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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

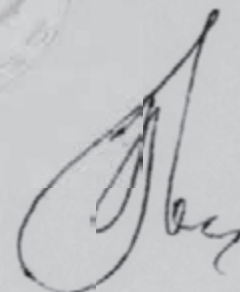
DATE: October 7, 1948

FROM: Joseph Thon

SUBJECT:

I am enclosing copies of two letters which this department received only today from Joseph Weinberg, the General Secretary of the Zionist Organization of France, and a staunch supporter of the political line of the ZOA. I deem the situation in the European office rather serious, especially in view of the start of the Congress campaign.

Kindest personal regards.



פאריז, דעם 28טן סעפטעמבער 1948

חשובער ד"ר יוסף טהאן
אין ניו יארק

ליכער חבר ד"ר טהאן:

איך האב געווארט אויף א ידיעה פון אייך נאך דעם צוריקקומען פון חבר פריש און דר. מארגאשעס קיין אמעריקע. איך בין געבליבן אין פאריז וועלענדיק ווייטער פארזעצן וואס חבר פריש האט באגלייט. עס ווייזט זיך אבער ארויס אז בנוגע דעם אייראפעאישן ביורא האבן אונדזערע חברים קיין מוט נישט. די חברים קאלכיים און איידעלמאן וואלטן געוואלט שפילן די ראל, וואס ס'האט געשפילט מאט סעגאל, דאס הייסט יעדן צוזאגן און נישט אנגאזשירן זיך אויף קיין שום צד.

פאלאקעוויטש איז צוריקגעקומען פון ישראל. ער איז הונדערט פראצענט גע- בונדן מיט יענער חברה און מיט די ענגלענדער. פאריזן זונטיק האבן מיר געהאט א פאליטישע זיצונג פון הייבן צענטראל-קאמיטעט. איך האב געהאט דעם פאליטישן רעפערעט און פארעלייגט געהעריקע רעזאלוציעס. עס האבן זיך מיטאמאל באוויזן קובאוויצקי, הארטמאן, הדרי און פאלאקעוויטש. אלע האבן זיי זיך געלייגט אין דער לענג און אין דער ברייט די זאך זאל נישט צושטאנד קומען. די זיצונג האט זיך פארשלעפט ביז שפעט און האט געמוזט אפגעלייגט ווערן. ס'פארשטייט זיך, אז מיר האבן א סערהייט. פון פראנקרייך איז דער איינציגער אנשטלאסענער געגנער חבר סאפאל, וועלכער האט דערקלערט, אז מיינ פארשלאג וועגן דערקלערן זיך פאר סילווער ניומאן איז א פראוואקאציע און צום סוף האט ער דערקלערט, אז אויב דער פארשלאג וועט אנגענומען ווערן, וועט קומען צו א ברוד אין דער פראנצויזישער ארגאניזאציע, ווייל ער מיט "זייערע חברים" וועלן מוזן ארויסטרעטן. ער האט געהאלטן א פראוואצירענדע העובר רעדע. פאלאקעוויטש האט ערשט געוואלט שפילן די ראלע פון א נייטראלן, אבער ווען הארטמאן האט זיך באוויזן אין לאקאל איז ער ארויס פון דעם גלייכגעוויכט און זיך פארראטן מיט זיין אמטדיקן פרצוף.

איצט אין פאליטישן געביט קאן איך אייך שרייבן, אז באקשטיינמקע מיט זיינע קאלעגן, האבן שוין אנטשלאסן זיך בראדעצקי צו סאנטיקןאלס צוקונפטיקן פרעזידענט פון דער ציוניסטישער ארגאניזאציע. איך בין נאכנישט איבערצייגט צו פראפ. בראד- דעצקי אליין וויל דאס. זיי זיינען איצט גאר אקטיוו אין דער רייזע פון ד"ר סאגאל. אין איטאליע איז שוין געווען אן אפן רעדן וועגן "אונדזער זיג" און "אייראפע שטייט הינטער אונדז", מיינענדיק דערמיט די פראגרעסיבן.

דער פועל יוצא דערפון איז, אז אויב די חברים אין אמעריקע אנטשליסן זיך צו זיין אקטיוו אין אייראפע, דאן טאר קיין צייט נישט פארלארן ווערן. איך שלאג פאר, אז אויף יעדן-פאלס זאל איך פאריז געעפנט ווערן א ביורא פון די זיי. א. איז אזוי לאנג ווי די סיטואציע אין אייראפעאישן ביורא איז נישט קלאר טאר זיי קיין גראשן נישט געגעבן ווערן. איך בין איבערצייגט, אז די זאכן וועלן זיך נישט לאזן אויף דעם קארעספאדענץ וועג דערליידיקן און אויסמוז ווער קומען פון אמע- ריקע. איך גלויב, אז ריכטיק וואלט געווען דער חבר פריש.

מיר שליסן אפ די וואך דעם שקל קאמפייין. מיר וועלן האבן א גרויסן סוקצעס. עס ווייזט זיך ארויס, אז מיר וועלן דערגרייכן די דאפעלטע צאל פון די לינקע. אלץ הענגט איצט אפ פון אייך, ד. ה. אז ח' פריש זאל געבן דעם ח' לוקסענבורג דעם אויפמארג דאס געלט פאר די שקלים צו פארווענדן. איך בעט אייך פארשטענדיקט אייך באלד מיט חבר פריש.

איך האף די צווייטע וואך צו פארן קיין ישראל אין דער מיטע פון דר. ע. ניומאן. איך וועל דארט נישט בלייבן מער ווי צוויי וואכן. איך בין וואס אמאל מער איבערצייגט אין דער וויכטיקייט פון דער מיטע. איך בעט אייך איר זאלט זאפארט שרייבן א ברייף צו אונדזערע חברים אין ישראל, אז איך וועל דארט זיין און וויי פארשטעלן מיינ פאליטישע שטעלונג. ס'קען איר מקומען, אז איך זאל געברויכן זייער הילף. שיקט מיר אויך די קאפיטע פון דעם שרייבן צו זיי.

איך דערווארט מיט אומגעדולד ידיעות פון אייך און שיק אייך און אלע אונ- שזערע חברים איבער א תאריצ'קן שלום און א לשנה טובה חתומה. איינער איבערגעגעבער חבר'לדעה. יוסף וויינבערג

לכבוד דר. יוסף טהאן
ניו יארק

השובער ד"ר טהאן, ליבער פריינט:

איך האב אייך געכטן א בריוו געשריבן און שוין היינט שרייב איך די פארזעצונג.

איך האב שוין אויסגעקויפט א בילעט אויף דעם אווילאן פון געקסטן שבת, ד. ה. דעם 1טן אקטאבער, בכדי צו פארן קיין ישראל אויספירן די מיסיע, וואס איך האב באקומען פון דר. ניומאן. ווי איך האב אייך שוין געבעטן אין מיין פאריגן בריוו, איז נויטיק איר זאלט פארשטענדיקן אונדזערע חברים אין ישראל וועגן מיין באזוך. איך רעדן דארט צו פארבלייבן נישט מער ווי צוויי וואכן.

מיר דא ווארטן מיט אומגעדולד אויף ידיעות פון אייך, ווייל מיר ווייסן נישט ווי מיר זאלן האנדלען. ווען וואלט היינט דא געווען, וואלטן מיר אן הנאה געהאט.

די שקל אקציע האבן מיר אדורכגעפירט מיט א גאר גרויסן סוקצעס. מיר אליין וועלן האבן פארקויפט מער ווי אלע אנדערע פארטייען צוזאמענגענומען. ליידער זיינען מיר נישט אומשטאנד צו שליסן דעם קאמפיין, נישט האבנדיק פון חבר פריש דעם אויפטראג צו באנוצן דאס געלט, וואס ער האט ביי לוקסעמבערגן איבערגעלאזט. איך בעט אייך איר זאלט אייך מיט אים זאפארט פארשטענדיקן און באלד טעלעגראפירן צו לוקסעמבערגן. מיר קאנען אלץ פארלירן.

מיר האבן מיט חבר ד"ר מארגאשעס איבערגעגעבן א ידיעה אז איר זאלט ביי מיניסטער דר. בערנסטיין בלאסירן דעם פאסטן פון האנדלס-אמאשע פאר פראנקרייך. מיר האבן א פראנצויזישן אדוואקאט, וועלכער האט געוויינט זי לעצטע זיבן יאר אין ישראל און איז גאר אויפגעצייכנט ספעציאליזירט אין דער פראנצויזישער עקאנאמיע. איך לייג אייך ביי איינצלעהייטן וועגן אים. ער הייסט בוקשטיין. די זאך קאן אונדז גרויסע נוצן בריינגען. איך לייג אייך אויך ביי אנואבן וועגן מיר.

ליבער חבר און פריינט-ווי אויף דעם אלטן שטייגער וויל איך אייך באגרייפן צום נייעם יאר. דאס פארגאנגענע יאר איז געווען א יאר פון גרויסע היסטארישע געשעענישן. מיר האבן נאך פאר זיך א שווערן וועג. אונדזער מדינה מוז בא-פעסטיקט ווערן, דאס פאלק דערהאלטן ווערן אין דער אמונה אין גאט פון אונדזערע אבות, כדי צו דערדריינגען צו קיבוץ גלויות. מיר זיינען געבונדן צוזאמען אין פארגאנגענעם יאר. אונדזער וועג איז א גערעכטער, מיר וועלן אים אויך גיין צו-זאמען אין צוקונפט. יאר. זאל גאט געבן די שוועה שלום אונדזער אויסגעסא-טערט פאלק און א סך דין און שלום דעם ישוב אין לאנד פון אונדזערע אבות.

אייך פערזענלעך און אונדזערע חברים א סך פרייד אין אייער לעבן און לשנה טובה חתכו

אייער איבערגעבענער

יוסף וויינבערג

פ. ס.

איצט, פרייטיק אינדערפרי האב איך דערהאלטן אייער טעלעגראמע וועגן די 1600. איך דאנק אייך.

י. וו.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: December 14, 1948

FROM: Joseph Thon

SUBJECT:

The U.P.A. controversy and other matters seem to have pushed the problem of the Confederation and the approaching Congress into the background.

It is because of my deep seated and, of late, fully justified fear, that we are losing the Confederation, step by step, that I feel it my duty as a matter of record and future reference, to REPEAT my sincere conviction that we are winning the periphery of the struggle for our point of view, and foregoing, or losing if you please, the very heart of it.

To all intents and purposes, there are only two major places, the representatives of which will be factors in determining this drama called "General Zionism", - France and South America.

As you know, I have just returned from Canada which, not unlike Britain, is in the hands of the self-termed "progressives". I am persuaded that both there as well as in Great Britain, and perhaps also South Africa, we could divide the forces and obtain some support at the Congress, if we would but will it earnestly.

All of the above, my dear Dr. Silver, is predicated of course upon "your" plans and thinking.

I feel that your inability or unwillingness to come to a conclusion as to whither we are heading, or if you have come to such a conclusion, your failure to share it promptly and with your characteristic directness with those who are ever ready to follow in your footsteps, may endanger our attempt to recapture what we undoubtedly lost already and are losing every day, by sheer inactivity.

I wish to take this opportunity to also inform you that I feel that the decision as to whom to ship the equipment to, (the last equipment we shall probably send), as well as the manner in which we are handling the Confederation matters, are not conducive, in my humble judgment, to the strengthening of our position, even if our policy would be one of compromise and re-shuffling.

ca

cc. Dr. Emanuel Neumann

ELIHU D. STONE
ATTORNEY AT LAW
44 SCHOOL STREET
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Dec. 31, 1948

Dr. Alta Hibel Silver
The Grays
Cleveland Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver

My family and I were happy to write to you
Merrage's last night on the radio. It was impressive
as it was sincere. I hope it will be known you have
known it. I hope the University by knowing you have
known it. I hope the honor was deserved.

It was a timely message and a most
effective one.

I received many calls from many a
familiar reader here discussing the event in a
most favorable mood. They were particularly
delighted with your definition of the status of the
Jewish people in the Diaspora and its relation to
Israel. Apparently this clarification of the
relationship of Israel to the Jewish people of other countries
is something for which they waited. Hence, it
could stand for repetition—particularly by so
authoritative a voice like your own.

I look forward to greater progress in the
coming year in the various activities of our
movement, under your courageous and inspiring
leadership. I have a feeling that the year 1949
will be the year which will record your election
as President of the World Jewish Organization
at the next Zionist Congress for the good of Israel
and the Jews everywhere. With Best Wishes
and Faith!
Eld. David Stra

P.S. Regards to your family!

January 5, 1949

Mr. Elihu D. Stone
44 School Street
Boston, Massachusetts

My dear Elihu:

I was very happy to receive your nice note which I appreciated very much. I trust that you are well and in good trim for additional work.

I think we are entering another period of political squall in relation to Great Britain and the state of Israel. From all indications, she is engaged in another major effort to undermine our position. Bevin is looking for an excuse to intervene in a military way in the situation. It might be well if you would write to your good friend, Congressman McCormick, and brief him on what is going on. We may require, before very long, the help of all of our friends in Congress to check this new conspiracy of Great Britain in which some of the people in our State Department will not be averse to cooperate.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

January 20, 1949

Please reply to:
The Temple
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Mr. Jacques Torczyner
Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

My dear Jacques:

In connection with the meeting which has been called for January 31st, I would appreciate if you would let me have a list of those who are invited to attend this meeting. Some thought should be given to the agenda.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

295 Essex Street
Lawrence, Massachusetts.
January 22, 1949

Abba
Rabbi Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio.

Honored Rabbi:

Your Statesmanship in the Zionist movement has given it the inspiration that has made American Jewry rally to its importance. Your God-given talents have given it the necessary impetus to bring the State of Israel to its present position.

But the present controversy, involving the question of whether Mr. Morgenthau will be in the United Jewish Appeal Drive, or not, becomes a most serious disturbance to the nerve centers of hundreds of thousands of workers and contributors.

I am one of the average John Does of American Jewry. All my life I have been in sympathy with every Jewish movement. Zionism was also one of my hopes and dreams. But at no time in my past association, was my heart so tranquil and my devotion to my work so great as it has been since Mr. Morgenthau came into the UJA in active participation.

Last year it was my privilege to be chairman of the Lawrence United Jewish Appeal and while I hesitated for a long time to undertake this responsibility - because I felt that I was not equal to the huge task - the association of Mr. Morgenthau in the work of the UJA was in great measure my inspiration and caused me, not only to accept this undertaking, but also to do an outstanding job. The result being that Lawrence raised \$160,000.00 against \$85,000.00 the year before.

Of course, if Queen Esther had not come to the rescue of her fellow-Jews, God would have provided someone else to save His people from total destruction by Haman. Nevertheless, it is true that the great leaders in the State of Israel and in America are clamoring that we must have Morgenthau continue in the year 1949.

Now, - for the psychological reaction: the fact that Mr. Morgenthau is not a "blue-blooded Yankee" in the Zionist movement became a strong point for many other faint-hearted Jews to get on the bandwagon. All of which has helped to bring closer and unite all Jewry for the great task and the huge responsibility that is ours.

Dear Rabbi, - I therefore implore your sense of charity for the sake of "Sholom", "Gmilous - Chascdim" and "Zdoko". And just because you are one of the very oldest and the most capable leader of the Zionist movement in this country - the "blue-blooded Yankee" - all the John Does like myself expect you to give of yourself to the over-all strength of peace and harmony that all Jewry may march hand in hand and side by side, to raise, this year, the largest sum of money ever raised in spite of the fact that there are many who are crying "We are tired of giving and tired of working".

I can understand, with the great enthusiasm that is yours and the years of work that you have put in - that you may feel with justification, that you can do it and others with you can do it, without Mr. Henry Monter. But since Mr. Morgenthau and hundreds of thousands of others, feel that they want the entire team to handle the greatest job of our day, this year - I implore you to put your magnetic weight in a final effort to liquidate the Monter controversy, once and for all, so that Jewry in America can stand united and give our hearts, our minds, our toil and our money to make the last year of the first half of the twentieth century Heaven-blest by everyone's unstinted and undivided effort.

Now I would like to close by asking you, most honored Rabbi, to bring into life the spirit of Moses Maimonides in his fore-warning words. - "Defile not your souls by quarrelsomeness and petulance. I have seen the white become black, the low brought still lower, families driven into exile, princes deposed from their high estate, great cities laid in ruins, assemblies dispersed, the pious humiliated, the honourable held lightly and despised - all on account of quarrelsomeness. Glory in forbearance, for in that is true strength and victory".

May the philosophy of the great Rabbi, whose name you bear, give you the resourceful ingenuity to bring peace and harmony amongst the American sons of Israel in the work of the United Jewish Appeal for 1949. "Love Peace and PURSUE IT. Love all mankind and bring it closer to Torah".

Your greatness will be remembered now and throughout the generations, if you and your colleagues who have been hurt in this controversy will put aside your personal injuries for the sake of the ultimate goal that is so dear to Jews everywhere. "Kol hamon kekol of God" and let us prove to the world and to the young State of Israel that we can be united, without being uniform, on many of the phases of how best we may solve our problems of the day.

May my hopes and the meditations of my heart be Heavenly inspired and find grace before you.

I bid you well...

With sincere admiration, devotion and friendship,

Ben-Gurion

Dict. BR/GC.

JACQUES TORCZYNER
2 West 46th Street
New York, N. Y.

January 25, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
c/o Sulgrave Hotel
60 East 67th Street
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PERSONS INVITED TO ALL DAY SESSION
HOTEL BALTIMORE, JANUARY 31, 1949

✓ Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
c/o The Temple
E. 105th St. & Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

✓ Dr. Emanuel Neumann
521 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

✓ Rev. Martin Adolf
399 E. 34th Street
Paterson, New Jersey

✓ Benjamin J. Browdy
3 W. 19th Street
New York, N. Y.

✓ Sol Cohen
8807 104th Street
Richmond Hill, N. Y.

✓ Benjamin J. Doff
379 Broadway
Lawrence, N. Y.

✓ Louis A. Falk
107 Kensington Avenue
Jersey City, N. J.

Dr. Leon Feuer
2335 Collingwood Avenue
Toledo, Ohio

✓ Mendel M. Fisher
884 West End Avenue
New York, N. Y.

✓ Daniel Frisch
300 Central Park West
New York, N. Y.

✓ Irving Galt
100 Thayer Street
New York, N. Y.

Abe Goldstein
3530 S. Osprey Avenue
Sarasota, Florida

Sam Goldstock
615 Bergen Bldg.
Pittsburg, Pa.

Abe Goodman
c/o Morris Bros. Dept. St.
1261 Washington Ave.
Miami, Florida (Beach)
or 200 Varick St., NY

✓ Jack Goodman
200 Varick Street
New York, N. Y.

✓ Joseph W. Greenleaf
321 Hawthorne Terrace
Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

✓ Judge Joseph E. Klau
36 Pearl Street
Hartford, Conn.

✓ Edmund A. Koblenz
93 State Street
Albany, New York

✓ Abe Krumbein
989 6th Avenue
New York, N. Y.

✓ Phil Lassere
1384 E. 29th Street
Brooklyn, N. Y.

✓ Dr. Harris J. Levine
2116 Grand Avenue
Bronx, New York

✓ Dr. Samuel Margoshes
2277 Andrews Avenue
Bronx, New York

✓ Dr. Sidney Marks

Mortimer May
436 Houston Street
Nashville, Tenn.

✓ Irving Miller, Rabbi
975 Allen Lane
Woodmere, L.I., N.Y.

✓ David Moskowitz
3419 Cannon Place
Bronx, New York

Milton Pollack
130 Buckingham Rd.
Brooklyn, N. Y.

✓ Charles Hess
420 Lexington Ave.
New York, N. Y.

✓ Dr. Morton Robbins
273 Main St.
Nashua, N. H.

✓ Harry Shapiro
Tudor City
New York, N. Y.

Milton Silverman
Silver Drug Sales
701 N. Well St.
Chicago, Illinois

✓ Hon. Elihu Stone
14 School Street
Boston, Mass.

✓ William Sytk
6953 Green Hill Rd.
Phila., Pa.

✓ Jacques Torczynor
2 W 46
NYC

✓ I. S. Turover
4725 Bethesda Ave.
Bethesda, Md.

✓ Herman Weisman
295 Madison Ave.
New York, N. Y.

Charles Wolf
580 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

✓ Louis J. Schwefel
315 West 86th Street
New York, N. Y.

✓ Albert Schiff
Hotel Essex House
160 Central Park S.
New York, N. Y.

✓ Joseph Goldberg
15 Park Street
Hudson, Mass.

Elbogen
Adolf Weisberg
Dr. Robbins

MEMORANDUM - MEETING OF JANUARY 31, 1949

The problems to be discussed may be summed up under two headings:

- A. PROBLEMS RELATING TO THE POSITION OF THE Z.O.A. BOTH IN THE WORLD CONFEDERATION OF GENERAL ZIONISTS AND IN THE WORLD ZIONIST MOVEMENT.
- B. THE ROLE AND POSITION OF THE Z.O.A. IN THE UNITED STATES.

A - Z.O.A. AND WORLD ZIONISM

1) The creation of the Jewish State in Israel has changed the status of the Zionists the world over. While it is true that the separation of World Jewry and the Jewish State is a matter of agreed policy, the fact remains that the Government of Israel makes no secret of its intentions to interfere directly in the lives of the Jews of the Diaspora.

If there will be a Congress, and all signs seem to indicate that Mapai wants a Congress this year, the Jews of Israel will be represented in a much larger proportion than at the last Congress because of the unchanged double vote in Israel and the large increase of population in Israel itself. This may mean a change of the balance of power at the next Congress. Unless something is done about it the coalition of forces that defeated the appeasers in 1946 may not be strong enough to gain the majority at the next Congress.

We should not forget that there will be no real representation of the Jews of Eastern Europe. The D.P. camps will be emptied of all those who are Zionists. There are only two Zionist centers left in Europe: France and Britain.

In France, the General Zionist forces are rather strong and can be organized if we use the right methods. After conversations with leading British Zionists, I am more than ever convinced that we have a much better chance than we thought before to strengthen our General Zionist representation in England. We must not neglect Latin America where we have great possibilities for General Zionism.

2) The split in Palestine last Summer of the General Zionist party has dealt a dangerous blow to the Confederation. It is only natural that the split should have been intensified during the last few months and that the whole Confederation today should be tottering. As far as we can see, the Confederation has played a very useful and important part in the World Zionist movement up to and including the last meeting of the Actions Committee. Since then, however, things have become chaotic. Rarely do Z.O.A. representatives appear at the meetings of the American Sections of the World Confederation. If we intend leaving the Confederation, we should say so, but as it is, the Confederation is in a state of suspended animation.

At the moment, the Progressives have not yet conquered the Confederation. There is a chance that they will, but when this happens, it will be our own fault, because we still have the strength to influence certain elements within the Confederation who will side with us in important matters.

Whether we decide to leave the Confederation or to break it, we have to strengthen our relations with Zionist groups all over the world. This cannot be done by sending an emissary or two, once in a while, to tour certain countries. We have to establish offices in Europe and in Palestine with a permanent Z.O.A. representative who will see to it that adequate, correct information about American Zionism is spread wherever necessary and who will keep us informed about the developments in various countries. Most important of all, a strong Z.O.A. office in Israel could be the rallying point of General Zionist interests.

We have to make a clear decision....either we remain in the Confederation, and then we have to take an active part in it and fight for the victory of our ideas within it, or, we leave the Confederation and we strengthen the Z.O.A. wherever we can.

B - Z.O.A. IN AMERICA

1) We might as well face the facts. At this moment, the Z.O.A. is passing through critical times. Our old membership is renewing its allegiance to the organization in very large numbers, but we have lost the power to convince the Jews of America that the Z.O.A. still has a task to perform. As a result, we have only 7,000 new members instead of over 30,000 we had at this time last year. Knowing that every year we lose between 15% to 20% of the enrolled membership, we can estimate that the new members will not be able to make up for this deficit. We have to sell to the public the idea that the Z.O.A. is still needed, and it can be done.

Our financial situation is not too good either, and some drastic retrenchments may be needed. The U.J.A. campaign, the talks of the Opposition and their sabotage of our Expansion Fund, will make our financial worries greater in the months to come.

To meet the situation, vigorous steps have to be undertaken. Our membership, when aroused, reacts wonderfully to the appeal of its leaders. It is necessary that the top leadership go all over the country if we want to keep the organization intact and growing.

2) The Opposition:

Since the last Convention, the Opposition has been very active under the new name of Committee of Contributors. It has gained support amongst non-Zionists and has been able to do tremendous harm to the Zionist movement as a whole. It has, by challenging the integrity of the National funds. The opposition has strengthened its links with Israel and has the tacit support of elements of the Israeli Government and members of the Jewish Agency. While there is a paradox in the position taken by the Committee of Contributors which on the one hand maintains that the Z.O.A. has fulfilled its mission and on the other hand constitutes itself part and parcel of a movement to conquer the Z.O.A., they have spread enough confusion and disorder in the ranks of the Zionist membership, that their action has to be opposed.

The newspaper, "Zionist Issues" has not appeared for a few months but in fact "Haganah Speaks" rebaptized "Israel Speaks" is the official organ of the Opposition. It has a circulation of 65,000 and ample funds from the fund raising campaign of last year.

This meeting should consider the creation of a Committee for Zionist Democracy and the publication of a newsletter or a periodical called "Zionist Comment." The initiative of attack should be taken away from the Opposition and the Administration is to take to the offensive.

While it is true that the Opposition is not a homogeneous group, we must bear in mind that an Administration in office for four years has to counteract dissatisfaction in the ranks coming from various quarters. It can be stated as a fact that all the forces lined against us for the moment are the same forces that were aligned against the leadership of Dr. Silver and Dr. Neumann four years ago. This time we have the apparatus of the Z.O.A. and at the moment of this writing, we have neutralized certain evil forces in the machinery of the U.P.A.

There are forces of the Opposition that can be brought over in our camp. We must consider whether such efforts should be made. There are many neutral forces which, if rightly approached, might join us.

3) Zionist Problems:

Our membership, now that the political work is not the main function of our movement, has to have definite tasks assigned to it; it must be bound by projects; by a constructive program in Israel. While the stress has been laid upon the importance of education and culture, it should be understood that these problems have to be handled by the American Jewish Community by institutions created for that purpose. Investment, colonization, industrial development of Israel, assistance in the rehabilitation of the newcomers to the shores of the Promised Land, these are the tasks of the Zionist movement. To these purposes we must rededicate ourselves afresh. At this juncture, when everybody wants to take from us what we have strived and struggled for, the Z.O.A. must reassert itself, because it will be needed in the years to come.

4) We may face elections for the 23rd Congress. Mapai and the Progressives in the United States are determined to fight us on the American scene with the tacit and benevolent assistance of Hadassah. We may be able to prevent elections by some small concessions but we should consider our attitude, knowing that an election effort will mean for our membership a distraction from its normal activities and will involve large expenditures.

5) We should also consider the future of the Administration and see to it that we present a united slate and a united front at the next Convention. As matters stand now, we are rapidly drifting into chaos.

6) If time permits, we should examine the reorganization of the Youth Commission.

The list of problems mentioned in this memorandum is not intended to limit the scope of the discussion. It has been compiled so that it will enable us to use the next 90 days in a constructive and dynamic approach to our constituency.

DAY LETTER

FEBRUARY 21, 1949

MARK SUGARMAN
SAVOY PLAZA HOTEL
FIFTH AVENUE AT 58TH ST.
NEW YORK CITY

MEETING OF UPA TOMORROW AFTERNOON OF CRITICAL IMPORTANCE TO
FUTURE OF OUR MOVEMENT IN UNITED STATES. WOULD APPRECIATE
DEEPLY IF YOU WOULD ATTEND THIS MEETING EVEN THOUGH IT MAY
INCONVENIENCE YOU. I SEND YOU AND MRS. SUGARMAN MY WARMEST
GREETINGS.



ABBA HILLEL SILVER



March 1, 1949

Mr. Joseph Shlevovsky
3300 Kossuth Avenue
New York 67, New York

Dear Mr. Shlevovsky:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter which I read with a great deal of interest. I am in fullest agreement with much that you say, and I am sure that the American Jewish public will become acquainted with these facts before very long.

The Z.O.A. has been considering projects for the mobilization of private capital in order to encourage economic rehabilitation in Israel. Before long some announcements, I am sure, will be made.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Dictated but not signed

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: March 8, 1949

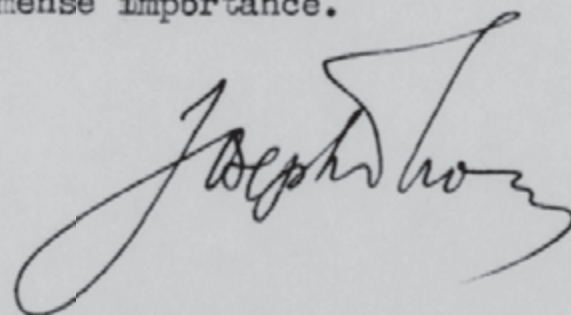
FROM: Dr. Joseph Thon

SUBJECT:

I wish to submit to you the following proposal, to which I have given a great deal of thought. North African Jewry, amounting to roughly 600,000 is practically leaderless. Many of them, perhaps half, will be leaving for Eretz Israel within the next few years. On the basis of all reports reaching me, I can state that they would be more than happy to see you personally within the shortest time possible. The impact of your visit would be difficult to overestimate. It would be the sun ray they have been waiting for, during the dark dreary days they have lived through. Your journey to North Africa could be compared only to the journey which Theodore Herzl made in his day, to Russian Jewry, who also were looking to him as their recognized world leader.

I know how eager the Zionist Organization of France would be to organize such a trip for you, and to make it the biggest success for the Zionist militant cause of which your personality is the personification. Both in view of the developments in Israel and on the World Zionist scene, I respectfully propose that such a journey is of immense importance.

Kindest personal regards.



MEMORANDUM**TO:** Dr. Abba Hillel Silver**DATE:** March 11, 1949**FROM:** Joseph Thon**SUBJECT:**

I am attaching a copy of a letter from Ovadia Feld, the editor of "Die Zionistische Stimme", and member of the Presidium of the General Zionists in Germany. I am happy that our friends in Europe, especially in France and Germany, did not waver in supporting the leaders of the ZOA in the present crisis. I hope that the ZOA will not neglect them in the future. They will be an even greater asset to the ZOA after their Aliyah to Israel.

Kindest personal regards.



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Dr. Hillel Silver,
41 E. 42th St.
New York City.

My dear Rabbi;

As my organization is a member of the Zionist Org.
of America, may I call your attention to the 50 year Golden
Anniversary Banquet of the First Solotwiner Sick and Bene-
volent Society, an organization of 500 members.

Inasmuch as this Society, is engaged in relief work
which is urgent today, it will help the cause, if you will be
kind enough to honor us on this occasion, by sending us a
message that will be read at this Banquet.

Hoping to hear from you in the near future.

Please be assured of my appreciation.

Thanking you in advance,
With Israel's Greetings,

Charles Schwager

Ex-Chirman

I am a member of the ZOA

March 11, 1949

Dr. Joseph Thon
Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

My dear Dr. Thon:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of March 11th
and for the enclosure of the letter of Mr. Feld which I
read with a great deal of interest.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

JACQUES TORCZYNER
2 West 46th Street
New York, N. Y.

March 16, 1949

Dear Dr. Silver:

I would like to bring to your attention, the following matters:

- 1) You will have noticed that the coverage given to the Z.O.A. point of view in the Anglo-Jewish papers and also in the papers in Canada, South Africa and all over the world has been rather favorable. I must say that a great deal of the public relations work to that affect has been done by the Jewish World News Service, of which Mr. William Zukerman is the Editor. As you know, I have been feeding him with material and information in the last year and this relationship has developed very favorably.
- 2) I have had several meetings with Mr. Isaacson and Mr. Ariav of the Farmer's Association. They are leaving in the very near future and they would very much like to see you before they leave. They may get a credit of one million dollars from the American Loan to Israel in order to enable them to purchase agricultural equipment. They intend opening an office here and I have suggested to them that they employ Mr. Ilutovitch as the Executive Director in this office.
- 3) Mr. Ariav received letters from Mr. Rokach thanking you and the other Zionists here for the moral assistance given to them for the elections and has asked for some additional help. I would be very grateful to have your opinion on this matter.
- 4) Dr. Israel Goldstein has sent several cables asking for Mr. Karpman, the Director of the American Bureau of the World Confederation of General Zionists, to come to Israel. Dr. Goldstein intends making him the Associate Director of the Constructive Fund of which Mr. Israel Kubovitsky is the Executive Director at the present moment. While in the United States we have been able to cooperate nicely with Mr. Karpman, even if in his heart his sympathy may be with Haoved~~Ha~~ Zioni. What will happen with him if he goes to Israel, with Dr. Goldstein in his present frame of mind, is easy to understand. On the other hand, Mr. Karpman is used to the American way of life and seems to enjoy it quite a bit. This may be the moment, if we exert the proper pressure to our friends in Israel, to put one of our friends in that position.

Dr. Goldstein is now the President of the ~~General~~ Zionists but the General Zionists and the Progressives have an equal representation.

5) Dr. Granovsky wrote a letter to the American Bureau of the World Confederation of General Zionists suggesting that we meet with him. Personally, I told Mr. Karpman that I did not see any reason to meet with Mr. Granovsky for when he arrived here, he did not find it necessary to get in touch with you or Dr. Neumann to discuss the situation but rushed immediately to the assistance of Mr. Locker. I told Mr. Karpman to convey this as my personal feelings to Mrs. Halprin.

6) The Actions Committee Meeting has been set for May 3rd in Israel and I suppose that Dr. Goldstein will call a meeting of the Executive Committee of the World Confederation a few days prior to this session. I further respectfully suggest that our representatives in the Actions Committee and on the Executive of the World Confederation should discuss whether they will or will not attend the sessions in Israel.

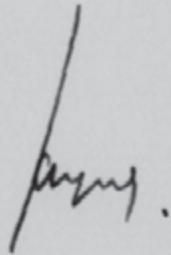
7) I read, with a great deal of satisfaction, the telegram which our friends sent you from Miami. I have heard from Joe Greenleaf that you have refused to have your name presented to the Convention. I fully realize the validity of your point of view. I would share it if I didn't know that your leadership today is required more than ever before. At the moment when the Z.O.A. is at the crossroads it needs a leader who has the respect, affection and devotion of a large majority of the organization. We cannot afford to elect a candidate who would not have the power to lead the Zionist constituents.

It may not be the time or the occasion, but I feel it my duty to tell you that all my friends and those whom we worked with during the last six years, share the opinion that there is a future for American Zionism and that you have become a symbol of that point of view.

I hope to have the opportunity to discuss this with you during one of your visits to New York and in the meantime, I want to assure you that as always, I stand with you in the ~~fight~~ *fight* for the basic principles which you represent. Whatever happens in the near future, nothing can equal the satisfaction and the honor which I have had as a soldier in the ranks to work under your leadership *during the last six years*.

With best personal regards, I am

Respectfully,



JT:ST

April 4, 1949

Edmund A. Koblenz, Esq.
93 State Street
Albany, New York

Dear Kib:

I was very glad to talk to you today. It is always a pleasure to hear from you.

I appreciate very much your thoughtfulness and consideration in inviting me to serve on your committee. I must admit however, that its function is not clear to me. If I understood you correct, your committee is "to present the Administration point of view". As I told you, Messrs. Brody and Moskowitz, Judge Elenbogen and I spoke to Drs. Silver and Neumann, after the last National Executive meeting, in order to acquaint them with our sponsoring Mr. Frisch's candidacy. Our entire conversation revolved around the one most outstanding point of Dan's candidacy, namely, that he will follow the Administration line. I need not, I am sure, bring any proof as to where I stand on this question. I have been an Administration man from the first day I joined the Executive. As a matter of fact when Dan approached me months ago, it was because of his assurance that his policies are those of the Administration, that I was persuaded to commit myself to him. He has reiterated the same to me, as well as to the entire committee time and again, and it is for this reason primarily that we went to Drs. Neumann and Silver to ask for their blessing. It should be evident therefore, that if there is "an Administration point of view" to be presented, it is precisely the committee, of which I have the honor to be a member of that is capable and should be entrusted to do so.

As you stated to me, your committee is neither pro, nor against Frisch, and since our committee is definitely pro Frisch, I can not see how I can serve on yours too.

It is really deplorable, that at this late stage of the game there should be no unanimity among ourselves, I mean us, Administration men. I am afraid that some well meaning Zionists may be caught unaware, and to the detriment of the very thing that you and I are fighting for, namely, the Administration point of view.

You will admit, that Dan may attribute some of his unpopularity in certain circles to the very fact that he has always been a stench supporter of the Administration, and I

honestly feel that since no one has as yet announced his candidacy except him, the Administration should throw its weight and support behind Dan, who is the man that has proven his loyalty over and over again.

It is true that like many others, I have been hearing of some names mentioned as possible candidates, but no one has come out in the open except Dan, and I think it would be fatal to the movement for someone to come out at this late hour and thus split our forces. This will simply denote that our own house is not in order and will give some more ammunition to the opposition.

I consider you a level headed, loyal and tried worker for our cause and because of my personal admiration and respect for you I ask you to think the matter over honestly, and I am sure it will bring you to one decision only, and that is to join with us in "presenting the Administration point of view" with and through our friend Dan.

With kind personal regards, I am,



Sincerely yours,



Morton J. Robbins, M. D.

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Commodore

42ND STREET AT LEXINGTON AVENUE, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.
TELEPHONE MU 6-6000

April 5, 1949.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Upon my return from Miami Beach, where I deputised for none other than Vice President Barkley, I was very glad indeed to find your letter of March 31st. I might add that your message there was received with much enthusiasm.

Judging from all reports I have received so far, the Convention of the British Zionists seems to have been very uninspiring. In accordance with the stand of the Zionist Review for the past few months, everything was done to make the rank and file feel that the progressive movement has a large following. And yet inspite of that Brodetsky and the others were unable to explain just what the progressives stand for, and the election later proved that the delegates were by no means convinced.

Many of the progressives were not re-elected, and a man like Joseph Sagall who always pretended to head them, who has Brodetsky and the entire machine behind them, was not elected Vice President. Yet, Ashe-Lincoln, a friend of curs was elected to that post. Similarly, whilst undoubtedly everything was done to strike me off the list, I was re-elected member of the executive with a great majority, although everyone knows where I stand.

Needless to add, Barnett Janner is again Chairman. But there is much dissatisfaction, and I have come to feel that with proper preparation we might be able to change the structure at the next Convention, should 1950 really prove to be a Congress year.

I have had a series of talks with Gluecksmann of Argentine. Their Convention is due on April 22nd and I am afraid Sam Segal

is doing everything to turn the whole of South America into a "progressive" stronghold. Gluecksmann feels that the only way to arrest their victory would be an investment of \$20.000 for South America, including Mexico. He spoke to Dr. Neumann about it. I am doing my best to make him understand that his resignation would only weaken our position everywhere.

It would really be so important to hold South America and Canada within the fold. And strangely enough I am coming across more and more people both here and from Canada who used to be Zionists in general and who are now eager to fight the issue with separate fund-raising appeals for General Zionist projects in Israel etc. etc. I hope we shall make use of this unexpected revival, although I assume we shall have to wait until after the ZOA Convention before the future line of the movement can be worked out.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

Hannah Stein.

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April 25, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Needless to say, the present situation in American Zionism is deplorable. Therefore, as one not too well steeped in the intricacies of back-room politics, I wish to offer the following suggestion for whatever it may be worth.

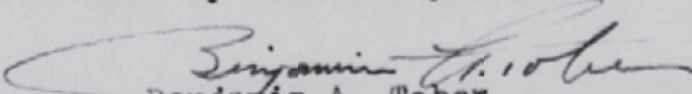
I have attended the past several Z.O.A. conventions, and have therefore been in a position to personally observe the sincere fervor with which you - and you only - are received by the Zionists of America. I can safely add that no one in America today can successfully challenge your position - or the esteem in which you are held - in, and by American Jewry.

Therefore, I am sure that I speak the silent thoughts of the many thousands of Zionists - the rank and file who believe in you and want to see your policies continued - that you give serious thought to again leading the Z.O.A. through this crisis. It is my sincere wish that you do so, as you are the only man in America who can do it.

I know that you have shattered precedence on many occasion, and you would be shattering precedence again by being the first man to ever serve for a second time as president of the Z.O.A.

If all is well, I hope to cast my vote for you at the coming convention.

Sincerely,


Benjamin A. Tober



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April 25, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I was indeed honored by your reply to my letter, but I hope you do not mind my saying that it is my sincerest desire that you reconsider your rejection of the nomination and allow yourself to be drafted for the ZOA presidency next month. We don't need a good man, Dr. Silver. We urgently need a great man. We need YOU.

Rose Bender has informed me that you might be in Philadelphia sometime in May to address a "Y" forum. I hope that if this program materializes that I shall have the pleasure of meeting you at that time.

Sincerely yours,

Phillip Redelheim

MAY 16, 1949

JACQUES TORCZYNER
ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
41 EAST 42nd STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS UPON YOUR ELECTION

SILVER



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Tri-State Region

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May 17, 1949

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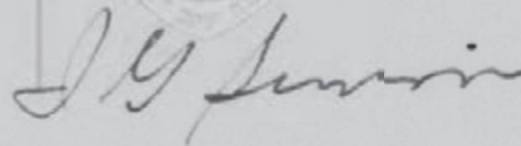
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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E. 105th & Ansel Road
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Dear Dr. Silver:

At the request of the Chairman of the Nominations Committee of the Tri-State Zionist Region, Mr. C. Joseph Recht, I enclose herewith a copy of a resolution adopted, which is self-explanatory.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,



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Whereas, the Region recognizes the tireless devotion of its President, Judge Henry Ellenbogen to the Zionist Organization of America, and his invaluable services to the Jewish National Fund, as well as other general Zionist and Jewish activities in the Region, and believes his devotion and ability should be made available to the national Z.O.A. administration, now therefore, the Tri-State Region in convention assembled at Youngstown, Ohio this 15th day of May, 1949, recommends to the Nominations Committee of the 52nd annual Z.O.A. Convention, the nomination of Judge Henry Ellenbogen, President of the Tri-State Region, for a national Vice-Presidency and urges his election to that office, and

Whereas the Tri-State Region is one of the oldest, largest and most vigorous Regions in the country and has a long standing record of continuous and effective activities, initiative and achievements, believes it should be adequately represented in the national councils of the Z.O.A. and

Be it further resolved that Bernard Kaplan, the newly elected President of the Pittsburgh District, one of the very largest and most active districts in the country, and Lester Cohen, past President of the Region, be recommended to the Nominations Committee of the Z.O.A. 52nd annual Convention for nomination as members of the National Executive Committee.

JACQUES TORCZYNER
2 West 46th Street
New York, N. Y.

May 17, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you very much for your telegram of congratulations on the occasion of my election as President of the Manhattan Region. As in the past, we shall follow your leadership and I can assure you of my personal devotion and admiration for all you have done for the Zionist Movement and for all that you will still have to do for the Jewish people both here and in Israel.

With best personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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MORTON J. ROBBINS, M. D.
273 MAIN STREET
NASHUA, NEW HAMPSHIRE

May 21, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The enclosed resolution is self-explanatory,
and is in accordance with what I proposed at our
last meeting.

Perhaps it should be edited, but at any rate
it expresses the idea and if adopted it may prevent
a lot of heartaches in the future.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Very Respectfully Yours,

Morton

Morton J. Robbins, M. D.

MJR:ms
Enclosed



RESOLUTION ON OPPOSITIONS

WHEREAS, the Zionist Organization of America organized and functioning in accordance with the basic principles of Democracy and of MAJORITY RULES; and

WHEREAS, the rights of every member of the Zionist Organization of America guarantees him or her the right to vote and act upon any issue in accordance with his or her own conviction; and

WHEREAS, any member or any group of members may not agree with the majority on a given issue at a given time, nevertheless retaining their privilege to file a minority report; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that hereafter no group, small or large, when in the minority, shall be allowed to set up its own Administration and at the same time continue to enjoy the rights and privileges of membership in the Zionist Organization of America; and be it further

RESOLVED, that any group of members of the Zionist Organization of America when in the minority, and not willing to submit to the rule of the majority, their membership in the Organization should cease automatically and they shall not be allowed to claim membership or profess loyalty to the Zionist Organization of America while setting up their own Committees or issuing printed matter of their own, etc., which is in opposition to the majority of the membership of the Zionist Organization of America.

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

St. Louis Zionist District

DR. DAVID REISS, PRESIDENT
MEMBER NATIONAL EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE OF Z. O. A.

5631 WELLS AVENUE
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ROSEDALE 0167

May 22, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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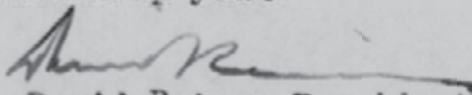
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Jr 7/14/49*

My dear Dr. Silver,

On the eve of your resignation as Chairman of the American Zionist Council, permit me to express to you deep gratitude for your valiant struggle on behalf of Israel.

If Israel is today an independent State and the fifty-ninth member of the United Nations Organization, it is in a large measure the result of your courageous and prophetic zeal, coupled with historic wisdom. You have made millions happy, and American Jewry morally stronger and spiritually richer.

I am thankful that I was privileged to work under your leadership. May God bless you and keep you!


Dr. David Reiss, President
Zionist Organization of St. Louis

dr/r

C O P Y

RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT TENTH ANNUAL OHIO VALLEY ZIONIST REGION
CONVENTION MAY 22, 1949, SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

The Ohio Valley Region of the Zionist Organization of America expresses praise and admiration of Dr. Emanuel Neumann for his leadership as President of the Zionist Organization during the past two years. It was during his terms in office that the organization reached its greatest heights, and the realization of the hopes and dreams of so many in the establishment of the State of Israel.

The Region further commends the courageous leadership of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, in his espousal of the cause of American Zionism. His decision to cease this fight in order that humanitarian projects would not suffer further, is to be praised.

It is hoped that these two shall continue to be important and vibrant forces in American and World Zionism.



ציונות אמריקה מאחורי סילבר - ניומן

מכרזים ה-ה יעקב טורצינר ויוסף גרינליף בסיבת עתונאים בתל-אביב. - ד"ר ניומן יבוא בקרוב לארץ על מנת להשתקע בה.

התנגד לכך שמורגנטאו יעמוד בראש המבית, אולם לא הסכים לכך, שמונטור ישמש כמנהל ראשי יחיד של המגבית. לאחר שמורגנטאו סירב לקבל את סילבר לראיון והנהלת הסוכנות העמידה עצמה לצדו של מורגנטאו - מונטור החליטו סילבר וניומן להתפטר, כי לו היו נוהגים אחרת לא היו יכולים לזכות יותר באימון בוחריהם. ההסתדרות הציונית באמריקה מוכנה למלא אחרי הוראות ממשלת ישראל ומוסדות התנועה הציונית העולמית, אולם בעניניה הפנימיים יש לתת לה לפעול כראות עיניה.

דברי ברכה לאורחים

מר יוסף הפסמן, יו"ר אגודת העתונאים ניהל את המסיבה, ובדך את האורחים לרגל

הבחרו של דניאל פריש כנשיא ההסתדרות הציונית באמריקה הוא נצחון לקבוצת סילבר-ניומן והמהווה גם כיום 95% בשורות הציונים באמריקה. רוב מכריע זה עשה שלום עם הקבוצה האופוזיציונית לאחר שגם זו הבינה, כי חילוקי דעות מאתמול אינם בני קיימא בשביל המחר. עתה יש לאופוזיציה לשעבר שלשה מבין 12 סגני יושבי הראש - בהסתדרות הציונית, ושמנה מבין 48 המקומות באקסקוטיבה, אולם ברור שבעבודה היומיומית המעשית תקבל האופוזיציה את דעת הרוב - הכריז מר יעקב טורצינר מראשי ההסתדרות הציונית באמריקה השווה עתה בארץ במסיבת עתונאים, שנערכה אתמול במועדון העתונות בתל-אביב.

ה"ר סילבר לא התרחק מפעולה ציונית

מר טורצינר קבע, כי ההסתדרות הציונית באמריקה המהווה חלק בלתי נפרד מההסתדרות הציונית העולמית תובעת עצמאות בנייהול עניניה הפנימיים, וכמו כן בשאלת המגביות. הוא הבחיש נמרצות את השמועות כאילו ה"ר סילבר התרחק או עומד להתרחק לגמרי מהעבודה הציונית. יותר מדי צעיר האיש ומלא מרץ, כדי לעמוד מן הצד. האמת היא, שהוא ממשיך לפעול ועוד עתיד להגביר את פעולתו למען הציונות. הרחקת ה"ר סילבר מהנהלת הסוכנות גרמה לנו נזק באשר יריבנו במשרד החוץ האמריקני החלו שוב להרים את ראשם. ד"ר ניומן עומד לבוא בקרוב ארצה על מנת להשתקע בה. מר פריש יבוא אף הוא בקרוב מתוך מגמה לגשת ליסוד מפעלים ומוסדות בישראל דוגמת "הדסה" או מפלגות השמאל. כצעד ראשון בנידון זה השמש פתיחת "בית אמריקני" בתל-אביב. מר פריש יפעל גם להיווך היחסים בין צרכני אמריקה לבין הסוכנות היהודית וממשלת ישראל.

המגבית היהודית - במצב קשה
דברו על המגבית היהודית המאוחדת באמריקה ציין מר טורצינר, כי היא נתונה במצב קשה וזה מסאת המשבר הכלכלי באמריקה וכמו כן מסאת המחלוקת הפנימית במחנה הציוני. הידיעות על המצוקה במחנות העולים בארץ גם הן אינן מדברות יותר ללב היהודי האמריקני, שאינו נתון עתה יותר במצב של התלהבות וחיון כמו בימי בראשית של המדינה היהודית. ברור הדבר, כי יש להגביר את החינוך הציוני באמריקה, ועל ממשלת ישראל לעמוד לימין ההסתדרות הציונית, שיש לה מסורת ומטרה ברורה, כדי שתוכל למלא את תפקידיה המרובים. חלילה למישהו להחליף את ההסתדרות הציונית באיזה שהוא מוסד אחר כגון אגודת ידידי ישראל או מתיבוללים המאורגנים באגודה אחרת. חברות כלכלה יהודיות באמריקה מגייסות עתה כספים על מנת להשקיעם בארץ, אולם בעלי הון פרטיים, שברובם בארץ חזרו ולא השקיעו כספים מסאת הדבורים על הנשמת המדינה

קו סילבר-ניומן נצח בציונות

14/6/49 אמריקה

האופוזיציה הנ"ל, הנדוה הוגש ל ועידה ונמסר לחקירה נוספת. **ניומן שיתקע בארץ**
ד"ר הלל סילבר לא עומד לפרש מעבודתו, הוא יותר מדי בעל מרץ, ויותר מדי צעיר בכדי שיפרש - אמר מר טורצינר. ה"ר סילבר עוד יגביר את פעילותו. ד"ר ניומן עומד להשתקע בארץ. בקרוב יבוא ארצה הנשיא, החדש דניאל פריש וייסד מה מוסדות ומפעלים כדוגמת "הדסה".

בין היתר יוקם "בית האמריקנים" שיעמוד בקשר עם התנועה באמריקה ויחזק את הקשרים עם הארץ. כמו כן דורשת הציונות האמריקאית לעצמה רשיון לעסוק בשיקום החיילים המשוחררים.

מה שנחזק באמריקה היא ציונות אמיתית ולא תחליפים. בדרך כלל חיר מים בעיקר התמוגים הרחבים ולא העשירים. המגבית לא הצליחה בולל כנה סיבות (א) המשבר הכלכלי שקר בנייתו הראשונים היו היהודים (ב) המחלוקת ששימשה אמתלה לסרבנים לתרום (ג) חוסר המפת הדומת שגיה מורבן בשנה שעברה את הנדבנים לתרום יותר ויותר.

מר גרינליף הוסיף פרטים בניין סילבר-מורגנטאו - הוא העניש כי מורגנטאו סירב להיפגש עם סילבר, הוא דרש לעצמו את הנשיאות ל מגבית. אחרי שתנהלת הסוכנות נכז נעה לאולימפאסוס שלן ראו סילבר וניומן לעצמם את החובה להתפטר. האורח קבל על חסר תשומת לב למגבית ארצות הברית ואמר כי ביקורים הדדיים של ארצישראלים ואמריקאים נחוצים ויכולים הרבה להועיל. בשנת המלחמה העבירה ההסתדרות הציונית באמריקה לדבא והגנה לישראל אספקה בעז כחילוץ

ה"ר יעקב טורצינר ויוסף גרינליף מתכרי ההנהלה הציונית באמריקה שמבקרים כעת בארץ מסרו לעתונאים פרטים חשובים מחי הציונות באמריקה. את השנוי שחל במדיניותה של אמריקה כלפי ישראל אפשר לפרש בהחלטת השפעתה של הציונות האמריקאית על הסטייטס דפרטמנט. בבחי רתו של פריש לנשיאות יש לראות נצחון מוחלט לד"ר סילבר וניומן. קבוצתם בהנה כעת 95% מכל ה הסתדרות הציונית בארה"ב. הם באו לידי הסכם עם הקבוצה האופוזיציונית שהשיגה 3 מקומות מבין 12 שבנשיא אות. מבין 48 מקומות שבועד הפועל קבלה 8 מקומות. **דורשים אוטונומיה**
הציונות האמריקאית דורשת לעצמה את הזכות לקבוע את כל הענינים הפנימיים שלה באופן עצמאי. היא אינה מוכנה לקבל על עצמה שיטות או אישים הנקבעים מבחוץ. ועדה שנקראה על שמו של השופט ריבקינד ועדת ריבקינד יושבה צוה לפני ה ועידה ועבדה תוכנית לביצורה של

אנשי סילבר: 14/6/49 כספי האמריקנים למען האמריקנים

תל-אביב, יום ב' - י. טורצינר גר וי. גרינליף, מאנשי סילבר, המסירים עתה בארץ, אישרו היום במסיבת עתונאים את הידיעות על המדיניות הכלכלית החדשה שקבוצת סילבר-ניומן - יחד עם פריש, נשיא את החדש של ההסתדרות ציוני אמריקה - חושבים להגשים בקרוב. הסיסמה היא, כספי האמריקנים למען האמריקנים. לאמור: תמיכה במפעלים כלכליים של הציונות הכללית, עלידי קרן מיוחדת, שתפגע בסופר-שילבר בקרנות הלאומיים. ניומן ישתקע בארץ בעוד כמה חודשים ואז יקימו "בית אמריקני" ליעוץ בשטח הכלכלי. י. טורצינר וי. גרינליף עומדים להיפגש עם ראש הממשלה וידרשו בין השאר מת "ציאטר" לשיקום חיי ליס" לציוני אמריקה. לדבריהם עומד סילבר לחזור להנהלה הציונית.

העיתון 14/6/49

ההסתדרות הציונית בארצות-הברית תתחיל בהקמת מיפעלים משלה
בישראל, כדוגמת "הדסה", הודיע אתמול בתל-אביב סגן יושב-ראש
הוועד האדמיניסטרטיבי של ההסתדרות הציונית בארצות-הברית מר יעקב
טורצינר, שהגיע לביקור ארצה.

תובעים אי-התערבות
ההסתדרות הציונית באמריקה מבטיחה ותובעת לעצמה אוטונומיה בעניני המקום, וכן ברצונה להישאר נאמנה כחברה ב"הסתדרות הציונית העולמית. אין ההסתדרות הציונית באמריקה מכירה בהתערבות של הסוכנות היהודית בעניני הירקוב ואיננה רוצה שיכפו עליה שיטות עבודה. כן מת-

הסתדרות הציונית בארה"ב ממלאה תפקיד חיוני, אמר מר טורצינר בהמשך הרצאתו. אין יסוד לסענה, שלציונות בגולה לא נשאר עכשיו אלא לעסוק בעבודת הריבוי ובסיוע חברי למדינת ישראל. הציונים מסורים אחת. כשם שהאיטלקים או הצ'כים באמריקה לוחצים על ממשלת ארצות הברית לשינוי יחסה לגבי מדינת היהודים, כך גם יצטרכו היהודים באמריקה, באמצעות הציונים שהם חלי'המחץ שלהם, ללחוץ על הממשלה האמריקאית לשינוי יחסה כלפי ישראל.

דברו על הוֹרֵידָה הציונית האחרונה ב־אמריקה אמר הנואם, שהנשיא החדש מר. טרֵיִשִׁי יִמְשִׁיךְ אֶת מדיניותם של דִּיֵּר סִילֵי־בר וניומן, הנחמכים על ידי 95% של ציוני־אמריקה. אנחנו עֲשִׂינוּ שְׁלוֹם עִם קב"צ ה־ח' אומוֹצִיָּה, עֲמֻדָה מִשְׁךְ שְׁנֵים רֶחֱוֹם מִכֵּל־שְׁעוּלָה. סִילֵבֵר וניומן רוצים בשלום עִם־הסוכנות היהודית, ממשלת ישראל, ואמנם יִשְׁמְרוּ אֶת הַיְּשׁוּבָה הַיְּשׁוּבָה הַיְּשׁוּבָה.

ד"ר ניומן ישתקע בארץ

”טעות היא לחשוב שד״ר ה. סילבר אומר להסתלק מעבודתו הציונית בארה״ב. ההיפך הוא נכון: ד״ר סילבר ימשיך ועוד יגביר את פעולתו הציונית” — הודיעו אתמול מנהיגי ההסתדרות הציונית באמריקה יעקב טורצ׳ינר ויוסף גרינליף לנציגי העתונות בתל-אביב.

בחירתו של פריש —
נצחון קבוצת סילבר
בחירתו של ד"ר פריש כנשיא ההסתדרות הציונית באמריקה, המשיכו

האורחים, הוא נצחון לקבוצת סילבר-נוימן. 95 אחוז מהצירים בוועידה האחרונה הכלל אמריקאית נמנים על הוויכוח של סילבר ונוימן. האופוזיציה ככללה רק 3 מקומות בשיטאות בת 12 איש שנבחרו בוועידה. ד. פריש, הנשיא החדש, ימשיך במדיניות של סילבר ונוימן והיא: אוטונומיה מלאה של ההסתדרות הציונית בארצה"ב כנגד הנסיגות לכפיות עליה שיטות עבודה מבחוץ או להכתוב לה מי שיעמוד בראש הקבוצה היהודית המאוחדת.

ד-ר נוימן ישתקע בישראל ד"ר ע. נוימן יבוא בקרוב להשתקע בארץ. הוא יעסוק ביסוד מוסדות ומפעלים כלכליים מטעם ההסתדרות הציונית בארצה"ב. שאופתה של הציונות האמריקאית היא למלא תפקיד בשיקום החיילים המשוחררים, מאחר שבמשך המלחמה היא עסקה בהגשת אמצעים לצבא ישראל. בין השאר העבירה ההסתדרות הציונית באמריקה מזון לצבא ישראל במשקל של 36 מיליון ק"ג ובשווי של כמיליון לירות.

א. מהמקרים הפוליטיים בוחסו ישר

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Prospects for the United Jewish Appeal in the U.S. were not too bright, said Mr. Jacques Torczyner and Mr. Joseph W. Greenleaf, Vice-Chairmen of the Administrative Council of the Zionist Organization of America, at a press conference here today.

They said this was because of the uncertain state of business in the U.S. at present, Israel had lost her dramatic appeal, and American Jews would concentrate on helping Jews in that country and tend to extend less support to Jews abroad.

e "American Zionists would like
s to link their efforts more tang-
2 ibly with Israel, somewhat in
1 the way Hadassah has done,"
1 Mr. Torczyner said. There would
be an "American House" in Tel
Aviv where all visiting Amer-
icans would be able to find in-
formation and guidance.

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עוברדיה פעלדקאפי

איינער צוויי לעצטע בריוו האב איך דערהאלטן. איך דארף אייך ניט פיל שרייבן וועגן דעם, אז איך גיב מיר אפ א דין-וחשבון פון דער געשאפענער לאגע אין אמעריקא-נער ציוניזם. איך האב בכלל נישט אנדערש געקענט פארשטיין ווי היבף אויסצודריקן מ'יין און אונדזער טיטע אנערקענונג סילווער און ניומאן. זיי האבן זיך עס פול-שטענדיק פארדינט. מיר האבן א סך גערעכטע טענות צו די פירער פון אמעריקאנער ציוניזם. איך פערזענלעך האלט, אז זיי האבן ניט דערפילט זייער חוב לגבי אונדזער בא-וועגונג אין דייטשלאנד און אין אייראפע. מ'ט אן אנדערע פאליטיק וואלטן זיי פיל בעסער היינט אויסגעזען. ביי א געלעגנהייט וועל איך עס זיי ואגן.

היינט האב איך נאר איין אויפגאבע: וואס שטארקערצו אונטערשטיצן אונדזערע צוויי גרויסע פירער. אן זיי געפינט זיך אין א געפאר דער גאנצער בנין פון אלגע-מיינעם ציוניזם און פון דער וועלט-קאנפערענציע.

איך האב ארגאניזירט די עפענטלעכע מיינונג פון אונדזער באוועגונג. עס זיינען ארויסגעטיקט געווארן צאלרייכע בריוו פון די גלילים און אנדערע אפטיילונגען. איך האב אלץ פערזענלעך דורכגעפירט, ווייל דער חבר גאלבורט איז אין ישראל.

אויף קיין טעלעגראמעס קענען מיר זיך ליידער, ניט ערלויבן, ווייל מיר זיינען קבצנים. מיר לעבן ווי די פאריאטן און איך פערזענלעך האב שוין לעזיגנירט צו ווענדן זיך צו אונדזערע העכערע אינסטאנצן וועגן הילף. "קאלעקס" טעלעגראמעס געסט מען ביי אונדז מיט אן. מיר לעבן ממש פון איין טאג אויפן אנדערן און ווער ווייט ווי אזוי מיר וועלן זיך ארויסקאפען פון אונדזערע חובות.

גיסט איבער אונדזערע פירער סילווער און ניומאן, אז די באוועגונג אין דייטש-לאנד שטייט פעסט און אנטשלאסן אונטער זיי. אפילו די חברים פון העובר גייען מיט אונדז אין דער דאזיקער פראגע. איך פארשטענלעך א שטארקן ארטיקל וועגן דעם פרא-בלעם. זאלן אונדזערע פירער ניט האבן קיין עגמח-נפש. זאלן די ברעכער טראגן די פאראנטווארטלעכקייט פאר דעם דזשואיש אפיל. זאלן מיר בעסער טראכטן וועגן א פארטיי-פאנד, וואס זאל שטארקן אונדזער כח אין ישראל.

איך בעט אייך מיר אנצושרייבן א פאר ווערטער וועגן דער איצטיקער לאגע ביי אייך. ווי אזוי האבן זיך אויפגעפירט אונדזערע עקזעקוטיוו-מיטגלידער?

איך גרים אייך הערצלעך

איינער עוברדיה פעלד.