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September 22, 1948

Dear Dr. Neumann:

In accordance with our telephone conversation of yesterday I wish to submit to you the following:

A friend of mine returned recently from England where he happened to be a houseguest of Mr. Bevan. During an informal discussion of the Zionist problem, Mr. Bevan expressed himself in general terms as follows:

A large number of the British Cabinet would like a solution of the Zionist problem favorable to the Jews - the principal opponent being Mr. Bevin. The argument of Mr. Bevan and his group is that Bevin's policies will alienate the goodwill of Jews, Arabs and the United States. Essentially Bevin agrees that the goodwill of Jews and Arabs is alienated, but as far as the goodwill of the United States is concerned, Mr. Bevin is not at all convinced, especially in view of the fact that our Ambassador Douglas is supporting Mr. Bevin's policies in the strongest possible way. To illustrate Mr. Douglas's support, Mr. Bevan gives the following three instances:

1. About a week after President Truman extended de facto recognition of the Jewish State, some M.P.'s and quite a number of the Cabinet members spent a social evening at Mr. Douglas's home. During that evening, Ambassador Douglas attacked Mr. Truman in the most ungentlemanly manner, going to the extent of stating that Mr. Truman does not express the point of view of the American people on this issue.

2. Right after Mr. Bevin recalled some of the British Officers from the Transjordan army, he inquired of Mr. Douglas whether that recall will satisfy the United States. Mr. Douglas answered that Mr. Bevin had done far more than was ever expected of him.

3. Mr. Bevin's recent statement that U. S. public opinion is beginning to favor the Arab cause was brought about by Mr. Douglas's insistence that such is the case.



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The general feeling among the Cabinet members today, as well as Mr. Bevin's feelings in the present situation, is that if any kind of a peace could be arrived at between the Jews and Arabs, by direct or indirect negotiations, it would be something that they all would favor and it would take the British Cabinet out of an embarrassing position.

This is just about the essence of the conversation my friend had with Mr. Bevan.

I hope that you and Dr. Silver will be able to do something about this.

Very Truly Yours,

L. Kay

P. S. If I can be of any service, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

L. K.

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DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

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AM NOW IN MT KISCO HAD A LONG TALK WITH GOLDSTEIN
LAST EVENING HE HAD ALREADY CABLED KAPLAN SECONDLY
HE SHOWED ME A DRAFT REPLY HE WAS GOING TO HAVE A
PRIVATE TALK WITH MORGENTHAU I HAVE NOW SUGGESTED
THAT HE CONSIDER CALLING TOGETHER AS AGENCY TREASURER
A SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING OF IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTORS
AND WORKERS FOR THE FUNDS IN ORDER TO EXPLAIN URGENT NEEDS
AND INCIDENTALLY DISCUSS WIDER QUESTIONS IT WAS FURTHER
AGREED BETWEEN US THAT I SHOULD SOUND GOLDENBERG
MYSELF WHICH I WILL DO TRYING TAKE CARE OF ALL OTHER
MATTERS HAVE ALSO CABLED MAY FOR INFORMATION HIS
MOVEMENTS REGARDS VIRGINIA AND YOURSELF=

EMANUEL=



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September 24th, 1948

Dr. E. Neumann,
521 Fifth Avenue;
Room 1903,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Neumann:

I spoke to the person mentioned in my letter of September 22nd, and he has no objection of your knowing about his visit and conversation with Mr. Bevan. He would however, prefer that this be kept in your and Dr. Silvers confidence. He is Mr. Oscar Cohen, the Director of our Jewish Community Council.

Mr. Cohen, expects to meet directly or indirectly with Sir Cripps, who is at present at Ottawa, Canada, and will try to get the latest information on our situation.

An American concern approached me indirectly to determine whether an Israel company would be interested in entering into a contract to deliver 300,000 tons of 60% Muriate of Potash per year, for a period of five (5) years, and 300,000 tons of Phosphate per year for a period of ten (10) years.

This company is well financed, and would be willing to advance a sum up to \$500,000.00 to expedite the mining of the above mentioned products.

As I understand it, these products are in abundance around the Dead Sea vicinity.

Would you please advise me whom to contact on this matter, or would you suggest, in view of the present political situation, to lay low for the time being?

With best regards, and best wishes for a Happy New Year in a free and unabreviated Israel.

Respectfully yours,

Leon Kay
Leon Kay

LBK.FET.

Dr. Silver
Please return to
me after perusal.
E.N.

October 5, 1948

Dr. Emanuel Neumann
521 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Emanuel:

I thought that you would be interested in the enclosed statement. Senator Vandenburg's statement last evening on the radio also clearly states that there has been no bi-partisan agreement on Palestine. I was very pleased to see the editorial this morning in the New York Times on the Negev. It is gratifying that both the Times and the Tribune have now modified their position.

I wish you would telephone me and let me know what happened at the last meeting of the U.P.A. I know that a meeting has been called for Thursday evening. I am afraid that I shall not be able to attend. I am to be in Rochester on Friday to address the 100th anniversary of Rabbi Bernstein's temple. From there I am going to Boston to address a rally in behalf of the U.J.A. It is impossible for me to be gone so many days between Rosh Hashonah and Yom Kippur which is such an important period in the life of the congregation. If there is need of a meeting, I shall be in New York on Saturday afternoon, and could meet Saturday evening.

With all good wishes for the New Year, I remain

As ever yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er
Enc.

Via Air Mail

October 14, 1948

Dr. Emanuel Neumann
521 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Emanuel:

1. Have you wired Dobkin and Grossman the corrections relative to the departments which were established by the Actions Committee in the United States?
2. Have you heard from Crum what he finally intends to do about Americans for Haganah which, though nominally dissolved, is continuing the publication of the paper, Haganah Speaks, and still carries at its masthead the names of Crum and his committee? Has he withdrawn as he indicated that he would and has he requested the other members of the committee to do likewise?

With all good wishes, I remain

As ever yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

Via Air Mail

P.S. Haganah Speaks, as you will see from the enclosed, is actively soliciting subscriptions with the endorsement of the Advisory Committee. It might be well for the next issue of Palestine to expose this entire conspiracy of Feinberg and his crowd. I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter which I sent this day to Mr. Kollek.

(C
O
P
Y)
LOUIS A. FALK
#1 Exchange Place
Jersey City, N.J.

October 22nd, 1948

Hon. Lynn Stambaugh,
Export-Import Bank,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Stambaugh:

You may recollect that George Fredman, Past National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans, introduced me to you at the President's Luncheon in Miami. Previous to that, I had spoken to our mutual friend, Bill Stern, and he suggested that I write you this letter.

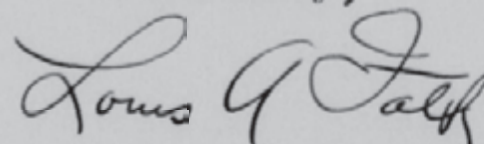
You are, no doubt, familiar with the application of the Republic of Israel for a loan of one hundred million dollars from the Export-Import Bank. Also, that approval thereof has been indefinitely delayed.

To refresh your memory, I am sending you herewith a confidential memorandum which explains briefly the highlights of this loan. I don't think a cold letter is the best medium for a discussion of this matter, and if you can possibly spare the time, I would be willing to come to Washington any time at your convenience.

I am sure that Bill Stern and many of our other mutual Legion friends would like to see this democratically constituted new State of Israel given an opportunity to succeed.

Looking forward eagerly to hear from you, I am, with kind personal regards,

Sincerely,



Louis A. Falk.

LAF:rw

Copy to
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

C O P Y

EXPORT - IMPORT BANK OF WASHINGTON
WASHINGTON 25

October 25, 1948

Mr. Louis A. Falk
#1 Exchange Place,
Jersey City, N.J.

My dear Mr. Falk:

I have your letter of October 22nd and recall our meeting in Miami. I would be very glad to talk with you at any time that you wish to make the trip to Washington.

As you probably know, consideration of applications for credits to Israel has been held up for some time due to the disturbed conditions there. Upon representations from the State Department the Bank is now re-examining the situation in Israel with regard to peace and stability. The Bank is also prepared to examine any applications for credits to finance specific projects that may be presented. Mr. Epstein, representative of the State of Israel, is fully acquainted with the situation.

Sincerely yours,

Signed

LYNN U. STAMBAUGH

October 26, 1948

Dr. Emanuel Neumann
521 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Emanuel:

I asked Mr. Benno Weiser to give me a picture of the work of the Latin American Department and its budget, and also his ideas about its reorganization. I should like you to study the enclosed memorandum and let me have your comments on it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

October 26, 1948

Dr. Emanuel Neumarm
521 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Emanuel:

Here is another item which should come within the purview of the Economic Department of the Jewish Agency. You will be interested in a covering note from Ben-Horin. Tell me what you think about it.

With all good wishes, I remain very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er
Enc.

October 26, 1948

Dr. Emanuel Neumann
521 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Emanuel:

In connection with the setting up of the Economic Department of the Jewish Agency, the attached letter reached me last month from Abraham Pollack. Do you know this man and do you think he would fit into our organization?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBAHILLEL SILVER

AHS:er
Enc.

October 29, 1948

Dr. Emanuel Neumann
521 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Emanuel:

I assume that Daniel Frisch sent you a copy of the enclosed memorandum on General Zionism by Joseph Weinberg. There is good hard sense in this memorandum.

As ever yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er
Enc.

November 2, 1948

Dr. Emanuel Neumann
521 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Emanuel:

I am enclosing herewith the statement which has been issued by the Committee for Palestinian Relief. It has long been my thought that it would be a fine gesture if some Zionist competence, such as the Jewish Agency or the Z.O.A., would make a contribution to this fund. Apart from helping the Arab refugees, most of whom are women and children, it would be a piece of very excellent public relations. I know the arguments which could be raised against it. Nevertheless, taking everything into account I think the balance is in favor of doing it. Before anything is done, we would, of course, wish to get the opinion of the Israeli government, both as to whether the thing should be done and as to the most appropriate agency to do it. The gift might be in terms of money - and the sum need not be large - or by way of food, medicine and clothing which could be diverted from the materials which we have been collecting in the United States for Israeli needs.

Give this matter some thought. Consult a few people about it - Rifkind, Swope, Goldstein, Rothenberg, etc., and let's have a talk about the matter when we meet in Chicago.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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November 3, 1948

Dr. Emanuel Neumann
521 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Emanuel:

I do not know whether you saw the enclosed letter. You may be interested in reading it. The fact that only 96 members have left the General Zionist party in Israel in all its branches is very significant, especially in view of the amazing attention paid to this group and the practical recognition of it as an independent party alongside of the existing General Zionist party in Israel.

I hope that instructions have been given to forward the materials to this group and that they have been so informed.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er
Enc.

November 10, 1948

Dr. Emanuel Neumann
521 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Emanuel:

I told the Executive last evening before adjournment that we shall be prepared to discuss reorganization and staff at the next meeting, and that I would bring in certain recommendations. Dr. Goldstein said that he would like Hammer to devote his full time to his Treasury Department.

We shall need an Executive Director for the American Section to function in the same capacity as Shapiro did for the Emergency Council and Lourie for the Agency last year - an over-all office, and a dependable and capable man who will fully represent me and our interests as well as the cause. I think that Harold Manson is the person. He is thoroughly familiar with the movement here and in Israel, and with his background and his ability, will fit excellently into the position. I do not know what the reaction of the other members of the Board would be to him. I would suggest that you have a talk with Zuckerman and Mrs. Halperin. Zuckerman would, of course, like to have one of their own in an important position. I believe that they are entitled to it. We might accept a suggestion from them as to the person to head the Public Relations Department. I believe that the head of the Latin-American Department is one of their people.

I would also suggest that you get on a little further in your discussion with Mr. Robert Nathan. How much of his time is he prepared to give us, and what financial obligations would be involved as far as he personally is concerned?

I should like to have Manson elected at the next meeting because he would have to proceed immediately to office arrangements, the employment of stenographers, etc. It is my thought that Tuvim should replace Shapiro at the Emergency Council and that someone - perhaps Kaufman - take over Manson's work there. The new arrangement, by the way, would also considerably reduce the operating expenses of the Emergency Council.

With all good wishes, I remain

As ever yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

Dictated but not signed.

November 18, 1948

Dr. Emanuel Neumann
521 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Emanuel:

If the enclosed questionnaire and its answers are correct,
please mail them to Mr. Hammer in the enclosed envelope.

As ever yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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November 19, 1948

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Dr. Emanuel Neumann

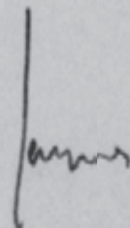
I have been informed by the National Shekel Board that the organization department of the World Zionist Organization plans to enter in a new Shekel Campaign for the 23rd Congress. People who bought Shekolum in 5708 and 5709 only, would be entitled to vote. At the same time there is an intimation from the Jerusalem office that the agreement signed last year would not be valid in view of the new Shekel Campaign.

It is clear to me that this fits into the pattern of the all out attack launched from Israel against your leadership.

- 1) The agreement signed amongst the parties clearly states that is is an agreement for the 23rd World Zionist Congress with no time limitations whatsoever about the date when the Congress would convene.
- 2) At this moment, I believe that both the Hadassah and the Z.O.A. will not go into a Shekel Campaign.
- 3) I believe that this matter should be considered in its relationship with the whole complex of problems which we face in the World Zionist Organization at this moment.

I know that Mr. Röss, the chairman of the National Shekel Board, intends calling a meeting of the Board very soon and I would be grateful if, notwithstanding your many occupations, you would be so kind to drop me a line giving me your opinion in this matter.

Best regards,



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Dr. Emanuel Neumann

December 6, 1948

Joseph Thon

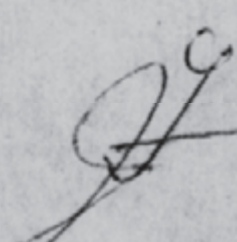
Following are excerpts of a letter which was sent by the General Zionist Organisation in Germany to the Executive Committee of the General Zionists in Israel, and copy of which was forwarded to me from Munich:

"...For three years we have sustained the General Zionist movement in Germany, without outside help. Neither Moshe Sneh, in his time, with his progressive ideas, (he tried many times to convince us of the validity of his viewpoints and to draw us into the Mapam party), nor M. Kladny with his numerous Shlichim of Haoved Hazioni, whom he sent to Germany, succeeded in leading us astray.

When we received information about the formation of the Progressive movement, we thought that the Executive of the General Zionists in Israel would start a concrete program immediately, in order that the new immigrants should come into our camp, but unfortunately we were disappointed; the indifference of our friends in Israel was the cause for many of the new immigrants joining the new party.

With the start of large flow of immigration of the Shaar t Hapletah, many thousands of members of our movement in Germany, will reach Israel during the next few months. We have been pondering on how to find the necessary solution, so that all of our labors shall not be wasted in Israel, and we decided to send a few of the members of our Central Committee to Israel at once, so that they will be able to direct the stream of immigration in the right direction..."

Kindest personal regards.



Dr. Emanuel Neumann

December 12, 1948

Joseph Thon

Personnel policies of the Israel Foreign Ministry

Dr. Hans Klee, the President of the General Zionist Organization in Switzerland, reports to me on the most unfriendly attitude towards his appointment to the diplomatic service of Israel, by the Mapai apparatus of the Foreign Ministry.

He saw you in Israel during the A.C. meeting, and assumed that Shertok will act in accordance with the wishes of the General Zionist leadership in this matter. In several reports on his talks with Shertok and other people, he makes the following statements:

a- Shertok says that a Shaliach of the Hechalutz, (a Mapai man), will do the political and press work for Israel in Switzerland, on a part time basis.

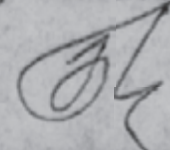
b- Shertok says that the higher officers of the Foreign Ministry are opposed to party appointments. Klee proves the fallacy of this statement by pointing to the appointment of Barsilai in Warsaw (Mapam), Avril in Prague (Mapam), Weisman in Hague (Mapai), Fisher in Paris (Mapai?), Wolfsberg in Scandinavia (Mizrachi), etc.

c- Klee reports that he gathers from Mapai sources that the government of Israel is going to honor outstanding Zionist workers in different countries, with honorary titles. The first one to receive this honor will supposedly be Marc Jarblum, who will be given some fancy title in Paris. As far as Switzerland is concerned, three honorary consuls will supposedly be appointed, one Mizrachi, (Marcus Cohn in Basle), one Mapai, (Dr. Silber Schein in Geneva), and one Mapam, (Dr. Wyler in Zurich). Klee gives vent to his bitter disappointment that he as a General Zionist who put more than ten years of work into the building of a General Zionist movement in Switzerland, should be by-passed. He would regard it both as a personal insult and as a slap against the General Zionists, after what the leadership of our movement tried to do for him with Shertok.

d- May I suggest in view of the forementioned facts, that Shertok be approached regarding his personal policies in the Foreign Department, in case Klee is only one of many. I am afraid that Kolodny is trying to build up his strength through vigorous favoring, for positions with the Foreign Service of Israel, of people who are rather neutral, and is trying to build up his following in the Galut.

e- The matter of honorary titles is a problem which you most probably are well aware is in the offing. This is the least some General Zionist Vatikim can expect in the way of honor. They most certainly deserve it.

Kindest personal regards.



December 24, 1948

Dr. Emanuel Neumann
300 Central Park West
New York, New York

My dear Emanuel:

I suppose you are now recovering from the excitement of yesterday. It was a beautiful wedding, and I was happy to have participated in it.

There are a few things which must be done in time for the Monday evening meeting of the Executive.

(1) On the question of personnel which matter has been referred to a committee consisting of yourself, Lourie and Zuckerman, I would press for Manson as Executive Director or Executive Secretary. At the moment we have not the votes for it. On the other hand, there are not enough votes for any other candidate. There are only six who will have the right to vote on a matter which concerns the organization of the American Section's personnel. If Manson is agreeable and if it would meet with the unanimous approval of the Executive, then I would accept a compromise whereby Manson would become head of the Public Relations Department, and a secretary be assigned to me who would convoke meetings, keep the minutes and through whom I would work during my absence from the city. It is clear that I cannot be in New York all the time.

The secretary would have no functions as Director and there would be no office of Executive Director. He need not be a high-priced man but one competent for the task which will be assigned to him. The selection of such a person to be in the nature more or less of a secretary to the Chairman of the American Section should be left to me.

The idea that Hammer is to act as Director of the office and at the same time as the financial representative of the Treasurer is out of the question. Goldstein has clearly indicated that he wants Hammer's full time. In the second place I should not be happy with such an arrangement, not having full confidence in the man's loyalty to us. I would suggest that you have immediately a talk with Manson and that you come into your committee meeting on Monday with a clear understanding of what Manson's position is in the matter.

Emanuel Neumann

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December 24, 1948

(2) With regard to the Economic Department, Robert Nathan has, of course, been engaged as adviser. I would not favor keeping a permanent man in Washington through whom Robert Nathan would work. There should be only one head of our Economic Department, and his permanent quarters should be in New York. Whenever necessary, he could come to Washington for consultation with Nathan, and from time to time Nathan could come to New York. I think the general blueprint submitted by Nathan is all right, but I think one or two of the activities might well wait, and the budget can be considerably kept down. Certain definite recommendations, however, with reference to the personnel and the establishment of departments should be brought into the meeting Monday evening.

With all good wishes, I remain

As ever yours,

AHS:er

Via Special Delivery Air Mail

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ABBA HILLEL SILVER



December 27, 1948

Memorandum

American Section
Jewish Agency Executive

A further conversation between Mr. Meier Grossman and myself took place on Sunday, December 26. I stated the position adopted by the American Section of the Executive at its meeting on Thursday, December 23, namely, that the American Section has and must continue to have global responsibility for the major economic work and more especially, the encouragement of private investment in Israel. Mr. Grossman continued to urge a geographical division of jurisdiction. At the conclusion of our discussion I stated that I would submit the memorandum to the Executive for its meeting on Monday December 27. I now beg to submit the following as a solution:

The American Section through its Economic Department has and will retain global responsibility for the major economic tasks of the Jewish Agency, more particularly the encouragement and mobilization of the investment of private capital in Israel. The department established in Jerusalem will continue and develop certain activities it has undertaken there, more especially the issuing of two publications devoted to economic affairs; the evaluation of economic projects submitted to it for examination; the elaboration of projects on its own initiative for the consideration of investors; the promotion in Israel of activities and projects designed to encourage and facilitate tourism and the tourist industry as well as the export of Tzoreth Haaretz products. Regarding the promotion of tourism and Tzoreth Haaretz in the Diaspora, there should be a geographical distribution of functions as between New York and Jerusalem. In the matter of mobilization of private capital for investment, while New York retains over-all responsibility and direction, it is possible to have the Jerusalem office operate in certain countries during the next six or seven months by agreement with the New York office and subject to specific understandings with it regarding the scope and nature of such operations and underlying policies with regard thereto.

The above would, in my opinion, offer both offices considerable scope for important and fruitful work, and with mutual good-will the plan can be successfully implemented.

EN:BW

Emanuel Neumann

cc. to Members of Executive 12/28

December 31, 1948

Dr. Emanuel Neumann
521 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Emanuel:

I am enclosing herewith a letter from Mr. M. Z. Frank and a copy of my reply to him. The last paragraph in his letter seems to suggest that he is about to join some opposition, although I am not sure. Have you had a talk with him recently?

In a letter from Ben-Horin there is included a statement which I am enclosing herewith about the reports which Jessie Lourie has been sending over. He, too, is part of the chorus which has a central baton directing it about the end of the Z.O.A., the Emergency Council, etc. I think that someone in Palestine ought to write a letter in the Palestine Hebrew press calling attention to these distorted and biased reports of Jessie Lourie. I assume that the Palestine Post would not publish such a reply.

The contents of my letter to Mr. Frank may well be made the subject of a leader in the New Palestine in the next issue. Put someone to work on it, and let it bear the signature of someone other than myself.

I noticed in the Zionist Voice published in Paris in its issue of December 23rd considerable criticism of the Israeli delegation in Paris and its diplomatic failures - one article by Waldman and another by Kalcheim. I wish that you would read these articles and let me know what you think of them. There is considerable criticism that the whole diplomatic work was sharply restricted to Mapai spokesmen, ignoring possible help which might have come from other groups.

You might also be interested in the enclosed letter which Frisch sent me. The Oved Hazoni is certainly appropriating the funds of the General Zionists.

With all good wishes, I remain

As ever yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Dr. Emanuel Neumarm

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December 31, 1948

P.S. I am enclosing the letter of Harold Manson which is self-explanatory. You may wish to take it up at the next meeting of the Finance Committee when salaries will be fixed.



January 6, 1949

Dr. Emanuel Neumann
Zionist Organization of America
41 E. 42nd Street
New York City.

Dear Emanuel:

If this were a meeting I would ask for the floor on a point of personal privilege. As it is, I should like to bring to your attention an incident which is certainly unbecoming of the ZOA and which will do a great deal of harm in a manner which no one in Jewish life would like to see.

As you probably know, I have written a number of articles in the Congress Weekly on problems relating to the structure of the Jewish community. I can fully understand that there can be disagreement with many of the things I say. But my purpose was to stimulate discussion in the Jewish community on these fundamental problems. What I was trying to do was something very similar to what you did in your presidential message to the ZOA Convention. You know, too, that I am the last person in the world to resent criticism; quite the contrary, I always welcome frank and vigorous discussion.

What I want to draw to your attention, however, is a scurrilous personal attack which is reported to me to have been made by an employee of yours, Dr. Samuel Margoshes, in a broadcast over Station WEVD on Saturday night. This broadcast, I understand, is under the auspices of the ZOA. I did not hear the broadcast myself, but a considerable number of persons, among them some very prominent figures in the Jewish community, did listen to it. Many of them disagreed with the theses of my articles, but they nevertheless called to tell me that Margoshes' attack in personal terms had hit a new low, even for Margoshes. These persons, some of whom are members of the ZOA, told me that they are thoroughly ashamed to be associated with this kind of personal attack, and that it serves only to bring the ZOA into disrepute.

I do not have to emphasize that I am not in the least bit concerned with what Margoshes says about me, or for that matter about anything else. I also happen to know the remarkable zeal with which he serves any group with whom he happens to be momentarily associated or by whom he is employed. What I am genuinely con-

Dr. Emanuel Neumann - 2

cerned about, however, is that the problems under discussion are the most fundamental in American Jewish life today. If you have read my pieces, you will know that I approached these problems with the seriousness which they merit. I believe that it is of utmost importance to the future of Jewish life in this country that the discussion continue on the same level. All of us, both as individuals and as organizations, have a vital stake in the result of such discussion. But these discussions will have fruitful results for the Jewish community only if they are conducted earnestly, intelligently and with as little reference as possible to narrowly organizational and personal interests.

Margoshes by his attack evidently would like to carry on the discussion at the level of vulgarity with which he is so familiar. What is much more serious, however, is that he has associated the ZOA with such vulgarity by making the attack under its auspices. I know that you would not want anyone to think that the ZOA is willing to discuss problems of this nature on his level. I doubt that you would want anyone to feel that what he has done reflects the manner in which the ZOA would like to see this problem approached.

I bring this to your attention because I gather that Margoshes is now paid by the ZOA to do much of its public relations work. You are probably in a position, therefore, to indicate to him that his conduct and behavior are utterly unbecoming a movement whose contribution has been so great and whose purposes are so noble. Such tactics are certainly the worst possible public relations for the ZOA.

Sincerely yours,

David Petegorsky
Executive Director

DP:ag

January 7, 1949

Rabbi Leon I. Feuer
Collingwood Avenue Temple
2335 Collingwood Avenue
Toledo 10, Ohio

My dear Leon:

Thank you for your note of January 6th. I have not had a chance as yet to look through Weismann's, "Trial and Error". What you say about his claiming credit for what we achieved in America does not surprise me. It is part of his weakness to claim credit for everything good that has ever happened in the Zionist movement.

I would suggest that you write a review of this book, especially concerning that part of it which referred to the American political scene. There will be no difficulty in placing it in some important magazines.

With all good wishes to everyone, I am

As ever yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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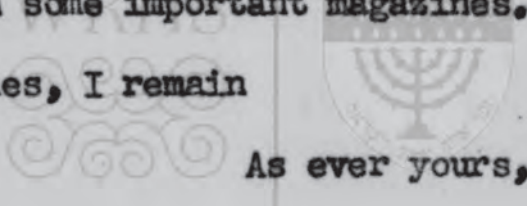
January 7, 1949

Dr. Emanuel Neumann
521 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Emanuel:

You may be interested in a note which I received this morning from Leon Feuer. It would be advisable to have two or three competent people review this book, especially with reference to its account of the political struggle on the American scene for publication in some important magazines.

With all good wishes, I remain

As ever yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er
Enc.

JANUARY 8, 1949

DR. EMANUEL NEUMANN
300 CENTRAL PARK WEST
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

AT MEETING TOMORROW STRONGLY URGE YOU DO NOT MAKE OR ACCEPT
ANY COMPROMISE WHICH WILL BRING MONTOR DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY
BACK INTO THE PICTURE. DEWEY SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO
ENTANGLE SITUATION AS HE HAS DONE BEFORE. LIPSKY'S SUGGESTION
FOR THREE PRESENT CHAIRMEN TO HEAD CAMPAIGN SHOULD BE ADOPTED
IF MORTENTHAU IS UNWILLING TO ACCEPT REELECTION UNCONDITIONALLY.
ANY CONCESSION ON THIS SCORE IS A MAJOR DEFEAT. PLEASE INFORM
WEISMAN BEFORE MEETING AND OTHER FRIENDS. REGARDS

ABBA

January 20, 1949

Please reply to:
The Temple
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dr. Emanuel Neumann
521 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Emanuel:

Weisman suggested this morning a very important matter. Some competent lawyer ought to work up a brief quickly, establishing the lack of authority on the part of the Agency to dictate to the UPA who should be Chairman and Executive Director of the UJA. For that matter, its authority should be questioned with regard to imposing chairmen and executive directors on fund-raising bodies in other countries. Weisman suggested the name of Hammer. I don't know how close to the situation he is, but someone whose name would carry weight. That should be done within the week before the plenary session takes place - if it takes place.

With all good wishes, I am

As ever yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

Via Air Mail

January 25, 1949

Dr. Emanuel Neumann
521 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My Dear Emanuel:

Lest I forget to mention it to you when I see you tomorrow, I would suggest that Dr. Margoshes make available to each member of the Executive coming from Israel the articles and columns which have appeared on the Montor-Morgenthau affair and which express our point of view. That would be good background material for them before they meet.

With all good wishes, I remain

As ever yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er
Via Air Mail

DAY LETTER

FEBRUARY 2, 1949

DR. EMANUEL NEUMANN
521 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

I STILL DO NOT FIND ANYTHING IN THE TIMES TRIBUNE IN REPLY
TO THE PROGRESSIVES ATTACK. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY ISSUE
A STATEMENT IN YOUR OWN NAME SINCE YOU AND YOUR ADMINISTRATION
WERE ATTACKED AND CALL UP THE TWO PAPERS AND DEMAND THE SAME
AMOUNT OF SPACE BE GIVEN TO YOUR REJOINDER AS WAS GIVEN TO
THE ATTACK. REGARDS.

ABBA



DAY LETTER

FEBRUARY 2, 1949

DR. EMANUEL NEUMANN
521 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

HOSTILE SERIES OF ARTICLES IN FORWARD BY EHRENREICH ON CONTROVERSY
SHOULD BE ANSWERED. WEISMAN SHOULD REQUEST EDITOR TO PERMIT OUR
SIDE TO BE PRESENTED FULLY. REGARDS

ABBA



ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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

February 3, 1949

To the Regional and District Presidents
To the Members of the National Executive Committee
and the National Administrative Council

Dear Friends:

An Extraordinary National Conference of all Regional and District presidents and all members of the National Executive Committee and National Administrative Council is being summoned for Sunday, February 13, 1949 beginning 10:00 o'clock in the morning and continuing throughout the afternoon and evening at the Hotel Astor, New York City.

The Conference, in mutual consultation and planning will

First: Review our past work.

Second: Deal with the internal situation in our movement, the activities of dissident elements and other hostile forces which seek to undermine the strength and authority of the Z. O. A.

Third: Take counsel with regard to our future program - plan the future implementation of our multi-faceted program designed

a) to promote maximum mobilization of resources for Israel's economic rebuilding

b) to arouse the American Jewish consciousness and community activity, and strengthen our cultural ties with the Jewish State.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine will be one of the principal speakers at this Conference.

The granting of de jure recognition to Israel by the United States Government; the One Hundred Million Dollar Israel Loan; the recognition granted by Great Britain and other countries - represent a great victory for Israel as it is a great victory for American Zionism. It is the glorious consummation of our years of unremitting efforts under Dr. Silver's inspired leadership, his policies, his statesmanship and superb command of the militant forces in American Zionism.

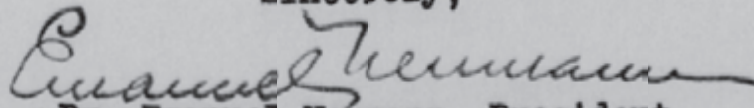
The great importance of this conference will entail the postponement of the National Administrative Council.

I look forward to the pleasure of greeting you on this important occasion for mutual consultation.

Please advise me immediately of your intention to be present on the enclosed self-addressed postcard.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,


Dr. Emanuel Neumann, President

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DAY LETTER

FEBRUARY 18, 1949

DR. EMANUEL NEUMANN
521 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, NEWYORK

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QUOTE WE ARE WITHYOU IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE CONSPIRACY
OF DISRUPTION ON THE PART OF NON-ZIONISTS WITH THE COOPERA-
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TO THE AGENCY IN NEW YORK AND DEMANDED TO TAKE MEASURES
WHICH WILL MAKE POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO CONTINUE WITH YOUR WORK
OF GREAT VALUE AND ACHIEVMENT

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=LEQANON ZIONIM KLALIM BEISRAEL=

Dear Dr. Silver
I thought you would
be interested. *M. Frisch*

February 23, 1949

Dr. Emanuel Neumann
Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Neumann:

Let me say at the outset that this letter in no way should be construed as having any political intent. It is rather a report of the visit made to Chicago last Tuesday, February 15th, by Mr. Daniel Frisch.

The meeting was called by Milton Silverstein as President of the membership of the Executive and Advisory Councils of the Z.O.C. As you know, I could not be present in New York on the 13th due to the "Rally for Israel" we had here, at which Mr. Barkley and Mr. Lourie were the guests and over which I was the Chairman. Mr. Charles Levin, Z.O.C. Executive Director, made a very fine presentation in his report of the 13th meeting, which was followed by one made by Mr. Seymour Weintraub, who was sent to the New York meeting by Mr. Max Crocker, a Z.O.C. Vice-President and a much confused person to whom Mr. Ben Harris has access. A report was then made by Mr. Leo Peyser, who, of course, is a good friend of Mr. Harris, and therefore quite friendly to his thoughts.

Mr. Frisch was then called upon and advised the members present, with the acknowledgment of Mr. Silverstein, that his original purpose in coming to Chicago as per the invitation was to speak about the future policy of the ZOA and its relationship to the American Zionist program and the State of Israel, but being that the so-called UJA and CPZ controversy had been brought into the meeting, he said he was no doubt expected to clarify the position of our organization in this matter. I must say that we in the ZOA are to be congratulated that we have men of the caliber of Mr. Frisch, for his presentation was most effective and convincing. In his remarks, Mr. Frisch had said that he "looked upon Abba Hillel Silver as the uncrowned king of Jewry in the Diaspora".

Dr. Emanuel Neumann

February 23, 1949

After Mr. Frisch had finished his presentation, there were a number of questions to which he immediately replied and then the questions were given so that time could be saved in order that Mr. Frisch could answer them at one time.

Mr. Benjamin R. Harris asked for the floor and said that he wanted to do more than ask questions. He wanted to make a statement. He was granted as much time as he might require and immediately entered into one of the most vicious types of attack upon Dr. Silver and yourself, which of course is the practice of his colleagues in the CPZ and also seized upon the opportunity to repeat with each breath "uncrowned king of Jewry in the Diaspora". His actions were of such manner that he disgusted even those who might have been friendly to his position. I don't think it is necessary for me to repeat the tripe put forth by him.

Dan Frisch then out-did himself much to the satisfaction of, I believe, 98% of those in attendance, and it is the unanimous feeling of our friends here in Chicago that Mr. Harris has buried any chances of his group for a following in our Chicago leadership.

I thought that you would be interested in knowing of this meeting.

With kind personal regards and Zion's greetings,



Milton J. Silberman



Dr. Silver
COPY

4 FOUNTAIN HOUSE
PARK LANE, LONDON W.1
Regent 3530

March 4th, 1949.

Dear Dr. Neumann,

You must know by now the world-wide propaganda line against you and I am enclosing two cuttings from the "Zionist Review" for further demonstration. The matter is being treated as an internal squabble based on personal animosities, affecting in its possible repercussions the whole structure of Zionist finance and requiring therefore outside intervention. I realize, and did approve of, your unwillingness to aggravate the split in the Confederation and to provoke your opponents, but I believe that your restraint has gone too far. You are missing the opportunity of counter-attacking the wire-pullers and of exposing the real aim and make-up of the enemy-conspiracy. You are fighting on the ground chosen by your opponents, instead of asking World Zionism to rally around you in a political fight affecting basic interests of Zionism common to all parties. In explaining your attitude it is not too late to raise the debate to the highest political and ideological level. By the way, there is a tendency in Gt. Russell Street to paint you black as against Silver's grey, and you might keep an eye on this differentiation.

To emphasize that principles are involved the support of a machine in other countries would have been invaluable to you. The elements for its construction are there, and it requires only central direction and effective support, politically and financially, to bring it to life. For Europe you need a central office in Paris or London, possibly Brussels. It should not be either in Israel or the U.S. Apart from the fact that in both places local issues would unavoidably claim too much attention, Israel General Zionism, rightly or wrongly, has the reputation of being reactionary, while the direction by an office in New York would add material to the assertion of the Progressives that General Zionism has to-day no ideological contents and is nothing but a screen for the Z.O.A.'s will to power.

In this connection it is most important that you should work out an ideological and political program. I have some suggestions to make and shall generally be glad to co-operate if you should wish me to. There is another practical matter: Your opponents try to give the impression that they are much more connected with Israel, and a more organic part of the Zionist movement than are you and your colleagues. They are supported by an optical illusion based on the constant travelling of their leading personalities and Shelichim. In making your plans please take into account the need to emulate them in this respect and get the General Zionist leadership in Israel and the Z.O.A. leadership on the move, in addition to other personalities in Europe and South America who have to be built up.

I am glad to say that I have been successful in the two immediate aims that I had set myself since my return from the States. Ashe Lincoln is standing as Chairman of the E.Z.F. against Barnett Hanner and has been nominated already officially (amongst others by Mrs. Brodetsky who did not quite realize what she was doing!). His chances are not bad and we have organized considerable support already. In any case an opposition will definitely crystallize and look to you for guidance. For the time being I keep as far as possible in the background until I have made my party change official.

Secondly, I have collected an Editorial Board for the paper which includes the best names in English Zionism. Apart from Brodetsky whom I did not invite, Fred Nettler who is still in Israel, and Mrs. Sieff who promised me her answer after her return from the Wizo-Conference, there is nobody of rank who is not associated with it. Apart from Ashe Lincoln, Norman Jacobs and myself, it includes Rabbis Dr. A. Cohen, Kopul Rosen (President of Mizrachi), Harris Swift, and others. It has created a first-rate sensation that these people are acting together in one group, and the E.Z.F. machine has gone into full operation trying to get people away and to warn of the disruptive influence of the new paper on the unity of "British progressive Zionism." For some time now there have been moves to enlarge and improve the Zionist Review, and these steps are being hastened now. On the other hand, Paper Control has granted me also an increased allocation; but this has the disadvantage of far larger expenses than I anticipated. It is the more important that Jacques Torczyner should promptly fulfil the promise made and, if possible, even increase its scope. I also hope for serious support on the editorial side.

The first number of the paper in its new form will appear either on the 18th or 25th March. I should like in the first numbers to carry articles by you and Dr. Silver, and also later whenever I can get any. But certainly in the beginning it is most important, if the paper is to carry weight against the names of Weizmann, Brodetsky, Goldmann, Kaplan, etc. I should be grateful, of course, for new articles for this first occasion on any subjects you chose (an article on the days prior to May 15th, and the relative attitude of yourselves as against Goldmann and colleagues would be useful and important), but if you have no time, good old articles will do, as nothing by you or Silver has so far been published here. Could you mention this to Dr. Silver, please, and, in the case of old articles, to Mr. Barbarash? Many thanks in advance.

I hope that you are well, and that the struggle has not tired you but stimulated you. By your past work you and Dr. Silver have acquired a position which, if you vacate it, would make at least half of the Zionist movement leaderless, and would thus make the emergence of a genuine working balance and working democracy impossible for a long time to come. To be blind to this would not be modesty, but abandonment of your task. I am seriously worried only whenever I remember what I heard in New York of Dr. Silver's wish to retire to his rabbinical work in Cleveland, as if it were a matter of personal decision only. It becomes clearer every day that your fight has only begun, and that on its victorious conclusion depends the future of Galut Zionism as a living force. It was not of your asking, but now that it has been forced upon you, the quicker you organize your forces the better. Excuse me for saying all this, but from the distance it looks as though you had not made up your minds yet. It is vital that your friends in other countries should be given a lead quickly, and an organization to which to turn.

With kindest regards, also for Mrs. Neumarn,

Yours sincerely,

(SIGNED) Paul Riebenfeld

P.S. At the moment there is in New York Major Berman of the Israeli Army, the son of Rabbi Berman, member of the A.C. He has been a Revisionist and has come to similar conclusions as I. He has some interesting ideas worthwhile listening to, and a first-class knowledge of the structure of the Yishuv. This is to recommend him to you and your colleagues in case he should contact you.

B.R.

Copy - Dr. Silver

March 8, 1949

Dr. Emanuel Neumann

Joseph Thon

Enclosed please find copies of letters from Joseph Weinberg, the General-Secretary of the Zionist Organization of France.

I wish to remind you that Mr. Weinberg is our main-stay in Europe.

Kindest personal regards.



A large, stylized handwritten signature, likely belonging to Joseph Thon, written in dark ink.

פאריז, דעם 2טן מערץ, 1949

לכבוד ד"ר יוסף טהאן
ניו יארק

מיין ליבער און טייערער פריינט:

אין דעם בריוו וויל איך אייך שרייבן וועגן א ספעציעלן ענין. אין צו-
זאמענהאנג מיט דער געשאפענער לאגע אין אונדזער באוועגונג איז אנטשטאנען
פאלגענדער פראבלעם:

דער פארבאנד פון ציוניסטישע אינטעלעקטועלע, פון וועלכן איך בין דער
פארזיצער, איז היינטצוטאג דער וויכטיקסטער פאקטאר אין דער ציוניסטישער
ארגאניזאציע אין פאריז. דאס איז געווארן א צאלמעסיקע ארגאניזאציע מיט א
סך באוואוסטווינקע און אקטיווע מיטגלידער. אונדזערע קעגנער האבן איצט
אונטערגענומען אן אקציע צו ליקוידירן דעם פארבאנד.

בכדי צו פארזיכערן די עקזיסטענץ פון דעם פאריז איז נויטיק צו האבן
א פארזיכערטן מינימום בודזשעט.

איך פרעג אייך:

(א) צו זיינען אייערע חברים בארייט צו געבן דעם אינטעלעקטועלן פאריז א
מאנאטלעכע סובווענץ פון 100 דאלער און צו פארזיכערן די סובווענץ אויף א
יאר צייט, דאס הייסט 1200 דאלער?

ווי איר ווייסט, האט פאט פאטאל איבערגעלאזט זיין וווינונג. די וווינונג
דארף קאסטן 1250 דאלער. די ציוניסטישע ארגאניזאציע האט קיין געלט און קאן
די וווינונג נישט געמען. ס'דראט די געפאר, אז די "פראגרעסיב" וועלן דעם
לאקאל געמען. איר גיט אייך אפ א דין וחשבון וואס דאס באדייט אויב זיי וועלן
אין דעם קריטישן מאמענט האבן א לאקאל אין זעלבן הויז (רי דע שאבראל).

איך פרעג אייך:

(ב) צו איז מעגלעך, אז איר זאלט געבן די סכום פון 1250 דאלער דעם פארבאנד
"ירדן" בכדי ער זאל געמען דעם לאקאל און אזויארום פארזיכערן ער זאל בלייבן
ביי אונדז.

דעם ענין באטראכט איך פאר זייער א וויכטיקן און איך בעט אייך, מיר באלד
נאכן דערהאלטן דעם בריוו צו געבן אן ענטפער. וואס שנעלער דער ענטפער וועט
קומען, זיכערער וועלן די ענינים דערליידיקט ווערן.

איך דערווארט אייער גיכן ענטפער און איך שיק אייך איבער מיין חאציקן
און חבר'שן שלום.

אייער יוסף וויינבערג

פ.ס.

וועגן דעם ענין שרייבט אויף מיין פריוואטן אדרעס.

דעם 2 טן מערץ, 1949

לכבוד ד"ר יוסף טהאן
ניו יארק

מיין טייערער און ליבער חבר און פריינט:

איך האב דערהאלטן אייער בריוו. איר באשטעטיקט מיר 4 טעלעגראמען. איך בעט אייך איר זאלט די זאך גענוי נאכזען. פון פראנקרייך האט איר געזאלט דערהאלטן א סך טעלעגראמען ווי: פון דער נאציאנאל-יידישער פאלקס-הילף - אונטערגעשריבן גמאך און ראזענבלום, פון ווייסן, פון גרענאבל, פון א מיטינג פון בעלפארט, פון מולוו - אונטערגעשריבן גינזבורג, פון מערב פראנקרייך - אונטערגעשריבן שענקער, פון א מיטינג פון ליל, פון חבר לוקסענבורג אלס וויצע-פרעזידענט פון דער ציוניסטישער ארגאניזאציע און פון די אינסעלעקטועלע.

דא האט זיך צעפלאקערט א גרויסער פייער. איך גלויב אז מיר שטייען פאר וויכטיקע געשעענישן. מ'פארשטייט זיך, אז איך בין דער הויפטציל פון די קעג-נער, וועלכע גיבן זיך אפ א דין וחשבון, אז איך בין דער גרעסטער שטערער צו זייערע פלענער. איך האף, אז מיר וועלן זיך מיט זיי אן עוצה געבן. דאס איינרא-פעאישע ביורא איז געווארן דער קעגן-צענטראלער פונקט פון דער גאנצער אפענסי-ווע. זיי פילן, אז די קאנפערענציע שלאפט און זיי וואלטן געוואלט פארזיכערן דאס ביורא פאר מאפיאל און דעם העכער. פאלאקעוויטש גייט דעפיניטיוו אוועק. ער פארט קיין ישראל.

מ'איז מיר לעצטנס געלונגען צו שאפן אין סונים א גרויסע ארגאניזאציע. דער העכער האט זיי דארט איינגעדעקט, אז ער איז די ציוניסטישע ארגאניזאציע. מיר האבן דארט איצט א גרויסע ארגאניזאציע מיט אפאר סניפים.

דעם נעקסטן דאנערשטיק, דאס הייסט פון מארגן איבער אוואך וועט פארקומען א צענטראל-קאמיטעט זיצונג מיט א פאליטישער דיסקוסיע. מ'וואלט געווען אנגע-וויזן איר זאלט שיקן מאטעריאל וועגן דעם סיכסוך. דא דערציילט מען וועגן דעם סאמע ליגנס און ליידער האבן מיר נישט גענוג ידיעות בכדי זיך זיי אנטקעגנצו-שטעלן.

איך גרייס אייך רעכט אויסריכטיק און איך איבערשיק אייך מיין הארציקן

שלום.

אייער יוסף וויינבערג

פ.ס.

איך בעט אייך נאכאמאל צו שרייבן וועגן אלע אפיציעלע ענינים אויף רי-דע-שאבראל און וועגן פארטרוילעכע און פערזענלעכע ענינים אויף מיין פרייוואטן אדרעס.

March 10, 1949

Dr. Emanuel Neumann
521 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Emanuel:

I have asked Charles Ress to give me his opinion about the action which was taken by the Board of Directors of the UPA a week ago Monday to elect Rothenberg. He sent me the enclosed statement which I believe is very interesting. Whether we make an issue of the legality of Rothenberg's election or not, I think Ress's position ought to be put in the form of a letter which should appear in the next issue of the "New Palestine" signed either by Ress or by someone else. Rothenberg ought not to be permitted to enjoy the fruits of his outrageous double-cross.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er
Enc.

March 16th, 1949

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, President,
Zionist Organization of America,
41 East 42nd Street,
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Neumann:

In my capacity as President of the Flatbush Zionist Organization, I write to report a sermon by Rabbi Harry Halpern at the East Midwood Jewish Center last Friday, March 11th. This was the concluding Friday evening service of the season and the topic was, "Peace in Jewish Ranks - What Price?"

Rabbi Halpern's sermon to the congregation explained the issues and what is behind them. It was a forthright account of the UJA controversy. The Rabbi prefaced his sermon with an unequivocal statement that he was squarely behind Dr. Silver and Dr. Neumann and that though there may be some who would disagree with him, he felt obligated to present his point of view and his opinion. He challenged anyone to deny that several personalities in Hadassah, naming Mrs. Halpern and Mrs. Epstein, had personal dislikes for Dr. Silver; he felt that Mr. Morgenthau was far from being indispensable, and intimated strongly that Mr. Montor was leading Mr. Morgenthau, who was following blindly.

No administration spokesman, no close personal friend of Dr. Neumann and Dr. Silver could have made a better presentation, nor given a more detailed account of the events from the time of Montor's resignation to the present.

We have a stalwart and good friend in Dr. Halpern and I remind you that he was Ben Browdy's predecessor as President of the Brooklyn Zionist Region and that his influence in Brooklyn should be utilized. I hardly need to tell you that he is no mean orator.

I think that we should consider Rabbi Halpern as a friend and that he should be put in a position where he can help in time to come. His opinion of Dr. Silver, as he expressed it, was that Dr. Silver is a learned and cultured Rabbi and gentleman, far from the uncompromising and out-unapproachable person he is made out to be, and that the

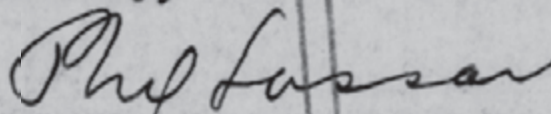
- Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Page Two, March 16th, 1949.

extent to which Dr. Silver was willing to compromise in order that peace may be secured in Zionist and fund-raising ranks, and the rebuff he received, was entirely inexcusable.

With all good wishes from your good friends representing over 4000 Zionist members of Flatbush, I am

Philip H Lassar
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Sincerely,



President,
Flatbush Zionist Organization

c c Dr Abba Hillel Silver
Dr Sidney Marks

WRHS



March 30, 1949

Dr. Emanuel Neumann
521 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Emanuel:

You may be interested in an article which appeared in the Forwards of Tuesday, March 29th, by H. Vital called "New York, the Chief Center of the Zionist World Movement". It is the story of the American Section of the Jewish Agency and its activities. Clearly inspired by Goldmann, its purpose is to indicate that the American Section of the Jewish Agency accomplished nothing until after our resignation when it suddenly sprang into life. It deftly omits mentioning the fact that I was elected Chairman of the American Section at the Actions Committee meeting following the Basle Congress, and that many important and significant activities were carried on in the last three years quite apart from the political activities. It falsifies the facts as regards the establishment of the Latin Department and the Economic Department with Robert Nathan which occurred before our resignation.

What is most significant is the closing paragraph which reads: "A great reorganization is now taking place in the American Zionist Emergency Council and much of the work of this Council will be taken over by the Public Relations Department (Goldmann) of the Jewish Agency." This, of course, is what I have been saying right along.

I should also like to call your attention to part of the headline of the article: "The Agency has taken over the most important activities of the Zionist Organization."

I think this article should be answered before its falsehoods gain currency and acceptance. It is clearly the beginning of a campaign (1) to wash out the achievements of the American Section of the Jewish Agency until the advent of Goldmann, and (2), to prepare the minds of American Zionists for the absorption by the Agency of the Zionist Movement in the United States.

As ever yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

Via Air Mail

EMANUEL NEUMANN
521 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.
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MURRAY HILL 2-0694-5

PRESIDENT - ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE -
THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE

April 1, 1949

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

Dear Abba:

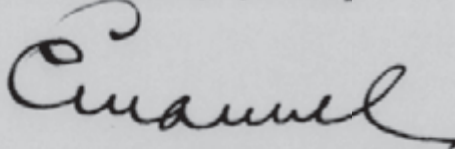
I have noted your letter with regard to H. Vital's
article "New York, the Chief Center of the Zionist World
Movement".

Margoshes is working on it now and it is his
personal suggestion that it be answered by someone other
than you or me.

Kind regards.

As ever,

Faithfully yours,



Emanuel Neumann

EN:BW

April 7, 1949

Dr. Emanuel Neumann
521 Fifth Avenue
New York 17, New York

My dear Emanuel:

I plan to follow through with this matter and once and for all get this thing out into the open. Where did this figure of \$300,000 originate and what is this business about the purchase of Shekolim? I would like to know the full story so that when I speak to Mr. Wolok, I shall be clear as to exactly how to proceed.

With all good wishes, I remain

As ever yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er
Enc.

Via Air Mail

April 11, 1949

Dr. Emanuel Neumann
521 Fifth Avenue
New York, 17, New York

My dear Emanuel:

The enclosed letter and editorial are self-explanatory. I would suggest that you have someone send Mr. Teitelbaum the data which he requires at once. Our friends out in Denver should be stirred up to answer this fellow, Friedman, who has been conducting quite a campaign against the administration.

I suggest that you prepare, before-hand, a proper statement to be released in connection with the meeting of the CPZ next Sunday. Some articles should be prepared both for the Yiddish press and for the Anglo-Jewish press. It has not been sufficiently emphasized in our publicity that what we have favored was not A or B in General Zionism, but a United Party which would include both. That was the position which I strongly advocated last August in Israel. I was opposed to the split into the setting up of rival parties within the General United Zionist Party. Those who split and now travel under the term, Progressive, are the enemies of the General United Zionist Party. They would like to make the ZOA a tail to the kite of the Mapai. They call that backing the Government of Israel. The Government of Israel is today a coalition government not a labor government. Without the non-Socialist elements in the coalition, the present government will fall.

Do we or do we not want in Israel an all-embracing General United Party, which would have room for all Israelis who do not wish to identify themselves with Socialist parties, with a specific religious bloc, or with the extreme right? These simple facts ought to be hammered away at between now and the convention.

If Mr. Coblanz is handling the administration case, he should be informed of this general line which ought to be followed. You should have three or four more people writing in the next few weeks.

April 11, 1949

With all good wishes, I remain

As ever yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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enc.-2

Via Air Mail

P.S. I assume that you are losing no time in getting the out of the way districts, who are not likely to send their own delegates, to designate delegates favorable to the administration. This ought to be done at once. This is where the opposition will try to marshal its strength, using the machinery of the UJA wherever possible. Our field directors ought to be working on this phase of it right now. Someone under Marks should be put in charge of this phase of the work immediately.



April 15, 1949

Dr. Emanuel Neumann
300 Central Park West
New York, New York

My dear Emanuel:

Our case will, of course, be misrepresented and distorted at the meeting of the Actions Committee. Goldmann et al will see to it. I think it would be smart to have two or three good articles stating fully our position in the controversy and our conception of the future relationship between the Jewish Agency and Zionist bodies throughout the world, and especially in the United States, appear in the Israeli papers on the eve of the meeting. I am sure that Haaretz and Haboker would welcome such articles. I am sure that they can be given to someone who will leave for Israel in the next week or so to take with him, and that you can arrange by cable with the editors of the above papers to have them published.

I have just read another article which appeared in the Haaretz by Justus on the controversy - another Zuckerman version of what took place.

By the way, the Margoshes column today on the refusal to postpone the Actions Committee meeting is a very good one.

As ever yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

DAY LETTER

APRIL 15, 1949

DR. EMANUEL NEUMANN
300 CENTRAL PARK WEST
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

GREENLEAF REPORTED TO ME OF PROPOSED MEETING TOMORROW WITH
OPPOSITION. URGE THAT YOU HAVE SAME NUMBER OF PEOPLE FOR
THE ADMINISTRATION AT MEETING AS OPPOSITION INCLUDING FRISCH
MILLER AND MAY. ARRANGE FOR SECRETARY TO TAKE DOWN MINUTES
OF MEETING. REJECT ALL IDEA OF COALITION. THE ZOA IS NOT A
CONGRESS OR A CONFEDERATION. IT IS A SINGLE PARTY WHERE THE
MAJORITY DETERMINES THE CHARACTER OF THE ADMINISTRATION. NO
COMMITMENTS HOWEVER VAGUE SHOULD BE MADE. WHATEVER PROPOSALS
THE OPPOSITION IS PREPARED TO MAKE SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE
EXECUTIVE OF THE ZOA ON THE TWENTY FOURTH. IT IS QUESTIONABLE
WHETHER YOU SHOULD MEET WITH GOLDMANN SINCE I UNDERSTAND HE IS
NOT A MEMBER OF THE ZOA. KINDEST REGARDS.

ABBA

SUNDAY

May 8th



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May 12, 1949

FRITZ BERNSTEIN
HOTEL EDEN
JERUSALEM

~~SURPRISED~~ TO LEARN FROM PUBLISHED ACCOUNTS OF DISCUSSIONS REGARDING OUR RESIGNATION THAT REAL ISSUE HAS APPARENTLY NOT BEEN GRASPED. THE ISSUE WAS NOT WHETHER NON-ZIONISTS SHOULD BE PREFERRED OR WHETHER MAJORITY RULE SHOULD PREVAIL IN THE EXECUTIVE BUT WHETHER THE EXECUTIVE IS COMPETENT TO INTERVENE IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS OF RESPONSIBLE COMPETENT LOCAL ZIONIST BODIES SETTING ASIDE THEIR DECISIONS COERCING THEM INTO ACTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WISHES OF THE EXECUTIVE AND THUS ABOLISH THEIR LONG ESTABLISHED AUTONOMY. THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THIS REPRESENTS A CONTINUING TENDENCY IN THE EXECUTIVE WHICH IF PERSISTED IN IS BOUND TO LEAD TO FURTHER CONFUSION AND DISRUPTION OF MOVEMENT. WE COULD NOT LEND OURSELVES TO A POLICY WHICH THREATENS TO DESTROY THE VITALITY OF ORGANIZED ZIONISM IN DIASPORA AND REDUCE ORGANIZATIONS IN AMERICA AND ALL OTHER COUNTRIES TO LIFELESS MECHANISMS WITHOUT INITIATIVE RESPONSIBILITY OR INFLUENCE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES. THE EXECUTIVE HAD NO MANDATE TO PURSUE SUCH A COURSE AND SHOULD NOT FOLLOW SUCH A POLICY IN FUTURE. WOULD APPRECIATE MAKING OUR VIEWS AVAILABLE TO ACTIONS COMMITTEE AND PRESS

SILVER NEUMANN

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GUSTAVE L. GOLDSTEIN
Citizens National Bank Bldg.
453 South Spring St.
Los Angeles 13, Calif.

June 6, 1949

Dr. Emanuel Neumann
c/o Zionists Organization of America
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Neumann:

I read the very interesting article in the May 27, 1949
New Palestine issue "A President Leaves Office."

I have watched with deep interest and genuine satisfaction
the splendid work that you and Dr. Silver did during the past
few years which, in my opinion, was the outstanding, major
affect that brought to a realization the State of Israel.

I think it would be a regrettable thing if the history of the
American achievements for the accomplishment of Israel were
not recorded as a matter of history.

Personally, I would like to see an objective history written
thereof telling in detail the thrilling, dramatic events that
led up to the creation of the State of Israel, or, I would
like to see Dr. Silver and you collaborate in writing such
a book, or, if modesty on the part of Dr. Silver and you, or
either of you, would make it impossible for you to set forth
these historic achievements, I would like to see someone
write a book along these lines and very much along the lines
of Robert Sherwood's "Roosevelt and Hopkins."

You know the persons that might be qualified to write such a
work, assuming that you and Dr. Silver did not do so. In any
event, this should be a "must" in order to preserve the
record for posterity.

Meantime, my best wishes to you and Dr. Silver and our many
mutual friends.

With kindest personal regards,

Cordially yours,

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G.L. Goldstein