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Dr. Emanuel Neuharn

Zionist Organization of America

41 East 42nd Street

New York 17, N. Y.

AIRMAIL

*Copy for
Mr. A. H. S. (over)*
MEMORANDUM

September 5, 1946

From: Dr. S. Bernstein

Re: PALESTINE BUREAU

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

1. Attached is a copy of a cable dispatched by us to the Jewish Agency for Palestine in Jerusalem containing names of 110 passengers who sailed for Palestine on the S. S. Vulcania on August 27th and on the S. S. Marine Carp on August 30th. The cabling of the names to the Agency is regularly done by us at the urgent request of the Jewish Agency.

We have an additional list of 48 people who sailed for Palestine on small freighters during the last week, via France, expected to arrive in Palestine on September 15th.

The majority of these passengers consists of returning residents. Ten are going under the G. I. Bill of Rights; the remainder are tourists, qualified under the regulations for tourists.

Together with the previous passengers the number of Jews who sailed from America to Palestine, during the last 3 to 4 months, is about 300.

All the necessary visas and permits have been arranged through our intermediary, with the full friendly cooperation on the part of the British authorities in New York.

2. We have today received 10 new visas and permits from the authorities in New York and Jerusalem. Three of those cases were originally refused by the Government in Jerusalem and have now been granted after we filed briefs to the British Passport Control Office, requesting their reconsideration of the cases. Our appeals have been endorsed by the British Passport Control Office with satisfactory results involving ten persons.
3. The decline of applications for Palestine still continued. During the whole month of August we had no more than 10 applications, a low ebb, unknown in the "history" of the Palestine Bureau.
4. The pressure of work in our section for search of relatives on behalf of people in Palestine and also on behalf of people in the camps for displaced persons in Europe has recently become simply "terrific". The Jewish Agency for Palestine in Jerusalem is flooding us with inquiries of this nature, to which we are trying to comply to the best of our ability. For the last three weeks we have handled about 250 inquiries per week, which is quite an overwhelming number in view of our woefully undermanned staff. Since the entry of Jews from Poland into France has recently become practically "free" with the French authorities obviously closing their eyes, we expect an enormous increase of these inquiries. The successful location of relatives in this country, on behalf of refugees, particularly those in Europe, is of vital importance to our Aliyah.

SB/rta

Dr. S. Bernstein

CABLEGRAM SENT

August 29, 1946

via MACKAY

NLT JEVAGENCY
P. O. B. 92
JERUSALEM (PALESTINE)

FOLLOWING SAILED AS VULCANIA AUGUST TWENTYSEVENTH ACKERMAN ISIDORE AND WIFE
AITEM DAVID WIFE THREE CHILDREN ALLEN MOE WIFE BASEL REBECCA BEE NOAH BRUNNER SOLOMON
BRODNO ISAAC WIFE BENJAMIN ZEV BOULHOSSEN ABRAHAM BOROCHOVIK MAX CHOESKY JOSEPH
COHEN BEN ZVI SAMUEL WIFE CHILD DAVIDOVITCH ABRAHAM FARGOT ALBERT FELDMAN SADIE
LENA FASKOVITZ BORUCH FISHHOF FRANTISEK FARBER SAMUEL WIFE GURFINKEL JACOB
GOTTLIEB JACOB WIFE GINZBURG TONI DEVORAH KOPILOF ELI WIFE KATZ SOL WIFE
KOHN ROSALIE LIEBERMAN HENRY WIFE LUICK DINAH METZGER ILSA AND SON MICHAEL
MIZRAI BENJAMIN MUALLEM ELIHU WIFE OPPENHEIMER OLGA OSTROV BENJAMIN
PFEFFER JOSEPH RCSSI DAVID WIFE ROUSILLE SUSAN AND DAUGHTER SALINA RAPPAPORT
ARTHUR AVRAM RUDOLPH SOLOMON ROSEN MAX ROSENBERG LENA SHENKAR ARIEH WIFE
SHAMIR MRS. JONAH SALTZMAN AARON SHAPIRO LOUIS SHINANSKY CHARLES WIFE CHILD
SKLARSKY MORRIS TAUBMAN ANNA TIC MARGARET WEINTRAUB ALISA TWO CHILDREN
WAIZENBERG HELA WIESS LILLY YUNOVITCH DR YEHUDA STOP FOLLOWING SAILING SS
MARINE CARP AUGUST THIRTIETH BRODSKY DAVID BOWMAN HAROLD BLOOM MORTON ALVIN
BERENHOLZ SIMON BENNETT EPHRAIM DIAMOND MICHAEL ENGEL JOEL FRIED ISAAC
GLAUBERMAN CHANA HEILIG CAROL KANOWITZ ANNA AND DAUGHTER ZARINA KATZIN LEONARD
KRUMBERG MAX LEWIS ROLAND LAINER YERUCHIM LADMAN IRVING MOGUL FANNIE
MAISEL ALEXANDER MIKELBERG CLEMENS NEWMAN JENNIE PERLA SOLOMON WIFE
ROODNER IRVING ROSENZWEIG LIPA ROSENFELD HENRY RUDEMAN SYDNEY REICE ISRAEL
ROTTENSTEIN BENJAMIN SHELDON FREDERICK SEGAL SOLOMON SOLTER ABRAHAM
TELTCHEER FRANCIS TUBIN MINNIE WEINSTEIN EMIL YANOW WILLIAM AND ALBERT
YAGIR ISRAEL

PALBUREAU BERNSTEIN

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

September 11, 1946

From: Dr. S. Bernstein, Palestine Bureau

GOOD NEWS FOR AMERICANS DESIRING TO STUDY AT THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY

Since the end of the war we have been urging the Jewish Agency for Palestine in Jerusalem to intervene with the Government so that they grant entry permits to Palestine for Americans who desire to study at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. The Agency indeed made the greatest effort in this respect, but to no avail. In March, 1946, we had been informed by them that they were again in conference with Mr. Mills, head of the Immigration Department in regard to this matter, and that the prospects were not very bright.

We then started to induce the American Friends of the Hebrew University in New York to interest Dr. Magnes in this matter, and received encouraging information from him and also from Dr. Senator while he was in this city a few months ago.

On August 7th we received a cable from Mr. Schneerson, secretary of the University, informing us that the Government in principle agreed to grant student visas and that details will be worked out, and that the American Friends will be informed accordingly.

This morning I was informed that Dr. Magnes received a cable from Jerusalem that the Government granted these visas under the following conditions:

- 1) There is no limit set to the number of applicants;
- 2) Not only G. I's, but everyone qualified to study at the University, is entitled to such a visa;
- 3) Each applicant must sign a statement to the effect that after he has been graduated from the University he will leave the country;
- 4) After the University will inform the Committee of American Friends in New York that a particular applicant has been admitted, the applicant is to pay tuition for a whole year, in advance, in New York, and
- 5) Visas are granted to applicants but not to their dependents (wives and children). Wives may be entitled to visas if they are admitted to the University on their own merits.

-----This creates a very hopeful condition for quite a number of young men and women desirous of entering the University. It means that they will be able to

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remain in Palestine at least 3-4 years. Literally hundreds of such applicants came to this office during this year, and I feel very happy that I now can inform them (one including Rabbi Cohen who was recommended to me by you) that they are able to realize their wish.

I will have to submit all the documents of their school and college credits to the American Friends for approval by the University in Jerusalem. I will then make the necessary arrangements to obtain their passports and Palestine visas.

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SB/rta

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

41 EAST 42ND STREET • MURRAY HILL 2-3205 • NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

PALESTINE BUREAU
DR. SIMON BERNSTEIN, *Director*

September 19, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached please find copy of a letter which we have received from Stockholm, addressed to you. The writer of the letter, Mrs. Sonia Zirkman-Goldman, seems to be an acquaintance of yours from the other side.

Please note that I am answering her on your behalf, urging the Palestine Bureau in Stockholm to include her, her husband and their child in their next Palestine transport as soon as the opportunity to do so will offer itself to them. They must get three certificates. Because of the tender age of the child, any other way does not come into consideration.

Please accept my heartiest wishes for a Happy New Year to you, your family and to Klal Israel.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Dr. S. Bernstein
Director, Palestine Bureau

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אל כבוד הרב הנכבד המנהיג הגול שליט"א
בן עיריין שלום רב.

כבודו בוראי ישתומם שאני כותבת אליו. שמי סוניה צירקמן-גולדמן. נולדתי
בנישואים נ"י מינסק. שם אבי ז"ל היה גצל בן יחזקאל צירקמן. היינו ברחוב
מ"סטי 12 (איפה שהלכו הגברים להחרחץ). מכל משפחתנו לא נשאר איש בחיים.
הרוצחים מיטלר ימח שמו וזכרו יחד עם הליטאים הרגו את כל היהודים. מכל
הקהלה היהודית נשארה רק משפחה אחת. וזה לפי נס. אני זה עכשיו באחי מרוסיה
אסיה התיכונית, ליטא ופולין. מה שעבר עלי אין אני יכולה לתאר לכבודו.
מוציאה אני ספר. אז תהיה לו האפשרות לראות מה שעבר עלי. אני גמרת גמנסיון
עברי. הורי היו יהודים אדוקים ונחננו לי חנוך דתי. אחרי כן למדתי באוניברסיטה
הקובנאית וגמרת תורת המשפט. עבדתי בבית משפט. עם התחלת המלחמה הייתי בקובנא,
ונודתי, ואחרי עבור עלי כל מיני ענויים בסיביר, באחי לאסיה התיכונית-אזבקיסטן.
שמה ב-1943 נשאתי לבחור שהיה אז בצבא הרוסי. הוא מחלין-קאריץ, נהדו של כ'
פנחס'ל קאריצ'ער, בחור שכל ימין למד בישיבות ונשמך לרב מרבני פולין וליטא
ב-1937. אחרי כן למד באוניברסיטה התיכונית משפט. בשנות המלחמה היה בחזית
ונפצע 4 פעמים. כל משפחתו היו רבנים ונאמנים טובים. אם כל חיו מדגיש ומדגיש
לחנוך הדור הצעיר. חשבנו להשאר בליטא, אבל זה היה בלתי אפשרי בעדינו להיות
על קבר הקדושים ולהפגש ברוצחים שטבלו את ידם בדם הקדושים. אז ברחנו לפולין.
אני הייתי הרה ואחרי עבור עלי ענויים קשים, אחרי שראינו את המות בעינינו מרב
פתר ואימה, ילדתי את בני בחדש ה-7 להריוני. הילד היה קטן וחלש, והרופאים לא
קנו שיהיה. משקלו היה 850 גרם. על ידי השתדלותו של מר. ז. ווארהאפטיג שהוא
מכיר את בעלי, הוא הוציא אותנו מפולין לשוודיה. עם הפעוט שמשקלו היה 1-1/2
ק"ג נסענו וה' עזר לנו. הביאנו ~~איתנו~~ את בנינו בשלום לשוודיה. הילד נמצא
עכשיו בבית חולים. הוא עכשיו בן 4 חדשים אבל הכרית עוד לא הייתה, הוא עוד
חלש. גם אני אחרי עבור עלי כה הרבה צרות ודאגות איני יכולה לעבוד עוד.

אל כבודו אני פונה כמו אל אב. אין לי גואל ומושיע. אנחנו פה גלמודים
הסביבה היא בלתי יהודית. היהודים ש השודים אינם רוצים לדעת את האסון הנורא
שקרה לעמנו ושארית הפליטה זה סוג אנשים שפלים. בעלי בפולין עבד במזכירות
הראשית של המזרח. גם פה בשוודיה הוא עבד במזכירות של בחר. כבודו יוכל
לשאל ~~על~~ את מר וורהפטיג וגם דר. קורץ. הם מכירים את בעלי. יש לי בקשה. אולי
ישנה איזו אפשרות שהיא שאנחנו נוכל לצאת משוודיה לאמריקה או לארץ אחרת?
אנחנו אנשים צעירים. בעלי שיהיה הוא בן 28 שנים ואני בח 27 שנים. רוצים
אנחנו לעבוד בעד עמנו ולא נהיה למשא על מי שהוא. בעלי היה בצבא רב צבאי
קפיטן. הוא אדם בעל כשרונות נשגבים בחזרה גם כמו עורך דין. נקוה שבעזרת
השם כבודו יחקה. בקצר רוח מתכים אנחנו לחשובתו. פשוט אין כבר כח פיזי
יותר לסבול.

בברכת שלום

סוניה צירקמן-גולדמן

בעלי דורש את שלום כבודו.

Advokat Sonia Goldman
c/o Speier
Skanagatan 68 b. Trep II
Stockholm, SWEDEN

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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PALESTINE BUREAU
DR. SIMON BERNSTEIN, *Director*

October 1, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Re: Your letter of September 25th
addressed to Dr. Sidney Marks

The cable from Paris addressed to you was in reply to a cable I sent to the Palestine Bureau of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, Paris, under your signature, copy of which is herewith attached.

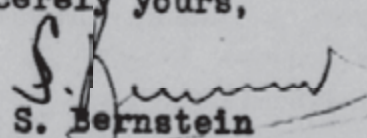
You will see that it concerns a niece of Sol Cohen, whom he has located after the greatest efforts we have made both in Warsaw and in Jerusalem. The girl originally fled from Poland to Russia and recently returned to Poland where she now works in a kibbutz in Polish Upper Silesia.

Our friend Sol is greatly devoted to her and is very anxious to bring her to Palestine. A case like this in Upper Silesia is a very complicated one and I know that the only way something can be done is via Paris-Warsaw. Sol and I have decided that it would be perfectly all right to use your signature in this cable, so as to make it impressive to our friends in Paris, and make them act accordingly. We could not spend too much time asking for your permission, both of us being certain that you would gladly sign such a cable for Sol.

For more than a week we were patiently awaiting their reply, and we were rather amazed that this cable, instead of being referred to my department, to which it obviously belongs, should have been forwarded to you.

With best wishes for a Happy New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,


Dr. S. Bernstein
Director, Palestine Bureau

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VIA MACKAY

SEPTEMBER 13, 1946

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OFFICE PALESTINIEN
83 AVENUE GRANDE ARMEE
PARIS (FRANCE)

IF AT ALL POSSIBLE FOR YOU PLEASE SECURE FRENCH TEMPORARY VISAS FOR
KUKA ALPERT AND HER FIANCÉE WHOSE NAME I DO NOT KNOW STOP I WOULD BE
EXTREMELY GRATEFUL TO YOU STOP SHE IS NIECE OF A DEAR FRIEND STOP
HER ADDRESS ULICA MEYNSKA 17/8 KATOWICE POLAND THEY ARE THERE IN
KIBBUTZ STOP KINDLY CONTACT HER RE NAME HER FIANCÉE STOP PLEASE HAVE
NO WORRY REGARDING MAINTENANCE UNTIL THEY LEAVE FOR PALESTINE PLEASE
CABLE

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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PALESTINE BUREAU
DR. SIMON BERNSTEIN, *Director*

October 15, 1946

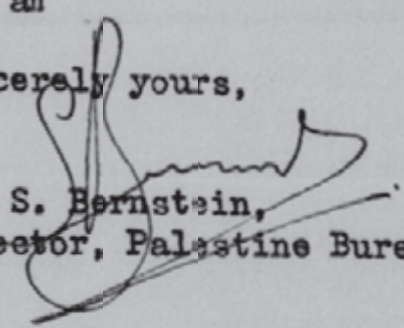
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Dr. Marks called our attention to the matter of your passport and I have today communicated with the State Department in Washington in the matter. I am confident that the passport will be dispatched to you in a few days.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,


Dr. S. Bernstein,
Director, Palestine Bureau

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

41 EAST 42ND STREET

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PALESTINE BUREAU

DR. SIMON BERNSTEIN, *Director*

October 21, 1946

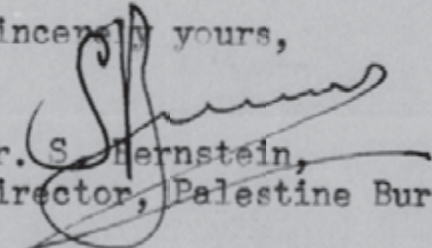
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Pursuant to my note to you of the 15th, -- I hope you received the passport from Washington, D.C., in accordance with the wire sent me by Mrs. Shipley of the State Department, which I quote herewith:

"WASHINGTON DC OCT 17 443P
DR. S. BERNSTEIN DIRECTOR PALESTINE BUREAU ZIONIST ORG.
PASSPORT ABBA HILLEL SILVER BEING MAILED CLEVELAND ADDRESS
TODAY
R B SHIPLEY CHIEF PPT DIV."

Sincerely yours,


Dr. S. Bernstein,
Director, Palestine Bureau

MEMORANDUM

October 21, 1946

To: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From: Dr. S. Bernstein

Re: DOS YIDDISHE FOLK

I wish you would read Dr. Neumann's interview and the article by Swislocki in the attached issue of "Dos Yiddishe Folk". You probably saw the very interesting interview with you by Swislocki published in the "Haboker".

I am sorry that our Convention issue had to appear curtailed by 70% of the original material intended for publication and published on poor paper -- as a result of the short and the trucking strike. Instead of 10,000 copies the printer could deliver only 7,500 so that about 3,000 members and subscribers will not receive the issue.

I hope I will be able to come to the Convention. Dr. Chipkin's state of health -- he is now in the hospital after a serious operation -- makes me doubtful as to whether I will be able to leave New York.

S.B.

November 1, 1946

Dr. S. Bernstein
Zionist Organization of America
41 E. 42nd St.
New York 17, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Bernstein:

In reply to your kind letter of
October 21 -- I did receive my passport from
Washington. Does it need to be re-validated
since it was extended to November 20, 1946?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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This is a full-rate Telegram or Cablegram unless its deferred character is indicated by a suitable symbol above or preceding the address.

WESTERN UNION

JOSEPH L. EGAN
PRESIDENT

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OR ABBA HILLEL SILVER THE TEMPLE=

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YOUR LETTER NOVEMBER FIRST IF ON PAGE TWENTY ONE THERE
IS RED STAMP STATING PASSPORT NOT VALID TRAVEL IN
GERMANY ETC THEN PASSPORT IS VALID FOR TWO YEARS=
SIMON BERNSTEIN.

MEMORANDUM

November 13, 1946

To: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From: Dr. S. Bernstein

I am sending you attached herewith for your kind information:

- a) Copy of a cable to the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem containing names of 150 persons who sailed for Palestine on the S.S. Marine Carp November 6th, 1946 on visas secured by us from the British Passport Control Office in New York.

There is an additional list of 25 persons not included in this group going to Palestine after attending the Zionist Congress in Basle.

- b) List of visas secured by us in New York from October 1st, 1946 to November 10th, 1946.
- c) Copies of other cables to the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem, Paris and Geneva which may be of interest to you.

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NOVEMBER 11, 1946

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JEVAGENCY
JERUSALEM (PALESTINE)

FOLLOWING SAILED SS MARINE CAMP 6/11/46 MRS ABRAMOWITZ AND TWO DAUGHTERS STOP ADOLF CLAIR
ARFA ROSE BASSIN LUBA BERNSTEIN ISAAC BLOOM SOLOMON BOBTLSKY MAX BEBERGAL MOSES BEININ LUCILLE
BERBERIAN ELIZA BENNER MINDEL BENNER NIRA BLUMING LOTTIE COHEN HORACE COHEN SEYMOUR WIFE
COHEN ABRAHAM WIFE COHEN PINCUS COHEN JACOB DOBROWITZ ALFRED FEINSTEIN MARVIN
FISHMAN ARYER FARBER NECHAMA FELD FANNIE FORGANG ISAAC WIFE SON GAREEN PAUL GLASSMAN WILLIAM
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ISAAC WIFE GURNIANSKY JEDIDIA GREENBLATT LEA GOLDMAN ARTHUR HARFF GUSTAVE WIFE HAMBURGER
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1. COHEN, Mrs. Naomi Greenberg 215 West 90th St. New York City	Tourist	Junior Mizrahi Women
2. COOPER, Rabbi Samuel 1616 Virginia Street Richmond, W. Va.	Tourist	Rabbinical Council of America
3. EDELSTEIN, Mr. Isaac 2798 St. Johns Avenue Jacksonville, Fla.	Tourist	Business Purposes
4. KAHN, Alvin Jerome 2065 Craig Street Winston, Salem, N.C.	Tourist	Wake Forest College of Medicine
5. GREENBERG, Mrs. Myra 657 E. 26th Street Brooklyn, N. Y.	R. R.	To Settle
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8. PILL, Miss Bertrude 616 West 116 Street New York, N. Y.	Tourist	Jewish Social Research
9. RUBENSTEIN, Harry J. c/o C.H.D. Robbins Dress Mfr. 525 7th Avenue New York, N. Y.	Tourist	Business Purposes
10. SEGAL, Zev William (w) Helen (d) Yael (d) Anabel 116 Shepherd Avenue Newark, N. J.	R. R.	To Settle



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| 11. | AMRAMY, Aaron
c/o Lipetz
3990 Saxon Avenue
Bronx, N. Y. | R.R. | To Settle |
| 12. | DEUTSCH, Sarah Behrman
Karen Hayesod
41 E. 42nd Street
New York City | Tourist | Keren Hayesod |
| 13. | FEINSTEIN, Mrs. Sarah
1072 E. 4th St.
Brooklyn, N. Y. | R. R. | To settle and join her husband |
| 14. | GARBUS, Moses Morton
Hampshire House
150 Central Park S., NYC
or
Savoy Hotel
London, England | Tourist | Business Purposes |
| 15. | GICHKO, Mr. Benjamin
306 West 94 Street
New York, N. Y. | R. R. | To settle |
| 16. | GOLDMANN, Eisik
(w) Czarne
(s) Guidon
(d) Lilly
245 West 75th St.
New York, N. Y. | R. R. | To Settle |
| 17. | LONDON, Mrs. Ada Z.
5 No. Co-op Circle
Jersey Homesteads, N. J. | Tourist | To Settle Estate |
| 18. | MEYER, John Jacob
109 Grove Avenue
Leominster, Mass. | Tourist | Business Purposes |
| 19. | NEWMAN, Mrs. Lillian
201 West 16th St.
New York, N. Y. | R. R. | To Settle |
| 20. | ZICHLINSKY, Jacob
(w) Helen
Hercules Leather Goods Co.
24 E. 18th Street
New York 3, N. Y. | Tourist | Business Purposes |



21. GOLDOWSKY, Morris
Local 35, I.L.G.W.U.
60 West 35th Street
New York, N. Y.

Visitor

I.G.G.W.U. - Union Leader

22. GREENBERG, Harry
Local 91, I.L.G.W.U.
100 East 17th St.
New York, N. Y.

Visitor

I.L.G.W.U. - Union Leader

23. Dr. David Tannenbaum
Keren Hayesod
41 E. 42nd St., Rm. 2100
New York, N. Y.

Visitor

Keren Hayesod

24. FRISCH, Daniel
300 Central Park West
New York, N. Y.

Visitor

Keren Hayesod

25. WARREN, David
1102 22nd Street, N.E.
Canton 4, Ohio

Tourist

Visit Ill Father

26. SPEKTOR, Eryk Efraim
1 West 85th Street
New York, N. Y.

R. R.

To Settle

27. FINGER, Chanina
(w) Malka
(d) Lillian
961 Linn Drive
Cleveland, 8, Ohio

R. R.

To Settle

28. HERZ, Mrs. Zipporah Glazer
213 East 2nd Street
New York 9, N. Y.

R. R.

To Settle

29. HELM, Arthur
2515 West 8th Avenue
Vancouver, B.C., Canada

R. R.

To Settle



30. LUSTIK, Chaim Mordka
568 Ralph Avenue
Brooklyn, N. Y.

R. R.

To Settle



31. MEISELS, David 244 Riverside Drive New York, N. Y.	Tourist	Business Purposes
32. COHEN, Judith M. 1315 47th St. Brooklyn, N. Y.	Tourist	Labor Permits - Mizrachi Women
33. GOLDSTEIN, Leona M. 599 Bedford Avenue Brooklyn, N. Y.	Tourist	Labor Permits - Mizrachi Women
34. MIRSKY, Sarah 1415 48th St. Brooklyn, N. Y.	Tourist	Labor Permits - Mizrachi Women
35. SHAPIRO, Rebecca 105 Columbia Place Atlantic City, N. J.	Tourist	Labor Permits - Mizrachi Women
36. ULLMAN, Hilda 160 West 95th St. New York, N. Y.	Tourist	Labor Permits - Mizrachi Women
37. ISREELI, Arnold K. 342 Madison Avenue New York, N. Y.	Visitor	Delegate to Congress



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OFFICE PALESTINIEN
83 AVENUE GRANDE ARMEE
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URGENTLY REQUEST YOU REGISTER FOR NEXT PALESTINE TRANSPORT ZELIK KOTLARSKI AGED
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PALESTINE ALMOST TWENTY YEARS ALSO HIS TWO BROTHERS SIX SISTERS LIVING THERE
STOP THEIR UNCLE DISTINGUISHED ZIONIST WORKER REV. MAYER COGAN OF BROOKLYN
APPEALS TO YOU TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE FOR FAMILY REUNION WE WHOLEHEARTEDLY
SUPPORT THIS REQUEST HOPING FOR YOUR COOPERATION

ZIONISTS
BERNSTEIN

November 17, 1946

Dr. Simon Bernstein
Palestine Bureau
Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd Street
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Bernstein:

Inasmuch as I plan to go to the Congress by way of the Queen Elizabeth and will be stopping in England, I will need a British visa. I should also like to get a French and Swiss visa. Will you attend to the matter for me? Shall I send you my passport?

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHSSGR

November 18, 1946

Dr. Simon Bernstein
Palestine Bureau
Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Bernstein:

A cousin of mine, Israel Ziman, is being sent by the Jewish Agency to Brazil. On his way he would like to stop over in the United States to spend a few months here to see his relatives. He has made his application to the American Consul in Jerusalem, as per the enclosures.

Whatever you can do to facilitate his getting an American visa will be greatly appreciated by me.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

Enc.

November 18, 1948

Dr. S. Bernstein, Director
Palestine Bureau
Zionist Organization of America
41 E. 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Bernstein:

Dr. Silver has requested me to
send you his passport which I am enclosing
herewith.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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Enc.

Secretary to Dr. Silver

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YOUR PASSPORT VISAED FOR BRITAIN FRANCE SWITZERLAND.

I GAVE PASSPORT TO ROSEN. SHABBAT SHALOM=

DR SIMON BERNSTEIN.

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

41 EAST 42ND STREET

• MURRAY HILL 2-3205

• NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

PALESTINE BUREAU

DR. SIMON BERNSTEIN, Director

November 25, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
18910 Shaker Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I went to my friend here who told me that he would connect me by telephone with the right man in Washington, D. C. He called him up and after introducing me to him by telephone in very flattering terms, I spoke to the latter, Mr. Kenneth Bromley, telling him the following:

I have a message from Dr. Abba Hillel Silver who the other day met Mr. B. for the second time. Dr. Silver is of the opinion that if - before he sails for Switzerland on the Queen Elizabeth on midnite, Thursday the 28th - Mr. B. could give him an assurance -- not necessarily official -- that the proposition submitted to the Government by the Jewish Agency will be dealt with favorably, it would immediately bring about a definitely favorable attitude on the part of the whole Congress who would then give the green light to the Agency. The immediate effect on the Jewish population in Palestine would be gratifying from every point of view.

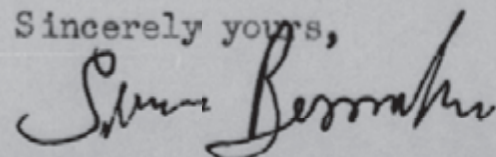
On the other hand, if the American Zionist delegation to the Congress, headed by Dr. Silver, is unable to bring to the Congress the word that the British Govt. is friendly disposed towards the proposition of the Jewish Agency, the Congress would inevitably be thrown into chaos, giving way to a great many undesirable effects.

Mr. Bromley told me he will be glad to convey the message to Mr. B. without delay and remarked it would be difficult for Mr. B. to give an assurance without contacting his colleagues in London on the matter, which he, Mr. Bromley, believes Mr. B. would do.

I asked Mr. Bromley to deliver any word which he may have not to me but to you directly, and I gave him your telephone number DREXEL 1090. He, however, asked me to give him my telephone number, both office and home, which I did, since he thought Dr. Silver might then not be in Cleveland and so he might get in touch with him through me.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



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December 31, 1946

PALESTINE BUREAU
DR. SIMON BERNSTEIN, Director

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

A hearty Shalom-Aleichem!

I refer to my cable to you to Basle with regard to the letter which Mr. Williams dictated in my presence to Bromley who is the First Secretary of the Embassy and in charge of the British U.N. Delegation. Two days later Williams told me - "Bromley has just asked me by telephone to convey to you the fact that he again mentioned to Bevin before he left America the message and that Bevin answered him:

'I cannot understand Silver's message. At both our conferences I asked him point-blank -- ARE YOU FOR PARTITION OF PALESTINE? To which he said an emphatic NO. Now he wants me to assure him of my sympathetic attitude towards something which he is going to reject'."

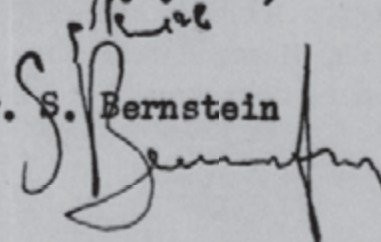
In the meantime I have received a letter from my good friend, Bell, who is Lord Inverchapel's personal secretary, asking me that when I come to Washington he would like to see me. Probably he wants to talk to me about some immigration matters, in which he has been exceedingly helpful. If during the past three months we have succeeded in obtaining some 200 visas right here in New York without reference to the Government in Jerusalem, it was largely due to his intervention. But I have a notion that he may also want to touch on the subject of the message.

In all probability I will have to go to Washington in the middle of January.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Dr. S. Bernstein



MEMORANDUM

Jan. 14, 1947

To: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From: Dr. S. Bernstein

The attached copy of correspondence between me and the British Passport Control Office in New York with regard to tourist matters will give you a picture of the difficulties we are facing with regard to tourists (except for businessmen).

Commander Stone and Williams are assuring me that the attitude of the Government will be a favorable one, but somehow I doubt it.

Due to my severe cold I am unable to make the trip to Washington now to secure the assistance of Mr. Bell.

Of course, if G-d forbid, Palestine should come under martial law, then there will be no tourism for the coming months at all. I also see the first omen of this. Mr. Williams has just informed me that a cable has been received from the Government in Jerusalem "not to encourage visits of women even though accompanied by husbands."

Kindest regards.



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BRITISH PASSPORT CONTROL OFFICE

630 Fifth Avenue

New York 20, N. Y.

December 11, 1946

Dr. Simon Bernstein,
Director, Palestine Bureau,
Zionist Organization of America,
41 East 42nd Street,
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Bernstein,

I have placed your memorandum and letter before Commander Stone, who has to-day forwarded copies to the authorities in Palestine, with a personal request that your proposals be treated with serious, and, if possible, sympathetic consideration.

Rest assured I shall advise you immediately we receive any word in reply.

Yours sincerely,

DFPW:PM

/s/ D.F.P. Williams

COPY

December 9, 1946

Mr. D. F. Williams
British Passport Control Office
630 Fifth Avenue
New York 20, N. Y.

M E M O R A N D U M

Dear Mr. Williams:

With your kind permission, I desire to submit to you the problem of Palestine tourists which we are facing right now in the hope that you might see your way clear to convey my suggestions to the proper authorities in Jerusalem for their consideration.

From the inquiries coming to my office daily, we can assume with certainty that by February or March 1947, we may be concerned with at least 200 to 250 persons approaching us with requests to recommend them to the British authorities in New York for Palestine tourist visas.

These prospective visitors to Palestine do not belong to the class of businessmen from whom the British Passport Control Office accepts applications for favorable consideration. These are persons whom we could generally classify as "ordinary tourists". They would be divided into three sections:

- a) Persons of means, mostly couples, desirous of visiting Palestine for a period of six to eight weeks either for pleasure or for seeing the country. They usually are prepared to spend for the trip from three to five thousand dollars. They are of the class who in normal times take their vacations abroad and would prefer to spend the same in the Holy Land.
- b) People of a similar class who are anxious to visit Palestine during their vacation times in order to meet relatives living there for many years. Another section of this category are those desirous of meeting their relatives who recently arrived in Palestine from Europe, in most cases being the only survivors of large families. Their American relatives are prepared to supply the survivors with the necessary means to enable them to establish themselves in business, trade, etc.
- c) Teachers and students who for various reasons, cultural and religious, are keenly interested in visiting the land, many of them with the intention of acquiring a knowledge of the Hebrew language.

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In general, they all are desirable elements as tourists, being law abiding citizens and persons of good character.

If the Palestine Government would see their way clear to accept such applications for their consideration, I wish to stress the following:

Only such tourists would be recommended to you by us whose bona fide character as tourists is beyond doubt, i.e. they would return to the United States within the prescribed period. In cases of prospective tourists who are married, the fact that their respective spouses and/or children are remaining at their legal residences in the United States would be taken into consideration. Thus it could be assumed with certainty that the applicant is returning to his family.

With regard to educators, teachers, students, etc., we would require from them a document from their respective schools, indicating that they must return by a certain time to their positions and/or studies in this country. Furthermore, in such or similar cases a cash guarantee of £60 (sixty Pounds) may be in order.

I desire to stress that this problem is increasing in importance and is becoming a matter of public interest. It is indeed a painful task to inform the many hundreds of American citizens that they cannot visit Palestine even when they are prepared to submit every possible guarantee regarding the bona fide status of their visit. It most certainly would be an encouraging step if at least a substantial number of such applicants would be enabled to spend their vacation in Palestine.

Faithfully yours,

Dr. S. Bernstein,
Director, Palestine Bureau

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PALESTINE BUREAU
DR. SIMON BERNSTEIN, *Director*

January 14, 1947

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

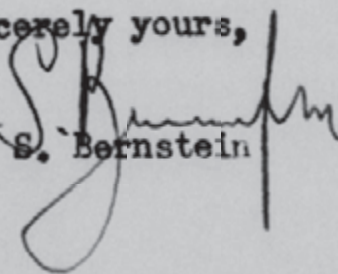
I mailed you yesterday a copy of the Dec. 1946 issue of DOS YIDDISHE FOLK, which came out rather late in view of the fact that I was waiting for the Congress reports from Frisch, Kritchmar-Isreeli, Swislocki, Abe Goldstein, Sam Segal and others, which arrived here only on the 27th. Quite a number of people told me and telephoned me that they were greatly impressed by these reports. They say that for the first time they learned something about what happened in Basel. The reports of the Yiddish press were not only "ungelumpert" but also inefficiently edited. A Bronx man even suggested that we should publish the reports in the form of a pamphlet, towards the cost of which he was ready to contribute. But with the prohibitive price increases put into effect a few days ago by the Jewish printers (from 30% to 50%), such enterprises are practically impossible. I am even compelled to cut down on the number of pages in the paper.

I wish you would read the excellent and exhaustive report by Swislocki on the Conference of General Zionists, appearing in the January 1947 issue, coming out this week. This is entirely unknown to American Zionists and I am suggesting to Barbarash that he bring excerpts of it in the News Reporter.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Dr. S. Bernstein



[1947]

January 16, 1946

Dr. Simon Bernstein, Director
Palestine Bureau
Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Bernstein:

Thank you for your kind letter of January 14.

I read the December 1946 issue of *Dos Yiddishe Folk* with a great deal of pleasure, and I want to compliment you not alone on your own article but on the fine group of articles which you published on the Congress. Please make sure that a sufficient number of them reach the General Zionists in Europe and in Palestine.

I shall look forward to the article of Swislocki on the Conference of General Zionists, which will appear in the next issue of *Dos Yiddishe Folk*.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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REPLYING OUR MEMORANDUM DECEMBER 9TH TO PALESTINE GOVERNMENT TO LIFT RESTRICTIONS ON PALESTINE TOURISTS WARMLY SUPPORTED BY COMMANDER STONE CHIEF BRITISH PASSPORT CONTROL OFFICE GOVERNMENT TODAY CABLED THEM INSTRUCTIONS GRANTING US 400 TOURIST VISAS UPON OUR GUARANTEE TRAVELLERS ARE BONA FIDE TOURISTS. VISAS WILL BE GRANTED RIGHT HERE WITHOUT REFERRING APPLICATIONS JERUSALEM. COMMANDER STONE SAYS THE APPROVAL MEMORANDUM IS CERTAIN PROOF THAT GOVERNMENT DO NOT EXPECT ANY DISTURBANCES OR OTHER DIFFICULTIES IN THE COUNTRY SINCE UP TILL NOW THEY EXPLAINED TOURIST RESTRICTIONS BY THEIR DESIRE NOT TO HAVE AMERICAN CITIZENS UNDER INSECURE CONDITIONS. HE ALSO STATED IF NUMBER VISAS GRANTED EXHAUSTED HE WILL RECOMMEND ANOTHER SIMILAR ALLOTMENT. HAVING MONDAY ANOTHER CONFERENCE WITH STONE TO WORK OUT FORM OF GUARANTEE THEY REQUIRE FROM US. KINDEST REGARDS. SHABBAT SHALOM=

DR S BERNSTEIN.

9TH 400 SHABBAT SHALOM.

MEMORANDUM

Feb. 20, 1947

To: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From: Dr. S. Bernstein

I am sending you attached a copy of a report, dated February 19th, which I have submitted to the Inner Committee, which may interest you.

I think it would be worthwhile for me to convey to you a few casual remarks made by Messrs. Bell and Bromley during our very pleasant conversation at the Embassy and during lunch when -- as Bromley said -- we "talked the world". Both are important men and if I am not very much mistaken their utterances reveal the "stimmung" prevailing at the Embassy with regard to Jews and Zionism. Bromley, a man of about forty, who is the First Secretary and came here about six months ago, seems to me to be particularly well-versed in Zionist problems and personalities. Only recently he found interest to have a discussion on Zionism with Mr. M. Montefiore Levy in a letter which he addressed to the Zionist Bulletin of the Seventh District.

Here are a few of their utterances:

BROMLEY (who was reading to us an editorial in the Washington Evening Standard, "PALESTINE TO UNITED NATIONS"): "Well, I think it's a good thing because it will give everybody a breathing spell..... Why should this decision so surprise the Zionists? Didn't Mr. Bevin tell Dr. Silver of this intention?

If immigration to Palestine is a most important matter for the Jews, why didn't they accept Bevin's offer to admit 4,000 per month for the coming two years, a figure much higher than the number of Jews the Zionists ever brought into Palestine any year up to now? So obviously, this is not the predominant Zionist issue

Now, Dr. Bernstein, you say that the Jews still have in their heart a ~~inextinguishable~~ spark of ~~inextinguishable~~ friendship for the English, -- I wonder whether ~~she~~ can state this truthfully now?.....

BELL: - - - Commander Stone seems to think very highly of you. So do the people in Jerusalem. They say that they have never had any complaints about ~~you~~ ^{the Palestine Bureau} I wish the same thing could be said about us here. - -

BELL: The Ambassador has a profound feeling of friendship for Dr. Weizmann. He is sorry he's out.....

Without American participation we can do nothing for the Jews in Palestine. We will have to demand that America go in 50-50 in all matters in any solution of the problem. Even if Britain should become the trustee, without the full participation of America nothing will come out of it. recently I only/spent 10 days in England and I can tell you that things are very bad there. We have to bring the soldiers back to England, which cannot be done without the help of America in Palestine....

You say you have a list of 600 rich American Jews who want to settle in Palestine.. For what reason? Why should a rich American Jew be interested in settling way out there? Is it a feeling of insecurity? They probably expect Fascism here.²

COPY

MEMORANDUM

February 19, 1947

TO: Dr. Sidney Marks

FROM: Dr. S. Bernstein

May I ask you kindly to submit this report to the Inner-Committee for their information.

I returned from Washington, D.C. on Tuesday evening, February 18th where I had an appointment with my old friend Mr. Bell, who is now private secretary to the British Ambassador, with regard to my proposed second petition to the Palestine Government to grant to the ZOA 200 so called "capitalist" certificates.

I was supposed to meet him Saturday at 11 A.M. but I had to remain in my hotel room with a severe cold. Mr. Bell offered to come to my hotel but at my request our meeting was postponed until Monday, Feb. 17th at 3 P.M. at the Embassy.

I conferred with him and Mr. Kenneth Bromley, First Secretary of the Embassy, for about one hour.

I thanked them for their cooperation and helpfulness to obtain the 400 tourist visas for Americans and have re-submitted to them the case with regard to 200 certificates. The applicants involved are of the wealthier middle class, each possessing a capital of \$20,000. up to \$100,000.

I told them that Commander Stone indicated to me his readiness to forward such a petition to Jerusalem but he would do it only if the Embassy would drop a good word about it.

At the conclusion of our conversation on Monday, they told me they doubt whether the present moment is opportune for a request of a considerable number of certificates which after all involves a matter of major policy. They thought I should first exhaust the 400 tourists visas and when the government in Jerusalem will be convinced of the bona fide character with which we handled this number of applications, they would be ready to support the petition for the "capitalist" certificates - probably jointly with a request by us for another large number of tourist visas.

They then invited me for lunch for the next day, Tuesday, and although I was prepared to leave Washington on Monday, I decided to accept their invitation.

At the luncheon at the Mayflower, Mr. Bell then told me that they changed their minds and that they do not think it is necessary to wait with the petition for certificates until the tourist visas are exhausted, but that I could go ahead with it right away, submitting to Commander Stone a list of the capitalist applicants, with the necessary details.

Mr. Bell thought the Ambassador would be friendly disposed towards such a petition by the Palestine Bureau. So, I expect that within a week or two to start compiling the list in the hope that something may come out of it.

When we have submitted the petition for the tourist visas on Dec. 9, 1946 I was no less pessimistic so I think we will have to try this venture once more.

I was struck by the fair knowledge of Zionism displayed by Mr. Bromley and I understand that he is the Zionist "theoritician" of the Embassy. During our very friendly conversation he tried to convince me that a certain phrase in the Balfour Declaration pre-visualized the right of the Mandatory to issue the "White Paper." However, he admitted that I too do not seem to be so ignorant on matters Zionistic.

I am going to mail him the second volume of our Palestine Year Book, with my compliments.



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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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April 3, 1947

לדר. אבא הלל סילבר:

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(א) לבידוח הדעת אני שולח לך העתקת חליפת

מכתבים ביני ובין ידידי מר בעל בעניני „וועלט פאליטיק“.

(ב) נא לקרא גם את הרשימה שלי ששלחתי לדר. עמנואל

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

British Embassy
Washington, D. C.

21st March 1947

Dear Dr. Bernstein:

Many thanks for your letter of March 14th which I have discussed with the Ambassador.

I think the students should be told not to take the quotation from Mr. Trotsky too seriously. As a matter it is one which Mr. Churchill has used frequently in the House of Commons with suitable apologies to Mr. Gallacher, the Communist member for West Fife.

I admit that there seems to be nobody among our public figures today who can explain the steps which are being taken to establish a true social democracy in Britain, with the eloquence of a Churchill. This is a pity. We are the only nation, so far as I know, which is trying to work out the problem of retaining civil liberties in a planned economy. If we succeed in achieving a just balance between the two, we shall give just that message for which the world is waiting.

As to the specific issue of Palestine, I am afraid that I have to regard the matter as sub-judice. I know you will understand that. Thank you for the literature.

I enclose some copies of Lord Inverchapel's speeches which we have here, but you can get them at any time from the British Information Services at 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York. In fact, if you put your name on their mailing list, they will probably send them to you automatically.

Yours very sincerely,

/s/ Walter F. Bell

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COPY

March 14, 1947

Mr. W. F. Bell
British Embassy (Private Office)
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bell:

Only yesterday I had a chance to go over Lord Inverchapel's latest address about the economic difficulties in England and you recollect perhaps that during our pleasant chat in Washington, I mentioned his recent addresses, excerpts of which appeared in The Times.

It was therefore interesting to me to observe at a meeting of students and teachers the other night at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York that a great many of them too closely follow his utterances. It seems that he is wielding great influence on public opinion here and somehow it seems that he is the only spokesman for Britain whose voice reaches a wide attentive audience.

Some of the young men were surprised that in his latest address, Lord Inverchapel quoted Trotsky as authority to the statement that "one should not judge a great nation upon its temporary economic difficulties." In fact, I too shared their surprise, but from a different point of view. You know what an incorrigible friend of England I am -- all Zionists are -- and it is for this reason I took issue with the Ambassador. As a matter of fact, I intended to write to him about it but somehow I didn't have the nerve.

When Trotsky made that statement he obviously had in mind great nations which while undergoing extreme hardships in the economic field, nevertheless come to mankind with a MESSAGE. Unfortunately -- and I say it with deep sorrow -- I miss at present the message of England. Where is it? Surely the economic difficulties in England are enormous but after all we know that only when we are in despair are we able to achieve something. Noblesse oblige. From England we are entitled to expect that great word, the message of inspiration and leadership for civilized mankind.

Such was the role of England practically throughout her modern history, whenever humanity faced a crisis, coal or no coal, in fair weather or foul. Such a message was the Magna Charta; we still live on it. Such a message was Oliver Cromwell and such a message was the British Commonwealth of Nations, about which Lord Inverchapel so lucidly spoke only recently. And wasn't the Balfour Declaration a good and thrilling message which in fact has initiated the spiritual and moral struggle for the liberation of small nations? That was the historic realization and the true meaning of "Britannia Rule the Waves." For a great many it must have been very painful that when we are in such need of it, that Britain seems to have no message.

I hope you will forgive me for my talk which I somehow feel I had to unburden to you. In order to compensate for this, I am sending you some printed Zionist material in which you will be interested.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Dr. S. Bernstein

P.S. By the way, is it possible to obtain the full text of Lord Inverchapel's address? I could use a number of such copies.

MEMORANDUM (CONFIDENTIAL)

March 28, 1947

TO: Dr. Emanuel Neumann

FROM: Dr. S. Bernstein

Subject: - U.S. Educators Conference in the Near East - my memo of March 18th.

Mr. Max Rabinoff visited me yesterday informing me that the State Department has finally given approval to the conference to be held in Greece, Egypt, Palestine, Lebanon and other middle eastern countries, but the problem of shipping has arisen which may obviate the whole plan. While there would be a possibility to secure passage to the near east for 350 to 400 participants by spreading them to several boats, it appeared that it is absolutely impossible to secure for them return passage and all of them have to be back on their jobs by September 1947.

The Amalgamated Bank who was supposed to handle the whole shipping transaction told them that they could secure a returning ship for the whole group but that the only available boat would be a Russian one. For some reason or other the committee would not possibility into consideration.

They then delegated Mr. Rabinoff to go to the highest places possible for securing return passage. He had an appointment on Wednesday, March 26, with Captain O'Sullivan at 9 A.M. at the White House, as you can see from the attached appointment slip which I had photostated, but this appointment in the White House brought no solution to the problem. In their course of their talk, Mr. O'Sullivan dropped a remark to the effect that the whole enterprise is not advisable at the present time. In July and August something may happen there - namely Palestine - at which time it might not be desirable to have so many Americans in that area so they are still looking for a chance to secure return passage.

In case the problem will not be solved during the month of April the whole matter may be postponed. The list of prospective participants, Jews and non-Jews is in the hands of Dr. Chas. Eichel at the office of the Superintendent of Schools.