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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. A. H. Silver

DATE: August 13, 1946

FROM: Ernest E. Barbarash

SUBJECT:

The suggestion made in the attached copy of a letter I received from Mr. James Rosenblum, President of Commercial Properties, Gulfport, Mississippi, merits consideration.

I am trying to get permission from the New York Herald-Tribune to reprint the article by Sumner Welles in the forthcoming issue of the New Palestine News Reporter.

Regards.

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COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES
James Rosenblum, President
Gulfport, Miss.

August 10, 1946

Ernest E. Barbarash, Editor
The New Palestine
41 East 42nd Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

After reading and studying "Don't Partition Palestine" by the Honorable Sumner Welles, former Undersecretary of State, whose convincing suggestions and salutions to problems confrcting our distressed European Jews who anxiously await for the gates of Palestine to be opened to them, I came to the conclusion and have had it on my mind for some time, to suggest to you this: Appoint at once Mr. Sumner Welles as the "Jewish Agency Attorney General", (at whatever cost), to present the Jewish case against England to a just and successful conclusion.

He is the caliber of man to do it, and now!

We are spending millions of dollars to alleviate the sufferings of our people. Why not pay him a large sum - whatever it takes it will be worth it.

Yours truly,

(Signed) JAMES ROSENBLUM

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. A. H. Silver

DATE: September 3, 1946

FROM: Ernest E. Barbarash

New Address:

41 EAST 42nd STREET

SUBJECT:

NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

You will be interested in the following extract of a letter I received this morning from Pvc. Joe Fried, now stationed in Honolulu:

"I was elated to note that the ZOA is leading the Poale Zion boys. After that fast one they attempted to pull, i. e., smear of Dr. Silver, they deserve little in the way of leading American Jewry. I personally am looking forward to the election of Silver as World Zionist leader at the forthcoming Congress. That is, of course, if the ambitious Hadassah girls will stick to their cooking rather than politics, etc. Possibly, Silver doesn't part his hair in the manner in which the women of Hadassah admire. Nevertheless, he is the fighting spirit of the movement and they should realize it."

eeb:rk

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. A. H. Silver

DATE: September 17, 1946

FROM: Ernest E. Barbarash

SUBJECT:

You may be interested in the attached draft of the report on the activities of the Publicity and Public Relations Department which will be included in the Secretary's annual report to the convention.

Regards.

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ANNUAL REPORT

1945-1946

PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

1. Press Coverage: ~~For~~² the fiscal year ending September 30, 1946, a total of some 6,000 columns of Z.O.A. items have been published in the general Anglo-Jewish and Yiddish press. (Each column comprises approximately 500 words.) The ratio of coverage in the general press is approximately 25%.

The Z.O. A. items published include the following material: News releases, articles, messages on special occasions, photographs and Palestine dispatches.

Many of the items were put on the wires of the national news agencies, such as Associated Press, United Press, and International News Service.

ZOA releases and feature articles are also furnished to publications appearing in major communities abroad.

2. "INSIDE PALESTINE": This monthly bulletin is being mailed to United States government departments, libraries, newspaper columnists, research workers, district presidents and cultural leaders, educational and religious institutions and to U. S. Army posts throughout the world. Compiled in compact form, INSIDE PALESTINE contains factual information on all phases of the economic and cultural development of Palestine. INSIDE PALESTINE is widely reprinted in bulletins and publications everywhere. Since the last convantion, 11 issues have appeared.

3. Promotional Material: The Public Relations Department is responsible for the preparation of all promotional material in furtherance of the activities of all Z.O.A. departments including membership drives and expansion fund efforts. The leaflets and folders published during the year include "A Seed", "I Will Tell You What I Have Seen", "1,500,000 Reasons", revised "Facts You Should Know", "Veterans Album", "Expansion Fund Album", pocket leaflet "What Happens to your Membership Dollar", new flyers, multi-colored posters, enrollment manual, and numerous propaganda handouts.

During special Zionist enrollment periods, this department supervises the publication of advertisements in all morning and afternoon papers in New York as well as other communities throughout the country.

4. Information Service: This department has furnished special Palestine news dispatches and photographs to Jewish and non-Jewish public organizations and publications. It also has furnished basic material for articles on Palestine to ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ the United States News of Washington, to the American Council on Public Affairs, to members of the Congress and Senate, to feature writers on the New York Herald Tribune, New York Post and Washington Post.

5. Shekel and Election Campaign: During April, May and June, the major activities of the Publicity Department were devoted to furthering the shekel and election effort of the Z.O. A. for the forthcoming Zionist Congress. This special effort entailed in addition to publicity items, the publication of special campaign bulletins, leaflets, posters, handouts,

advertising copy, and special election issues of the New Palestine-News Reporter. The success of the publicity campaign ^{was reflected} ~~can be gauged~~ by the extraordinarily wide coverage which the Z.O. A. election platform and issues have received in the Anglo-Jewish and Yiddish press.

NEW PALESTINE NEWS REPORTER

Converted into a bi-monthly last ^{May,} ~~XXXXX~~, the New Palestine News Reporter edited by Ernest E. Barbarash, has published 14 issues since the last convention. As this report is written, the News Reporters is mailed to close to 190,000 Jewish households, and many non-members and educational institutions.

In the past year, a number of improvements have been initiated both in its contents and format. Due to ^{the} newsprint situation, many other changes had to be postponed. However, the New Palestine-News Reporter will continue its dynamic course which has made it the acknowledged leader in the field of Anglo-Jewish journalism and the most effective medium for serving the cause.

Ernest E. Barbarash

9/17/46

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Dr. A. H. Silver

DATE: October 7, 1946

FROM: Ernest E. Barbarash ✓

Barbarash
Neumann

SUBJECT: Convention Messages

On the eve of the last convention, I secured messages from a great many organizations and political figures. The publication of these messages before the opening of the convention helped to create the proper stimmung in the press of the country.

I assume that there is no objection to my securing greetings from such organizations as the A. F. of L., C.I.O. and other political bodies and individuals such as Sumner Welles, Ickes, etc.

However, I should like your ruling as to whether I should try to secure this time messages from leaders of both Houses of Congress such as Representatives Martin and McCormack, etc. as well as from Ambassadors of various countries. I might add that messages which were lukewarm were usually ignored insofar as the press was concerned.

Inasmuch as very little time remains until our convention, I shall be very grateful to you if you will give me your ruling as soon as possible. These messages are not for the New Palestine but for the general press.

Regards.

AIR MAIL
eeb:rk
copy to Dr. Neumann

Neumann

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. A. H. Silver

DATE: October 9, 1946

FROM: Ernest E. Barbarash

SUBJECT:

With reference to Mr. Redelheim's request to you
for a statement to be incorporated in a membership brochure
of the Bnai Zion, I am enclosing herewith draft of such a statement
for your consideration.

Regards.

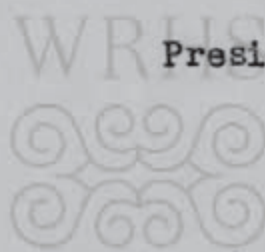
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As the fraternal wing of the Zionist Organization of America, the B'nai Zion has contributed an important chapter in the history of American Zionism. Comprised of a vigilant and politically conscious membership, the B'nai Zion has been in the vanguard of every major effort to safeguard the historic rights of our people in Palestine.

With the accent on the fraternal aspect of its program, the B'nai Zion gives its members benefits which enhance their family security and at the same time promote the kind of social cultural environment which is conducive to a greater participation in Zionist work.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

President, Zionist Organization of America



Dr. Silver

Dr. Emanuel Neumann

October 16, 1946

Ernest E. Barbarash

Message from Jewish Agency Executive

Attached is a cable message received from the Executive of the Jewish Agency of Jerusalem. I plan to release it either on the eve or during the sessions of the convention.

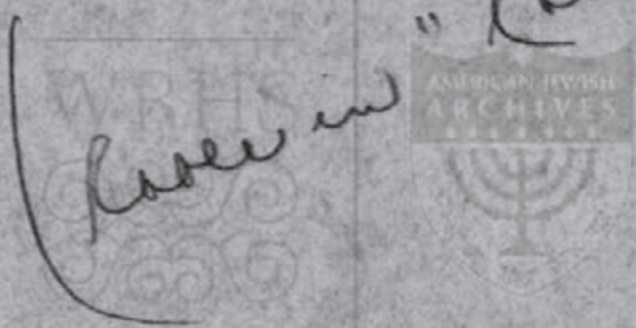
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October 18, 1946

Mr. Ernest Barbarash
Public Relations Department
Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Barbarash:

Thank you for sending me a copy of the message from the Jewish Agency. Please do not release it until you have discussed the timing with me.

The statement "Sole ray of hope present deeply disturbing situation ... steadfast support given our cause by President and Government of the United States" is about as silly and stupid a statement as it is possible to conceive, knowing all that we do know and trying as we are through political action to force our Government to translate idle statements into action.

The reference to "strengthening authority to Jewish Agency" has also its significant overtones.

With best wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

cc: Mr. Emanuel Neumann

November 5, 1946

Mr. Ernest E. Barbarash, Director
Public Relations
Zionist Organization of America
41 E. 42nd Street
New York 17, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Barbarash:

I should like to have full copies of my address,
i.e. the last two parts of it, sent to all the
Hebrew papers in Palestine at once, as well as to
the leaders of the General Zionists whose names
Mr. Neumann can supply you, and to the heads of the
Mizrachi Organization in Jerusalem.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

November 6, 1946

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

My dear Mr. Barbarash:

I would appreciate it if you would send me about one dozen mimeographed copies of my presidential message to the ZOA Convention.

With kindest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

P.S. The proofs of my address, which you are printing, should be carefully read. There are one or two errors in the mimeograph copy. For example, in the paragraph "I come back to the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry, etc." In the line before the last line the word "I" should be substituted for the word "it" to read "that I had been right to urge the rejection of this Committee."

In the paragraph beginning "I dwelt at great length on the attitude of the Government of the United States, etc." In the sentence beginning "Unless the Government of the United States can be persuaded, etc.--in the name of justice and humanity and for the sake (instead of age).

November 6, 1946

Mr. Ernest E. Barbarash
Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd Street
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Barbarash:

You may wish to print the exchange of cables between
me and Dr. Weizmann in THE NEWS REPORTER.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially

yours,

AHS:GR
Enc.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: November 7, 1946

FROM: Ernest E. Barbarash

SUBJECT:

Your address is being printed exclusively, in an
attractive leaflet folder and will be ready for distribution
tomorrow.

AIRMAIL, SPECIAL DELIVERY
encl.
eeb:rk

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

• 41 EAST 42nd STREET •

NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: November 7, 1946

FROM: Ernest E. Barbarash

SUBJECT:

The attached two letters received by the News Reporter
will be of interest to you.

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cc to Dr. E. Neumann



AKS

GENERAL ORGANIZATION
DEWITT CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL

Mosholu Parkway and Paul Avenue
New York City

31 East 12th Street
New York 3, N. Y.

Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd Street
New York City

Gentlemen:

When I paid my dues I did not know I was
contributing to the upkeep of a Republican campaign sheet.

Fraternally,

MAX KLINE

October 24th

The New Palestine News Reporter
41 East 42nd Street
New York City

Gentlemen:

Did it ever suggest itself that a sweeping Republican victory would wake up the Administration and get results instead of promises? After all, Democrats are looking toward 1948 and they may get a beneficial shock.

(Unsigned) from Toledo, Ohio



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October 27, 1946

New Palestine News Reporter
41 East 42nd Street
New York

Dear Editor:

I thank you very much for printing the story about
"Chanah Szenes". I am 11 years old. I would like if you could
print a story like that one in every issue. Thank you very much.

Yours truly,

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ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

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PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPT.
ERNEST E. BARBARASH, *Director*

November 8, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105 Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In reply to your letter of November 6, you will undoubtedly have noticed that the corrections you indicated appear in the printed booklet.

Under separate cover, I am sending you at your request mimeographed copies of your address. The ten copies I am sending are all that we have on hand at the moment.

Over the week-end the printed booklet containing your address alone will be finished, and I shall send you a number of copies at that time.

Cordially yours,

Ernest E. Barbarash

Ernest E. Barbarash

November 8, 1946

Mr. Ernest E. Barbarash
Zionist Organization of America
41 E. 42nd St.
New York 17, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Barbarash:

Thank you for sending me a copy of the pamphlet "Our Battle for Jewish Statehood." I am glad that you got it out, and I hope that it will receive wide distribution.

I note on page 16 a typographical error: "our sacrifices condemned" should read "our sacrifices contemned."

I would immediately send a sufficient number to the Zionist Organization of Canada, of England and to our friends in Palestine; also to all the members of our Administrative Committee and to the Yiddish and Anglo-Jewish press.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. Please send also a number of copies to the Mizrachi Organization.

November 17, 1946

Mr. Ernest E. Barbarash
Public Relations Department
Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd Street
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Barbarash:

Would you have someone draft a good statement for the Masada Convention, which is to be held on November 26. You might use the closing part of my address at the ZOA Convention as the basis. I am overwhelmed with work here.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

41 EAST 42nd STREET

NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

[No pamphlet enclosed]

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. A. H. Silver

DATE: November 25, 1946

FROM: Ernest E. Barbarash

SUBJECT:

Here is the real pamphlet.

Regards.



100 copies

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JOSEPH L. EGAN
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UNITED PRESS AND OTHER NEWSPAPERS HAVE BEEN PRESSING ME FOR
STATEMENT BY YOU AS HEAD OF ZOA DELEGATION TO WORLD ZIONIST
CONGRESS IN CONNECTION WITH YOUR FORTHCOMING DEPARTURE TO
BASLE. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR WIRING ME TEXT OF SUCH
STATEMENT REGARDS=

ERNEST E BARBARASH.

.ZOA BASLE=

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

January 2, 1947

Mr. Ernest E. Barbarash
41 E. 42nd St.
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Barbarash:

Dr. Silver would like you to send him one hundred copies of the pamphlet, "Our Battle for Jewish Statehood," -- the pamphlet which contains only his address which was delivered at the ZOA Convention in Atlantic City.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver

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OR WIRE COLLECT 500 WORD SUMMARY OF YOUR ADDRESS AT NEW
YORK MASS RALLY JANUARY 6. WELCOME BACK. REGARDS=
E E BARBARASH.

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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

41 EAST 42ND STREET

• MURRAY HILL 2-3205

• NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPT.

ERNEST E. BARBARASH, *Director*

January 7, 1947

Miss Bessie Kline
Secretary to Dr. Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Kline:

I have your letter of January 2nd,
and am forwarding to you today, one hundred copies of
the pamphlet containing only the address delivered by
Dr. Silver at the last ZOA convention.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Ernest E. Barbarash

Ernest E. Barbarash

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DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER, Cleveland, Ohio
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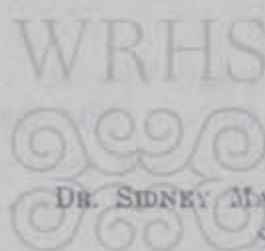
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(In addition to National Officers)

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: January 9, 1947

FROM: Mr. Barbarash

SUBJECT: I have prepared the attached message in your behalf for publication in the MZF Bulletin which goes to press this week. Should you decide to make any corrections, I should appreciate it if you would wire them to me right away.

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Regards,



Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

January 9, 1947

Mr. Barbarash

I have prepared the attached message in your behalf for publication in the MZF Bulletin which goes to press this week. Should you decide to make any corrections, I should appreciate it if you would wire them to me right away.

Regards,

EEB:gg



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DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

THE TEMPLE EAST 105 ST AND ANSEL=

REURTERS NEWS AGENCY PHONED TODAY REQUESTING FOR
TRANSMISSION ENGLAND MIDDLE EAST AND OTHER PARTS OF WORLD
STATEMENT BY YOU ON AMERICAN ZIONIST ATTITUDE TOWARD
QUESTION OF ENTRUSTING PALESTINE PROBLEM TO UNITED NATIONS.
IF IN FAVOR OF THIS HOW DO YOU VISUALIZE THE PROCESS SUCH AS
WHETHER IT WOULD COME UNDER SECURITY OR TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL
ETCETERA STOP PLEASE WIRE ME THIS STATEMENT REGARDS=
ERNEST E BARBARASH.

REURTERS. COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

January 14, 1947

Mr. Samuel J. Ortman
9602 Baldwin Avenue
Forest Hills, New York

Dear Mr. Ortman:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 12th, in which you state that you "have examined the last two numbers of The New Palestine very closely but fail to find any record of participation in the recent Congress, in the deliberations of that body, on the part of Rabbi Wise." Accordingly you submit your "personal protest" which, we regret, is accompanied by such charges as "partisan manipulation and political chicanery."

It ill befits a Zionist to make such ugly charges, particularly in view of the fact that our publication did report Dr. Wise's participation in the Congress and quote from his address.

I am enclosing herewith tear sheet of pages 3 and 4 of the New Palestine of December 20th, containing (1) photograph of the opening of the World Zionist Congress which shows Dr. Wise sitting on the rostrum next to David Ben Gurion and Rabbi Judah Fishman; (2) excerpts of the salient remarks made by Dr. Wise on "Fifty Years of Zionism"; and (3) streamer across page entitled "Second Day of Congress Highlighted by Address of Silver, Ben Gurion and Wise" giving again quotation of same address. In our issue of January 5th, on page 2, we reported Dr. Wise's election on the presidium of the Actions Committee as well as his election as senior member of that body.

The reports published in the last two issues of The New Palestine were entirely based upon dispatches of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Palcor, the Yiddish press and of New York dailies. We urge you to check with these press reports against the coverage given Dr. Wise in The New Palestine. We categorically deny and reject any contention that we deliberately failed to record any remarks or participation of Dr. Wise in the Congress sessions.

We yield to no one in our respect and esteem of Dr. Wise. The charges contained in your letter are both unfair and unwarranted.

Sincerely yours,

EEB:rk

Ernest E. Farberash

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. A. H. Silver

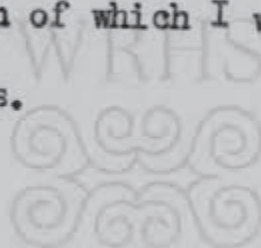
DATE: January 15, 1947

FROM: Ernest E. Barbarash

SUBJECT:

The forthcoming issue of the News Reporter will contain the attached article by M. Z. Frank, followed in the next issue by an article written by Kretchmar Israeli, the English translation of which I will mail to you in a day or two.

Regards.



January 16, 1947

Mr. Ernest E. Barbarash
Zionist Organization of America
41 E. 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Barbarash:

I received your telegram with reference to the request of Reuters for a statement on the American Zionist attitude towards the question of entrusting the Palestine problem to the United Nations. I do not believe that I could issue such a statement. This is a matter for the entire Executive of the Jewish Agency. At the moment there is the decision of the World Zionist Congress against transferring the Palestine problem to the United Nations.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. A. H. Silver

DATE: January 20, 1947

FROM: Ernest E. Barbarash

New Address:

41 EAST 42nd STREET

NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Message to London

We have received a request from Mr. L. Bakstansky for a message to be read at the 46th Annual Conference of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain which opens in London on Saturday, February 1st.

I have suggested that Mr. Bakstansky ask Dr. Neumann to submit such a message.

However, I am certain that the Conference would also want a special message from you. They need it by Monday, January 27th. If you will send me the text of the message, I will have it cabled from here.

Regards.

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eeb:rk

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. A. H. Silver

DATE: January 20, 1947

FROM: Ernest E. Barbarash

New Address:

41 EAST 42nd STREET

NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

SUBJECT:

The Chicago Conference this week-end is an excellent medium to secure widespread nationwide publicity for any important statement by the ZOA, Emergency Council or Jewish Agency.

As of today, I have been asked to act as special Chicago correspondent for the Conference by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, ~~International~~ Jewish Press Service and Palcor, Jewish Morning Journal and The Day. Before the week is over, other newspapers will probably request that I act as their correspondent at the Conference.

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Dr. A. H. Silver

January 20, 1947

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Ernest E. Barbarash

Message to London

We have received a request from Mr. L. Bakstansky for a message to be read at the 46th Annual Conference of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain which opens in London on Saturday, February 1st.

I have suggested that Mr. Bakstansky ask Dr. Neumann to submit such a message.

However, I am certain that the Conference would also want a special message from you. They need it by Monday, January 27th. If you will send me the text of the message, I will have it cabled from here.

Regards.

air-mail
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. A. H. Silver

DATE: February 5, 1947

FROM: Ernest E. Barbarash

SUBJECT:

At the special request of the magazine Hatassiya received by cable from ^{Tel Aviv} Jerusalem, I am taking the liberty of sending them the attached message of greeting for publication in their magazine in Palestine on the occasion of the forthcoming opening of the Palestine Exhibition in Radio City, New York.

encl.
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The Palestine Exhibit which the Economic Bureau of Keren Hayesod will present at Radio City, Rockefeller Center, New York, will give all Americans - Jews and Gentiles - the possibility of seeing with their own eyes the tremendous achievements which Palestine has made, thanks to the genius of the Yishuv. The presentation, in giving Zionists a realistic picture of Jewish Palestine, will impress upon them more fully their responsibilities and the need for even more activity on their part.

The Exhibit will, I am certain, do much to advance not only American Palestine trade relationship but will help extend America's good neighbor policy to include the new democracy we are building in Palestine.

The title of the Exhibit, "Palestine - Democracy at Work", fully befits the noble task you are accomplishing.

February 6, 1947

Mr. Ernest E. Barbarash
Zionist Organization of America
41 E. 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Barbarash:

I am enclosing herewith the appraisal of
the World Congress of Rabbi Steinberg which
appeared in his Synagogue Bulletin of January 20.
It is an excellent statement.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ANS:BK
Enc.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: February 13, 1947

FROM: Ernest E. Barbarash

SUBJECT:

Judge Bernard A. Rosenblatt, who is now residing in Haifa, sent me the attached article for publication in the New Palestine-News Reporter.

In a covering letter, he writes among other things: "Unless there is a reasonable settlement soon, we may be on the verge of a disaster here, and that is why, amidst my activities as Chairman of Tiberias Hot Springs, etc., I have taken time out to press for the only reasonable solution that seems possible here for Jews and Arabs. I hope you can find space for it, since it is important to prepare the public mind in America in rejecting the Morrison Plan as a possible alternative."

February 16, 1947

Mr. Ernest E. Barbarash
Zionist Organization of America
41 E. 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Barbarash:

I would delay publishing the article of Mr. Rosenblatt. I believe he already had one article on Federalism in our "Reporter" or in the "New Palestine."

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

JAMAICA ZIONIST DISTRICT
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Testimonial Dinner for
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COMING EVENTS HAVE A SILVER LINING

The Jamaica Zionist District is looking forward toward its next big event—the Testimonial Dinner. Having once taken a short course in the art of crystal gazing we will now let you peek into the future and get a glimpse of what is in store for you.

Here goes—Some 200 of us and our wives are sitting at the Jamaica Jewish Center festive board in our best Sunday March 30th clothes. In a spirit of good fellowship we are gathered to honor several Zionists who are sitting up front on the dais. The Master of Ceremonies is about to start—“Ladies and Gentlemen,” he says, “this is a happy occasion for all of us gathered here in this beautiful banquet hall. Tonight we not only do honor to these guests up front but we meet to celebrate the successful conclusion of the Emergency Fund Campaign to which Judah Hellman, Adrian Shulimson and Victor Tabah loaned their names and efforts. In the accomplishment of this task the beautiful journal that you’ve been examining played a major role. You can be justly proud of the assistance you’ve rendered our cause and our people by your own “ad” in this Journal and those you secured from your friends and acquaintances . . .”

These will probably be the introductory words you’ll hear at the Gala Affair scheduled for March 30th, 1947, at the Jamaica Jewish Center.

We will have reason to celebrate, only if we raise the amount we pledged toward the Emergency Fund. Every Zionist should either insert his own ad or secure at least one. Time is getting short and the printer wants all ads in by March 15th.

Translate your good intentions toward your brethren in D.P. Camps by action. Kind words alone will not help.

"SEND YOUR ADS IN TODAY"

and don't forget to make your reservation for the Testimonial Dinner.

MARCH 4 — DISTRICT MEETING

IF YOU have been stimulated by the militant publicity of some “loud speaking” groups,—

IF YOU have become impatient with the inaction of the Z.O.A.—

IF YOU have posed serious, challenging questions to your local Zionist friends, to which you have not received a comforting answer,—

THEN, Come to our next district meeting, on Tuesday, March 4, at 8:30 P.M., at the Jamaica Jewish Center.

COME, armed with your criticisms, your questions and your suggestions.

CHALLENGE the Director of the National Emergency Fund to show you why his publicity and public relations staff cannot write as stirring an appeal as some “extremists” have produced. CHALLENGE Mr. Manuel Posy to defend and explain the line and the methods employed by the Z.O.A. CHALLENGE Mr. Manuel Posy to deny the effectiveness and the workability of your constructive, militant suggestions.

Some upstart, self-appointed spokesmen for the “HEBREW NATION” appeal to an anonymous following only to support their publicity campaign. We in the Z.O.A. appeal to our registered members to demand of our leadership such action as we are willing to support.

COME, and voice YOUR criticism and YOUR suggestions to Mr. Manuel Posy, the Director of the National Emergency Fund. Use your franchise as a democratic instrument.

COME to the Jamaica Jewish Center on Tuesday, March 4, at 8:30 P.M.

I. ADRIAN SHULIMSON,
Program Chairman.

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EDITORIAL

The Anglo-Arab Conference in London has ended. The attitude of the British Cabinet rendered its failure inevitable. Though the reasons for it are somewhat obscure, the facts of Britain's policy stand starkly revealed: The British Government will make no decision that is not entirely satisfactory to the British. The Balfour Declaration, the Palestine Mandate and her international treaties are obligations which Britain will continue to violate and to ignore. The terms of the infamous White Paper of 1939 will be enforced, if necessary through force of arms. The doors of Palestine will remain closed to the homeless and destitute Jews of Europe; they will languish behind barbed wire in the liberated countries or in Cyprus.

The "Plan" finally presented by Mr. Bevin was even more outrageous than the repudiated Morrison-Grady plan. Here was a frank attempt to Ghettoize the Jewish Community of Palestine in so-called Cantons. The Jewish population was to be frozen into a permanent minority and a Jewish Commonwealth completely shelved. Bevin's determination, for which he obtained Cabinet approval, to submit the matter to the United Nations Assembly next September, appears to be only a delaying device to insure the perpetuation of the military administration of Palestine. These facts, coupled with the indefensible ultimatum demanding that the Jews in Palestine make war upon each other and Britain's armed assault upon the Yishuv, amply vindicate the decision of the Zionist Congress not to participate in the Conference and the warnings of our leaders that a proposal for the just solution of the Palestine Problem would not come from the British.

The aftermath of the Conference has been renewed and vigorous Zionist activity. Under the sponsorship of the American Zionist Emergency Council, 650 delegates from 37 States met in Washington on February 17th. They succeeded well in mobilizing pressure within Congress and the Administration for the carrying out of our Government's established policy—immediate entry of 100,000 Displaced Jews into Palestine and abrogation of the restrictive land laws. If, like the Yishuv, we are resolved not to be intimidated by threats of force, not to be discouraged by unjustified assault, but to continue, with unified and disciplined efforts, the upbuilding of our Homeland, we shall yet realize our objective.

LEO BROWN.

Every Member Get a Member

The Z.O.A. mobilization program for new membership is still in progress. We are still urging each member to get a new member. Please make every effort in the next two weeks to get *your* new member. Applications should be sent to the office as soon as possible.

Old members who haven't paid their 1947 dues are requested to do so immediately.

Help our committee which is working ardently to fill our quota.

MAURICE NECHEMIAS.

Personals

The Shulimsons have good cause for celebration. Miriam has become a Freshman at Jamaica High School, and Victor has become a Freshman at Queens College. Victor reports that IZFA is the prominent Zionist organization on the Campus, with which he is actively affiliated.

It Pays to Educate?

Pam and Linda, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. William Parker, recently graduated with the degree N.M.D. (No More Diapers) but with a B.A. (barring accidents). Their big brother Jamie is brilliant, too—he's an honor student at P. S. 131, morning kindergarten.

We wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Ben Pollack for the use of their home for the February 24th Executive Board meeting. The refreshments were enjoyed during and at the end of the meeting.

Al Meyers . . . Al Meyers . . . Al Meyers . . . Al Meyers . . . —Sounds like musical notes every time we read the roster of new members. It's always Al Meyers at the top of the list of the most active member-getters. Three cheers for Al Meyers!

GET A NEW MEMBER

Leaders' Course on Zionist Problems and Issues

On Thursday, March 6, 1947, the Education and Program Committee of the Long Island Zionist Region inaugurates a leaders' and speakers' course on Zionism. We have been fortunate enough to obtain lecturers of outstanding reputation, among whom are Maurice Samuel, Ludwig Lewisohn, Eliahu Ben-Horin and Shulamit Nardi Schwartz, to give the course. There will be a total of seven lectures, to be given on alternate Thursdays at 8:30 P.M., commencing with March 6th, at the Jamaica Jewish Center.

All phases of Zionist issues will be treated and discussed exhaustively. Such subjects as the political, social and cultural aspects of Palestine today, political parties in Zionism, and American Zionism are included in the series. In addition there will be instruction in effective public speaking by a recognized expert, Mrs. Paul W. Aschner, Chairman of the National Speakers' Bureau of Hadassah. The program for the course is as follows:

1. Thursday, March 6—MAURICE SAMUEL: "Cultural Achievements and Problems." The Hebrew Renaissance—The Arts and Sciences—Patterns of Daily Life in Palestine.
2. Thursday, March 20—ELIAHU BEN-HORIN, correspondent of "Harper's," author of "The Middle East—Crossroads of History." "Illusions and Confusions." Fringe elements: Territorialism, Philanthropism, Splinter Zionism; Anti-Zionists: Assimilation, Aristocratic and Proletarian: Religionist Opposition.
3. Thursday, April 3—SHULAMIT NARDI SCHWARTZ, former National President, Jr. Hadassah; editor of "Palestine." *Zionist Parties and Programs.* Theories and accomplishments of the Center, the Right, and the Left.
4. Thursday, April 17—LOUIS J. SCHWEFEL, Z.O.A. Chairman for Chalutzit, Honorary Secretary, Palestine Foundation Fund. "Social and Economic Forces in Palestine." Economics of city and settlement life—modes of colonization—welfare activities, needs and prospects.
5. Thursday, May 1—THEODORE N. LEWIS, Columnist "Jewish Post" and "Opinion," Chairman, Z.O.A. Committee on Publications. "American Zionism." Zionism's place in the Jewish community structure, practical difficulties in "conquering the communities," self-criticism: Weaknesses in organization and functioning.
6. Thursday, May 15—MRS. PAUL W. ASCHNER, Chairman, National Speakers' Bureau of Hadassah, lecturer and speech instructor. "How to Be an Effective Zionist Speaker." Principles of public presentation; putting the Course to work.
7. Thursday, May 28—LUDWIG LEWISOHN: "Review and Conclusions." Summary of the Course materials; criticism and discussion by Course participants.

Presiding: LEO BROWN

Chairman, Committee on Education and Program.

The course is open to all Zionists, and you are cordially invited to bring your wife. The only requirements are ability to benefit by the course and a reasonable prospect of regular attendance. *The Series is absolutely free—no fees of*

The following is a list of new members, together with their sponsors:

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any kind are involved and there will be no solicitation of funds. This is a purely cultural and educational program, and you are urged to enroll. An enrollment blank is shown below for your convenience. Fill it out and mail it in immediately. We look forward to seeing you at the Jamaica Center on March 6th, and alternate Thursdays thereafter. Come and bring your wife along.

LONG ISLAND ZIONIST REGION

163-18 Jamaica Avenue
Jamaica 5, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

I am a member of the Jamaica Zionist District and wish to be enrolled in the Leaders' Course on Zionist Problems to be held at the Jamaica Jewish Center.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. A. H. Silver
Dr. Emanuel Neumann

DATE: March 5, 1947

FROM: Ernest E. Barbarash

SUBJECT:

You might be interested in the following extract from the weekly analysis of newspaper opinion which is published by the Twohey Associates in Washington.

PALESTINE.

British decision to turn the Palestine problem over to the UN continues to draw most of the attention given Palestine. Slightly more than two-thirds voice sympathy for the British in their difficult position between the Jews and Arabs. Most of the other third condemn past British treatment of the Jews or otherwise slap at the British.

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March 6, 1947

Mr. Ernest E. Barbarash
Zionist Organization of America
41 E. 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Barbarash:

Please draft a message of greeting to this periodical which is to reappear in Athens and send it to Mr. R. Constantine over my signature.

Please also send a message to Dr. G. Strauss of "Hatassiya." You might ask Mr. Tannenbaum of the Economic Bureau to draft such a message.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Dr. Emanuel Neumann

DATE: March 7, 1947

FROM: Ernest E. Barbarash

New Address:

41 EAST 42nd STREET

NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

SUBJECT:

I deem it my duty to sound a note of alarm in regard to charges of inaction which are now spreading like wildfire throughout the country against the ZOA in its public relations program. A day does not pass when individual Zionists and Zionist districts complain either in their bulletins, over the phone or in person as well as in letters, about the lack of propaganda counteracting anti-Zionist articles and letters appearing in the press. Dr. Sidney Marks has already written to you about this since it was a subject of discussion at our last Office Committee meeting.

I am sending you herewith copy of two letters which we received from active Zionist districts which are typical of the view which is getting hold of ZOA members throughout the country. Open attacks against the ZOA inaction in its public relations program are being made frequently at district meetings and at various other gatherings.

The ZOA publicity department is doing all it can to cope with this situation. Despite our strictly limited facilities we have been drafting here answers to anti-Zionist editorials and letters appearing in various parts of the country. I am enclosing herewith another letter which we received this morning from Julius Livingston, president of the Southwest Region commenting on one of our replies. However since we were told here that the Emergency Council is the public relations agency in all political matters we refrained from dealing with all matters involving policy. Besides the ZOA publicity department operates on a ridiculously small budget and is handicapped by lack of appropriate manpower to cope with the mounting anti-Zionist material requiring replies.

Before the situation gets any more serious I would therefore in all earnestness suggest that the ZOA public relations department be allocated the amount of \$25,000 immediately for the purpose of hiring men to draw up individual replies to the numerous anti-Zionist articles and letters which are beginning to appear throughout the country, obviously inspired by Arab and British sources. This additional budget will enable also the ZOA public relations department to instal teletype machines through the ZOA regions to receive last-minute instructions and drafts of replies as well as to send out expert public relations men to the various communities to hold press conferences and to reply to anti-Zionist utterances.

I cannot stress too strongly the urgency of immediate action as any attacks for flaws in our public relations program will be directed at the ZOA and not at the Emergency Council.

C O P Y

410 New Brunswick Ave.
Perth Amboy, N. J.

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

March 5, 1947

Gentlemen:

As an active Zionist I am surprised that our organization has made no reply to statements against us. I am thinking of the "Letters to the Times" column in which many letters against our position are published but letters in rebuttal aren't submitted by our side. Typical of this is the fairly long letter published in yesterday's "Times" justifying Bevin's actions in a phase of the Palestine matter.

Also Kermit Roosevelt's article in the "Readers Digest" should have been answered. I am certain that the "Times" newspaper would gladly publish any items from the ZOA in rebuttal of letters they publish. This opportunity should not be neglected by the ZOA. Also I believe that a great deal of information should be released to the various newspapers relative to the great accomplishments of the Jews in Palestine.

Our Zionist group in Perth Amboy has been active, having increased the membership from 40 to about 225. We have joined with several Hadassah Organizations in our city in several Zionist endeavors and believe that this is an important point for the success of Zionism in any city. We have instituted a "write to your Congressman" endeavor and have had good results.

Trusting you will appreciate my viewpoint,

Sincerely,

William Dwork

COPY

JOSEPH H. AARON
Brooklyn Zionist District #14
916 Carroll Street
Brooklyn 25, N. Y.

March 2, 1947

Dear Dr. Marks:

I received your news flash regarding political action regarding the Palestine situation.

We shall do all in our power to implement it, but this thought occurs. Should we not expect National, or the Zionist Emergency Council to take the leadership in carrying out this campaign for individual letters, organizational resolutions, etc.

We are calling a special meeting on this issue. Why should it be left to each group to decide how to effectuate its program of political pressure. It is too important a matter to be left to the whims and vagaries of each individual group.

I know that big meetings are not always fruitful of results; yet if ever there was a time to rent the largest hall in each city where Jews live for the purpose of mobilizing Jewish opinion, the time is now. I strongly believe in the value of newspaper ads to present our position at such a time.

I will be very happy if you find it possible to give me your reaction to these ideas.

Sincerely,

JOSEPH H. AARON

Membership Vice-Chairman

Dr. Sidney Marks
Zionist Organization of America

JULIUS LIVINGSTON

Tulsa, Oklahoma

March 3, 1947

Mr. Ernest E. Barbarash
Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd Street, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Barbarash:

I am herewith sending you the editorial sheet of the Tulsa Tribune published this date. Although they did not print the letter in full, as I sent it to them verbatim as you sent it to me, however I think it was an achievement getting as much printed as they did. I have had several calls already; perhaps it will do some good.

I am sending you the clipping in which they carry the activities of what is happening in Palestine on the front page. You will note their reference to a "four-year-old Jewess", eliminating the 'child' and anything else that might evoke some sympathy.

Thanks for your fine letter.

Sincerely yours,

JULIUS LIVINGSTON

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Dr. Emanuel Neumann

Send to Dr. Silver
DATE: March 31, 1947

FROM: Ernest L. Barbarash

SUBJECT:

David L. Meckler, editor of the Jewish Morning Journal, wishes to ascertain the views of the Zionist leadership in regard to his proposal for the immediate convening of an all-American Jewish Assembly - a Kol Israel effort - to demand the abrogation of the White Paper. This Assembly is to be convened exclusively for this purpose.

He wants to get your reaction to guide him for a possible editorial campaign in the Jewish Morning Journal. Please advise. His suggestion is contained in the attached article which appeared in the current issue of The News Reporter.

As the Yiddish Editor Sees It

By DAVID L. MECKLER
Editor, Jewish Morning Journal

By ending martial law, that for 15 days kept about half of the Jewish population of Palestine shut off from the rest of the Yishuv and the world, Britain, against her own will, admitted defeat. She had set out with the aim of uprooting terrorism and failed. Jewish resistance goes on as before. She had expected that by stern measures, the Yishuv would be forced into siding with and aiding the police and the military by denouncing and delivering the underground leaders and she failed in this, too. Britain even failed in gaining worldwide approval of her decision to use her military might against the Yishuv as she, presumably had expected. The world, rather, began to realize that Britain is committing the great folly of fighting against potential friends and probable defenders of her empire rather than "dis-idents." In fact, as former Prime Minister Winston Churchill put it so eloquently, by fighting the Yishuv, the Labor government incurred the hatred of the world and put Britain to shame and disgrace.

Yet we Jews may hardly regard ourselves as the victors in this unequal and as yet unended struggle. If martial law has not weakened, but rather strengthened the Yishuv morally, it surely has weakened it economically. There is no assurance that martial law as a weapon will not be used again by the British. In fact, we cannot be certain what the British have up their sleeves politically, militarily and economically.

Job for U. S. Jewry

While this sword of Damocles hangs over our heads, we must plan our immediate activities along a new or renewed line that may embrace two distinct efforts: one directed against the White Paper and the other concentrated on Washington where the final decision on Palestine will eventually be made. In both efforts, it is primarily an activity for American Zionists and American Jews in general.

Whatever the Yishuv will do hereafter—and one may well expect that the Yishuv will not be idle in the effort to force the doors of Palestine to be opened wider for Jewish immigration—the scene of Zionist activity should be changed from Palestine to America, not excluding all other countries where Jews are influential and may be of help. By doing so, aside from the fact that it may be of immense help to the Yishuv, it will give the Yishuv the necessary respite after having carried the brunt of the fight for so long.

The activity directed against the White Paper may as well be extended also to non-Zionists. In fact, it should be our aim to enlist

the support of all Jews. The very fact that all Jews, with hardly any exceptions, are for the abolition of the White Paper and the opening of the doors of Palestine for Jewish immigrants should make it quite easy to mobilize all Jewry for this particular purpose. Here we may really have a united Jewry speaking with one voice.

U. S. Jewish Assembly

The immediate calling of an all-American Jewish assembly for this purpose, to insist on the withdrawal of the White Paper, should be in order and the first business of the day. The call must not necessarily be issued by the Zionists. It would be quite fitting to the occasion that the initiative be taken by "independents" with no political or ideological restrictions. It should be a real Kol Israel effort.

If properly organized, such an assembly may become a real force that would be reckoned with in Washington as well as in London. No doubt such effort would be crowned with success. But it must be understood that this can be accomplished only if the effort is free from "politics" and is purely and simply an all-out Jewish effort. For this alone, the effort should be worthwhile.

As to our effort to concentrate on Washington, it is not only of a long-range character, but it is also, primarily and purely, an all-Zionist activity. The Labor government is doing its utmost to lull Washington into inactivity, to make it believe that the Palestine problem will be solved by Britain if she only is left alone and not "interfered" with, particularly by Washington and the militant Yankee Zionists, who are not "reasonable" enough to be dealt with by such "good friends" of the Jews as Bevin.

Stabilizing Factor

It is up to American Zionists to convince Washington that it must not lose sight of the fact that Britain is just trying to betray her trust with the Jews and mislead the Jews as she is doing it with America and the world at large. Now that America is taking a genuine interest in the affairs of the Middle East, she cannot and must not overlook the fact that a Jewish Palestine may well be the keystone in the stabilization and the pacification of the area instead of a disturbing factor, as the foolhardy policy of the Labor government has forced them to be.

If there was a time that America might have said or implied that Palestine is a British affair, she would do it no longer after the pronouncement of the Truman Doctrine. There is a real opportunity now for American Zionists to raise the Palestine question as an American policy and not merely to gain American good will in an effort to influence the British.

Jerusalem Under Mar



Young Jewish boys and girls trample down the barbed wire barricade as the martial law order was ended after 15 days in Jerusalem.

By SEYMOUR J. COHEN

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS REPORTER

JERUSALEM, (by Air Mail).—At 7:15 A.M. yesterday, the radio announced martial law, the long-

awaited, highly-feared evil decree. Bet Hakerem was out of the area and the three small food shops there were besieged by men, women and children, panic-stricken by the ugly words, "martial law." Not knowing what they meant, they attempted to prepare for a siege.

At 1:15, the radio announced that the house curfew was lifted in Jerusalem except for the area where martial law was decreed. I walked into town.

It was possible to walk only on the south side of Mia Shearim Road. This served as the boundary of the martial law area. The contrast was frightening—to the south, life went on; to the north, stoic silence. At every intersection, groups of little children stood staring at the suddenly-silenced streets.

As I turned back into the free zone, I noticed the housewives herding their children homeward. I overheard their shocked voices, "They shot a girl, they shot a child." The British had shot and fatally-wounded a four-year-old girl. Jewish Jerusalem was alive with this story for hours. The radio broadcasts denied that anything but warning shots had been fired. Only in the last evening announcements was it reported that a girl had been found in the streets, wounded in the head, and that she had died later in the Hadassah Hospital.

Next Day

Early this morning I went back to the area. On the free side of Mia Shearim Road, relatives and friends stood throwing food to those in the forbidden area. My eyes filled with tears as I watched an aged, bearded man awkwardly stoop to pick up some fruit that had been thrown by his son. I wondered whether this was not a scene of ghetto days again.

I remembered that in one of the houses lived the 80-year-old grand-

in answer to my request, told me to go to the Syrian Orphanage (a mile away) for a zone pass.

Law and Order

Seeing the Brigadier in charge escorting a group of newspapermen, I walked over to him. I explained the situation and asked if I might bring the milk to my grandmother, not knowing the name of the woman who had asked for it. "I'm sorry, but no exceptions," was the reply. I continued further that she was a very old woman and that I was certain that there was no food in the house. He answered that "there are children in the same area, too." To which I rejoined that I didn't see the sense of those innocents suffering. The Brigadier's face blushed, then frowned. I left.

At 1 P.M., the sound trucks ordered all pedestrians on both sides of the road to leave. When I returned shortly before sunset, the entire street had been blocked by hastily-strung barbed wire. A 16-year-old girl stood at an intersection, tears slowly rolling down her cheeks. She extended her arm, pointed at the sight and said, "This reminds me of the camps in Europe." As I walked home, I wondered if the others in the group had noticed the stencilled numbers on her arm.

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By IRVIN

The well-known Hebrew poet and essayist, S. Halkin, warns the American Hebraists that "the time has come, fellow Hebraists, to search our ways with a just heart and wide-open eyes." As a "fellow Hebraist with open eyes," I also wish to speak my mind.

Ask the average Jew to define Judaism. His reply will surely be that *Kaddish*, *Yizkor* and *Bar Mitzvah*, supplemented by a few traditions, constitute Judaism.

It is sufficient for anyone with an observing eye to take a mere glance into our life here to be overcome with great sadness at the spectacle of our culture.

April 3, 1947

Mr. Ernest Barbarash
Zionist Organization of America
41 E. 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Barbarash:

Under separate cover, I am sending you a photostatic copy of the Certificate of Honorary Citizenship which the Jewish city of Ramat Gan bestowed upon me on the occasion of my visit to Palestine. You may wish to use it in the News Reporter. I am sure someone in the office can translate it. This was the second Honorary Citizenship bestowed by the beautiful city of Ramat Gan. The first was bestowed upon Dr. Joseph Klausner.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

May 16, 1947

Mr. Ernest E. Barbarash
Zionist Organization of America
41 E. 42nd St.
New York 17, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Barbarash:

In connection with the recent statement of the Soviet representative to the United Nations, Andrei Gromyko, on the subject of Palestine and the national aspirations of the Jewish people which has evoked such favorable comment among our people, it might be of interest to draw the attention of the readers of the "New Palestine" to the statement which I made at the national convention of the American Jewish Conference which was held in Cleveland on February 18, 1946, on the subject of Palestine and the Soviet Union. At that time I was subjected to considerable criticism because of the position which I took. I send it to you now, exactly as it was delivered. Please use it in the next issue of the "New Palestine."

With all good wishes, I remain

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AHS:BK
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: May 19 1947 V E D

FROM: Ernest E. Barbarash

MAY 20 1947

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SUBJECT:

ANSWERED

I have taken the liberty of sending in your behalf the attached messages of greetings to Zionist regional conferences in Chicago, North Carolina, and to the Federation of Palestine Jews.

The request in your letter of May 16 is being complied with.

May 16, 1947

NIGHT LETTER

JOSEPH W. SPECTER
PRESIDENT SEABOARD ZIONIST REGION
HOTEL CHARLOTTE
NORTH CAROLINA

MY HEARTIEST GREETINGS TO DELEGATES AND GUESTS ASSEMBLED AT YOUR CONFERENCE AND BEST WISHES FOR SUCCESS AT YOUR DELIBERATIONS. UNITED NATIONS SESSIONS HAVE SHOWN THAT MANY COUNTRIES HAVE UNDERSTANDING OF OUR CASE. THIS WAS PARTICULARLY MANIFESTED IN LAST DAYS OF ASSEMBLY MEETING. HOWEVER AS WE ENTER FINAL STAGES REQUIRING PRESENTATION OUR CASE TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE AND TO FULL ASSEMBLY OUR VIGILANCE AND EFFORTS MUST BE REDOUBLED. AMERICAN ZIONISTS HOLD THE KEY TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR EFFORTS TO IMPRESS THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD THAT ENTIRE JEWRY STANDS UNITED BEHIND OUR JUST CLAIMS. OUR FORTHCOMING CONVENTION WHICH MEETS IN GREATEST HISTORIC HOUR MUST DEMONSTRATE THIS UNITY AND SOLIDARITY THROUGH A GREATLY INCREASED ENROLLMENT. THROUGH YOUR CONFERENCE. I CALL UPON ALL JEWS THROUGHOUT SEABOARD AREA TO UPHOLD OUR HANDS BY JOINING ORGANIZED RANKS OF OUR ORGANIZATION. REGARDS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

May 16, 1947

NIGHT LETTER

RABBI JOSEPH GABRIEL
PRESIDENT FEDERATION OF PALESTINE JEWS
CAPITOL HOTEL
EIGHTH AVENUE AND FIFTYFIRST STREET
NEW YORK CITY

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ABBA HILLEL SILVER

NIGHT LETTER

May 16, 1947

MR. MILTON SILBERMAN, PRESIDENT
CHICAGO ZIONIST ORGANIZATION
220 SOUTH STATE STREET
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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ABBA HILLEL SILVER

MEMO

FROM: Ernest E. Barbarash

May 29th, 1947

The latest newspaper analysis (May 24, 1947) on the Palestine question as reported by the Twohey Analysis of Newspaper Opinion of Washington, D. C. is as follows:

Forty seven per cent of the comment revolves about the decision of Jewish resistance groups to continue terrorism in Palestine. Here 32% rebuke the Jewish terrorists, hold the UN investigation committee should be allowed to come to decision in calm atmosphere, disapprove activities by Ben Hecht and others seeking U. S. aid for Palestine resisters, point out the British have questioned U. S. contributions to terrorists, suggest U. S. interests are endangered by the disorder in Palestine.

The other 15% condemn British treatment of Jews and hold terrorism justified, disapprove British protests against fund raising in the U. S. to aid Palestine resisters, etc. Both the discussion disapproving and approving Palestine resistance comes in large measure from that portion of the Eastern seaboard press which over the past year has more or less consistently upheld the Jewish side in Palestine.

Remaining comment is of a miscellaneous nature and much of it is of the vague, something-ought-to-be-done type. There are more references in all comment on the role that Russia is seeking to play in Palestine. The same suspicion of Russia evidenced in comment on other subjects is apparent in most of these references, but the press seems unsure of the aims of Russia. ||