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July 24, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver Zionist Organization of America 1720 - 16th Street N.W. Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am writing to you with reference to the plan of Egypt and Iraq, members of the Arab League, to present the so-called problem of Israeland (Palestine) before the United Nations.

While we should be happy that the issue will thus finally have been taken, at least to some extent, from the hands of Great Britain that the United Nations may have a voice in the ultimate settlement of the overall situation, we must not overlook the fact that the Arabs as well as Britain herself will have ample opportunity to express themselves on the subject and to present matters in a light strictly favorable to themselves and their respective interests while we Jews cannot speak before the United Nations because we have no country which is a member of the United Nations.

Inasmuch as I know that you are militant in both outlook and policy in Zionist aspirations, I believe that you will not permit the Jewish cause in Israeland to remain friendless in the counsels of the United Nations, for then we might just as well forget the whole thing. Hence, I herewith respectfully submit toalternative suggestions in the matter of securing friendly voices for our Zionist cause which is at the moment meeting its most serious and possibly decisive crisis.

You might persuade either Sol Bloom, one of the American delegates to the United Nations, or Bernard Baruch, who is so greatly respected by the leaders of the United Nations, as for example in the matter of the Atom Bomb, to present the Zionist case. If such is impossible or impractical, please endeavor and bend every effort to secure a spokesman for Zionism from among the various member-nations who are known to be friendly to our cause and who may be depended upon to present it well.

Whatever is done to help Zionism and the cause of a Jewish state, outside of Israeland, and to encourage our valiant brothers in Israeland, let no time be wasted. There is much to do. I shall close with "Ais la-acos la-doshem."

Raffi Hathan Wise

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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: 9/6/46

FROM:

Herschel Auerbach

SUBJECT:

(Letter in Consonel Neumann folder)

Dr. Neumann asked me to send you the attached communication from Rabbi Judah Nadich in Germany.

He believes that the matters underscored are of sufficient importance to take up at the American Zionist Emergency Council.

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Attached herewith are Cables between Frank Cohen and Edgar Granville, M.P. which are self-explanatory. Dr. Neumann asked me to transmit them to you.

Mr. Cohen believes that they should not be kept in the organization's files but Dr. Neumann thinks that they should appropriately be kept in your files.

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MEMORANDUM

TO:

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FROM:

Herschel Auerbach

SUBJECT:

Emergency Council Report

I was asked to convey to you Dr. Neumann's suggestion that the American Zionist Emergency Council issue a complete and full printed report for the World Zionist Congress. In view of the fact that the Emergency Council carried on political activities in the U. S. during the war years and was established at the request of the World Zionist Executive in 1939, it should submit a report to that body. Also in consideration of the possibility of the Council going out of existence, there is no question that its actions and activities should be a matter of record. Such a report would be of great value to the Zionists of America in addition to its usefullness in the Congress.

Dr. Neumann believes that the report should be approximately a 100 page book and suggests that Arthur Lurie be put to work on its preparation. Dr. Neumann will be glad to cooperate to the fullest extent with him if he is assigned to do this job as Dr. Neumann deems it a most important undertaking.

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SUBJECT:

NEW PALESTINE and NEWS REPORTER

Dr. Neumann suggested that I inform you of the discussion regarding the NEW PALESTINE and the NEWS REPORTER at the Interim Committee meeting on Thursday, September 5th. No final decision was reached at this meeting subject to your arrival this week and discussing the matter with you.

It is proposed that in format the NEW PALESTINE be a 64 page magazine of a somewhat higher intellectual make-up than at the present time. This magazine should be on a subscription basis and should be similar to the "Commentary" in the class of material presented.

A thorough discussion took place regarding both the NEW PALESTINE and the NEWS REPORTER and it was felt that the NEWS REPORTER could be greatly improved in content to include many matters of general interest. It was further suggested that it might be possible, by careful and studied application, to make the NEWS REPORTER an all inclusive newspaper similar to Anglo Jewish papers such as the "Indianapolis Jewish Post". If this were done, it was suggested that the NEWS REPORTER be put on a weekly basis and the feasibility of taking such action is at present being investigated. The present format of the NEWS REPORTER seems to have general approval and be the subject of much praise. As the NEWS REPORTER fulfills the need for an intra-party organ, the opinion was that the NEW PALESTINE should be raised above its present level.

Various possibilities were discussed regarding the NEW PALESTINE such as distributing it in the 64 page format to all members or to those members who requested it or to put it on a subscription basis. After protracted discussion, the general opinion was to put it on a subscription basis as it was felt that printing 200,000 copies of a 64 page magazine was a tremendous financial burden and would be extremely impractical. Most of the membership would not read it and, therefore, the money would be uselessly spent. It was felt that a charge of 2 or \$3.00 a year for an interesting well-informed and attractive journal of General Zionism would not be a deterrent to its being purchased and its reaching those people who would read such a journal.

In view of the fact that the transformation of the NEW PALESTINE into a 64 page magazine on subscription basis was an inovation, it was suggested that the magazine be issued by-monthly. However, there were also opinions that it should be issued monthly and that it should be issued quarterly. No decision was reached.

Because of difficulties of a technical nature and the postponement of decisions on the matter, it will be impossible to issue the NEW PALESTINE in the 62 page format as a September - October issue. It is hoped that the final decisions of this format will be made at the Inner Committee meeting

this week after your opinions are formulated and that the October issue of the old style NEW PALESTINE will be the last. It is also proposed that the NEW PALESTINE in the first issue of its 64 page format go to all members and then be distributed on a subscription basis only.

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41 EAST 42nd STREET ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA NEW YORK 17, N. Y. MEMORANDUN TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver DATE: 9/10/46 FROM: Herschel Auerbach reter in D. SUBJECT: Dr. Neumann asked me to send you the copy of the enclosed letter from Holland to make sure that you had seen it. Dr. Neumann feels that some action should be taken regarding this letter and would like your opinion on the possibility of publicizing it. He also believes that it might be advisable to give publicity to the fact that Zionists all over the world support your program and policies by quoting from the attached letter and similar correspondence received. HA:RW Enc.

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DAYLETTER

SEPTEMBER 20 1946

MR. MAX WALLOCK 271 SOUTH ALLEN STREET ALBANY NEWYORK

HEARTFELT GREETINGS AND WISHES TO ALL DELEGATES AND GUESTS ATTENDING EMPIRE STATE CONVENTION. GROUND BETWEEN THE MILLSTONES OF AVARACE AND POWER POLITICS YISHUV CANNOT BE DESTROYED NOR OUR JUST CLAIMS DENIED. DESPITE THE BRUTAL ASSAULT ON THE YISHUV THEY AND WE SHALL NOT FALTER. WE SHALL BE UNRELENTING IN OUR VIGILANCE AND UNREMITTING IN OUR EFFORTS FOR THE PERMANENT REHABILITATION OF OUR PEOPLE ON ITS OWN SOIL IN A JEWISH STATE. THE MOBILIZATION OF ALL OUR FORCES INTO A CLOSELY KNIT BODY OF STALWART FIGHTERS FOR OUR COMMON OBJECTIVE WILL CONCRETELY MANIFEST OUR SOLIDARITY WITH THEM. WE LOOK TO YOUR CONVENTION TO SEND FORTH A CLARION CALL THROUGHOUT YOUR AREA FOR THE STREMGTHENING OF OUR RANKS AS A BULWARK OF MORAL STRENGTH IN SUPPORT OF THE VALIANT YISHUV IN ITS STRUGGLE FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION

ABBA HILLEL SILVER
PRESIDENT ZIONIST ORGANIZATIONOF AMERICA

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October 4, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

I was quite horrified that through an oversight of one of the workers for the Palestine Year book, the material that was prepared for your article has not been forwarded to you. You can well imagine how unhappy I am that this has happened. We have had a number of college people doing research for the Year Book, and one of them was to forward the material to you. There was a misunderstanding, and I found that your material was still here.

May I please ask you to forgive this unintentional cmission and to please have the article for us.

May I at this time extend to you my heartiest New Year greetings.

Very sincerely yours,

Director and Librarian

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November 12, 1946 The World Union of the Zeirei Hechalutz & The Hapoel-Hamizrahi 108, Achad Hatam Street P.O.B. 431 Tel-Aviv, Palestine Dear Friends: I am profoundly grateful to you for your kindness and thoughtfulness in sending me a Palestine Esrog for Succoth. It brought joy to my heart and it adorned my home on the holiday. Your besutiful message which went with it touched my heart. I am indeed very thankful. Yours for happier times for our people and for Eretz Yisroel, I remain Most cordially yours, AHS: GR

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SAMUEL WOHL.

January 9, 1947 Rabbi Samuel Wohl Isaac M. Wise Temple Reading Rd. and N. Crescent ave. Cincinnati, Ohio My dear Sam: Many thanks for your thoughtfulness in sending me your telegram. I enjoyed reading it very much. I am sorry that you were not at the Congress. You would have made, I am sure, a real contribution to it. It was a hard but good Congress, and I believe will prove helpful in the realization of our historic purposes. When do you plan to be in Cleveland? Please be sure to come in to see me when you get here. With all good wishes, and again thanking you for your word of encouragement, I remain As ever yours, AHS: BK

UNITED ZIONISTS-REVISIONISTS OF AMERICA

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February 26, 1947

Dear Friend:

We enclose herewith a report on the Extra-ordinary Zionist Convention which took place in Washington, D.C., on Monday. February 17,1947.

This was the first time that the United Zionists-Revisionists participated in a public affair arranged by the Ztonist Fmergency Council.

You will undoubtedly be gratified and encouraged to learn that the speech delivered by Mr. B. Netanyahu, in the name of the party, made a powerful impression and was generally acknowledged as the outstanding political statement made in the convention.

Sincerely yours,

R. Lemanitz,

Secretary

RL: RR Enc. REPORT ON THE PARTICIPATION OF THE UNITED ZIONISTS-REVISIONISTS OF AMERICA IN THE EXTRAORDINARY ZIONIST CONFERENCE CALLED BY THE ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL AT THE STAFLER HOTEL, WASHINGTON, D.C., ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17th, 1947

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The American Zionist Emergency Council extended, on February 12, an invitation to our party to participate in the Extraordinary Zionist Conference which was scheduled to be held in Washington on the 17th of that month.

This was the first time that the party was invited to participate in a public affair organized by the Zichist Emergency Council, and after receiving assurances that a representative of our party would be given the opportunity to speak at the convention, the Executive Committee decided to accept the invitation.

We were later informed, however, that no criticism of any Zionist body would be permitted, nor the raising of 'controversial issues" like the question of a Jewish Government allowed, since the Convention was called to demonstrate a united Jewish front vis-a-vis Britain and the American Government. Despite these restrictions, we still felt that we should not refrain from participating.

The morning session of the Convention was opened by Dr. Silver, who presided over both sessions of the Convention. He reviewed the political situation in the face of Britain's announced decision to submit the Polestine question to the United Nations, analyzed the advantages and disadvantages of the proposed step, and urged the exertion of stronger pressure on American political circles at this particular time.

· Neuman Reports on the London Negotiations

Following Dr. Silver's statement, Mr. Emanuel Neuman, who participated in the negotiations conducted in London between the British Government and members of the Zionist Executive, submitted a detailed report about those negotiations. He began by presenting the reasons of those who opposed participation in the London Conference, and said that the events have indeed proven that no positive outcome from such participation could be expected. He added, however, that the minority, which opposed the Congress decision, was strong both qualitatively and quantitatively, and their representatives on the Executive continued to press for negotiations with the British, believing that the comditions were favorable for working out some solution at this time, and that it would be a fatal mistake for Zionism to miss the opportunity. All members of the Executive therefore felt that some common line of action had to be agreed upon, and as it appeared from Mr. Neuman's report, that line of act ion meant negotiating with the British and testing the possibilities of an acceptable partition plan. The negotiations, however, resulted in complete disappointment for those who believed in some positive outcome.

After speculating on the possible aims of the British in calling the London Conference, Mr. Neuman concluded that he considered the Conference to be a failure for the British since the latter did not succeed in persuading either the Jews or the Arabs to accept their proposals. What the British offered us, said Mr. Neuman, was the old Morrison Plan, which would mean the ghettoization of the Jews of Palestine in five per cent of the original mandated area, plus some additional limitations in our disfavor.

Lipsky Admits Failure

Mr. Louis Lipsky, who spoke at the afternoon session, said that we have to recognize the failure of the London negotiations, and declared Britain's announcement to refer the Palestine problem to the United Nations as the surest means of postponing indefinitely the settlement of the Palestine question.

Mr. Monsky, head of the B'nai Brith, declared that we must now admit that what was advocated by a 'certain section" of the Zionist movement - namely that we must adopt a militant policy and take a militant stand - was right.

The representative of the Poale Zion, Mr. Fineman, spoke on the need to meet the crisis by the strengthening of Halutzism in America. The representative of labor in Palestine, Mr. Isaac Ben-Aaron, reached the conclusion that the Palestine deadlock can be broken only by a fight, but added that "fighting means the building of colonies, which we shall continue to do despite everything." Both speeches were reminiscent of Mapai takk of some decade or two ago. They left the audience cold.

Although the convention was supposed to be one in which mutual criticism was to be excluded, Mr. Nathan Friedel, representative of Hashomer Hatzair, devoted almost his entire speech to sharp attacks against the Revisionists and the "terrorists."

Netanyahu's Address Stirs the Convention

It was only when Mr. Netanyahu rose to speak in the name of our party, and the Conference heard the clear-cut line of the Revisionist policy, that the entire mood in the Conference changed. The delegates reacted with enthusiastic applause. Indeed, the effect of the speech was so strong that even veteran opponents of the Revisionist party had to admit that the Revisionists "stole the show" and emerged from the conference with great prestige.

Touching upon the failure of the latest negotiations with the British, Mr. Netanyahu said that the only lesson that must finally be derived from them is the end of collaboration, cooperation and negotiations between the British Government and the Jewish Agency. "You do not negotiate with a predatory power, a usurper, and a mortal enemy! When you face such, you have no other choice but to stand up and fight."

"What we must realize, 'he added, "is that Britain is conducting an undeclared war against the Jewish people. She is applying all means of warfare against us - military, economic and diplomatic - and we must understand that measures of this nature cannot be met effectively except by measures of the same nature."

Referring to Mr. Neuman's speculations with regard to the possible aim of the London Conference and the alleged failure of the British, Mr. Netanyahu said: "The purpose of the London Conference was not to persuade the Arabs to accept the British proposals, but to show the world that even such proposals, which offer the Jews practically nothing, were not acceptable to the Arabs. The purpose was not to negotiate an agreement, but to demonstrate the alleged strength of Arab opposition - the opposition which of course Britain herself cleverly fosters and manipulates."

Stressing that we must be on guard against the danger of losing our major position in the battle for public opinion and that "we must destroy the growing fiction of Britain's impartiality" in Palestine, Mr. Netanyahu said: "Britain is today trying to make the appearance of an objective arbitrator who failed to effect a compromise between two "unreasonable" rivals. And some people are already expressing pity on Britain, the unhappy ruler caught between two fires. To this we say: Beware! Bewara of the wolf in sheep's clothes! Britain's sole aim in Palestine is, as it was, to secure her imperialistic hold on that country, and all talk of her intention to withdraw her troops from Palestine must be regarded as sheer propaganda tricks."

Palestine, Britain and the U.N.

In discussing Britain's declaration to refer the Palestine question to the United Nations, he said that with all their attempts to continue stalling and procrastinating, the British today know that they will have no other recourse than to submit the Palestine issue to the United Nations." The fact that an announcement to this effect was made is a confession of bankruptcy for Britain's rule in Palestine, and an admission of the practical impossibility to impose on Palestine any policy contrary to the intent and spirit of the Mandate."

"The British," Mr. Netanyahu went on to say, "have tried to convince the world that the Mandate is unworkable, but now they know that what is unworkable is the White Paper. We know what made them realize that. It was the heroic resistance of Palestine Jewry - and by Resistance, I mean all forms of Resistance - (The audience burst out with a terrific applause) the Resistance which has defied all Britain's oppressive measures, that made Britain aware of the tremendous difficulty involved in crushing Jewish aspirations. Let us strengthen this resistance, let us offer it the maximum backing and support. For while American public opinion is our great moral bulwark, it is the heroic resistance of Palestine Jewry that stands like an iron wall between Britain and her plans for the liquidation of Zionism."

Pointing out that in the United Nations Britain will not act as a disinterested party, but will attempt to bring about our defeat with the aid of the machinery of the United Nations and with the support of her Arab vasuals and stooges, he said that "we must be given the opportunity to face thems aquarely in the arena, and we must advance the demand for the Jewish people to be seated among the United Nations as a member of equal

status." "Surely," he added, "the Jewish people should have at least the same recognition given to Arab puppets with past Nazi affiliations, who represent nothing but despotic feudal cliques and who derive their power only from their British Colonial masters."

"It is unthinkable," he said, "that the nations of the world, who were themselves so much troubled and harmed by the unsolved Jewish problem, will decide to throw us back into the wilderness of homelessness - that horrible wilderness where we have just left the bones of 6,000,000 dead. We are confident that the United Nations will do justice to the Jewish people. But we feel impelled to make it clear in advance, that unless the legitimate Jewish rights and interests in Palestine are respected, there will be no peace in the Holy Land, in the Middle East, and for that matter in the whole world."

Resolutions Against the Death Sentences and on Resistance

The Conference was attended by a Revisionist delegation comprising members from New York, Chicago and Detroit. Mr. Joseph Beder represented the party on the Resolutions Committee.

Under the influence of our representatives, the following resolution was passed condemning the death sentences imposed in Palestine on members of the Irgun:

"In view of the fact that any new act of repression by the British Government can only increase existing tensions in Palestine and render for more difficult a peaceful and just solution of the Palestine question, we call upon the Government of the United States to make an earnest effort to secure the commutation of the pending death sentences imposed on a number of Palestine Jews as part of the repressive policy of the Palestine Government, and to impress upon Great Britain that only further aggravation of the problem can follow the further imposition of death sentences on Jews resisting the oppressive British regime in Palestine."

A resolution was introduced urging the backing of the "nationally disciplined" and "responsible" resistance. The Revisionist representatives, however, waged a stiff fight to eliminate the expressions "responsible" and nationally disciplined from the wording of the resolution.

It was only after Mr. Segal of the left "begged" the audience to understand that the "resolution implied no condemnation of any of the fighters" in Palestine, "whose spirit we understand and respect," and after Dr. Silver reminded the conference that, "we are after all bound by the Congress decision," that the resolution was passed in the form it was suggested, over the objection of a considerable minority (75 out of 251).

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am enclosing a copy of letter that I sent to you January 20th, 1947.

I know how terrifically occupied you are and I hesitate to burden you further. I have had no reply to my letter of January 20th and I hope that in the event you may be in the east some time in April that you may be able to stay on for a day more and visit with us in Worcester. I know that every community is clamouring to have you visit with them but I have been telling my people here in Worcester, year after year that some day we will climax our Zionist activity by having you visit us in Worcester and I am still hoping that you may find a day in April to be with us.

I assure you that I will consider this a personal favor.

Sincerely yours,

oseph Goldberg

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Encl. - Copy of letter Jan. 20, 1947 to Dr. Silver

ACOPY January 20th, 1947 Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio Dear Dr. Silver: I know how very busy you are and no one appreciates more than I do the many problems that are yours. However, I am taking a chance and writing to you again. I think for the past ten years I have tried to get you to come to Worcester and I have not at all been disappointed that you have not come because I know it is impossible for you to accept the hundreds of invitations that you get. But, I do hope that perhaps you may find one day in your busy schedule during the month of March or April to run down to Worcester and to visit with us. We will arrange the meeting any time to suit your convenience whenever you will happen to be in the east and I tell you with no exaggeration that your visit here will be a great holiday in our community. As a matter of fact, the attendance and the reception will surpass those that you would receive even in much larger communities. I would consider this a personal favor if you would accept this invitation. I have been telling people in Wordester for years that sooner or later I would get Dr. Silver to visit Worcester and I am hoping that you may somehow or other help me to fulfill this promise. I trust that you will be able to say to me -"some day during March or April, I will come to Worcester". With kindest personal regards, I remain Sincerely yours, Joseph Goldberg jg-ecs

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January 20th, 1947

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Sincerely yours,

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Goldberg oseph

March 11, 1947 Mr. Joseph Goldberg, President Worcester Zionist District 401 Slater Bldg. Worcester 8, Mass. Dear Mr. Goldberg: Your letter of March 4 arrived after Dr. Silver had departed from Cleveland to attend the Executive meeting of the Jewish Agency in Palestine. I shall be glad to refer your latter to his attention when he returns to the city. With best wishes, I remain Very sincerely yours, BJK Secretary to Dr. Silver

On board the S.S. Marine Carp En-route to Palestine.

March, 25, 1947.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver President, Z.O.A. 41.E.42. St. N.Y.C.

Dear Rabbi Silver :

Your leadership of the American Zionist Organization is the most wondefful thing that has happened to
us in a generation. I think it can truly be compared with the
events in 1933 and 1941, when our nation and the world were on the
brink of disasters and by some divine arrangements there was the
best man in the exact place at the right moment. F.D. Roosevelt
was the Man of the Hour of those terrible days, and of course, as
the New York Times mourned him: "A hundred years from now men will
thank God on theer knees for F.D.R." -- this is true.

I believe you are now in the position of the best man at the test hour of Jewish revival. With the Zionist question going to the U.N.O. for final decision, there is no doubt that our leaders see the grave urgency of the whole matter. We must get the public opinion behind our cause and we must win, There is no other way, and there can be no because.

I know how improper it may seem for a back-line soldier to come forth with ideas and Aitsos, yet I cannot refrain from saying my piece. For Zion I cannot hold my peace.

I am Palestinian born and bred but spent 12 years in the States. During the war I was inPalestine and served 3 years in the U.S.A. Army. I came to N.Y. to renew my citizenship and spent 3 months in N.YC and 3 in Florida. I recouped my G.I. Rights, so that I can study at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

During my recent sojourn in the States I gave a score of talks and lectures about Palestine, at Zionist District "ffairs, new Y uth Groups, in Temples and at parlour me tings.

One thing that impressed me strongly was the remarkable influence that a bona-fide Palestinean makes on American Zionist, and Jews. More than what I said, people liked how I said it and especially that I was a man from the New Erets-Israel. I humbly know that my talks were nothing to brag about, yet I am not too shy to point a lesson we ought to learn from my- and perhaps, others. - experiences.

American Hews are awake today as never before to the Aionist Question. Without exaggeration it can be said they are ripe for the picking, but we need slick and quick pickers.

Even another example may be shown. In the District 13, of the Bronx- of which my father, Mr. Leo Wilson, is President - the are two members who have brought in one hundred new members each and are still going strong. Other District members are bringing new ones by the scores. It does not matter that these recruits are paper-members. Not all the enrolled Democrats and registered Republicans are active members of their Parties, yet they count.

And that is what the Z.O. needs now more than ever, to

give an account with a great count.

With your kind permission, Rabbi Silver, I'll brief my proposal:

The Z.O.A. should train a few score of Palestinians, who speak English and/oreJewish fluently (preferebly if they have

been in U.S.A. and know the idioms and folk expressions).

There are many Palestinians residing in the U.S. now, who would gladly join in this Grusade. Of course this does not exclude American men and women experienced in propaganda. These men should be paid, of course, in compensation for time and work given up during this period. Teams could be prepared to go into all the Jewish Communities in the world, expecially the Americas.

that makes people take notice of him. But any true Palestinian has abiding love of Zion, a robust figure and a burning zeal. Extuberance it is called. It is dynamic and it is contagious.

These men and women should be briefed in the Z.O.A. General Zionist Program, because we have not time now to quibble about political beliefs. They should be well trained to talk to all kinds of Jews and Gentiles and be able to answer all manners of questions. The main thing though, these speakers should have the know-how to tell in simple and moving language about the life of the Yeshuv in Palestine. The human side of the news. About Biria and Negev resettlement and other epic stories. These positive aspects of the great pioncering in E.I. is what impresses people mostly. It holds them spell-bound and while they are under the spell, they can easily be bound to our bandwagon.

Then, suddenly, a few weeks before the U.N.O. is ready to take up the Zionist Problem, please light the Green signal. Let these groups spread out wherever there is even a small Jewish community, give a talk or two and enroll memebers into the Z.O.

This must of course be done secretly, so that the Arabs and their friends know nothing about it. We must have the jump on them and beat them to the punch. It can be done, it is easy. Yes. If we'll marry the secret plannings and actions of the Hagana etc, to the efficiency and talents of U.S. political propaganda, we'll get an organized Grand Campaign that will work wonders and will wind the last battle.

(Mr. Brillian, the Telaviv Brach Manager of the Palestine Post, is travelling with me now. He had the same experiences as I had in speaking to various groups and he holds identical opinions about the advisability and urgency of the course I have the temerity to advocate. It is only because I feel in all my bones thant many others feel as I do, that I undertook to write to you and I hope you will consider this letter in that spirit.)

please, Sir, the public is ready to be gathered like hot-cakes. Also a very large organization of Gentile "Friends- of Zion" can

And, then, when we approach the President, the Congress, the public or the U.N.O. wi thouch a Voice of the People, why we can't lose, we'll win. And very probably we shall obtain from the U.N. more than we are now ready to compromise for.

And so those few millions, in so-called deficit, will be replaced by thousands upon thousands of immigrants, refugees, middle closs and Capitalists into Palestine, until -- Pear Rabbi Silver -- our own Golden Fra will arrive, your own cherished dream and prophetic vision will come true: in one decade we'll werily make a veritable paradise out of the desert of Canaan. A glorious New Erets-Israel for Am- Israel in our ancient Holy Land!

Please forgive my verbosity. I do hop@ you may find some merit in my letter, even if it be the mera fact that I could and would write to you thus.

I fervently pray may the Lord Bless you and I say: " More Power to You".

With a hearty wish for a Happy Passover Season for you and the Greetings of Zion Restored, I am,

Most respectfully yours,

Malachi Wilson.

M. Wilson 16 Ibn-Sima st. Haifa.

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April 23, 1947.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver;

For the past week the Zionist Archives and Library has utilized its resources and staff for the compilation of documents in preparation for the forthcoming Meeting on Palestine of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

- 1. The Jewish Agency for Palestine here requested certain documents from the Zionist Archives and Library which were provided. We have also supplied them with a complete list of all the documents issued by the Jewish Agency of which the Zionist Archives and Library has almost a complete file; and a list of all the Commissions with the official replies of the Jewish Agency. We made photostat copies of documents for the Jewish Agency for official presentation to the United Nations.
- 2. We supplied and are supplying material directly to the United Nations. This was done in the following ways:
- a. Mr. S. Hartz Rasmussen, Librarian of the United Nations telephoned to tell us that Miss Marie J. Carroll, reference librarian, would come to the Zionist Archives and Library in order to consult the bibliographical aids to documents and secondary material on Palestine.
- b. As a result of Miss Carroll's two-day visit to the library, we have sent to the United Nations Library about one hundred books and pamphlets on Palestine and Zionism. We are now preparing an additional collection of about fifty documents for them. This material will be kept in Flushing Meadows for the use of the research workers for the duration of the meeting.

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c. In addition, upon telephonic requests from the librarian, we have forwarded to the United Nations copies of various statements, such as the Roosevelt message to the Zionist Organization of America Convention of 1944 and his statement on the White Paper, as well as the Truman statement of October, 1946, etc. These were sent directly to the Library of the United Nations upon their request for official documentation.

d. We have now established such close relationship between the Zionist Archives and Library and the Library of the United Nations that they telephone to us to check reference to documents, etc.

e. For the last week a research worker of the Trusteeship Committee, Mrs. Erville, with a staff of one or two stenographers, has been working in the Zionist Archives and Library compiling material for a survey on Palestine for the Trusteeship Committee. We have given her basic material and she is in constant consultation with our staff as to what material to use. We have also photostated for her material which is to be found only in our library.

We will be very glad to give you a list of the books and pamphlets which were sent to the United Nations as well as copies of the list of documents issued by the Jewish Agency which we compiled for the Jewish Agency here.

It is indeed gratifying that we are able to render this service.

Very sincerely yours,

Sophie A. Udin

Director and Librarian

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AS PART OF THE ACTION FOR PALESTINE WEEK THE WASHINGTON
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AMERICAN CHRISTIAN PALESTINE COMMITTEE IS ARRANGING
A MASS MEMORIAL AND PROTEST MEETING FOR MONDAY NIGHT
MAY 5 AT THE SHOREHAM HOTEL. RECALLING THAT YOU WILL
BE IN WASHINGTON SAME AFTERNOON TO ADDRESS A LUNCHEON
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EVENING MEETING ARRANGEMENTS DEPEND UPON YOUR REPLY.

=FOR THE WASHINGTON ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL
A L SHALOWITZ 1520 GALMIA RD NW.)

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April 24, 1947 Mr. Abe D. Maldauer Commerce Title Bldg. Memphis 3, Tenn. My dear Mr. Waldauer: Thank you for your kind letter of April 19 and for copies of the correspondence which you enclosed. I have also received from Dr. Goldstein a copy of the letter which he wrote to you un er date of April 22. I believe that an unnecessary amount of heat has unfortunately developed over this question. Undoubtedly the UJA campaign should have priority over any other Jewish or Zionist fund-raising effort in any community. I trust, however, that when your UJA campaign is over that you will energetically proceed with raising a substantial sum for the Expansion Fund in your community. I regret that there has been no contribution from your District since the inception of the Expansion Fund. As you know, the income from membership dues has for years now been inadequate to cover the budget of the ZOA. Especially in this critical and decisive hour the ZOA must not be crippled in its indispensable services to the Zionist cause by the failure of the Fund which alone makes its numerous activities possible. "ith all good wishes, I remain Most cordially yours, AHS: BK

LAW OFFICE ABE D. WALDAUER ABE D. WALDAUER COMMERCE TITLE BUILDING HARRY U. SCRUGGS BEN C. ADAMS MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE 3 April 28, 1947 Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, President Zionist Organization of America The Temple East 105th Street at Ansel Road Cleveland 6, Ohio Dear Dr. Silver:-Thank you for yours of April 25th. I appreciate your agreement with the views expressed in my letter. However, the question of heat being developed over this is unfortunately true. Memphis has enrolled approximately 50% of its eligibles in the local Zionist District. Has New York done as well? Has Cleveland done as well? Memphis has contributed more per capita to the Jewish National Fund than any city in the South. Has New York done as well? Has Cleveland done as well? You see, Doctor, we have a habit down here of getting excited and overheated about some of these problems. Last year, this community was asked to give \$300,000.00 to the United Jewish Appeal. We gave \$400,000.00! It so happens that local Zionists are determined to make the United Jewish Appeal as successful as may be possible. We feel that money for the Expansion Fund should come from the United Palestine Appeal, and that all Palestinian fundraising activities should be coordinated through that agency. Again thanking you for your letter, I am Cordially and sincerel ADW WR alrentaldans

Night letter for Rabbi Silver. Copy being sent out.

I AM DELIGHTED WITH YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF OUR INVITATION

PARTICIPATE IN THE MASS MEETING OF MAY 5TH. WE WILL

DO EVERYTHING TO MAKE THE MEETING AN EFFECTIVE ONE.

A. L. SHALOWITZ
WASHINGTON ZIONIST EMERGENCY
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Dr. Abba Hillel Siver, 342 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I regret exceedingly that you were impelled to withdraw from participation in the Action-For-Palestine meeting on Monday May 5th.

I don't know what or how much you were told of the circumstances surrounding the decision to change the auspices of the meeting, but it was unfortunate that I did not have the opportunity to discuss this with you, before you made your decision, since I was the one to make the proposal.

You may be assured that I would never have made the proposal had I thought it was in any manner an appeasement, or that it could even be remotely considered as humiliating you. Both Mr. Sack and Mr. Turover know that insofar as Washington is concerned, I have from the start consistently battled for a recognition of your policies. I would be the last one to compromise with anyone or with anything where you were involved.

Of course it is not uncovering anything new to say that there are some Silver dissidents in Washington, but in my opinion that was not the motivation for a desire to change the date of the meeting. The leaders of the United Jewish Appeal received a call from the Chairman of the Beverage Division (on whom they depended to raise a quarter of a million dollars in the Campaign) the day after our meeting was announced, that he had received a number of refusals to attend the U.J.A. dinner on Monday night because they were going to hear Silver. The chairman, who incidentally is not a Zionist, became frantic and threatened to resign as chairman if something wasn't done about it. In his thinking the Zionists were trying to undermine his project in which he had a special pride. If we could do anything that would remove the Zionist identification with the meeting then he could insist that his guests attend the dinner. That was the setting in which we found ourselves on Monday morning. The Zionist leadership believed that in the interest of the U.J.A. the meeting should be postponed to another night. The Emergency Council representatives on the other hand believed that the meeting should be held since you were to be in Washington that day. It was in this impasse that I, as chairman of the committee on arrangements for the meeting, proposed that the auspices be changed to only the American Christian Palestine Committee. That was agreed to with

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver - 2 -May 1, 1947 the condition that the names of those who are being invited to the dinner should be sent any announcements of the meeting. In making the proposal I sincerely believed I was strengthening the political value of the meeting, since we would be apt to have a far greater Christian representation than otherwise. It was a difficult thing for me to do since it meant foregoing any memorial to Dov Gruner and the others who were killed and executed -- and that was the original purpose of the meeting. A tremendous amount of work has been put into organizing this meeting, which in its original conception centered around you as principal speaker. When you withdrew, the props were removed and the enthusiasm that was built up vanished. I could not be a party to sending out invitations with you as principal speaker knowing at the time that you would not be there. As a result I and my entire committee resigned from further participation. My only reason for writing you is that I wanted to make sure you were familiar with the facts. Sincerely yours, 1520 Kalmia Rd., N.W. Washington 12, D. C.

LAW OFFICE ABE D. WALDAUER ABE D. WALDAUER COMMERCE TITLE BUILDING HARRY U. SCRUGGS MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE 3 May 9, 1947 Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, President Zionist Organization of America The Temple East 105th Street at Ansel Road Cleveland 6, Ohio Dear Dr. Silver:-Just as a supplemental note to the last letter, the Memphis Zionist District is sending the Expansion Fund \$1,000.00 immediately. When the present Welfare Fund campaign is over, we will survey the situation and see what can be done. Sincerely, anwhachar ADW WR

May 12, 1947 Mr. A. L. Shalowitz 1520 Kalmia Rd., N.W. Washington 12, D.C. My dear Mr. Shalowitz: Thank you for your kind letter of May 1 and for your thoughtfulness in writing to me. I regret that the misunderstanding occurred, and the conflict in dates. I found, as a matter of experience, that appeasement is no good whether it takes place in Munich, London, Jerusalem or Washington. I was happy to address a meeting for the UJA in Washington, and there should have been no objection when I was scheduled to address a meeting the following week under the auspices of the Emergency Council. "ith all good wishes, I remain Very cordially yours. AHS: BK

-17.1. May 12, 1947 Miss Sophie A. Udin Director and Librarian Zionist Archives and Library 41 E. 42nd St. New York, N.Y. My dear Miss Udin: I received your kind letter of April 23 conveying information touching the services which the Zionist Archives and Library has been rendering to the various agencies interested in the preparation of its material on Palestine for the sessions of the I want to congratulate you upon the splendid contribution which you are making. I know how invaluable the Zionist Archives and Library is proving at this time. More power to you! Most cordially yours, AHS: BK

Congregation Beth Jacob PLEASANT STREET PLYMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS NATHAN WISE, Rabbi Tel. Plymouth 1410 May 15, 1947 Dr. Abba Hillel Silver United Nations Lake Success, L.I., N.Y. Dear Dr. Silver: In writing to you at this time, I take the opportunity to express satisfaction with and my personal appreciation for your fine address on Israeland before the United Nations last week. The first time I had written to you on the term "Israeland," which I have originated, I received a reply from Dr. Sidney Marks who has promised to call the matter to your attention. I do not know whether or not up to this time Dr. Marks has already broached the matter to you. But, something which occurred at the meeting of United Nations yesterday impels me to write to you at the present time and such which I consider important and urgent enough to warrant a Special Delivery. For some time now I have been advocating the use of "Israeland" in preference to the generally-used "Palestine" to denote the Jewish Homeland, because to me -- as it should to you and any other ardent Zionist familiar with the history and geography of the ancient Land of Israel and its surrounding countries -- "Palestine" as a name represents nothing Jewish or Hebraic, but rather the corrupted form for "Phillistine," and thus alienates the Jewish people from the country, or any claim to it, by its very name. The best evidence that my insistence, with my present campaign to see "Israeland" adopted by all, Jew and non-Jew alike, has been justified by the remarks made yesterday before the United Nations by one of the Arab delegates to the effect that those Jews who desire to enter Israeland cannot and should not do so because they are the descendants of the converted "Kozarim" people of Southern Russia, and only the Arabs are the true heirs and owners of the

country since they are the descendants of the original Phillistines after which "Palestine" is named.

I am sure you will agree that this is a serious charge, and long since should our people have insisted on some non-Hebraic form of "Eretz Yisrael" to make more pointed our historic claim to Israeland. Perhaps we are not accountable for their omission, but we, at least, should rectify the error--even now, it is not too late -- by insisting that to us, at least, the country has one name, Israeland, and make full use of its psychological value and its effect on all non-Jews.

Congregation Beth Jacob PLEASANT STREET PLYMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS

NATHAN WISE, Rabbi Tel. Plymouth 1410

The Young People's group of my Congregation only last night adopted a resolution specifying that henceforth only "Israeland" would be used, to the exclusion of "Palestine," in all matters in and out of the organization.

Last week the Plymouth newspaper printed an editorial favoring the Jewish cause in Israeland and used the term "Israeland" very freely and naming the editorial--Israeland. I mailed a copy of the newspaper which carried the editorial last Friday to Dr. Marks.

We must not permit the charge of "Kozarim" or anything similar to it remain inadequately answered. In my opinion, calling the Jewish Homeland "Israeland" to the exclusion of all other names, would be a very good start.

I urge upon you serious consideration of this matter and to act without delay, giving the name "Israeland" all of your support as the most prominent and influential figure in Amswican and World Zionism today.

With Zionist greetings and kindest regards, I am

Most sincerely,

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May 28, 1947 * Rathi atta Hillel Silver Cleveland This. Dear Rulli: A rend with satisfaction your remarks in this weeks New York Sunday Times' relative to the surported ptatement by Men Ben Gurion on the inevitability of accepting some sort of partition palection of the Palestine This is to inform you that as a rank and file JOHT member I have followed with in thest and approved your stand on this subject. Past his tory and present realités would seem to indicate a militant pulicy as having the me fest progrests for success. I would like you to know further that this opinion is being in creaningly should by people like myself and that you strike very responsive chards among the less vocal of your Constituents. Indeed we feel the entreme pasition of the Argun should become the official position of our organization. Let us volen taily adopt this pasition now rather than again book wist fully pack toil as mother lost apportunity. For as a people, we sum to already be in that position where we have nothing to looss and everything to guen. Sincerely, & Cook Aug. Children, Muss. aleraham Walgar

June 10, 1947 Mr. Abraham Wolper 8 Cook Ave. Chelsea, Mass. My dear Mr. Wolper: Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of May 28 which I read with great pleasure. I share with you many of the sentiments expressed in it. We have entered a very decisive hour in the history of our movement and I hope that it will have the wisdom and the courage requisite for the emergency. with all good wish s, I remain Very cordially yours, AHS: BK

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