with Sidney had a soothing effect on him. He agreed to withhold his resignation - in fact to forget about it - and to co-operate with me fully in setting matters right.

I acknowledged some of the criticisms to be justified but did some criticizing of my own in turn. I pointed out to him that some of the fragmentation of authority of which he complained was due to his own failure to take more initiative and responsibility in the planning of our activities and the centralized direction of the work; that he could not expect to sit back at the meetings of the Inner Committee, having little to offer by way of guidance with regard to the various problems which present themselves - which makes it necessary for various members of the Inner Committee to step in and take hold - and then complain that the administration of affairs was being fragmented. He accepted

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this criticism in good part.

He saw Milton Pollak later in the day and as Milton told me, he had come away from me satisfied, heartened and refreshed.

I am afraid that between now and my departure for Europe I will have to give a good deal of time and attention to these administrative matters and try to set things working smoothly. As I said, I am meeting the top executives at lunch tomorrow. Thereafter I plan to have a meeting of the entire staff. Moreover, I will have to try to devise and put into operation at once a system of operation as between the members of the Inner Committee and the staff which will be more satisfactory.

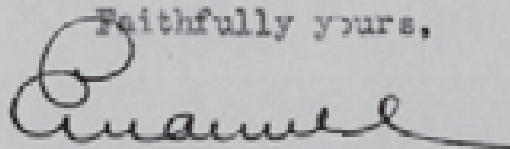
I don't know quite what to make of the rumors regarding the intentions of the members of the Council staff to "move in" to the ZOA. I am afraid that one or another has been talking a bit loosely. It seems that Leo Sack has not been too diplomatic. Parenthetically, ~~his~~ <sup>that</sup> going to the Congress ~~is~~ is apparently resented most. I really don't know whether his going is essential and whether you are not exposing yourself to criticism within the Council by having so many go at the expense of the Council.

Also, I am not sure but <sup>that</sup> even at this late date we should ~~not~~ make arrangements to have at least one member of the ZOA staff go over, if it is only for a week or two, to correct the impression that we are treating them rather contemptuously. They understand, of course, that the ZOA can hardly spare any of the men at this time of the year. Nevertheless it may be wise and politic to risk some slackening of the work by the absence of one of the men for a fortnight, rather than run the risk of a lowering of their morale.

I have a good many other matters to report to you but I am doing that in a separate letter.

As ever,

Faithfully yours,



Emanuel Neumann

EN/M

Memorandum.

May 21, 1947.

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

FROM: Emanuel Neumann

Enclosing copy of letter from Phil Slomevitz.

I was wondering whether we can make use of him  
in New York in connection with Public Relations work.

June 10, 1947

Memorandum

To: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
From: Mr. Emanuel Neumann

I am sorry to note that Governor Dewey will not be available for our meeting on July 6th. It is fortunate that you got the commitment from Sumner Welles. Is it quite definite and does it need confirmation? Will you write him or shall the ZOA office write, or what?

Have you any other suggestions regarding speakers? And what do we do now, regarding Lipsky and Wise?

Israel Goldstein rang me up today to tell me that there has been a meeting of the Sub-Committee of the UPA charged with the preparation of the program of the October Conference and the Weizmann question was again discussed at length. Fortunately Mark Sugarman and Herman Weisman voted to defer action for a little while, but Goldstein feels that the issue has to be squarely met. He feels that since we are having our Convention in July and Weizmann's projected visit will be in the Fall, we can afford to extend an invitation to him. On the other hand, he feels confident that if we refuse to act upon the matter now, it will be whipped up into a great issue at our Convention and we will be charged with attempting to debar Weizmann from appearing on a neutral platform, such as that of the UPA. He not only strongly urges that we withdraw our objection and approve of it now, but he goes further and says that he will not be able, in all conscience, to resist it any longer.

I suppose there is some merit in his argument about giving the opposition an issue for the Convention. I also suppose that we could muster the votes to block action in the UPA Committee. Monter of course, is pressing the issue and has already threatened to resign and to take the issue to the country, travelling up and down the land, denouncing the ZOA for interfering in this matter. I would like to have your definitive judgment on this.

The Ohio Valley Conference, which I addressed Sunday night was good. The overwhelming majority are with us.

EN:BN



June 13, 1947

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

My dear Emanuel:

The letter of the General Zionists should be answered. After you have read it, show it to Dr. Goldstein. I believe that he should write a reply to them in our name.

With reference to the Golden Jubilee performance at Madison Square Garden -- the project seems to be promising and should be endorsed provided no objection is raised by the UPA and the "Night of Stars" sponsors.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX  
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