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MEMORANDUM

TO: Bessie Kline

DATE: July 9, 1947

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT:

Many thanks to the present secretary of the Past President for her letter dated July 7th. I am having the bill audited and a check will be forwarded to you.

My kindest personal regards.

Sidney Marks

SM:dh

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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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

July 10, 1947

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

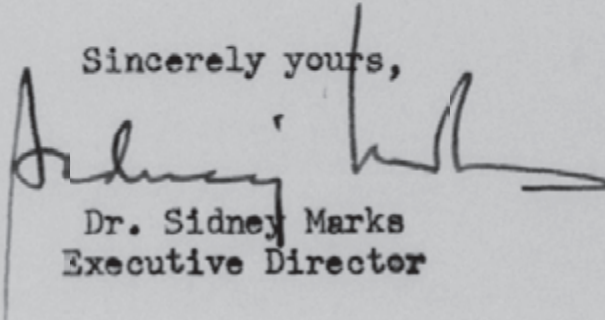
I have the honor and privilege of notifying you that you have been elected as a Past President at the 50th Annual Convention of the Zionist Organization of America.

Please accept my heartiest congratulations and best wishes.

If I can be of any assistance to you, in any respect whatsoever, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

My kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,



Dr. Sidney Marks
Executive Director

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: July 24, 1947

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT: COPY OF CABLEGRAM

JERUSALEM

July 23, 1947

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ATTENDED AGENCY EXECUTIVE YESTERDAY RESISTED SUCCESSFULLY GOLDS PROPOSAL
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DEMONSTRATION CONFIDENCE SILVER LEADERSHIP STOP EXPRESSED URGENCY COALITION
SPIRIT AND FACT OTHERWISE IMPAIR SOLIDARITY ZIONIST MORALE CONSTITUENCY WHICH
INDISPENSABLE ASSET FACE DIFFICULTY STOP SUGGESTED AMERICAN ZIONIST PREFERABLY
YOU OR SILVER PARTICIPATE CONFERENCE EUROPEAN ZIONIST FEDERATIONS MIDDLE
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July 24, 1947

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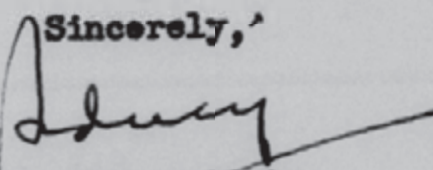
Dear Dr. Silver:

Many thanks for your letter dated July 22nd. I was delighted to receive the enclosure for \$100. I am acknowledging receipt to Mr. Friedlander.

The News Reporter did appear and I am surprised that you have not received a copy. I am sending one to you immediately.

My kindest personal regards and please extend them to the family.

Sincerely,


Dr. Sidney Marks
Executive Director

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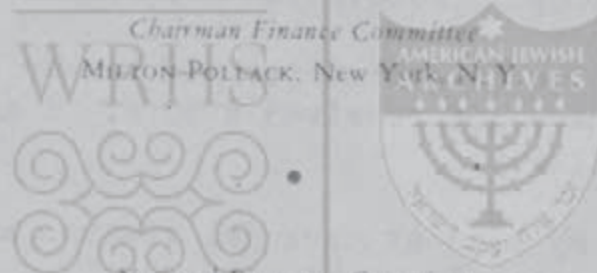
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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: July 31, 1947

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT:

I am in receipt of a communication from our Northwest Regional Director in which he writes me a confidential note which reads as follows:

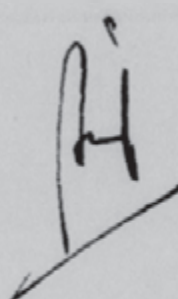
"As was mentioned to Mr. Posy during his visit to Sacramento, that city's reform pulpit has for the past year been occupied by Rabbi I. Housman, formerly of Portland, Oregon.

Rabbi Housman came to Sacramento after occupying a duration pulpit in Rabbi Berkowitz' Temple in Portland, and with a very good reputation as an active Zionist and effective speaker on our behalf.

Since arriving in Sacramento, Rabbi Housman has not only failed to cooperate in any tangible way with the Sacramento District, but has at times been involved in actions which caused many sincere Zionists to seriously doubt his loyalty to our case. (Jerry Unger knows something of this). In so far as Rabbi Housman is supposed to be a protege of Dr. Silver's, even to the point of having been recommended to his first pulpit by him, our friends in Sacramento feel very strongly that Dr. Silver could do a lot of good with a casual inquiry as to how much he has found it possible to do for Zionism in his new location".

May I have your advices in these respects.

My kindest personal regards.



SM:dh

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the National Administrative Council, National Executive Committee, Regional and District Presidents and Secretaries

DATE: August 1, 1947

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT: Resistance in Palestine

Among a number of other items of major importance which were discussed and acted upon at our recent Fiftieth Annual Convention was the subject of Jewish resistance in Palestine. While the proceedings of the Convention will be fully recorded in The New Palestine News Reporter, I should like to take this particular means to call to your attention the discussion and decisions with respect to resistance.

Several hours of frank, forthright and democratic discussions, almost exclusively from the floor of the Convention, were devoted to a discussion of the resolution on this subject. The decision, adopted overwhelmingly, reaffirmed "the position taken by the Zionist Congress in unqualified repudiation and unrestricted condemnation of those acts of violence committed by dissident groups within the Yishuv in defiance of the policies laid down by the responsible Jewish authorities in Palestine."

In consonance with editorials, releases, directives and other indications of ZOA policy during the entire year, the resolution further pointed out that while "the fundamental cause of such acts is the mood of oppression growing out of the cruel, brutal and oppressive acts of the Mandatory Government..." It was nevertheless necessary to condemn "The anarchic activity of these dissident groups as indefensible and fraught with disastrous consequences."

The resolution closed with a call upon the Zionists in America "to withhold moral and financial assistance from any persons or groups in this country acting or purporting to act on their behalf.

At the same time, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, speaking as the newly elected President of the ZOA, made it clear that the Organization stood unqualifiedly and without reservations behind the Haganah, which it recognized as the legitimate people's army of the Yishuv. American Jewry, he added, recognized the heroic though unpublicized constructive achievements of the Haganah in rescuing refugees from Europe and in promoting the internal security of the Yishuv, and would continue -- and expand -- assistance to this organization.

There was little doubt of the mood and spirit of the Convention which may perhaps be summarized thus: Complete approval of and confidence in the Haganah; condemnation of the campaign of violence which the dissident undergrounds, Irgun and Stern group, are conducting on their own responsibility in violation of national discipline; and repudiation of groups in this country which seek to capitalize on the situation for questionable purpose.


All American Zionists are called upon to act in accordance with the letter and spirit of this resolution. Much confusion has been caused by the sensational publicity and propaganda carried on by various front organizations, such as the American League for a Free Palestine, the so-called Political Action Committee for Palestine and the so-called Palestine Resistance Fund, all of which stand outside the organized Zionist movement and are in no way responsive to the World Zionist Congress and its directives. Some of them purport to act in the interests of the Irgun or the Stern group. Whether such relations exist or not, their activities in this country are becoming increasingly harmful to the Zionist cause.

In view of the resolutions of the World Zionist Congress and of our own National Convention, it is a serious breach of Zionist discipline on the part of any district or individual member to associate himself in any way with these groups or give them any kind of support, moral or financial. On the contrary, it is an immediate duty on the part of all regions and districts to use all appropriate means to enlighten our membership and the general public on this question; to spread correct information regarding the Haganah on the one hand and the dissident groups on the other and to carry on vigorous efforts to check the harmful activities of the front organizations we have referred to.

Further information on these matters will be made available through our official organs and in other forms.

I give you this summary for your information and guidance.

My kindest personal regards.


Sidney Marks

SM: dhl

Harry Shapiro

October 9, 1947

Dr. Sidney Marks

The impact of your directive and my supplementary directive to our districts and regions throughout the country has been phenomenal. I have never in my experiences seen such anxiety and the exercise of such outstanding efforts and energy. There has never been such an avalanche of telegrams, correspondence and direct political approach as has greeted your request. It is most encouraging.

My kindest personal regards.

SM/M



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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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

October 16, 1947

To: ALL REGIONAL AND DISTRICT PRESIDENTS
MEMBERS OF NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
MEMBERS OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEMBERS OF ALL NATIONAL COMMITTEES

Dear Friend:

The Soviet-Russian statement on Palestine which followed in substance the stand taken by the United States, has made the prospects of securing a two-thirds majority in the Assembly for the Majority UNSCOP report very bright indeed. Palestine has become the only issue on which these two major powers are in agreement and the Jewish State may yet be the link which will ease the tension that now exists between these great countries.

While the first major battle has been won, the final hurdle has yet to be crossed. Our leadership which has with such magnificent and zealous direction led the fight for the Jewish State at the U.N., is still facing great and arduous tasks. There are yet many major details such as geographic modifications, implementation, transition administration and others to be settled even after the Report will have been adopted in principle. Powerful elements within and outside the U.N. are working to nullify our gains and to delay indefinitely a favorable decision.

The statement on Palestine delivered by Herschel V. Johnson at Lake Success on Saturday, marks an important milestone and may well prove of great historic significance. So far as the basic solution proposed by the Majority of UNSCOP, our Government has come out for it definitely and unequivocally. It has also intimated its readiness to cooperate in carrying out a United Nations program in Palestine during the transition period. Of great significance is the warning given to the Arab States to refrain from force or threat of violence which violate the charter of the United Nations and their duty as member states.

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It is on the whole, an emphatic reaffirmation of the traditional official policy of the U.S. and gives ground for hope that the administration, the State Department and the American Delegation to the United Nations will now exercise leadership in bringing about a definite and favored outcome.

All fears and predictions of a coming let-down by the American Delegation at the United Nations or about their adopting an equivocal attitude, have proved groundless. While we still have a long and difficult road ahead, Saturday's statement does represent a most significant victory for the Zionist cause and another striking vindication of the policies pursued by our leadership.

It is no secret that after the initial attitude of approval of the UNSCOP Report which was reflected in General Marshall's opening speech in the Assembly -- the American Delegation began to weaken and waver. All reports pointed to the development of a dangerous crisis. It was obvious that the failure of the U.S. to back the UNSCOP Report would be equivalent to its rejection by the United Nations. There was absolutely no chance for approval without the endorsement and leadership of the American Delegation.

It is impossible to report or convey in this letter, all the details and full gravity of the situation which confronted our leaders, Dr. Silver and Dr. Neumann, at that moment. It was a question of reversing an unfavorable and adverse trend in the American Delegation or abandoning all hope of seeing the Majority Report adopted at this session of the Assembly.

At that critical point our leaders brought into play every resource at the disposal of our movement, in this country. A great campaign was undertaken throughout the country under the guidance of the American Zionist Emergency Council and carried out locally, in largest measure, through the ZOA leaders, workers and districts. Simultaneously the support and help of the press was enlisted, and employed most effectively. From all sides the utmost pressure was exerted upon the White House and the State Department. A flood of hundreds of thousands of letters and telegrams inundated Washington and the headquarters of the American Delegation in New York.

Perhaps of equal importance were personal influences that were mobilized and brought into play by our leaders to offset every powerful and well-entrenched anti-Zionist influences which were hard at work. For a period of a week or ten days, the issue hung delicately in the balance. The uncertainty gave our leaders the greatest concern but their efforts went on unrelaxed and unrelenting. The cumulative effect of all these efforts, public and private was to bring about the crystallization of opinion and policy in Government circles which has now been expressed in the statement by Mr. Johnson.

Caution and watchfulness however are still the watchwords. Things are far from being in the bag. There may be many dilatory tactics employed by Arab, British and other interests. Great Britain has not, as yet, had its last say. British internal politics remain in a state of flux and we cannot determine whether the forces of genuine statesmanship or vindictiveness will prevail. The Arabs haven't played their last trick.

We must remain on the alert. We must keep fighting until the question has come to a vote and a two-thirds vote at the U.N. can be assured.

You must increase your efforts and provide us with the heaviest enrollment of membership through our "Roll Call for the Jewish State." Get every one of your neighbors and friends on your side in this greatest of all fights.

Remember also that we continue to generate Jewish and non-Jewish public opinion and we are doing it successfully through the American Zionist Fund (your Expansion Fund).

My kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Sidney Marks

Dr. Sidney Marks,
Executive Director

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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

41 EAST 42nd STREET
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May 21, 1948

To: ZOA Regional and District Presidents and Secretaries

Dear Friends:

The Fifty-first Annual Convention of the Zionist Organization of America, the first since the establishment of the State of Israel, will convene Friday, July 2nd through Monday, July 5th, 1948. Pittsburgh, Pa. has been selected as the Convention City and the sessions will be held in the Hotel William Penn.

The enclosed election instructions and regulations are furnished to you as an aid and guide for your election of Delegates. Your attention is particularly called to the limitations on the number of Alternates. The vast increase in membership, the strain upon Convention facilities and our desire to ensure the maximum comfort and greatest degree of participation for Delegates, prompted the National Executive Committee to enact these changes.

Election of Delegates and Alternates to the Convention may be held until Sunday, June 20th, 1948. Election returns, filed on the enclosed official form, must be received at National Headquarters on or before June 21st, 1948.

Please hold your Election Meeting early, and file your Election Report as soon thereafter as you can. This will help avoid a last minute rush.

Representation is based upon the number of members in good standing for the fiscal year 5708 (1947-48) as of June 20, 1948. Under these circumstances, each District may anticipate the number of its members in good standing on June 20th, 1948. Districts are urged to see that all members are brought up-to-date, to obtain as many new enrollments as possible before that date, and to meet their American Zionist Fund quotas.

We meet in a historic hour. The Declaration of Independence of the State of Israel must be backed up with fighting action. The decisions reached at this Convention will aid in the struggle of the Yishuv.

With kindest personal regards and Zion's greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

Sidney Marks
Dr. Sidney Marks
Executive Director

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FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION

JULY 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 1948

HOTEL WILLIAM PENN, PITTSBURGH, PA.

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I N S T R U C T I O N S F O R E L E C T I O N O F D E L E G A T E S

TO:

Z.O.A. DISTRICTS, REGIONS, SOCIETIES,
CAMPS OF ORDER B'NAI ZION, AND
MASADA CHAPTERS.

FROM: DR. SIDNEY MARKS, SECRETARY

Representation to the National Convention shall be elected on the following basis:

1) DISTRICTS

Each District shall be entitled to one Delegate for the first 200 members or less and one additional delegate for each additional 200 members and/or major fraction thereof. Example: A District with 301 members is entitled to two delegates; a District with 501 members is entitled to three delegates and so forth.

2) REGIONS

Each Region shall be entitled to one Delegate for each 1,500 members, and/or major fraction thereof, in good standing, but in no event less than one Delegate.

3) Delegates to the Convention shall be elected only by paid-up members of the Zionist Organization of America.

4) No member shall be elected as a Delegate to the Convention unless he has been a member of record of a District or Society for at least six months prior to the election, and at the time of election is a paid-up member in good standing of the Zionist Organization of America.

5) The number of Alternates that may be elected shall be equal to one-fourth of the Delegates elected by the District, Region, B'nai Zion Camp or Masada Chapter, but shall not be less than one Alternate.

The following rules for the election of Delegates and Alternates, adopted in 1940, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 8, by the Executive, with the approval of the Administrative Council, continue in effect:

- 1) No person shall be granted a credential as Delegate or Alternate to Conventions of the Z.O.A. unless (a) he shall have been duly elected by a District, Society or another duly constituted elective body, and (b) his election shall have been certified to the National Board of Elections by written certifications as set forth below, no later than Monday, June 21st, 1948.
- 2) (a) Delegates and Alternates of Districts, Regions, Societies, Camps of the Order B'nai Zion, and Masada Chapters, shall be elected by the members thereof at an election which shall be held pursuant to regulations promulgated by the National Board of Elections.

(b) Delegates and Alternates of Regions shall be elected at a Conference of representatives of all constituent bodies in the Region.

(c) Delegates and Alternates of affiliated organizations shall be elected as provided in their respective agreements with the Z.O.A.

(d) In no case shall proxies or substitutes be permitted for any duly elected Delegate or Alternate who fails to appear in person at the Convention. Hereafter committees on vacancies, whether local or national, shall be unauthorized.
- 3) Certification of the election of Delegates and Alternates shall be in writing subscribed by the President or Vice-President and the Secretary, or by the local Board of Elections of the District, or other elective body, and if so certified by the local Board of Elections, shall be accepted only if the members of the local Board of Elections and of the officers of the District, or other elective body, shall have filed such returns with the National Board of Elections no later than Monday, June 21st, 1948.
- 4) What constitutes a member of good standing? Any member, old or new, who has paid his dues in full for the fiscal year 5708 (1947-1948) or is a life member, is a member in good standing of the Z.O.A. and is eligible to vote for Delegates to the Convention.

Will you therefore, kindly call a meeting of your Executive Committee at which a Nominations Committee and a Board of Elections, each to consist of a minimum of five members, shall be elected.

Every registered member who has paid his dues for the fiscal year 1947-1948 or is a life member should be notified of the date and place of the elections and also of his right to nominate candidates by petition. Nominations may be made by petition over the signatures of not less than 15 members in good standing.

All nominations, whether by the Nominations Committee or by Petition, are to be filed with the District Board of Elections, one week prior to the date of election, which shall accept these nominations and place all names in alphabetical order on the official ballot.

The number of Delegates to which a District, Region, Society or Camp of the Order B'nai Zion is entitled, is to be determined by the number of members in good standing as of June 20th, 1948. The membership record of the District, Society, O.B.Z. Camp, must agree with the records of the Auditor's Office of the Zionist Organization of America.

No District, Camp, Society, or Masada Chapter having less than fifty members in good standing is qualified to elect a Delegate. Pooling the membership of one or more Districts, Camps, Societies, or Masada Chapters in order to acquire a total of fifty is not permissible.

A member who is in good standing in one of the affiliated organizations (Order B'nai Zion, etc.) and who is also a member in good standing in the Zionist Organization of America, can vote only once for the election of Delegates to the Convention.

The Election of Delegates to the Convention may be held at any time hereafter but no later than Sunday, June 20th, 1948.

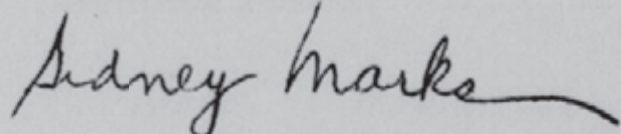
The candidate or candidates, receiving the highest number of votes, shall be declared elected. The candidate or candidates receiving the next highest number of votes, shall act as Alternates. In case of the resignation of an elected Delegate, the Alternate receiving the next highest number of votes shall take his place as Delegate.

No Delegate or Alternate will be seated unless his election is certified by the National Board of Elections.

The official Election Report properly filled out and certified by the local Board of Elections must be filed with the National Board of Elections of the Zionist Organization of America, not later than Monday, June 21st, 1948, in order that credentials may be issued in time to the elected Delegates.

The Election Report of the affiliated groups must be filed directly with the National Board of Elections of the Zionist Organization of America at 41 E. 42nd St., New York, N.Y. in order that such Delegates may receive their credentials from the National Headquarters of the Zionist Organization of America.

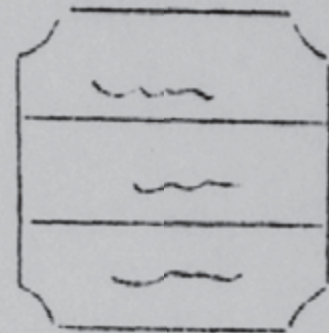
Sincerely yours,



Dr. Sidney Marks
Secretary



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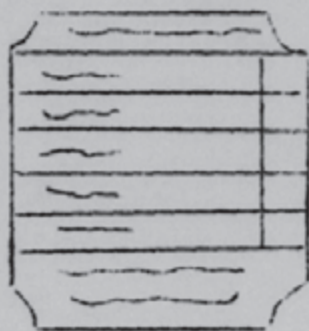
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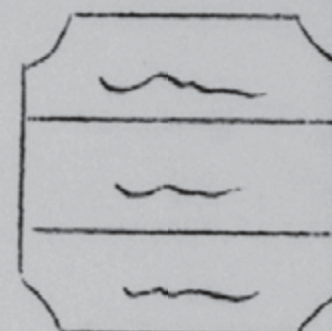
EMANUEL NEUMANN

ON BEHALF OF MY COLLEAGUES AND IN MY OWN NAME I SEND YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES MY DEEP APPRECIATION OF THE GREETING OF THE ZOA CONVENTION. WITHOUT THE ACTIVE COOPERATION OF AMERICAN JEWRY AND ZIONISM, AND WITHOUT THEIR POLITICAL AND CONSTRUCTIVE AID DURING THE PAST FEW DECADES, WE WOULD NOT HAVE ATTAINED OUR PRESENT POSITION. THE SHARE OF AMERICAN PIONEERS IN OUR ACHIEVEMENT, FROM THE DAYS OF THE LEGION IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR TO THE SERVICES OF THE LATE COL. MARCUS IN OUR PRESENT WAR, WAS CONSIDERABLE. WE FEEL CONFIDENT THAT YOUR PARTICIPATION WILL NOT DIMINISH BUT WILL INCREASE AND GROW. CONVINCED THAT IN OUR STRUGGLE WE CAN RELY UPON THE SUPPORT OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND ON THE MORAL AND POLITICAL SUPPORT OF THE FREEDOM-LOVING NATIONS OF THE WORLD, WE SHALL CONTINUE OUR FIGHT TILL FULL VICTORY IS ATTAINED, THE PEACE OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL IS ASSURED AND THE VISION OF OUR NATIONAL REDEMPTION IS REALIZED.

DAVID BEN GURION



WESTERN UNION CABLEGRAM



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GREET YOUR CONVENTION ASSEMBLED AT MOMENTOUS TURNING POINT OUR HISTORY STOP
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ZIONISM AND ITS LEADERS TO ACHIEVEMENT JEWISH STATEHOOD STOP GRATEFULLY RECALL
STRENGTH COURAGE DRAWN BY ME PERSONALLY IN POLITICAL BATTLES OF LAKE SUCCESS
AND WASHINGTON FROM COLLABORATION AND GUIDANCE AMERICAN MEMBERS EXECUTIVE
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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Regional and District Presidents,
Membership Chairmen, and Regional Directors

DATE: July 19, 1948

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT:

I am sending you herewith copies of cables addressed to Dr. Emanuel Neumann, President of the Zionist Organization of America, by David Ben Gurion, Prime Minister of Israel, and Moshe Shertok, Foreign Minister of Israel. This is in connection with the historic proceedings of our National Convention in Pittsburgh.

I would like to call your attention particularly to the following phrase in Prime Minister Ben Gurion's telegram in which he asks that our "participation... increase and grow," as well as to the reference to the future need of strengthening the Z.O.A. in the telegram from Foreign Minister Shertok.

The future tasks and responsibilities of American Zionists in the light of the establishment of Israel have been clearly defined by the Convention. The forthcoming issue of "The New Palestine" will carry a detailed report of the proceedings and the texts of the major resolutions adopted.

I earnestly urge you to bring the texts of the attached wires to the attention of your membership in order that the call of Israel may be heeded through an increase in the ranks of the Z.O.A.

Kindest regards.

Enc.

Sidney Marks

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: July 16, 1948

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

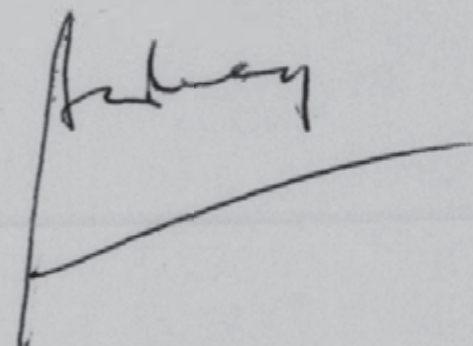
SUBJECT:

An invitation has been extended to you by Dr. Israel H. Weisfeld, President of the Dallas Zionist District, to be the guest speaker at the Banquet of the Southwest Regional Convention on Sunday, September 19th at Dallas, Texas.

I would appreciate your advices in this respect.

My kindest personal regards and please extend them to the family.

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July 16, 1948

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

The Southern Pacific Zionist Region requested that I, on their behalf, invite you to be their guest of honor at their Annual Banquet to be held in Los Angeles on September 26th.

I have also been advised that Governor Earl Warren will, on condition that you are present, address them from their platform.

I would deeply appreciate learning from you as to whether it will be at all possible for you to be present on this occasion.

Accept my kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

Manuel Posy
Manuel Posy
Director

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July 21, 1948

Dr. Sidney Marks
Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

My dear Dr. Marks:

I regret that I cannot accept the invitation of the Dallas Zionist District to address their Convention on September 19th. In all probability I shall be in Palestine in September.

This holds true of the invitation extended to me by the Southern Pacific Zionist Region for September 29th. I wish you would notify both of these organizations.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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DR SIDNEY MARKS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ZIONIST
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA=

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CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: July 26, 1948

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT:

Please be advised that the meeting of the United Palestine Appeal for Thursday at 2:30 p.m. will consist of a conference between Charles Ress, Morris Rothenberg, Baruch Zuckerman, Henry Montor, Israel Goldstein, Abba Hillel Silver, Emanuel Neumann, Rose Halpern, and a representative of Mizrachi.

They will meet with the Tax Counsel, Randolph Hall.

Accept my kindest personal regards.

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Postscript: If we wanted the advice of our own Tax Counsel, it might be possible to coopt the services of Leo Kagan.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Regional & District Presidents
Members of the National Executive and
Administrative Committees

DATE: July 27, 1948

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT: Repudiation of "Americans United for Israel" and "Americans for Haganah"

In previous communications, we indicated that the Jewish Agency and Z.O.A. have officially repudiated the proposed new organization "Americans United for Israel" and "Americans for Haganah." According to published announcement, Materials for Palestine is also involved in this plan. The Jewish Agency is making investigation regarding the confused unsatisfactory situation.

The letter sent by the Jewish Agency for Palestine to "Americans for Haganah" and "Americans United for Israel," follows:

Jewish Agency For Palestine

"July 23, 1948

Mr. Abraham Feinberg, President
Executive Committee
Americans for Haganah
250 West 57th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Feinberg:

I am directed to inform you that the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine has learned with surprise and with deep regret of the proposed formation of an organization to be known as Americans United for Israel, which would absorb functions hitherto exercised by Americans for Haganah.

The Executive regards this action as constituting a flagrant defiance of the decision to dissolve Americans for Haganah conveyed to the public in its statement of July 12. The reasons then stated for the dissolution of Americans for Haganah apply equally to any organization, whatever its name, which, without the approval of the recognized organs of the Zionist movement, nor with any endorsement from the government of Israel, proposes to carry on the activities referred to in the Executive's statement.

I have been directed to inform you in the most emphatic terms that the Executive is opposed to the establishment of Americans United for Israel, and it intends to inform the Zionist organizations and the Jewish public accordingly.

You and others concerned are earnestly asked to desist from a step which, in the unanimous opinion of this Executive, would be prejudicial to the interests of the Zionist movement in this country and to the cause of Israel.

Yours sincerely,
(signed) S. Herman
For Director"

This morning's New York Times, Tuesday, July 27th, 1948, contains an advertisement of "Americans for Haganah" soliciting subscriptions for "Haganah Speaks." This is another flagrant and callous disregard of Zionist authority.

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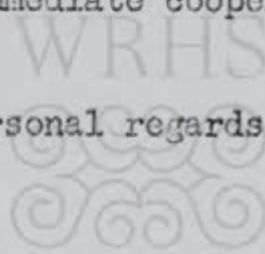
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Note:

1. Repudiate and have nothing to do with "Americans United for Israel" and "Americans for Haganah."
2. Forward all emergency collections of Materials for Israel to
Z.O.A. Warehouse Facility
c/o Trio Packing and Shipping Corporation
125-127 Carlton Avenue
Brooklyn, New York
3. If materials are regular contributions solicited by ZOA Israel Equipment Project, ship likewise to above warehouse but mark for "Israel Equipment Project."

Your immediate cooperation in these respects is earnestly solicited.

My kindest personal regards.



Sidney Marks

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Regional & District Presidents
and Secretaries National Executive
and National Administrative Committees

DATE: July 27, 1948

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT: Repudiation of "Americans United for Israel" and "Americans for Haganah" --
also disposition of emergency materials collected for Israel.

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Inadvertently the word "repudiated" was omitted from the copy telegram sent to all regions and districts. The telegram should read:

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DR. SIDNEY MARKS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Regional and District Presidents and Secretaries, National Executive Committee and National Administrative Council

DATE: July 30, 1948

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks,
Executive Director

SUBJECT: Unauthorized requests for lists of Districts and Regions

Advices have reached us that unauthorized requests are being made by many organizations and groups for lists of officers, members of the Executive Committee and members of the Districts and Regions. I wish to advise you that no authority whatsoever has been extended on the part of the National Executive Committee of the Zionist Organization of America for the release of these lists.

The previous ruling of the National Executive Committee has been to refuse the circulation of any list of any Region or District of the Zionist Organization. We have invariably cooperated with constituent organizations by aiding them in reaching our members through our channels, which would enable us to control use of these lists.

Under the circumstances, I must respectfully request that all of these people who ask for these lists be referred to the National Office. No lists should be issued except through the National Office or upon our express written request.

In the best interests of the work of our organization, I urge that this matter be given your immediate consideration, and that it be strictly adhered to.

Accept my kindest personal regards.

Sidney Marks

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