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SEPTEMBER 21ST 1947 AS PALESTINE MOBILIZATION DAY. A PARADE
ON THE GRAND CONCOURSE OF ALL JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS LED BY
JEWISH WAR VETERANS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY HUGE MASS MEETING AT
400 PM IN COURT HOUSE SQUARE. FULL SUPPORT OF ZIONIST EMERGENCY
COUNCIL AGREED UPON. WILL YOU IDOL OF BRONX JEWRY CONCENT TO
SPEAK. PLEASE INFORM HARRY SHAPIRO OF EMERGENCY COUNCIL=
HARRY COHEN CHAIRMAN BRONX ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL
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REFERRING TO PREVIOUS TELEGRAM PLEASE SEND IMMEDIATELY
MESSAGE TO BE READ AT BRONX RALLY SUNDAY. EXTREMELY
URGENT PLEASE RUSH IMMEDIATELY SEND SAME WIRE COLLECT=
HARRY COHEN CHAIRMAN BRONX ZIONIST EMERGENCY
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THE TEMPLE=

REGRET YOUR INABILITY TO ATTEND THIS SUNDAYS MASS
PARADE RALLY IN BRONX. WOULD APPRECIATE A MESSAGE
TO BE READ AT THE RALLY PLEASE SEND SAME IMMEDIATELY
BY WIRE COLLECT=

HARRY COHEN CHAIRMAN BRONX ZIONIST EMERGENCY
COUNCIL 673 BROADWAY ROOM 430 NYC.

9-20-47

MR. HARRY COHEN
CHAIRMAN, BRONX ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL
135 W. 168th ST.
NEW YORK, N.Y.

~~Handwritten mark~~ I DEEPLY REGRET THAT I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BE WITH YOU AT YOUR PALESTINE RALLY ON SUNDAY. I SALUTE ALL THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE PARTICIPATING IN THIS DEMONSTRATION, ESPECIALLY THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS WHO HAVE TIME AND AGAIN DEMONSTRATED THEIR DEVOTION TO THE GREAT IDEAL OF ~~OUR~~ BUILDING THE JEWISH STATE, EVEN AS THEY *have* DEMONSTRATED THEIR UNSWERVING LOYALTY IN WAR AND PEACE TO AMERICA. THE HOUR OF DECISION IS UPON US. MUCH WILL DEPEND UPON THE SUPPORT WHICH THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WILL GIVE TO THE MAJORITY REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PALESTINE. IF TRUMAN AND MARSHALL WILL PUT THE GREAT WEIGHT OF THEIR POLITICAL AND MORAL AUTHORITY UNEQUIVOCALLY BEHIND THE MAJORITY PROPOSALS THERE WILL BE A JEWISH STATE IN PALESTINE WITHIN THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

WARMEST REGARDS,

~~Handwritten mark~~ ABBA HILLEL SILVER



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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

41 EAST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK 17, N.Y.

September 26, 1947

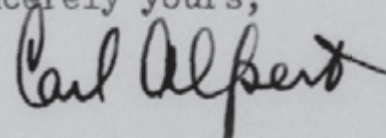
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

We have been presented with an outstanding claim by Marvin Lowenthal for his speaker's fee on the occasion of his address before the Histadruth Ivrit Convention in Cincinnati some months ago. It was our initial understanding with Mr. Halevi of the Histadruth Ivrit that that organization would meet the fee. Mr. Halevi now informs me however, that you had agreed to have the ZOA take care of this item.

I would appreciate your letting me know if you had authorized the ZOA to pay Mr. Lowenthal's fee.

Sincerely yours,



Carl Alpert, Director
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October 5, 1947

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

My dear Mr. Alpert:

In reply to your letter of September 29 --
I believe that the Histadruth Ivrit has a legitimate claim. I was scheduled to address their convention as President of the ZOA. On the eve of the convention, I was informed that a long awaited appointment was made for me with Secretary of State Marshall on the day of the convention. I notified Mr. Halevi and expressed my regrets. He was in a quandry and I suggested to him to obtain a substitute for me. He pleaded that the Histadruth had no funds. I then stated that the ZOA would pay for the speaker. I suggest that Mr. Lowenthal's fee be paid.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ANS:BK

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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

41 EAST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT
HERSCHEL AUERBACH, *Director*

Airmail

November 13, 1947

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
105th Street & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

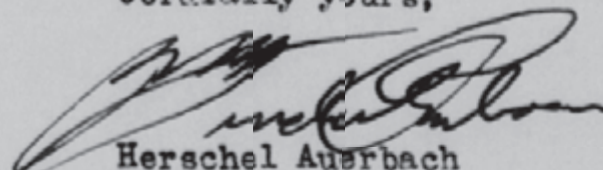
Dear Dr. Silver:

Last night the Veterans Committee of the Z.O.A. tendered a Reception and Dinner in honor of Colonel Julius Klein, newly elected National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States. At this Dinner, Colonel Klein pledged full cooperation on the part of the JWV in the forthcoming Shekel Drive. He promised to have the JWV sell shekolim, and I think that they can sell a minimum of 50,000 without too much effort. Colonel Klein was so impressed that he personally made out a check, unasked for, in the amount of \$250.00 to cover the purchase of shekolim for wounded Jewish veterans in hospitals who would want to vote for delegates to the World Zionist Congress but who would be unable to afford this expenditure.

I would strongly urge that you write Colonel Klein personally and thank him for this cooperation, and mention the importance of the JWV being represented at the World Zionist Congress as part of the Z.O.A. Delegation, etc. etc. Colonel Klein is fully cognizant of your position as the leader of American Jewry and looks up to you with the greatest respect and admiration. A letter from you can and will clinch the final arrangement with them on the matter of selling shekolim. (Kindly send me a copy of the communication you may send him.)

Kindest personal regards.

Cordially yours,



Herschel Auerbach
National Membership Director

HA/l

Postscript: Colonel Klein's address is c/o Jewish War Veterans of the United States, 50 West 77th Street, New York, N.Y.

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November 17, 1947

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

My dear Herschel:

Thank you for your letter of November 13. Before it arrived, Col. Klein telephoned me about other matters and mentioned with great satisfaction the dinner which the ZOA arranged in his honor. He also mentioned to me his great interest in the forthcoming Shekel Drive, his confidence that the JNV will cooperate, and his own contribution. I congratulated him upon his great interest in the matter.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Testimonial Dinner

tendered to

MR. SAMUEL FRANKEL

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

BRONX REGION

Wednesday, January 14th, 1948

HOTEL RIVERSIDE PLAZA

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40 Burnside Avenue, Bronx 53, N. Y.

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Cocktails at 6 P.M.
Dinner at 7 P.M.

November 20, 1947

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
c/o The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

We are attaching herewith our formal invitation to a dinner to our distinguished and active Zionist, Mr. Samuel Frankel. The dinner will be the climax of our present campaign to raise a sum of money for both the Expansion Fund of the Zionist Organization of America and the Bronx Zionist Region. Kindly note that it will be in the Riverside Plaza Hotel, 253 West 73rd Street, New York, Wednesday evening January 14, 1948.

We shall deem it an honor to have you with us on that occasion. Not only will you listen to an address by our National President, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, but you will see also our districts coming forth with their contributions to the Cause.

Should you desire to bring a lady, kindly let us know and we will furnish you with another ticket.

Very sincerely yours,

Abraham Linzer
Abraham Linzer
Chairman

MC:RF

December 8, 1947

Mr. Abraham Linzer, Chairman
Testimonial Dinner to
Mr. Samuel Frankel
40 Burnside Avenue
Bronx 53, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Linzer:

I deeply appreciate your kindness in inviting me to attend the testimonial dinner to Mr. Samuel Frankel on Wednesday evening, January 14. It would have given me great pleasure indeed to be with you and to join your many friends in paying tribute to Mr. Frankel for his outstanding services to our great cause. However, I shall probably be in Palestine by January 14 attending the sessions of the Executive of the Jewish Agency and the Actions Committee.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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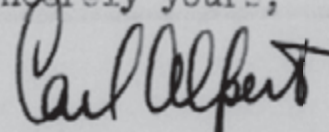
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

A recent CIO labor publication quotes you as opposing the Marshall Plan and asking for an end to the "get tough with Russia" policy of the American government. We have since received requests for authentication of this statement of yours which, I am given to understand, was contained in one of your recent sermons.

I would appreciate any information which we may pass on to those inquiring.

Sincerely yours,



Carl Alpert, Director
Education Department

CA:RW

December 19, 1947

Mr. Carl Alpert, Director Education Department
Zionist Organization of America
41 E. 42nd St.
New York 17, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Alpert:

I have had quite a number of inquiries about the address which I delivered at The Temple on November 16 on the subject of the Marshall Plan. I am enclosing herewith a fairly accurate though not comprehensive report of the address which appeared the following morning in the Cleveland Plain Dealer. From it you will get the drift of my argument. The address was not "in opposition" to the Marshall Plan but directed toward getting correct answers to a number of basic questions which unfortunately to this day have not yet been answered.

As far as "getting tough with Russia" is concerned, I have been opposed to this stupid line right along.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

DINNER

RIVERSIDE PLAZA HOTEL

Wednesday Evening, January 14th, 1948

Testimonial Dinner

to

MR. SAMUEL FRANKEL

by the

BRONX REGION

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Wednesday Evening, January 14th, 1948

at the

RIVERSIDE PLAZA HOTEL

253 West 73rd Street, New York

Cocktails at 6 P. M.

Dinner at 7 P. M.

Dietary Laws Observed

Informal

SIX DOLLARS PER COVER

after reversal

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

March 21, 1948

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ZOA

This morning there appeared a statement in the public press by Secretary Marshall about the news conference in Los Angeles. In this statement, in which the Secretary of State attempts to explain and justify the actions which were taken by the United States delegation at the Security Council on Friday, one finds the following paragraph or two.

The United States supported partition plan for Palestine in the General Assembly last autumn. Since that time we have explained every possibility of appeasing impression of that recommendation. We suggested to accept the plan as a basis for its own action in the matter. This he refused to do on March 5th, 1948. We then planned a among five members appears some basis of agreement upon . These were unsuccessful in developing or arranging any of an agreement writing permission as to how the Security Council might proceed. In fact their members of the Council have made attempts and resolutions to proceed with partition. In addition to efforts within the United Nations we have attempted by acceptance General Assembly. This did not lead to any substantial results etc. This statement of Marshall's in Los Angeles in explaining the position of the American government on partition leaves much to be desired as to fact and accuracy. To suggest that the failure of the Security Council to accept partition as a basis for its action on March 5th, and the failure of consultation among the five principal powers to find basis of agreement on which the partition plan might go forward by peaceful means is to obscure the role which the U.S. played in the Security Council from the very first day of its meeting. That role was to scuttle the partition plan, reopen the whole issue and maneuver for a new meeting of the General Assembly in which an international trusteeship would be proposed by the U.S. To represent the U.S. as the champion of partition at the Security Council is fantastic.

This has been the intention of the American Government long before the Security Council met. It was agreed upon before Ambassador Austin made his first statement on February 24th in spite of the oft-repeated statements of the President, Secretary Marshall and Ambassador Austin in favor of partition. It was clearly reflected by Austin's statement that the Security Council had no authority to enforce the partition decision of the UN and that it should make every effort to get an agreement on the basis of the General Assembly recommendation for the underlying political difficulty. The day following Austin's statement on February 25th, an official spokesman of the State Department briefed newspapermen as to the intentions of the U.S. Government and stated that the period before the recognition of the separate Jewish and Arab States should be extended through a Trusteeship system.

The failure of the U.S. Delegation to back up the partition plan and its unwillingness to comply with the request of the UN Commission shook the confidence of the other members of the Security Council. This was the reason which they themselves gave for their unwillingness to act on the Resolution introduced by the U.S. Delegation to accept the requests addressed to the Security Council by the General Assembly before the five permanent members of the Council will have presented the results of their investigation. They did not turn down the partition plan. Quite the contrary. The Resolution which was finally adopted clearly stated that the permanent members of the Council are to inform the Security Council regarding the situation with respect to Palestine and to make recommendations of it...with the view of implementing the Resolution of the General Assembly.

In spite of the fact that the Security Council voted down the Resolution of the U.S. Delegation which called for new consultations with Jews and Arabs on the subject of partition, it was the U.S. Delegation which thrust this issue forward right at the very beginning of the deliberation of the Big Four. They invited the Jews and the Arabs to discuss modifications of the partition plan.

The question of ways of implementing partition and of complying with the request of the UN Commission for a non-Palestinian armed force to maintain law and order in Palestine was never discussed by the Big Four. It was never the intention of the US to have it discussed.

One hour before the meeting of the Security Council on Friday afternoon, the matter of scrapping partition and of calling a special assembly of the UN to vote on an international trusteeship was presented to a meeting of the Big Four. By that time Mr. Austin's elaborate statement proposing these revolutionary plans was already mimeographed and ready for distribution. No indication was given in the morning by Ambassador Austin when he presented his first report to the Security Council on the findings of the Big Four on the new proposal which he had up in his sleeve for the afternoon session.

The American press and the public has been aware for months now of the intention of powerful forces in Government circles to undo the work of November 29th, and to defeat partition. The American press has been full of these apprehensions. They had reason to doubt the pious lip service which the heads of our government were paying to partition. What transpired last Friday was the culmination of a carefully planned conspiracy and it has for the moment succeeded on paper.

Quite apart from the merits of the case, is it not high time for the American people to demand from their officials forthrightness and integrity in place of duplicity and double-dealings which do much hurt to the moral leadership of our country in these distraught and dangerous times. Is it not clear that the authority of American leadership in the world today depends ultimately not on arms or on dollars but on the confidence which peoples place in our pledged word, in the example set by our government in not yielding either to threats or power politics, oil interests or other considerations..

At the occasion of the great meeting in Manhattan Center following our victory of November 29th, some of you may recall, I had the occasion to say to the great gathering there assembled that my attitude towards our Government with reference to Palestine was one which (Hebrew phrase) in that moment of supreme to send this note of warning to our people that while we had every right to pay tribute to extend our gratitude to the heads of our government who assisted in getting the Resolutions on the partition plan accepted by the U.N. I was not at all sure that that attitude was not subject to change and revision, but at the same time I was aware of the fact that we had powerful names in the State Departments and their governments; these names worked very hard before November 29th was quite evident. They were defeated—they were not liquidated nor had they reconciled themselves to defeat. I was afraid of this unreasonable powerful hostility towards our cause in the State Dept., and it was not long before first evidences of this irreconcilable hostility which had not stepped aside in the matter of Palestine and made itself. It was not many days after the 29th that the embargo was clamped down on the shipment of arms to the Jews in Palestine ----. Our government whole-heartedly favored establishing a Jewish State—a government which was aware and made aware that forces around Palestine were organizing and contemplating to alter the decision of the U.N. and to make impossible the establishment of a Jewish State, but such a government would feel obligated legally to assist and to protect this Jewish State for which it had voted instead of clamping down an embargo which meant to keep that Jewish community in Palestine defenseless, subject to attack and annihilation, and to make impossible the carrying out of the decision. A few days later came an announcement in Palestine by C---- of the U.S. to invoke passports of American Jewish students in Palestine who would take part in forces. These students were G.I.s who came over to study. They have not pledged to sovereign Palestine. These American boys were being molested and pushed as the other Jews in Palestine, and they therefore joined up with the Haganah to defend themselves. The American government knew what was happening, but did not send any defense for these Jewish citizens, but at least it could have kept quiet. To tell these young boys that

that they were not going to receive any support towards these Arab hoards, and their American citizenship meant nothing towards the hostility was really quite shameful. It was not long after that the American public became aware that something was happening: that there was some strange shifting going on in this issue. They became seriously perturbed. Columnists began writing little lines, and all aimed to show that the U.S. had made a mistake on Nov. 29th and endangered international interest, and that it should be scrapped.

In January the Zionist Emergency Council sent work to me. I was in Palestine at the time --- the agency called Dr. Weizman because of the serious Palestine situation here. What happened? The picture is clear now, but it took time to put the pieces together. The U.N. began to see that oil and other interests were being endangered by the threats of the Arabs against the U.S. because of its endorsement of partition plan, and they sent their most successful public release men amongst government circles in Washington to organize a systemized campaign to proceed the American government, and to alter its position on partition. "This is not conjecture, but facts." They quickly received this report for no other reason, but oil interests. They sent enthusiastic reports of Secretary Forrestal who quickly tied up this concern of oil companies with the interest of international security. So, a plan was evolved to undo the work of the Security Council. This plan was put not only before Forrestal, but members in the State Department such as Marshall, Lovett, Armor, and Henderson. It was passed by a number of members in international organization in our government whose contact is with the U.N. and this group finally proceeded pressing Truman who became a convert of this proposition with information-----because it endangered international interest, and a plan was worked out whereby the Security Council no action would be permitted which would do toward implementation of November 29th. The plan that under all circumstances not to come to an understanding with Soviet Union on the partition plan. A plan was called for a new assembly-----.

The plan was to appear before the public as a great pacifier. The nation insisted on peace to avoid blood-shed. It was clear to everybody that no plan can be carried out without enforcement. The plan was to keep the public guessing, specially Jews and Zionists in the dark about the real intentions of the government. -----partition and at the last moment spring the surprise, push through quickly the plan of scuttling partition and international trusteeship. It is for that reason which I read to you---my answer to Secretary Marshall---because that statement which I assumed Marshall himself was helping the draft of people in the State Dep't.-----.

Last Friday the American Govt. was whole-heartedly for partition that it agreed to put it through. The Security Council itself refused to move. The United States delegation had to adopt a new proposal. In November General Johnson said it was purposeless and pointless because no agreed solution can be reached. Thirty years on the floor of the Assembly, I have come across all kinds of solutions which were made, and it was impossible, therefore we must attack one feasible plan to satisfy international aspiration and the people of Palestine which would benefit all people and establish a national regime.

At the last stage, a few days before the proposal was to be proclaimed, two U.S. delegates . At this late stage in passing the Resolution they finally came to an agreement. This was voted down by the Assembly. Article C of the American proposal, but would the Big Four meet on the basis that the resolution adopted. Could the Jews and Arabs be sorted out to see if we could come to a peaceful solution. The Arabs under no conditions would discuss any solution of partition -- it was the Americans that proposed a truce. The Jews in Palestine were minding their own business and co-operating with the U.N. in carrying out the plan. They were being attacked by governments, and being urged not to use any force in an effort to alter the decision. (Another plan was proposed, but the Arabs attacked that plan also). Another manœuvre was made to stop the partition of this plan on the view of its consolation.

The U.N. was compelled to show its hand. It did on a Friday afternoon. It did not want partition, and therefore scrapped it, suspended work on the U.N. Commission.

Another session was proposed to make new plans. It was done in such a furtive manner

that our government handled this problem. I was a little ashamed because of the lengths our representatives were taking in trying to put over their new proposal.

In the morning, Austin read a report of the meeting of the Big Four, and in the report there was a statement which had been introduced by the Chinese to the effect that infiltration of armed bands into Palestine constituted the situation in Palestine. The Chinese introduced the phrase, "by land and Sea"

to make their home in Palestine. With these guerilla's coming in from neighboring places in order to undo the decision of the U.N.

The U.N. delegation read this statement to convince and draw the distinction. In the afternoon, the delegation tried to distinguish the phrase, "by land and sea" and tried to smuggle in misled information which he obtained from the British giving that this phrase was justified. I say that this was a conspiracy. I did not think they had enough courage to go through with it.

(something was mentioned about Finland, Czechoslovakia---between Russia and U.S.-- President on St. Patrick's Day---a new proposal of U.S. government---something else about the Secretary)

I think it was because they became convinced that the mood of the country is so aroused and concerned about Russia that they could stab us in the back and get away with it. This very thought of Marshall's explains the thing that was done to us, not only out of deep humanitarian consideration, but because of vital elements of national security. You are endangering our national security. You are unpatriotic. This is our oil imperialism hiding itself under the American flag.

All of this was part of a pattern to make the Zionist movement abhorrent in the eyes of the American people and linked up with Communism.

They hoped to get the backing of the Security Council. A special assembly was called. International trusteeship with Palestine.

In this connection, I should like to say that your organization has done its full share during these last few months in making the American public see the situation as it stands and of our just rights. I cannot say that we did everything, but it is fair to say that as much was done in the last three months which led to our defeat which was done up to November 29th which led to our victory. We saw everyone that needed to be seen, hundred's of people of all ranks, Jews and non-Jews. People were contacted from the President, down---from the highest rank to the lowest. The country has co-operated in membership in a fine way. Every community sent representatives to the national conference which was held in Washington. The press of the United States, especially in the last few weeks has been helpful editorially and in other ways. It was simply that powerful forces ignoring all this for the moment succeeded in imposing a new policy on the American Governments.

I believe that the decision of the proposals of the U.S. delegation, and the general weakening of our position of the U.N. was assisted--also by what I would call a weak U.N. Commission decision. This Commission did not have a forceful leadership which it should have had. I am merely app^arising the situation.

The decision of the U.N. was not subject to any revision. They have no right to change it. They can guide the Commission within the terms of reference within the framework of the U.N., but they cannot tell any committee to stop its work, but Austin believes he can. The Commission could have gone ahead much more rapidly. It could have proclaimed the provisional government already. Had nothing to stop it. The Commission need not have hesitated.

He made everything dependent upon sending an international force. The Jewish Agency informed me that they called for the establishing for a militia in Arab State and Jewish State. The parts of the plan are not

We said that if a Jewish militia is established, and we were properly armed, we would be able to take care of law and order in Palestine. If the U.N. feels that the incursion of armed bands in near countries would violate the charter, we are perfectly happy to have the U.N. send in a world force.

We never stated that an international force for the Jewish State could not be established.

The weakness of the U.N. commission and specially its chairman which made it possible for the names in the entire scheme to rally round and force .

In this connection, I should like to say that many of the warmest friends of the plan were members of the Secretariat of the U.N. who were not involved in oil and who were impartial and who saw through this issue.

I must say as I said in my statement last Friday, The Security Council has taken the gravest kind of responsibility when it took the action which it did on Friday. We destroyed the League of Nations in the last war, and we are faltering now again. It seems that we use the U.S. when it serves our interest, and we throw it aside when it does not serve our interest.

I would like to call your attention to article 79 of the charter which has to do with international trusteeship.

1. This plan makes it possible to keep Russia out.
2. Under the UN. provisions, mandated areas which are transferred to the U.N. Trusteeship have a good deal to say. In this case it would be Egypt, Syria and Lebanon, Iraq and Great Britain

If the international trusteeship is established, I prophesy that Great Britain will be there, either alone or with one or two countries. No matter what uniforms are worn, American, Chinese or French, the Jews will fight immigration barriers. Questions on how many Jews will be allowed in Palestine will be subject to preference, and those in whose behalf the partition plan was scrapped. Of course, if anything like that should happen, and it is anything like the White Paper, the American government will be forced into a position of fighting the Jews in Palestine. The partition will be there, the reasons will be there, but who will stand behind barbed wires.

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April 2nd, 1948

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
c/o The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am enclosing herein copy of a letter I have today written
to Dr. Abram Sachar which is self-explanatory. I will be
pleased to receive from you any comments regarding same as you
care to make.

Sincerely yours,


Alexander BisnoAB:b
Enc.

Mar. 31. 48



April 2, 1948

Dr. Abram L. Sachar
15347 Sutton Street
Sherman Oaks, California

Dear Dr. Sachar:

I am enclosing herein copy of a syndicated article that appeared in yesterday's edition of the Los Angeles Daily News, entitled, "Object Lesson" by Joseph and Stewart Alsop. I refer you particularly to that sentence in the article that reads as follows:

"There can be little doubt of the result. Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, American Zionist Leader, has already said that the Jewish community in Palestine will fight troops in any uniform, including the American, which replace the British."

I have always felt that a good American Jew was an American first, and that his primary loyalties were to his country - the United States - its constitution, its laws and its interests.

I have felt also that a good American Jew was a good Jew too, proud of his heritage and traditions and devoted to the interests of the Jews throughout the world - but only in so far as such devotion was not inconsistent or incompatible with his primary loyalty to the country of his citizenship.

I don't know whether the American troops will soon be dispatched to Palestine to replace British troops as indicated by Joseph and Stewart Alsop, but if they are dispatched, it is my opinion that no loyal American has a right to contribute his money, cooperation, or material to anyone who will fight and kill American soldiers. I will not go into the question as to whether the American Government would be right or wrong in dispatching troops to Palestine in an endeavor to keep order, but even if I felt convinced that the American Government was wrong, it would not change my conviction that no Americans, whether they be Jews or Gentiles would have any right to arm and encourage fighting against and killing of our troops.

Dr. Abram L. Sachar

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I have listened to you speak from time to time at the Covenant Club in Chicago. I have heard much about you from my friend, Sam Shmikler in Champaign, and my cousin, Julius Bisno who now lives in Los Angeles, and I have always regarded you as a good example of a good American Jew. I would be very much interested, therefore, to receive a letter from you with your opinion as to whether the position I take is sound.

I cannot escape the conviction that before an American Jew would justified in the generous contributions proposed in behalf of the fighting Jews in Palestine, the statement attributed to Rabbi Silver should be disavowed and repudiated.

Sincerely yours,


Alexander Bisno

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cc: Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
c/o THE TEMPLE
Cleveland, Ohio

enc.

OBJECT LESSON.....By Joseph and Stewart Alsop

American troops will soon be dispatched to Palestine to replace British troops. They will be sent to perform precisely the same function that the British have performed since the war. And they will inherit precisely the same miseries, including shootings and bombings by the Irgun and Stern gangs. At the moment, this unpleasant prospect seems about the best forecast of what is in store as a result of the record of American policy on Palestine.

American troops will be bequeathed the virtually impossible task of keeping order in Palestine, simply because no other troops, except Russians, are available.

The basic reason for the reversal of American policy on Palestine was, of course, precisely to prevent Russian troops from being sent to Palestine or Russian influence spreading to the Middle East. Partition was abandoned largely because the conviction gradually spread upward through the State and service departments to President Truman that partition gave the Soviets an opportunity to establish a foothold in the Middle East. The trusteeship proposal advanced last week by American U.N. Delegate Warren Austin was designed primarily to end that opportunity.

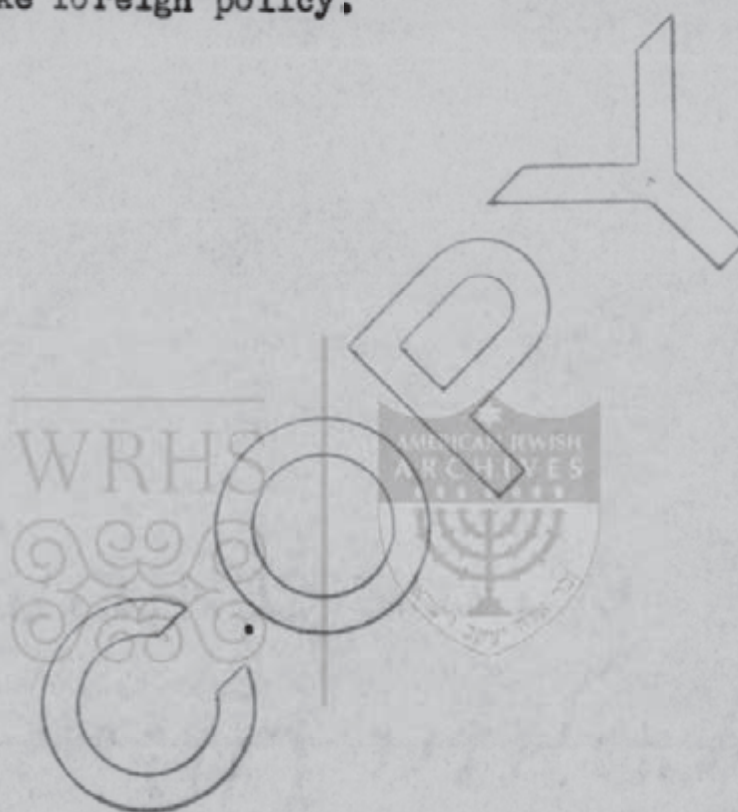
The Soviet Union has refused to join the United Nations Trusteeship Council to which, if the American proposal is approved by the Assembly, the Palestine problem will be referred. There is no veto in the Council. Final decisions are made by a two thirds vote. Thus even if the Kremlin were to order Andrei Gromyko to join the Trusteeship Council tomorrow, and if he were to demand Soviet participation in a Palestine trusteeship the day after, he would simply be voted down. By this faintly legalistic device, the United States will have barred the soviet Union from Palestine, provided the Assembly approves the American proposal.

The U. S. Senate asked to ~~approve~~ approve the sending of American troops to Palestine, might refuse. Then the Jews and Arabs would be left to fight it out.

Most of the experts believe that in time, as the enormous Arab superiority in manpower made itself felt, the Jewish community in Palestine completely would find itself position in Palestine completely untenable. In that case there would be enormous moral pressure in this country to send troops, if only to prevent a masacre of the Jews.

In the opinion of those closest to the situation the most probable outcome of the trusteeship proposal is that the United States will for all practical purposes merely replace the British as the mandatory power. There can be little doubt of the result. Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, American Zionist leader, has already said that the Jewish community in Palestine will fight troops in any uniform, including the American, which replace the British. If Dr. Silver is right, there is no use disregarding the risk of an outbreak of racial feeling in this country.

Thus American policy on Palestine, which was primarily responsible for the British withdrawal in the first place, has led apparently to these results: First, we will inherit all the miseries of the British in Palestine and a few more besides; second, racial tension in this country may be disastrously aggravated; third, we will have committed badly needed troops where no advantage, strategic or otherwise, accrues from their commitment, and fourth, we will have settled nothing. It is not difficult to understand why the record of American policy on Palestine can stand as a chilling object lesson in how not to make foreign policy.



April 12, 1948

Mr. Alexander Bisno
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Los Angeles 5, Calif.

My dear Mr. Bisno:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of April 2nd and the enclosures.

The Alsops evidently refer to an address which I delivered at the meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Zionist Organization of America on March 21st. I do not know what newspaper the Alsops are quoting. What I actually said was reported in the New Palestine on March 31st and the relevant passages I am enclosing herewith.

The Jews of Great Britain have, for some time, faced the great unpleasantness and the resultant anti-Semitism of having British troops in Palestine fired on by Palestinian Jews who bitterly resented the White Paper Policy of Great Britain which these troops were ordered to enforce. It is precisely because I dread a similar situation confronting American Jews, should the United States take over Great Britain's role in enforcing White Paper restrictions in Palestine, that I cautioned the American people against these dangers inherent in the new trusteeship proposals of the United States Government. A leader has the responsibility of analyzing a policy in all its ramifications and he must not blink at developments and contingencies which must be foreseen and, if possible, guarded against.

Let me assure you that I share with you fully all your patriotic sentiments. One's love for America does not involve approval of all its foreign policies, which, in the case of Palestine, represents a shocking reversal of a

Mr. Alexander Bisno

April 12, 1948

position taken but three months before and one which has been overwhelmingly condemned by American public opinion. Quite the contrary, it compels one to warn of disastrous consequences which may be involved in a blundering foreign policy.

Very sincerely yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi:

The writer, you may recall, is the president of the Zionist Council of Essex County, an affiliate organization of about ninety membership organizations representing more than 20,000 citizens of Essex County sympathetic to the Zionist cause. I believe I can honestly say that we are the best Zionist Council in the country. We maintain a regular office with a full time secretary, a paid field worker of the American Christian Palestine Committee, and have regular general meetings and Board meetings, and have devotedly followed the instructions issuing from the Zionist Emergency Council on all matters.

Recently, an organization known as the American Voters for a Jewish State has been organized and I am enclosing a membership application blank which states our program. You will see by it that it is a non-partisan, non-racial organization for a specific objective. It is not intended in any manner, shape or form to be a rival organization of any Zionist organization, but in view of the limited character of our Zionist organizations in regard to engaging in political action, and in order to avoid any charges being made that the Zionist Council is a political organization, it was felt expedient to organize such a movement to accomplish the objective closest to our hearts. The organization has met with a responsive sympathy and support by the public and is growing daily. In the short time that we have organized, we have been able to secure a statement from Robert C. Hendrickson, Republican candidate for U.S. Senator from New Jersey, in which he completely repudiates the position of Senator Smith on partition, and as soon as same is released to the press, a copy will be sent to you.

The American Voters for a Jewish State were also able to secure a statement from Senator H. Alexander Smith, a copy of which I am enclosing for your confidential information.

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This will be released to the press within a few days, and if you will recall that Senator Smith was adamant on this one point that he would not under any circumstances vote for lifting the embargo to the Jews, you will see that our organization has resources at its command that can make him change.

Confidentially also, we have arranged for a meeting between Stassen, Smith, Governor Driscoll of New Jersey. Lloyd Marsh, one of our outstanding Republican figures, and a member of the Republican national policy making committee, to meet in New Jersey on May 27 and 28. The purpose of this meeting will be to censure Senator Smith for his statement to you and for his views on trusteeship and on partition from a Republican national standpoint. He will be told that his statement has jeopardized the chances of many Republicans to be elected to Congress, and has damaged the Republican chances of victory. His closest friends advise me that they expect to bring him back into the fold, or at least to neutralize his opposition to a vigorous pro-Palestine policy.

We are also advised by those closely associated with him that it is absolutely essential for Senator Smith to receive thousands of letters from New Jersey, expressing amazement, surprise and condemnation at the reversal of his position on Palestine, and that a directive must go out which will ensure this barrage of letters.

My dear Rabbi, I know that you are busy and that your mind is taken up with a great many problems. We, in New Jersey, consider that we can in our little way help, and we would like you to answer this letter and comment on the American Voters for a Jewish State, and give us suggestions as to whether what we are doing should be pursued further, and what we can do to help the overall picture, and we would deeply appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

There is one other matter which I must call to your attention. Several years ago I made the suggestion that a stockholders' suit be started by a stock holder in one of the oil companies who are implicated in the subsidizing of Arab delegates in this country or members of our own State Department, or in spending money for pro-Arab propaganda. The advantages of such a suit are obvious. The publicity attendant upon the filing of the complaint would be worth millions of dollars to us; and there are other advantages, which you will immediately recognize.

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I did at that time, and have since, consulted some of the finest legal minds in our community, and they have assured me that if the facts are as represented, such a suit could be brought and could not be dismissed upon motion. I still think that it is advisable to pursue such a policy, but should be done on a national level, and I would appreciate hearing from you on this specific project; for I am afraid it ~~would~~ ^{will} be done and may not be done as I should like to see it done, with your full approval, and under your guidance and direction, and by the attorneys that you would select.

Trusting that you are well, and that you will find the courage and strength to continue to battle for Jewish freedom and a Jewish homeland, we are,

Very truly yours,

Nathan H. Brodsky
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

The Brooklyn Region is coming of age - - - its 13th Annual Convention will be held June 5th and 6th at the Jewish Community House of Bensonhurst. In all seriousness, I plead with you to be with us on this occasion.

In the history of the United States, only two Presidents were elected without the vote of New York, Hayes and Wilson. Three-quarters of the New York vote is made up by the City of New York. And, the Greater New York vote is determined by the vote of the Borough of Brooklyn. During the months to come, Brooklyn Zionists must play a truly decisive role - - - through political action, membership and U. J. A. Your coming would mark a turning point in the final phase of these efforts, - during the U. N. Session, prior to the Z. O. A. Convention, and in anticipation of the November elections.

Do come.

Respectfully and cordially yours,

B G Browdy

President Brooklyn Zionist Region

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Chicago
April 19, 1948

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, D.D.
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thanks much for your letter of April 12 and enclosure in answer to my communication of April 2nd.

The points of our discussion are probably moot since it looks as though our country will not send groups to Palestine.

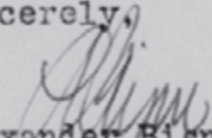
While it is true that the Alsops did not quote you correctly, nevertheless, I do think it unfortunate that a proposition envisaging even the possibility of Palestinian Jews fighting American soldiers, should be publicly aired.

While I could not get myself to condone or give aid or comfort to anyone under any circumstances who would kill American soldiers, nevertheless if it should ever become the policy of the United States government to endeavor to enforce with its own soldiers the iniquitous and reprehensible policy of the British government, I would be among the first to fight like hell right here to have our government change such policies.

However, I have always felt that if the American government did send troops to Palestine to enforce law and order, that they would come as friends of the Jews and that we should advise our co-religionists in Palestine to cooperate with and be friendly to the Americans. The Palestinian Jews, dependent as they are almost entirely upon the morale and financial aid of American Jews, should consider our position here, should not slap the hand that feeds them and should take cognizance of the fact that an American Jew must be an American first and a Jew second.

I reiterate my thanks to you for taking the time to write me your position in this matter which is undoubtedly sound -- even though perhaps somewhat unfortunate the way you put it publicly.

Sincerely,


Alexander Bisno

3757 Wilshire Blvd.
Los Angeles, Calif.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: 6/4/48

FROM: Carl Alpert

SUBJECT:

The enclosed pamphlet, "Our Battle for Jewish Statehood", has been the most effective statement available of our political struggle. We had many thousands of copies of this pamphlet, most of which have now been distributed.

Could I induce you to revise this material, and perhaps bring it up-to-date for republication at this time? There is dire need for such pamphlet literature, and we could dispose of tens of thousands of copies.

I would appreciate hearing from you.

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June 22, 1948

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

At the Annual Conference of the Bronx Zionist Region recently held, the following resolution was adopted:

The Bronx Region of the Zionist Organization of America in Convention assembled in this, the first year of the independence of the State of Israel, records the respect, the love and the esteem in which Jews everywhere hold Dr. Abba Hillel Silver. His unwavering and courageous advocacy of the historic goals of our movement and his refusal to be deterred or detoured in his drive toward the goal of Jewish Statehood have been primary factors in giving political effect to the courageous feats of arms of the fighting men and women of the Hagana. To the homeless Jews in Europe, as well as to the members of the Yishuv, his name and person have become synonymous with the will and determination of American Jewry to attain independence for Israel and achieve its security.

The name of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver will be recorded in the pages of Jewish history along side the name of Theodor Herzl as one of the greatest leaders of our people. The debt owed to him is beyond all repayment; he has our loyalty, love and devoted support for both his person and his ideals of Judaism and Zionism.

The Bronx Zionist Region stands ready to join American Zionists in an appropriate action to express in some permanent form the tribute to our distinguished leader, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

Very respectfully yours,

Max Cohen
Regional Director

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June 29, 1948

Mr. Max Cohen,
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40 West Burnside Ave.
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My dear Mr. Cohen:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter of June 22nd conveying the resolution which was adopted by the Bronx Zionist Region at its Annual Conference. I need not tell you that I am profoundly appreciative of the generous words of commendation contained in the resolution. It is more than I deserve, but it is very heartening and sustaining. Everyone who has had a share in achieving this great historic purpose of our people feels, I am sure, deeply rewarded. Please convey my gratitude to the officers and members of your Region.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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