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Zionist Organization of America, 1950.

April 11, 1950

Mr. Benjamin G. Browdy
Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

My dear Mr. Browdy:

Thank you for your kind letter of April 7th. Since your visit here I have received notification of the annual meeting of the stock holders of the PNC to be held on April 28th, and that among the items to be considered will be the fixing of the number of directors at 100 and to elect directors. Whatever you plan to do in carrying out the suggestions which I made, should accordingly be done before that time. In planning to fill the vacancies such as you indicated in our conversation, you may wish to consider the names of Harold Hanson and Harry Shapiro. A talk with them might be mutually beneficial, I believe.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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DANIEL FRISCH
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DR. SIDNEY MARKS
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MANUEL POST

April 15, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I wish to send you my personal greetings from Israel.

I undertook this trip at this time in order to do whatever I possibly can to expedite the building of the Zionist House in Tel Aviv.

As a tribute to our beloved late President, Daniel Frisch, in whose honor this House is now being dedicated, I have pledged myself as has the whole committee, to so arrange the plans for the building that the House will be completed by November, to coincide with the opening of the World Zionist Congress.

The opening at that time will become an international tribute to Daniel Frisch who so richly deserved it. Moreover, there are literally thousands of Americans pouring into Israel who need the facilities of our Zionist House.

My records indicate that there is still an open pledge on your part of \$1000.00. Will you therefore join me in all our efforts by remitting your check to the National office.

Cordially yours,

Fred Monosson

FM/tr

We have the LAND, we have the PLANS, Thanks for your SUPPORT

SOLOMON COHEN
ACCOUNTANT AND AUDITOR
11 WEST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK CITY
PHONE LONGACRE 5-6880

April 18, 1950

My dear Abba:

Sam Browdy addressed the Executive of the Long Island Jewish Region last Thursday where he stated that he was not in agreement with Linick's views on Chalutzim.

Browdy is definitely a candidate. A number of Long Islanders asked me my opinion on Browdy as a candidate. I did not commit myself. I am awaiting your reaction.

"Rumor" has it that if Browdy declines, Moskowitz will accept. Why not! or maybe Rabi Kipodheim.
We looking forward to see you on May 11th.

As ever yours,
Sol.

LOUIS A. FALK
Office
1 EXCHANGE PLACE
Jersey City, N. J.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Since our last confab in Miami Beach, I have been doing a little sounding and gathering opinions. While at the moment it may be somewhat premature to venture a positive guess, I might state however, that the two candidates we discussed: viz; Irving Miller and Mortimer May, have made very little headway here up North. Perhaps it is too early to crystalize, nevertheless, there has been no hardening of public thinking in favor of either candidate (if such they are).

It may be of interest to you to know that our President Ben Browdy, a neophyte in politics and without regard to political machinations and "horse -trading" is sincerely anxious to do a job and be reelected. And I might add that he has my sympathy. In fact, after going through the figures of the Organization, checking the entire Organization in my position as Associate Treasurer, I am inclined to favor a candidacy such as Browdy.

Our late President Dan Frisch gained heavy support because of the general belief that he will give the ZOA a business administration. Unfortunately the administration was everything but business. Our fiscal affairs have tumbled down, our membership is sliding down and the feud between Jacques Torczyner and Frisch did not help matters. Here in the Metropolitan section which still accounts for one-half of the entire membership there was a general feeling of disgust expressed in the famous phrase of "a plague on both houses." Besides, it was natural for the neutral member to sympathize with the administration. Withholding funds from National and acting as the "Kingfish" did not go over very well with the rank and file. Jacques overplayed his hand.

Much more can be said about other angles in this much muddled and soiled game of politics played in our ZOA. I merely mentioned those few items

LOUIS A. FALK

as an indication of the general reaction among our leaders who are responsible for the moulding of public opinion in the ranks.

Now, we find a man in Browdy, who is really applying business administration in the Organization. Ambitious to be reelected, he does not however, make any sacrifices of good management to the cause of ambition. In fact, I have been assigned to go through the entire Organization setup and cut wherever necessary as well as eliminate expenses right and left. Inasmuch as I have no political ambitions, I have in mind to do a real pruning job, and once for all take out the Organization from the political field. Politics will be left to the members and administration work will be done by the paid executives -- nothing else--.

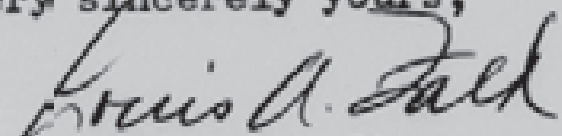
This then is the mood!

But, no matter what the indications are - what ideas may be sizzling -- the entire membership of the ZOA, the loyal membership -- the men who have given of themselves unsparingly, are awaiting anxiously to hear from our recognized leader Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

May I, in conclusion, offer humbly the suggestion that you indicate in some manner what we are todo. If you have a choice, I believe it would be well for us to start campaigning.

With kindest regards.

Very sincerely yours,


Louis A. Falk

התאחדות הציונית של ארצות הברית

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

41 EAST 42ND STREET
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April 27, 1950

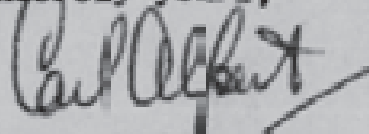
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

We continue to have requests from many of our veteran Zionists for autographed copies of "Vision And Victory". Next time you are in New York, I would appreciate it if you would autograph a number of the books for this purpose.

If you will phone from the hotel, or let me know when you will be available, I shall be glad to send our boy over with the books. Do you expect to be in New York within the next week?

Sincerely yours,



Carl Alpert
Director Education Dept.

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LEOPOLD LERNER

1050 VAN NESS AVENUE

SAN FRANCISCO 9, CALIFORNIA

TELEPHONE ORWAY 3-4711

April 28, 1950

Mr. David Moskowitz
Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Moskowitz:

I deem it a great honor that I have been appointed a member of the National Convention Committee, and, of course, regret that owing to the distance it was impossible for me to attend the Committee Meeting on April 25th. I feel confident that proper decisions have been made by those in attendance.

However, I would like to take this opportunity to stress what probably has been discussed--that our Organization at present stands at the crossroads of either becoming the most effective Jewish Organization in this country or will ultimately be reduced in numbers and influence. Because of the establishment of the State of Israel and the success of the Zionist ideology the general climate toward the Zionist point of view among all Jewish groups is much more favorable than existed in prior years. Nevertheless with the establishment of the State of Israel many ardent Zionists are questioning the necessity of the survival of the Z.O.A. Therefore, in my humble opinion it is imperative that the Z.O.A. re-orientate constructively its basic program in order to meet the changed conditions and to insure a strong mass appeal. With such a program many former non-Zionists would join our ranks and would keep our membership intact.

This would require a strong personality of high repute and capacity to lead our Organization under a sound program which befits the changing conditions. Should we fail to do so, our forces will gradually diminish into ineffectiveness.

Personally I feel that the situation at present requires the advice and constructive thinking of men like Rabbi Silver, Dr. Neumann, Dr. Israel Goldstien, Judge Rifkind, Dewey Stone and two or three other distinguished leaders, who should be constituted as a body to re-study the objectives and realistic service the Zionist Organization can render to Israel and Jewry without causing any criticism or antagonism from any important responsible Jewish factions both in Israel and in America.

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Mr. David Moskowitz

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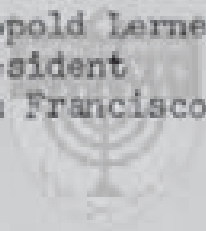
I will be grateful to you if you will relate these comments to the Committee as well as to our President, Mr. Benjamin G. Browdy. I trust that earnest and realistic consideration will be given to all these paramount factors facing our Organization prior to the Convention, so that prudent solutions can be reached at the Convention.

Thanking you for your attention and with kindest Zionist greetings, I remain

Cordially yours,

Leopold Lerner,
President
San Francisco Zionist District

LL/mr



SOLOMON COHEN
ACCOUNTANT AND AUDITOR
11 WEST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK CITY
PHONE LONGACRE 5-6660

April 30, 1950.

My dear Abba:-

I just came home from a luncheon at the Waldorf. It turned out to be the start of a boom for Browdy for the Presidency.

I had received an invitation to that luncheon by Dr. Morton Rodwin, and was puzzled what it was all about. When I entered the dining room this noon, I noticed among others Abe Goldstein and Jacques Dreyer. With the exception of Morris Margulies, everyone present was your follower.

I had a few minutes talk with Abe Goldstein before sitting down to the dinner table, and he told me that he had suspected what it was all about; that he had phoned you; and that you had advised him to attend. I took the cue.

I believe there is no choice.

in the matter. Braurly, after all -
unlike Frisch - was always one of
us and an ardent follower of yours.
I believe that he is aware of
his shortcomings, and if he receives
your blessing, with, of course,
definite assurances from him as
to following the Silver Line, will
lean heavily upon you.

Everyone present, including Fogels
and Phil, expressed the thought that
he is the logical candidate and
that there would be no opposition.
I mentioned of his repudiation of Frisch's
program of 11.3/15, and his adoption
of your line of thought on the subject
pronouncement of which he made at
an Executive Committee meeting of the
Long Island Zionist League, and of
which I wrote you recently.

No publicity will attend this
luncheon. We wish to avoid - as Goldstein
expressed it clearly, - ~~to avoid~~ Frisch's
campaign tactics.
I hope we have not pulled a horse
bender. Kindest regards to Virginia, in
which Anne joins me ever yours Sol.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Rabb! Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: May 2, 1950

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT:

I just heard from Mendel Fisher in Israel.

He writes me, in large part, as follows:

"I miss you a great deal. You are not missing too much. I am not saying this to console you but merely to indicate that the debate, which started a few years ago in languages remote, still continues. You will find that you will not have to worry about picking up threads for these discussions, which will not cease for a few years to come. Whatever you read is obvious that the Memshala could do very well without the Zionist Organization. All the verbiage and interpretations will not change what seems to be a fact. It is shocking to us but the picture here is otherwise.

Our delegation is too small to play any decisive role but Margoshes is doing his best with what we have. Neumann came here but made no appearance. We would like to believe that American money for Israel is precious, etc., but somehow the people here have not that conviction. The whole psychology is different. I have already completed fifty pages of notes on the general debate, and have not missed a session, which only goes to prove that I am a "nudnick."

I think you received my message regarding the flowers for Silver, but I am not optimistic that the flowers can arrive and still live. We talk about an overnight trip from Israel to America, but it takes a good three days, and you have to add another three days to make sure that the flowers are delivered, so we are undertaking an impossible task.

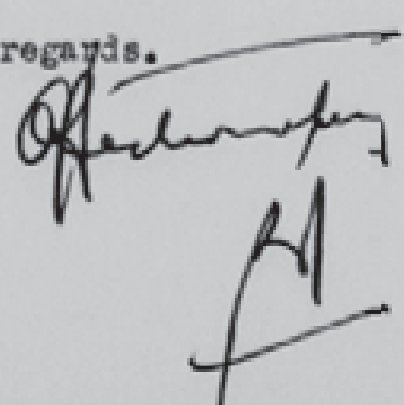
We are now commissioning and the discussions have only be renewed. We must get through on time because May 1st is an important holiday, and besides there will be no chairs for the delegates. As for the funds, the JNF traditional program will remain. Our fight on that score has been won. There is no final decision on anything yet.

I feel fine, and after May 1st, I shall be in Tel Aviv in the good old Park Hotel."

It is self-explanatory.

Accept my kindest personal regards.

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ISADOR S. TUROVER
4725 BETHESDA AVENUE
BETHESDA 14, MD.

May 2, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Many a time during the past year so full of strife, soul searching, and groping for our Movement, I was tempted to write to you to ask for your opinions and guidance. However, from my conversations with Dr. Neumann and Abe Goodman, I gained the impression that the time was not then quite opportune for concerted action designed to bring about an improvement in the steadily deteriorating conditions on the American Zionist scene, both from the standpoint of effective political action as well as laying down a realistic line for the guidance of the general Zionist Movement.

Now, with the conclusion of the talks and negotiations at the Actions Committee meeting and the approach of the National Convention in July, I feel that I should write to you respectfully suggesting that you call together some like minded associates and leaders for a frank off-the-record discussion of the many problems confronting us at the present time.

As president of the Seaboard Zionist Region, I have opportunities to meet frequently with the leaders of the smaller communities, and I know how strong is their feeling and yearning for your return to leadership on the national and world Zionist scenes. Without disparagement, we all realize that there are many sincere and earnest Zionists who are thoroughly qualified to be the "hewers of wood and drawers of water," but we still need the spark and the ideas, and above all the breath of conception which Providence has granted to but a few like yourself. It is high time that you again give your talents to the Movement. I am hankering again for the type of courageous, far-sighted leadership that you brought to the Congress in Basle and before that on the American political scene. If we are to again be privileged to see you serve in a similar capacity and make use of some of your talents for the benefit of the Zionist Movement, it is essential that you and your followers assert themselves even before the next National Convention so that regardless of who is eventually elected president, the Zionist world will realize that it is your policies and ideas that will prevail. I was glad to note that President Browdy has recognized the soundness of what you have been advocating the past two years--the overwhelming importance of private investment and the vital role and lead that the ZOA should take in promoting same.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

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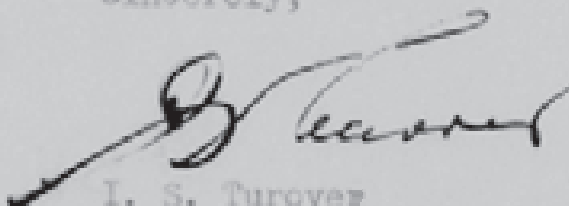
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In spite of all the Hollywood staging by Montor and his adroit use of the machinery of the UJA to build up mediocre personalities (even some anti-Zionists) and to foist them on the ZOA, it is my firm conviction that the American Zionist community has not forgotten your heroic role and services and is still keenly aware that we need the spark of your guidance in the crucial years ahead. To illustrate, in the past few days I have received urgent telephonic requests from the communities of Richmond, Virginia, and Wilmington, Delaware, that I should appeal in their behalf to you to be their guest speaker at Israel Independence celebrations planned in their cities. I have not troubled you because I am fully cognizant how preoccupied you are and your time must be utilized only for "tachlis."

To sum it up, please do give some consideration to meeting with some of your friends and old-time collaborators at the first opportune moment, preferably in New York in conjunction with the celebration event, or to coincide with the next Executive Committee meeting. It is my intention to go to New York to hear you speak at the rally on the 11th, and I trust to have an opportunity to meet with you there and get your reaction to the above letter.

Cordial regards.

Sincerely,



I. S. Turover

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LEOPOLD LERNER

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May 3, 1950

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

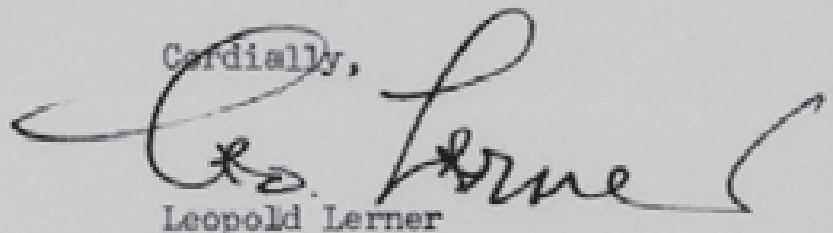
Dear Rabbi Silver:

As President of the San Francisco Zionist District and one who is fully concerned about the welfare of our Organization and the service it is to render to Israel and Jewry at large--I am taking the privilege to enclose a copy of my letter addressed to the Chairman of the Convention Committee. This letter is self-explanatory.

I am convinced that you will exert your great influence and inspiration to formulate a program at the coming Convention which befits the historic times under which we Jews in America live today, as well as those of our fellow brethren in Israel, who are re-building the land of Zion so that Jewish homelessness will be obliterated.

Please accept my thanks for your kind attention and with sincere Zionist greetings, I remain

Cordially,


Leopold Lerner

LL/mr

LOUIS A. FALK
Office
1 EXCHANGE PLACE
Jersey City, N. J.

May 6, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

"Only a fool dares to step in where angels fear to tread." I am willing to pay the penalty for my foolishness if only I can serve the cause of Zionism. In this week's issue of the Jewish Spectator there is a call for your return to the helm of the ZOA. I feel certain that there is unanimity in the ranks of the ZOA for Dr. Silver to assume the leadership. In all honesty, Dr. Silver's leadership has been missed and the ZOA has suffered much in prestige, membership and most important of all, a definite policy of action, because you Dr. Silver was not there to point out the right road.

In my unsolicited letter to you on April 23rd, I pointed out that Ben G. Browdy remains the uncontested candidate for the Presidency and because of his honest desire to do a real job I could see no objection to him. However, I did ask you to indicate in some manner what your choice or desire may be.

No doubt you are fully aware of a meeting held a week ago Sunday where Mr. Browdy was proclaimed to be the man to succeed himself President at the next Convention. This meeting attended by many of our leaders was a sincere expression of opinion. No other candidate in the field, we were compelled to bolster up Browdy's aspirations and give his candidacy standing.

All this, however, lacks validity if Dr. Silver announces himself a candidate. Even at the gathering mentioned favoring Browdy there was a unanimous feeling that if Dr. Silver is a candidate the entire body will support Dr. Silver. This is it.

Very sincerely yours,

Louis A. Falk
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Organization of General Zionists in Israel
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In reply please refer to
No 3204/50.

Tel Aviv, 25 Iyar 5710.
May 12, 1950.

Dr. Emanuel Neumann
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Neumann,

In his cable from Paris Mr. Weinberg informed us of your request to give you the details of the deliberations and decisions of the World Confederation concerning the inclusion of our representative into the Executive of the Agency, as well as regarding the conflict over the Constructive Fund.

In our talks with Dr. Israel Goldstein, Dr. Nahum Goldmann and Mrs. Rose Halpern prior to the opening of the Conference of the Confederation, we stated clearly that we would not agree to the continued discrimination against us on the part of the Confederation, and we demanded among others that a seat on the Agency Executive be allotted to a member of our Party.

As you know, there are two Israeli Progressives (Kol and Hermann) on the Executive of the Agency in addition to Mr. Itzhak Gruenbaum who is not affiliated with any of the two General Zionist Parties. On the other hand, our Party is deprived of any representation in the Agency Executive although it is generally agreed that it is much stronger than the Progressive Party.

A few days before the session of the Actions Committee was over, Dr. Israel Goldstein informed us that we would be given a seat in the Executive of the Agency provided we agree to a united slate of candidates with the Progressives in the elections to the forthcoming Zionist Congress in Israel. We explained to Dr. Goldstein that although we as members of our Party in the A.C. were not authorized to decide this matter without prior consultation with the Party Executive, to our mind the Party would not be in a position to accept the said condition. We stated that the seat in the Agency is due to us without reservations. We recalled, further, that still before the official establishment of the Progressive Party the Confederation went on record and took formal cognizance of a statement that two General Zionist Parties would appear in the elections to the Knesseth. The latter took place in ~~1948~~¹⁹⁴⁹ of our opposition as well as yours. In addition we pointed out that a year ago the Confederation decided without any conditions whatsoever to place on the Agency Executive Mr. Itzhak Gruenbaum who did not belong to any of the two Parties in Israel. Dr. Goldstein, however, insisted on the condition, and at his suggestion we summoned the Executive of the Party to an urgent meeting in Tel Aviv where it was unanimously decided to reject this condition and at the same time to demand the seat in the Agency. The Party Executive concluded that it was premature to discuss and to

resolve the question of the Congress list at the present time. After we had informed Dr. Goldstein of the above he told us that he would still try to settle the question of our seat in the Agency Executive.

Following the session of the Actions Committee on Saturday night, April 29th the issue was discussed at the plenum of the Confederation, and after several speakers, among them Mrs. Greenberg, Mrs. De Sola Pool and Rabbi Goldblum supported our position a resolution was unanimously carried charging the Presidium of the Confederation with the task to take the necessary steps in order to secure our representation on the Executive of the Agency.

As you know, the A.C. at its last meeting on Friday, April 28th, decided to authorize its Presidium to substitute one member of the Executive of the Agency with a new one in case such a necessity arises. It was intended that Prof. Brodetsky, who promised to resign after he had taken over the Presidency of the Hebrew University (a fact confirmed by Mrs. De Sola Pool at the plenary session of the Confederation) would vacate his place for a representative of our Party. This decision and all the negotiations and discussions within the Confederation prove that this solution was taken seriously. However, after we made it known that we would not join the present Government coalition, and after we rejected the condition of a united list with the Progressives to the Zionist Congress doubts were suddenly raised as to whether Prof. Brodetsky would really resign, and after the Confederation passed the aforementioned unanimous resolution it suddenly became "clear " that Prof. Brodetsky did not want, and was not prepared to resign.

These are the facts. It is our impression that there was simply an attempt to force us to agree to a united Congress list which would have meant: we supply the votes and the Progressive the candidates. Only after we did not accept it, the refusal of Prof. Brodetsky was " arranged ".

A detailed information on the Constructive Fund will be transmitted to you shortly. For the time being the Fund stopped all payments to us. The official reason is our refusal to grant to the Fund 49% of control in our institutions, while the Haoved Haxioni agreed to it. But the Haoved Haxioni could easily agree since the whole apparatus of the Fund and of the Confederation is controlled by the Progressives. We, however cannot afford to endanger our institutions in submitting to this condition. In fact, Dr. Goldmann, Dr. Goldstein and the members of the Haoved Haxioni took the opportunity at this session of the Confederation to launch a campaign against us and did not even want to listen to our just demands.

As you recall we requested a change in the distribution of the Fund's monies. Our party is at the present entitled to 40% while the Progressives get 60%, and now they want to deprive us even of these percentages.

We certainly will not remain silent. We will fight for our rights and will try to secure in this fight the cooperation of our friends abroad. We shall return to the whole matter later on. In the meantime, however, we wanted to give a review of the developments according to your request.

With kindest regards to you and your family,

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) Chaim Levanon

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FOR RELEASE FRIDAY, MAY 12TH

18,000 AT ZOA "SALUTE TO ISRAEL" CELEBRATION

HEAR ABBA HILLEL SILVER DENOUNCE ARMS SHIPMENTS TO ARABS

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BENJAMIN G. BROWDY, ZOA PRESIDENT, REVIEW'S ISRAEL'S ACHIEVEMENTS

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ADDRESS BY GOVERNOR THOMAS E. DEWEY

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IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM WEIZMANN, SHARETT AND WORLD ZIONIST LEADERS

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NEW YORK. - A packed assemblage of more than 18,000 people which filled Madison Square Garden last night (May 11th) for the Zionist Organization of America's dramatic presentation "Salute to Israel" heard Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, noted world Zionist leader and former Chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency delivered a scathing denunciation of British Foreign Secretary Bevin whom the Zionist leader charged with "blunderingly helping to prepare the next war against Israel." Dr. Silver coupled his attack upon Mr. Bevin for shipments of armaments to the Arab States with sharp condemnation of the State Department for withholding "a reply to the request of the Israel Government to acquire arms in the United States," and "supporting the supply of arms by Britain to the Arab States."

Last night's Pageant was in tribute to Israel's second anniversary and the first anniversary of its admission into the UN. A highlight of the celebration was the presentation of a plaque by Benjamin G. Browdy, President of the Zionist Organization of America to Dr. Silver in recognition of Dr. Silver's "extraordinary achievements for the creation of the Jewish State; militant and inspired leadership in rallying public support for the cause of Zion reborn; and brilliant presentation of the case for the recognition of the State of Israel before the UN."

In a strong denunciation of the shipment of arms to the Arab States, Dr. Silver maintained that the majority of the Arab States "have not yet reconciled themselves to the existence of the State of Israel," adding:

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"What is being done today by the unreconciled Mr. Bevin in shipping military aircraft, gun boats, tanks and other military supplies to Egypt, Iraq and Jordan, and to Syria with which Great Britain has not treaty obligations, and in refusing to supply arms to Israel until - and here is the bitter irony of it all - until "Israel is at peace with the Arab states", is not only not contributing to the reconciliation of these countries to the ineluctable fact of the existence of the State of Israel, but is encouraging among them desperate hopes for a renewed offensive which might yield them now what was denied them a year or so ago."

Dr Silver sharply derided the current explanation that the shipments of arms to the Arab States were to be used by the Arab States for defensive purposes, asserting that only purblind statesmen of short memory who have already forgotten the experiences of the allied nations with these same Arab states during the last war, will persist in entertaining "such bizarre hopes; these states who welcomed the Fascist and Nazi enemies of the democracies and were the centers of revolt and sabotage against allied military operations in the last war, will prove broken reeds for a free world to lean on in any future conflict".

Dr Silver stressed that "these arms are being assembled by the Arab nations for a war against Israel, and pointedly accused Mr. Bevin as helping "to prepare the next war against Israel". At the same time the Zionist leader charged that "our State Department, by withholding a reply to the request of the Israel government to acquire arms in the United States is helping to keep Israel weak in the face of the mounting rearmament threat of the surrounding Arab countries and is encouraging, wittingly or unwittingly, their intransigence and their refusal to conclude an honorable peace in Israel".

"There are forces in the State Department which have not reconciled themselves to the establishment of the State of Israel. It was these same forces which were responsible for the astounding reversal of our government in March of 1948, when after having voted for the partition resolution of the United Nations, it suddenly announced that it was no longer prepared to go along with it and demanded a special session of the United Nations to nullify that resolution. It is these same forces, Dr. Silver charged, which are now supporting the supply of arms by Britain to the Arab states. It is the same forces which have been responsible for the ominous silence of our government on the request of Israel to acquire arms in this country. The explanation given by our government spokesmen is specious and artful. It is maintained that the security of Israel, surrounded as it is by neighbors which refuse to make peace, which are heavily rearming themselves, ^{which} are maintaining a blockade against Israel, and which are propagating for a second round, is really not being threatened."

Dr. Silver expressed the strong conviction that it was in the best interests of the United States to see that Israel remain "an outpost of freedom and democracy," instead of being "weakened and endangered." Calling upon the American Government^{to} bring immediate cessation of arm shipments to the Arab States, Dr. Silver declared "we owe it to Israel and to our own beloved country to make our voices heard so that an end may be put to this dangerous policy which is now being pursued by our government; Bevin's way has always been the wrong way in Palestine, the stupid and bloody way, our government should not follow the lead of this embittered politician whose Palestine policies have been so thoroughly discredited."

Browdy's Address

Mr. Browdy in his address emphasized that two years ago the people in Israel "declared themselves a free republic dedicated to those divinely conceived principles of democracy, justice and tolerance which we Americans cherish and maintain."

In a review of the nation's achievements, Mr. Browdy called attention to Israel's mammoth immigration program, its economic progress, agriculturally as well as industrially, saying that "Israel builds, and builds well the third commonwealth; it wishes to do so in peace."

Mr. Browdy placed sharp emphasis on the fact that "peace with its neighbors and with the world is a postulate of Israel's people and their creed; they want to build together, in harmony and for the common good."

Mr. Browdy further pointed out that following the recent successful war with the Arab States, "the people of Israel made plow shares from their guns and swords." He added that "these Jewish people with steel-like determination have decided never again to be pushed into the sea; they will push back and, if necessary, will again turn these plow shares into cannons."

(ADDRESS OF GOVERNOR THOMAS E. DEWEY)
(SEE ATTACHED)

Message from Weizmann, Sharett, Sprinzak, Locker and Goldmann

In a message to the rally read by Mr. Browdy, Chaim Weizmann, President of Israel, hailed the celebration and emphasized that the ZOA's "continued support, devotion and faith has served as an inspiration and contributed in no small measure to the upbuilding of our young state." Dr. Weizmann declared that "in the great effort needed in the days ahead we are confident our friends in America will be with us as in the past."

In another message, Moshe Sharett, Israel Foreign Minister, likewise paid high tribute to the contributions of American Zionism to the cause of Israel, saying "it was the steadfast and munificent support of American Jews, which so many of them carried to the point of direct physical and heroic participation in our defensive struggle, that helped us to overcome the forces of darkness which converged upon us from all sides and carry our war of liberation to a victorious conclusion.

Mr. Sharett's cable continued: "Today, with a territory 50 percent larger than the one originally contemplated, with development potentialities increased tenfold, with a population growing at a pace unprecedented in human history, with thousands of exiles streaming back to their native land from countries near and far after a dispersion and separation lasting millenia, with vengeful enemies still fomenting evil designs, it is again from American Jewry - and in its forefront from ZOA - that Israel confidently expects a supreme measure of active solidarity and sacrificial brotherly assistance."

Joseph Sprinzak, Speaker of the Knesset, in his cable conveyed "the firm belief" of the Israelis that "Jews abroad will continue their devout cooperation with the people of the State of Israel.

"The new era in the history of our people," his cable continues, "demands the ability, devotion and skill of young and pioneering forces, for the economic and cultural growth of our new State. We do not relinquish our hope that the most vigorous elements of the Jewish communities in all countries will learn to live up to their historic responsibility."

A message from Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency, who is in Israel where he attended the sessions of the World Zionist Actions Committee, stressed that the ZOA will be strengthened and the organization will "express the determination of the Zionists in the United States to make a maximum effort in supporting the State of Israel and to solve its tremendous problems and will continue the policy of close cooperation with the Government of Israel and the Jewish Agency."

Berl Locker, chairman of the Jerusalem Section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, in his message conveyed the greetings of the Executive of the World Zionist Organisation and declared that "American Jews, led by the Zionist vanguard, may justly claim a great share in the achievement of our independence. The ingathering of exiles is a dream no more. Already 400,000 have returned and their continuous flow depends upon no other force but Israel strengthened by world Jewry and in the first instance by the Jews of America."

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Pointing with pride to the achievements of the infant state, Mr. Locker nevertheless warned that "the unsettled spaces serve a warning that no time must be lost in bringing in larger and larger numbers of our brethren and settling great numbers on the land". He called upon American Jews and Zionists to enlist the help of the American government in Israel's efforts "to fulfill its mission of peace and rehabilitation".

Peretz Bernstein, president of the General Zionist Organization in Israel, in another message urged the ZOA to continue its efforts in behalf of the State of Israel.

Levi Eshkol, treasurer of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, praised the American Zionist movement for its "contribution to the great achievements of our young state within two short years", but warned that "still greater duty lies ahead." He said that "incessant efforts are required to secure the economic foundations of Israel and to enable her to fulfill the great historic mission of the ingathering of the exiles of our people".

Daniel Auster, Mayor of Jerusalem, sent greetings to the assemblage on behalf of the 110,000 Jews of Jerusalem, saying "Jerusalem must and will remain part and capital of the State of Israel, as Washington is the capital of the United States. No power on earth can sever Jerusalem, which is the heart of the Jewish people, from the living body of the State of Israel. Mayor Auster called upon the "continued aid and support of America and American Jewry".

Mayor Israel Rokach of Tel Aviv, in his message expressed his "high appreciation of the great work done by the Zionist Organization of America, which has contributed so much to the rebuilding of this country and the materialization of Israel's independence". He expressed confidence that the ZOA in the future, as in the past, would continue to do its utmost to help the immigration and settlement efforts of the new state.

The dramatic presentation produced and directed by Isaac van Grove, with an elaborate pageant by Ben Aronin, and with Ed Sullivan well known columnist as master of ceremonies, vividly reviewed the saga of the last two thousand years of Jewish history. The leading principals in the cast were Jacob Ben Ami and Richard Tucker, who is a member of the Metropolitan Opera Company. Another highlight of the program was the appearance of a large ensemble of members of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra under the direction of Vladimir Brailowsky, with Mimi Benzell, soprano and a member of the Metropolitan Opera Company, as soloist.

Daniel Trotsky, founder and president of the Roosevelt School at Hyde Park, New York, was general chairman of the Pageant Committee which comprised leading Jewish and non-Jewish figures in all walks of American life.

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מ"מ מנהל הספריה העירונית

May 19, 1950

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

Dear Dr. Marks:

I am enclosing herewith the bill from the Plaza. In addition Dr. Silver spent about \$20 addition for taxis, tips, etc. His transportation by air is charged to the Z.O.A.

It was nice having you with us last night and to be able to meet you after so many months of correspondence and phone conversations.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

Enc.

ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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

May 24, 1950

Miss Elizabeth Rice
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Rice:

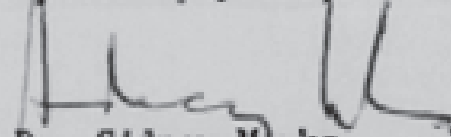
I was delighted to receive your letter dated May 19th.

It was good to see you, no matter how briefly our encounter was. I always want to personalize my relationships.

I am having Dr. Silver's bill audited for payment immediately.

Accept my affectionate regards.

Sincerely yours,



Dr. Sidney Marks
Executive Director

SM:fl

May 24, 1950

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

My dear Sidney:

Mrs. Lambert Oppenheim of my Temple is visiting New York for a few days. She will be stopping at the St. Regis Hotel. Mrs. Oppenheim is active in our Women's Organization here at The Temple and they have been thinking of having here at The Temple a table of Palestinian art and crafts work for sale among their members throughout the year. They have similar projects, and this year they would like to add one which would place in the homes of their members attractive Palestinian objects. I would appreciate if you would contact her and tell her where she may view some of these things in New York. Perhaps you may ask one of the girls in the office to go along with her.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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May 24, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

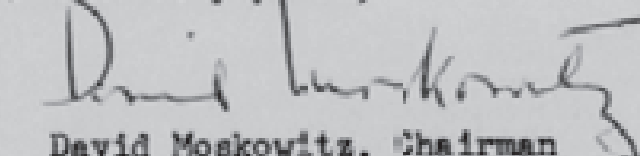
Dear Dr. Silver:

Pursuant to your recommendation, we have changed the third session of the convention to take place at 5 o'clock on Sunday, July 2nd. The fourth session will take place at 8:30 p.m.

You will share the third session, which deals with election, and you will deliver your address on the American scene for the 8:30 session.

Accept my kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,


David Moskowitz, Chairman
Convention Committee

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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

41 EAST 42ND STREET
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May 26, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

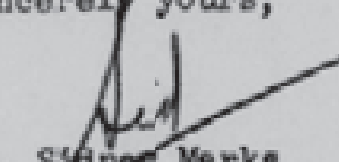
Many thanks for your letter dated May 24th.

Mrs. Oppenheim called our office and Carl Alpert undertook the pleasant task of giving her the benefit of his advices and his guidance.

I know that Mrs. Oppenheim is being given every courtesy.

Accept my affectionate regards and please extend them to the family.

Sincerely yours,


Dr. Sidney Marks
Executive Director

SM:fl

The New Palestine

The American Zionist Publication Devoted to Jewish Affairs

41 EAST 42ND STREET
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ERNEST E. BARBARASH, *Editor*

May 29, 1950

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

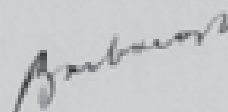
Dear Dr. Silver:

I shall appreciate if you will favor
us, for publication in the next (pre-convention)
issue of *The New Palestine* with an article on the
issues confronting our forthcoming convention in
Chicago.

The deadline for that issue is June 12th.

With kindest personal regards and best
wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



Ernest E. Barbarash

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DR ABBA H. SILVER

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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May 29, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I cannot begin to tell you how happy you have made me last night with your few words of commendation and support.

Again I wish to assure you that you will have no cause to regret the confidence you have placed in me.

With my affectionate greetings to you and Mrs. Silver, I remain

Cordially yours,

Benjamin G. Browdy
Benjamin G. Browdy
President

25 Tudor City Place
New York 17, N.Y.
May 31, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you for sending me a copy of The Temple's anniversary book. I have read it with real interest.

Today I finalized the arrangements with the Z.O.A. and I shall move in Monday (if office space can be found for me). There was some difficulty with Marks, who didn't like the idea of my coming in on any basis other than that of a staff member who could be called upon to perform general functions quite apart from those of the special department which I am to set up. He argued that the arrangement agreed upon by Browdy and myself would produce resentment and an uncooperative attitude on the part of some staff members who, in Marks' words, are back-stabbers even under normal circumstances. (Oh, for those glorious Emergency Council days!)

I finally evolved a compromise: in my relations with the rest of the staff I shall be just another department head, who participates in staff meetings, etc. But Marks understands that, with regard to activity which is outside my own department, the President of the Z.O.A. has first claim on my services and must be consulted before other functions are passed on to me.

The department will be known as the American --Israeli Information Service and a formal announcement of its establishment will be made next week. Now it remains to be seen whether I shall be able to put some of my pet ideas into effect.

Josie joins me in sending our love to Mrs. Silver and yourself.

Cordially yours,

Harold
Harold P. Hanson

P.S. It is probably saving me to say so, but today I filed my last memo to you (on Arab disarmament) under the heading: "Predictions which came true."

Zionist Organization of America

Office of the President
41 EAST 42nd STREET
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

June 6, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I regret that owing to my indisposition, I could not write this letter to you any earlier. I had hoped to be able to report to you on my visit to the White House as soon as it was over.

The President was in an expansive mood and most cordial. Evidently he had been briefed about me by Congressman Multer who is a very close political friend of his. I had intended to speak to the President about three things, namely, - an invitation to address the Annual Convention of the ZOA at Chicago; the Three Power Declaration; and the JNF request for the use of President Truman's name for a colony in Israel. However, it was the President who opened the conversation with a reference to the Three Power Declaration, expressing the hope that it would make for permanent peace in the Middle East. I countered immediately by showing him a newspaper clipping from The Times in which the British Foreign Office is quoted as continuing in its refusal to sell arms to Israel. The President, in his reply, was astonishingly outspoken, even resorting to unparliamentary language. Speaking entirely off the record, he assured me that we need have no worry about Britain's attitude. "I will stand", he said, "for no monkeyshines from Mr. Bevin or anyone else. The British signed on the dotted line. I have their signature and I will see to it that they live up to their commitments." The President spoke with great emotion and with evident sincerity, and I left with the feeling that we have in him a great friend whom some people in the State Department may mislead for a while, but never quite lead astray. The President concluded that part of the conversation by saying that he had been a friend of Israel from the very start and that he will continue to be so regardless of any opposition he may meet.

Zionist Organization of America

Office of the President
41 EAST 42nd STREET
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

June 6, 1950

As to my request that he attend the Zionist Convention in Chicago, he promised that he would take it under advisement and asked me to send him an official invitation. Emphatically, he did not say no, and it is my own believe that there is a fifty-fifty chance that he will attend.

The President was quite touched when I transmitted to him the letter from JNF asking for his permission to name an Israel colony after him. He said he was too much honored as it is, for what he has done for Israel but finally consented to the JNF-Truman colony project.

Before I left him, the President was kind enough to say that his door was always open to me, for which of course, I thanked him most cordially, adding that I expect to make use of the invitation for the cause of Zion.

I think we have now a standing at the White House and I assure you that I shall take occasion quite frequently to consult you how to make best use of it for our purposes.

With best personal regards to you and Mrs. Silver,
I am

Cordially yours,

Benjamin G. Browdy
Benjamin G. Browdy
President

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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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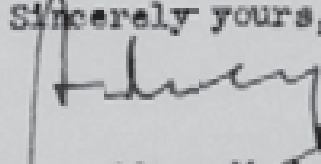
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am enclosing herewith your address at Madison
Square Garden which was reprinted in Haboker. Elias
Epstein sent it to me from Israel.

My affectionate regards.

Sincerely yours,


Dr. Sidney Marks
Executive Director

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June 12, 1950

Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Gentlemen:

We are herewith enclosing a check for \$16.10 for TWA
ticket from Cincinnati, Ohio, to Cleveland used by Dr.
Silver on this date and charged to his ZOA credit card.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

Enc.

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June 13, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I tried once or twice last week to reach you by telephone but learned that you were out of the city. I thought that it might be a good idea in any case to address a few lines to you. You know I returned from Europe just a matter of about ten days or two weeks ago. In that interval some of my friends as you, of course, are aware have projected my name in connection with the coming Convention and the presidency of the ZOA. As I am sure you are further aware, I never offered myself avowedly as a candidate, and have viewed the activities that have occurred with some degree of detachment although, to be honest, I have been rather flattered by all this and whatever may ensue, I have derived much satisfaction in knowing that I have so many loyal friends in different parts of the country.

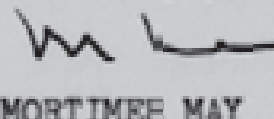
I have read in the press and heard from others of your endorsement of Mr. Browdy. I don't know, however, how you feel vis-a-vis the events of the last week or ten days. In talking with several, particularly in connection with the endorsement given me by the Westchester Region, it was pointed out that along with this had been a very strong resolution in your favor for leadership in the World Movement. I would add here that I support this with more ardor than I do my own candidacy.

Frankly, I would appreciate a few words from you, either by letter or by telephone as to your reactions at the moment. I doubt if it is necessary for me to mention the high regard in which I hold your opinion and judgment, nor need I further state that any expression from you would be seriously pondered.

I trust that I will hear from you at some early convenience and in any case look forward to seeing you in Chicago. Let me add in closing that you were greatly missed in Jerusalem at the last meeting of the Actions Committee and without you and Dr. Neumann, it seemed to me that we were putting on our show without our two chief actors.

With every good wish and best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,


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June 14, 1950.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105 St. & Ansell Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am sorry that I have to impose on you and take up your time with my requests.

We are planning to have on the eve of the Zionist Convention a symposium about the aims, purposes and future of American Zionism. We will devote a few special pages to this symposium.

I would appreciate very much if you would be good enough to express for our readers your point of view.

I will be grateful to you for sending us your statement in the next few days.

Very sincerely yours,

M. Danz
M. DANZIS,
Editor-In-Chief.

MD:rc

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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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June 15, 1950

Miss Elizabeth Rice, Sec'y.
to Dr. A.H. Silver
The Temple
3130 Mayfield Road
Cleveland, Ohio

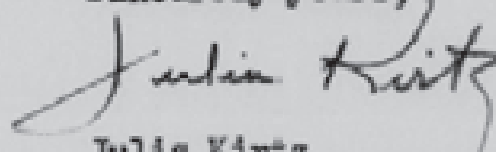
Dear Miss Rice:

On our Trans-World Airline bills, we are charged for travel
of Dr. Silver as follows:

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April 25th -	Cleveland to Washington, D.C.	43.36

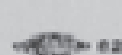
May we ask that you kindly advise us whether these charges were
incurred on behalf of Z.O.A. If another organization is to be
billed, will you be good enough to give us the necessary informa-
tion so that we can clear these items from our books.

Sincerely yours,



Julia Kirtz
Assistant Comptroller

JK:FE



התאחדות הציונים בארצות הברית

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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

June 16, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I thought you would be interested in reading the first draft of the address which I have prepared for the Convention. As you will gather from the construction of this section, other portions are being prepared by Dr. Margoshes.

I expect to meet with both Mr. Browdy and Dr. Margoshes on Monday at which time we will discuss the entire project. It will be interesting to see what the final version will be like.

I am of course looking forward to seeing you at the Convention. Is Mrs. Silver coming with you? -- Josie would like to know whether she will have anyone to turn to for "escape" in the event that she accompanies me.

Love to Mrs. Silver and ~~my~~ best to the boys from both
of us.

Cordially yours,

Harold
Harold E. Mason

HPM:es P.S. Do you think that references to you and
your leadership should be included in the Presidential
Address, or should this be left for the new
President's acceptance speech - provided, of course, that he
will wish to make such references?
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SECOND SECTION OF ADDRESS

(This would follow the review of the past year's activities)

One question is certain to dominate our deliberations at this Convention, I am, of course, referring to the future role of our Organization on the American scene and in relation to Israel.

This is not a new problem. Indeed, it has been with us for more than two years, during which time it has been the subject of a seemingly endless series of conferences, discussions and debates. By now we are able to compile a rather full catalogue of suggestions --- ~~quite arises~~ --- which have been offered to us from outside our ranks. However, many of these bits of advice are merely variations on one theme: that it would be a fine and wonderful thing for the Zionist Organization of America quietly to commit suicide.

Strangely enough, such kindly suggestions do not originate exclusively with that small number of unreconciled anti-Zionists who have always fought our efforts to bring about the establishment of the ^{Jewish} State ~~of Israel~~ and to provide Israel with material and moral support. We expect sniping and mud-slinging attacks from the embittered members of the American Council for Judaism --- and it doesn't bother us in the least. We shall defeat them in the future as we have, time and again, in the past. What does bother us --- what does sadden and bewilder us --- is much closer to home. I do not wish to dwell on this painful subject. Permit me to say merely that the last place at which one should expect to encounter attacks against the Zionist Movement and attempts to weaken its authority and prestige is a meeting of the World Zionist Actions Committee.

I do not mean to suggest that the question of the relations between the State of Israel and the World Zionist Movement does not involve complicated problems of administration and authority, requiring real statesmanship on both sides. But statesmanship in a situation such as this implies simplification, the narrowing down of areas of disagreement and the elimination of extraneous political considerations.

Unfortunately, this has not always been the case in the handling of this difficult and delicate question.

There are today two great structures in Jewish life -- Israel and the World Zionist Movement. They need each other, and world Jewry needs them both in order to ensure its physical and spiritual survival. The problem is, therefore, to build a strong, wide bridge between the two structures -- a bridge over which will pass the best that Israel has to offer to the diaspora in the way of spiritual inspiration and re-vitalized Jewish living, and the best that the diaspora has to offer to Israel in the way of material resources, sturdy new chalutzim and cultural accomplishments. Now, if the building of such a bridge entails special problems which never confronted the engineers of the past, the only intelligent thing to do is to keep working at these problems until they have been solved. But it is the height of folly to tear down one of the structures simply because of the difficulties involved in the bridge-building operation. That is what some of our frustrated blue-print makers seem to be doing to the magnificent World Zionist edifice. It is time to call a halt to this (masochistic ? vandalism!)

As a matter of fact, I am still astonished that the issue of the future existence of the World Zionist Movement should ever have been projected under a question-mark by individuals who have devoted their lives to Zionism. One assumes that they understand the nature of the Movement which some of them have served as leaders over a period of decades. Surely the act of transferring a few offices from the Jewish Agency building to Hakiryah does not wipe out all the years of Zionist history and all the works of Zionist philosophy. Zionism never was -- and is not today -- a political instrumentality to be employed by any party or any leaders in a drive for power and then discarded when its usefulness has come to an end in this respect. Our Movement was not born out of political opportunism. Its roots are not planted in any one back-yard of any single party or any special group.

These roots stretch beneath the entire area of Jewish life, Zionism always was -- and remains today -- the highest expression of Jewish values. It sprang out of a Jewish cultural heritage stretching back over the centuries --- and I submit that no one should seek to deal with the future of the Zionist Movement from the narrow and necessarily limited viewpoint of one or another political group. Zionism belongs to Jewish history and to the Jewish people throughout the world --- and its future cannot be disposed of in a cavalier manner. To those who have raised the question of whether the Zionist Movement should continue to exist, I say: The question has no validity and should never have been raised in the first place. It is not related to the facts of life, either in Israel or in the diaspora. In any case, if you wish to receive an honest and authoritative answer to that question, then go out to the Jewish people --- in every land of the diaspora -- and ask them whether they desire a continuation of their Zionist movement, which is another way of asking them whether they desire Jewish spiritual survival in the galah and strong emotional and cultural ties with Israel. I am convinced that the answer is a resounding YES --- and I believe that this Convention of the Zionist Organization of America will make that unmistakably clear.

Even if we approach this question from a purely practical point of view --- namely, the best way of ensuring effective aid and support for Israel today and in the future -- we are driven to the unavoidable conclusion that in order to guarantee Israel's stability, security and development there must be a strong Zionist Movement, and that means a strong Zionist Organization of America. I recall the statements made during the past two years, both in Israel and the United States, that American Zionism has concluded its major tasks with regard to Israel; and when I view these statements against the background of two years of unrelieved crisis in Israel, they appear very naive. Strangely enough, the authors of these statements have evidently seen no contradiction in the fact that they have interspersed their suggestions that we shut up shop with appeals for greater financial and moral support of Israel on our part. So, my friends, if you have come to this Convention in a somewhat confused state of mind, you needn't blame yourselves. In Heaven's name, who wouldn't be confused?

Where is this support which is so urgently solicited -- and which, I know, is so desperately needed to come from? Who is to take the initiative to ensure that the broad mass of American Jewry will respond to these appeals? Who? -- The Johnnies -- Come -- Lately, who wanted no part of our struggle to bring about the Jewish state, some of whom lost no opportunity to disassociate themselves from us and to attack what they chose to call our Zionist "extremism"? Evidently this record is today considered a great virtue by some. Even a distinguished member of the Cabinet of Israel recently saw fit to hail American Jews who never affiliated themselves with Zionism as among the best Jews in this country, while at the same time attacking the Zionists.

When I refer to such a statement, I am not concerned with the prestige of American Zionism, which is big enough to take that sort of thing. What I am concerned about is the disastrous effect that such an attitude could have upon Israel. I do not mean that a few ill-considered remarks will discourage American Zionists from helping Israel -- our Zionism goes too deep for that. But if this notion that American Jewry can produce maximum results in Israel's behalf without Zionist leadership is actually believed, then I am genuinely afraid for the outcome of those fund-raising and public relations efforts in this country which are matters of life and death for the Jewish state. Should it be necessary for anyone to point out at this late date that only American Zionism can effectively lead an all-out campaign to help Israel? Let it not be forgotten that the highest points of accomplishment, both in the political sphere and in the fund-raising field, were reached in ^{the United States} ~~this country~~ under Zionist leadership. And today, when Israel is enduring one crisis after another -- when its economy is being strangled, when its enemies are engineering ^{new} political assaults ~~at the United Nations and in the arena of American public opinion~~, when the threat of another war is always present --- today there should be a full mobilization of our American Zionist forces on all of these fronts! We, too, have a stake in Israel and its future, and we shall not retire to the sidelines in this crucial period! We shall not be blundered into inactivity at the very moment when our best efforts are urgently

needed. There is a great job to be done, my friends --- and the Zionist Organization of America means to do it!

I have spoken of the bridge that must be built between Israel and the diaspora. Israel has already done much to enrich our lives. The sense of pride which has come to us as a result of the heroic achievements of the youth of Israel -- the greater respect which is accorded to Jews all over the world since that small nation performed one miracle after another in proclaiming and then defending its independence against fantastic odds -- all this, and more, we have already received from Israel. But is this to be the end -- or will it be a new beginning? Are we to follow the advice of "Zionist assimilationists" like Arthur Koestler who tell us that the establishment of the Jewish state makes it possible for Jews outside of Israel to withdraw from their Jewishness with a clear conscience? Or will we become more Jewish, rather than less so, and give finer utterance to our Jewish values now that there is a revived Israel to serve as an additional source of inspiration?

For those to whom Zionism is the highest expression of Jewish living there can only be one answer. We have not worked for the creation of the Jewish state in order to bring about the destruction of our Jewishness, but in order to ensure its survival and growth! I might add, merely for the benefit of the members of the American Council for Judaism, that we are not discussing political allegiances here. The Jews of Israel are loyal citizens of Israel; the Jews of the United States are loyal citizens of the United States. But all Jews have mutual interests in Jewish traditions and in a great culture which goes back over thousands of years. We identify ourselves with that culture and wish it to reach new peaks of development wherever there are Jews.

The Zionist Organization of America should, in my opinion, take the lead on this question and go forward with a full program of cultural and informational activities, both here and in Israel, which will link both Jewries to their common heritage. Our program must also make it possible for both communities to draw inspiration, encouragement, new ideas, new talents, new techniques from one another. A provincial Israeli culture, with no links to us or to diaspora Judaism or to world thought -- such a culture would

be unhealthy for Israel. A provincial American - Jewish culture, with no links to Israel, would be most unhealthy for us. And because the two communities need each other and have a great deal to learn from one another, we must lose no time in establishing our channels of communication now. It is in order to achieve this all-important purpose that we have just established the America-Israel Information Service, whose work will, I hope, open up a vast new field of endeavor for our Organization here and in Israel. Under such a program our Z.O.A. House in Tel Aviv will assume added importance. As our physical link with Israel, it will channelize our informational and other activities to the public there, and also serve as an institution to which Israelis from all walks of life may turn in order to convey ideas to us.

We feel that the America-Israel Information Service should carry on an exchange program under which Israeli students shall be enabled to come here for whatever special knowledge and techniques may be required in Israel, and under which American students may be enabled to study in Israel. We also believe that a system of work-vacations should be established for American-Jewish youth -- a program which will make it possible for some of our college students to spend their summer vacations working in Israel, especially on our own organization's projects. I see no reason why this should not become a local activity of our Districts and Regions. You might wish to provide scholarships for this purpose in your own communities.

We should try to arrange for the inter-change between Israel and the United States of outstanding leaders in the fields of science, in the arts and in various professions. We would also wish to ensure that ~~all~~ important cultural developments in Israel are properly reported in the United States and that the finest cultural achievements of Israel are effectively presented here. We hope that our America-Israel Information Service will become the recognized representative of the best, the most creative, minds of Israel, as well as the instrumentality recognized in Israel as the finest source of information on American-Jewish life and on American life in general.

I have already indicated that this work should, wherever possible, be brought into your Districts and Regions. It is possible to envisage any number of fine projects which could capture the enthusiasm of our ~~members~~ Zionist members throughout the country.

For example, why shouldn't all of our Districts and Regions -- as part of their contribution to our over-all cultural program -- seek to establish Chairs for the Hebrew language, Hebrew literature, Jewish history at leading American educational institutions? Each District and Region could survey the possibilities at the colleges and universities falling within its orbit and carry this forward as an important local activity.

I don't think that I need to go into further details concerning this aspect of our program. I do hope, however, that I have indicated enough to point to the infinite possibilities for important, constructive work in this field.



(This could be followed by a presentation of the program for Economic Investment and Chalutzim, essentially as formulated in the address before the New England Zionist Region on May 28, 1950).

June 16, 1950

Mr. Carl Alpert
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Dear Mr. Alpert:

Dr. Silver has just directed to me your letter of April 27th which he unfortunately overlooked in his desk and which concerns your request for a number of autographed copies of "Vision and Victory".

Dr. Silver will not be in New York again until the day following the ZOA Convention when he and Mrs. Silver are leaving for Europe. He, therefore, suggests that you bring a number of copies with you to the Convention where they can be on display and at which time he will be happy to autograph them.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

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June 16, 1950.

My dear Abba:-

It is not enough that the Convention pass a favorable resolution espousing your cause at the coming World Zionist Congress. That happened in 1946. Yet Ezra Shapiro the late A. K. Epstein, the late Jacob Fishman, Szold, Leventhal and others voted against you. And others would have voted for Weitzman if they feared not the consequences because we controlled the delegation and patronage would not be distributed to them.

In spite of what you said to Browdy, it looks like another coalition administration. And I see the following Congress delegate possibilities who will be definitely against you: Leventhal, Rothenberg, Szold, Lipsky, Ezra Shapiro, Dewey Stone, Fred Monascon, Rudolph Luenzborn, Rabbi Breslau, and Benjamin R. Harris. The above are either Past Presidents or Officers.

Among the Executive the following will definitely be against you: Joseph Cherner, Rabbi Greenfield, Samuel Jacobson,

(2) Morris Margulies, Samuel Rothberg,
Carl Sherman and Michael Stawitzky.
A total of 17.

Then there are the following
officers and members of the executive
whom I would call administration
men, who will see how the wind
blows and will so vote: Judge Ellenbogen,
David Moskowitz, Dr. Robbins, Paul Saiser,
Johanan Rudavsky, Harry Cohen President
of the Bronx Region and J. O. G. Chairman
for Sale of the Kohn, Rathi Under
Kirschbaum, President of the L.A. Region,
and Rev. Gladys Martin. To rely on them
would be 13, 17, 14, 18, 19. That makes
eight more, or a total of 25. At
the last Congress our delegation
numbered 40. I am not taking
in consideration Dr. Israel Goldstein,
Elihu Stue, and, maybe Madam
Goldman (Irish made him a J. O. G.
life member).

Unless you have a definite
understanding and binding assurances
with Browdy now, before the Convention,
when he is still afraid of ~~that~~ his
election, that men on whom you
can rely fully 100% + constitute the
large majority of the delegation, we

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③ will go down to certain defeat. And that understanding must be reached before the convention!

In our boyhood days we imagined that a Zionist Congress is made up of Herzl, Mordecai Ussiakins, Polesnors, etc. At the last Zionist Congress, when I saw amongst our delegation men like David Moskowitz (now Convention Chairman!!!) and others of the same stature, I felt that I towered far, far above them, at least I have a background of 45 years service to the movement, a founder of a Region and a former President of that Region, and a leading worker in Palestine Appeal Campaigns since the inception of the Keren Hayesod in 1921. I am not a NO'ID, and unprincipled politician and opportunist like the Moskowitz's, Rabbi Kirschbaum (he who spoke so insultingly to you at the last meeting of the Administrative Committee). So I must depend on you only. When the Goldstein - Silver fight

(14) was settled I became a member of National Executive because of your determination and insistence, in spite of Goldstein's opposition.

And I will always be opposed by those who oppose you. Not because they have anything personally against me, but because they know that I will never yield in my loyalty and devotion to you; that they may break me but I will never bend.

And some of them have told it to me to my face - personally they like me but they do not like my zeal and loyalty to Silver!

I know that if you tell Browdy that you insist that I shall be a member of the J. O. P. delegation, he will not dare go against your wishes. He knows that as Chairman of the Resolutions Committee I have been successful in having a resolution passed unanimously endorsing his candidacy at the L. I. Region Convention.

Since my boyhood days it has been my dream to see Eretz Yisrael a Jewish State and to tread on its soil. It is in your hands to make my

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dream become a reality.

In our lifetime you have shown me many, many favors, many a time going out of your way. I am sure that this time too you will shower your graciousness upon me and will make me realize my life's dream. I know you will not be ashamed of me. I will more than measure up to some of the ^{other} members of the delegation.

Long Island will be entitled to two or three delegates, or even four delegates, as we are the second largest Region in the country. Should it be Sol. Cohen, a man of 45 years service to the cause, a founder and former President of the L.I. Region, or that unassuming ^{Mr. Joseph} Rabbi Kirshblum with a record of 4 years service (who already aspires to ~~be~~ the Vice-Presidency of the I.O.O.F.) and who will not hesitate a moment to double-cross you.

There is yet another Long Islander who aspires to be a delegate - @ Mr.

② Murray Langbaum, a brother-in-law
of David Moskowitz, and whose six
years in A.S. Jewish Region activities,
consists of one double cross after
another in order to reach office
and who in the midst of the Zionist
Policy Committee's struggle, could never
be pinned down by us where he
stands, and whether he is for you.
Of course he stands a good chance
to be chosen as a delegate. His
brother-in-law is David Moskowitz, and
he, it seems, will play a leading
role in the selection of the Congress
delegation.

If I do not go, right now will go.
And right now will either be your
opponent or an administration man
who will see where the wind blows
and jump on the band wagon.
I do not know what your
intentions and plans are in
connection with the coming World Zionist
Congress. Maybe there will be no
fight there. But in any event I
will surely be a member of the

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delegation if you will insist and tell Browdy I must be a delegate. He will not dare to go against your wishes.

Yet, you will have to keep your eyes wide open. As I told you once before 1936/1937. My name may be put on, and somebody, in the last minute, by "accident", will remove it or substitute some other name. I have seen it happen so often at Zionist conventions.

You will have to tell him P.P. 1937 just as you told Dr. Goldstein in the case of my appointment to the National Executive. And you will have to make sure before to scan the list before it is finally submitted.

I feel confident you will do all in your power to help fulfill my life's dream.

Kindest regards to Virginia and the boys, in which Anna joins me.
As ever yours,
Sol.

June 20, 1950
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ניו יארק

מ"ן ליבער דר' אבא הלל סילבער,

הארטלד מאנסאן האט מיר איבערגעגעבן אז ער האט גערעדט מיט אייך און פאר אייך פאר-
געבראכט די פרטים פונעם שמועס האט אייך האב געהאט מיט אים. צום אנהייב האב אייך גע-
טראכט אז דערמיט איז פארענדיקט דער גאנצער ענין: פארפאלן, סילבער זעט נישט קיין
מעגלעכקייט עפנס צו טאן, כדי צו ראטעווען אזא אינסטיטוציע ווי דער "מארגן זשורנאל".
דערנאך אבער האב אייך זיך באטראכט, אז פאר אייגענער רואיקייט און מ"ן אייגענעם באגריף
פון דער סילבער-פערזענלעכקייט דארף אייך אייך גאך אנטרעבן עטלעכע הערסער.

ווי מאנסאן האט מיר איבערגעגעבן, האט איר זיך אפגעשטעלט דער עיקר אויף דעם, האט
ארום דעם קריזיס אין אונדזער צייטונג איז דא א קאנסרעווערזיע און איר האט נישט קיין
חשק זיך אריינבויען אין מחלוקת'ן. מ"ן טיערער דר' סילבער, ס'איז קיין שום מחלוקת
נישט, ס'איז נאר ווי א גולדן האלט באפאלן א מענטשן אין וואלד אים צו דערהארבעטן.
שטעלט זיך פאר, אז איר האלט אנטקומען בעה דער גולדן פארמעסט זיך מיט דער האק אויפן
קרובן זינעם, האט האלט איר געטאן? איר האלט נישט געראטעוועט דעם קרובן? איר האלט
געטראכט אז דער אינצידענט איז א "קאנסרעווערזאלער"?

אין וואלד האלט זיך עס געהאנדלט נאר אין איין קרובן, דא האנדלט זיך עס אין צוויי
הונדערט משפחות. נאכמער, דא פרינקט זיך א גרויסע יידישע אינסטיטוציע, האט האט אין
משך פון צענדליקער יארן געדינט דעם נאציאנאלן יידישן געדאנק בכלל און דעם ציוניזם
בפרט. וויסט איר, מ"ן ליבער דר' סילבער, אז דער "מ. זש." זאמלט ביז איצט יעדער יאר
צוויי טאל אונדזער געלט פארן יונאייטעד דזשואיש אפיל ווי דער "מגן", אדער דער "פאר-
הערסט"? וויסט איר אז דער קריזיס איז נישט געקומען איבער פארלוסט פון צירקולאציע,
אדער געשעפטן, נאר איבער א כיסערער מאנופולאציע מצד מאָריס (היינבערג'ן), האט וויל
אומברענגען די צייטונג און בלייבן דער איינציקער דעה-זאגער אין נאציאנאל-יידישן לעבן
פון אמעריקע?

ווי-געטרינגן, הנם בארזים נפלה שלהבת? אויך איר, דער ארז שבחבורה, זעט נישט קיין

מעלעכקייט אפילו צו פרוואוהן צולייגן א דאנס, כדי צו העלפן ראטעווען דעם "מ. זש." דערפאר האָט דער ענין איז א "קאָנסרעווערזאלער" מילא, אזא קליין מענטשעלע היי בראודי, האָט די איינציקע חטוקה זיינע איז דערהיילט צו הערן פרעזידענט פון ציוניסטישער אָרגאניזאציע, קען נישט באנעמען די קאנסאסטרעטע האָט דעם געטען, אז סאָמער, הלילה, דעם זיך דער "מ. זש." פארמאכט. ער דארף הערן פרעזידענט, אבער איר זענט פרעזידענט, איער ברייטער געזעלשאפטלעכער פארנעם, איער הייזע, איער גאט-געבענשטער סאלאנט האָט אייך אויסגעקליבן נאר פרעזידענט, נישט די נאָליטישנדיקע דרידלעך איז אן אָרגאניזאציע. היי זעט לייבט זיך עס אויסן שכל אז איר זאָגט נישט באגרייפן האָט פאר א מאָרד דאָ הערט בא-נאנגען?

דאָ הייל איך אייך זאָגן קלאר און אָפן, אז ס'איז מיר א הייטיק און א בושה, האָט די ציוניסטישע אָרגאניזאציע, — די גרעסטע אין דער יידישער אמעריקע, — איז געהאָרן אזוי גייסטיק קליין און נישטיק. די גאנצע נאָליטיק דרייט זיך נישט ארום פרינציפן, נישט ארום פראָגראם, נאר ארום דעם פרעזידענט-אמט. פרענט מיך בחרט האָט פאר א פרינציפן אין ציוניזם בראודי פארטרעט, הייב אייך נישט אָן צו הייסן. אקוראט אזוי הייס אייך נישט האָט פאר א פרינציפן מאָרטימאָר מעי פארטרעט. די גאנצע ציוניסטישע עווערגיע הערט אָפגעגעבן אויף אהעקזעצן דעם, אָדער יענעם, אויסן פרעזידענט-סטול און דערוואָך, אז די מיטטיינס געזאָגט גרויסע ארבעט איז אָפגעמאָן, איז דער ציוניזם שוין אויסגעשעפט.

זייט מיר מוחל, מין טיערער דרייט סילחער, האָט אייך רעדט אזוי אָפן. סאָלט זיך אויס, היי מיר איז ביסער האָט פון די ציונים כללים, — העמען מיר האָבן אלארמירט פונקט היי די אנדערע גרופירונגען אין יידישן לעבן, — איז נישטאָ קיין איינער האָט זאָל ארויפלייזן דעם מינדסטן אינטערעס אינעם גורל פון א צייטונג, האָט האָט בענדליקער יאָרן געשפילט אן אָנ-פירנדיקע ראָל אין אמעריקאנעם ציוניזם. פון די ארבעטער-ציוניסטישע קרייזן איז געקומען א גאנצער אָפּרוף, פון דער אַרמאָדאָקסיע איז שוין אָפּגערעדט, נאר נישט פון די אל-געמיינ-ציוניסטישע. ס'איז פשוט א חרפה.

האָט היילן מירן מיר, די שרייבער, היילן איבערנעמען די צייטונג און זי באפעסטיקן, צו דעם דארטן מיי האָבן געזעלשאפטלעכע היילף. אייך האָב געמיינט אז איר דעם געפינען פאר

ניטיק א ריר צו סאן דעם ציוניסטישן וואגן. האב איך געהערט אז אויף איך איז אויך קיין
האפענונג נישט. דערמאן איך זיך אין מעילה אסתר, הי מרדכי האט געזאגט אסתר'ן, אז
ריוח והצלח יעמוד לנו במקום אחר, הארים מיר העלן זיך ראנגלעך מיט אלע כוחות נישט
אונטערניין,
צו לאזן די צייטונגן \$\$\$\$ נאר א טרויער וועט בלייבן אפגעזעצט אין דער סיפעניש פון
אונדזערע הערצער, — א טרויער איבער דער קליינקייט פון דער גרויסער ציוניסטישער ארגא-
ניזאציע אין אמעריקע.

מ'ן ס'ערער דר' אבא הלל סילחער, איך בעס איך נאכאמאל מיר מוחל צו זיין פאר די
אסתר וואס איך האב איך געשריבן. אויב איר געפינט פאר ניטיק, ענטפערט מיר.
מיט דרך ארץ,

א'ער

אסתר מווינצאן



ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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

ERNEST E. BARBARASH, *Director*
PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPT.

June 20, 1950

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I shall appreciate receiving from you for publicity purposes, as early as possible, excerpts of your remarks which you are scheduled to deliver at the Third and Fourth Sessions of the convention.

Early receipt of your copy will greatly facilitate my task in publicizing your remarks in the press in connection with the proceedings of the convention.

Your cooperation will be highly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



Ernest E. Barbarash

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P.S. Beginning Wednesday, June 28th, I shall be located at Room 12, 4th floor at the Stevens Hotel.

SOLOMON COHEN
ACCOUNTANT AND AUDITOR
11 WEST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK CITY
PHONE LONGACRE 5-6880

June 21, 1950

My dear Abba:-

I addenda to my previous letter. All you have to say to Ben Browdy - prior to his election - is that you want me to be a member of the F.O.P. Delegation to the Congress. I have no doubt he will accede to your wishes,

He would have to be the greatest ingrate if he didn't, knowing full well he could not be President of the F.O.P. without your approval.

Anna joins me in best wishes to Virginia and yourself.

As ever yours,
Sol.

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GENERAL ZIONIST CHALUTZ MOVEMENT

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187 E. Broadway

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June 22, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Since the last meeting of the administrative council of the Z.O.A., when we were privileged to hear you so eloquently espouse the cause of the American General Zionist chalutz movement, the situation has not improved in the least. The few of us who, against great odds, still believe in the possibility of an American General Zionist chalutz movement which could add so greatly to the needs of Israel and the American Jewish community, are watching desperately the inability of Zionist authorities to cope with this problem and reach a successful modus vivendi. After a long year of bitter and desperate struggling for our right of existence, we witness with intense disappointment the way in which the Z.O.A. is approaching its convention without asking our participation in any deliberations on this problem, in spite of our request to be allowed to do so.

In all modesty, and with the knowledge of our numerical weakness, we strongly maintain to be the only exponents of General Zionist chalutzut from America, and have shown our ability to be such through the establishment of the only American General Zionist kibbutz, Hasollelim. We have always maintained that chalutzut is not a problem of membership figures, and cannot be treated as such. The strength of the chalutz spirit has all along manifested itself in the tenacity of small groups of people. In this same spirit we are determined, against every obstacle of American Jewish life, to build such an educational movement.

It is our belief that the Z.O.A. has to become the determining factor in world Zionism, and leave its mark upon the Israeli scene. This can be fulfilled only by adding more kibbutzim like Hasollelim to the map of Israel.

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Dr. Aba Hillel Silver

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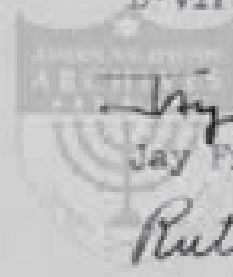
June 22, 1950

Unless Z.O.A. support and cooperation should be forthcoming, our initial efforts to build the American General Zionist chalutz movement will be stifled.

Knowing that you are one of the best friends of our movement, who has helped in its organization, we ask with all the sincerity at our command for an early opportunity to meet with you and receive your advice in this matter, which is so vital to us and to our chaverim at Hasollelim.



B'virkat Chaverim,



Jay Fishman
Jay Fishman

Ruth Ludwin

Ruth Ludwin

Dani Brisker

Dani Brisker

CC: Mr. Benjamin Browdy

MEMORANDUM**TO:** Dr. Abba Hillel Silver**DATE:** June 23, 1950**FROM:** Carl Alpert**SUBJECT:**

It occurs to me that you might be interested and pleased to read the enclosed letter from the Tel Aviv Municipal Library.

You see, we continue to give "Vision and Victory" the widest possible distribution.

CA:RWH
Enc.

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June 26, 1950

Mr. Jay Fishman
Plugat Aliyah
187 East Broadway
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Fishman:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 22nd. I plan to be at the Zionist Convention in Chicago, and if you are there, I would suggest that you get in touch with me.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Text Of Resolution Unanimously Adopted

At The 53RD Annual Convention Of The

Zionist Organization of America

RESOLUTION OF DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

In order to effectuate its Declaration of Principles, the Convention further declares:

The challenging problems which face Israel and the Zionist Movement today, and which will surely confront them in the future, make it imperative that World Zionism be enabled to carry on its work with maximum effectiveness. Those qualities of leadership which led our Movement from one triumph to another in the United Nations and on the American scene are as essential today as at any time in the past. These qualities were given their finest expression by the brilliant leader of American Zionism, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver. Convinced that Zionism cannot afford the luxury of foregoing his unmatched talents, we hopefully look forward to his early return to active leadership in World Zionist affairs.

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*The President,
Officers and the Administration
of
The Zionist Organization of America
Cordially invite you to attend the
Fifty-Third Annual Convention*

*Friday, June 30th through Tuesday, July 4th,
Nineteen Hundred and Fifty*

*at The Hotel Stevens
Chicago, Illinois*

Participants will include:

(list incomplete)

HONORABLE ALBEN W. BARKLEY, *Vice President, United States of America*

BENJAMIN G. BROWDY, *President, Zionist Organization of America*

DR. NAHUM GOLDMANN

DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN

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JUDGE ALBERT D. SCHANZER

EZRA SHAPIRO

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

RUDOLF G. SONNEBORN

HON. ELIHU D. STONE

ROBERT SZOLD

and

Representatives from the State of Israel

HONORABLE AUBREY EBAN

HONORABLE ELIAHU ELATH

DR. FRITZ BERNSTEIN



National Convention Committee Chairman, DAVID MOSKOWITZ

Co-Chairmen

RABBI I. USHER KIRSHBLUM

MAX BRESSLER

Secretary, DR. SIDNEY MARKS

Note: Consult your Zionist District for official credentials as a Delegate.

Special arrangements are being made for economical transportation.

EMANUEL NEUMANN
521 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.
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MURRAY HILL 7-6237

July 7, 1950

To the Secretary of
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Secretary:

In order to keep your records straight, Dr. Neumann asked me to return these three letters to you which Dr. Silver had handed to him at their last meeting in Cleveland.

They were written by Mr. E. Gordon of Teaneck, M. Edelman of London and Hannah Stein.

Kind regards.

Sincerely yours,

Blanche Wiseman

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Secretary to Dr. Neumann

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RELIGIOUS ARTICLES, KOSHER FOOD RUSHED TO JEWS IN U.S. ARMED FORCES LEAVING FOR KOREA

NEW YORK, July 13. (JTA) -- Special supplies of religious articles and kosher food have been rushed to military and naval installations all along the Pacific Coast by the National Jewish Welfare Board to meet the religious and morale needs of Jewish personnel in the armed forces leaving for the Korean war, it was announced here today by Irving Eisen, J.W.B. president.

U.S. ZIONISTS NEVER ADVOCATED SEPARATION OF JEWISH AGENCY FROM ISRAEL, WEIMANN SAYS

NEW YORK, July 13. (JTA) -- Emphasizing that American Zionists have never suggested complete separation of the world Zionist movement from the state of Israel, Dr. Emanuel Weimann, former president of the Zionist Organization of America, today issued a statement to the press in which he took issue with some of the assertions made at the recent Z.O.A. convention in Chicago by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency. The statement says:

"1. American Zionists never advocated total separation of the Zionist movement and Jewish Agency from the state of Israel. At the Actions Committee in August 1948, we successfully advocated a constitutional and formal dissociation between the Jewish Agency and the Government of Israel. Close cooperation and coordination was not only assumed as indispensable, but Mr. Eliezer Kaplan was retained as a member of both bodies for this very purpose.

"2. Prior to that meeting strong support for such formal dissociation had come from eminent counsel retained by the United Jewish Appeal. The legal opinion of U.J.A. counsel dated July 8, 1948, contained the following passage, which was underscored for emphasis: 'I believe it to be most important that the dissociation of the Agency or its successor from certain of its earlier activities and from the state be clean, complete and prompt.'

"3. The Joint Coordinating Committee was devised at the recent meeting of the Actions Committee, when the proposal of a 'charter' for the Jewish Agency, put forward by the American section of the Agency, had to be abandoned. Dr. Goldmann is only technically correct when he says that the Government of Israel has not rejected the 'charter' idea. It was in fact dropped because of the strongly expressed opposition of Mr. Ben Gurion and other government leaders.

"4. Dr. Goldmann violently attacked Dr. Silver for allegedly saying that the setting up of the Joint Coordinating Committee would expose Zionists to suspicion of double loyalty or being agents of a foreign government. What Dr. Silver actually said was: 'I am not at all sure that this new arrangement will not at some time or another gravely embarrass our movement in our country or elsewhere, and will not give rise to deplorable situations which we sought to obviate in September, 1948.'

"5. Dr. Goldmann denies that the Israel Government intervened in the regrettable U.J.A. controversy. The group that precipitated that controversy claimed to be acting in the interest of the state of Israel and in close touch with members of its government. One word from the right person in Tel Aviv would have stopped the agitation, but the disavowal was not forthcoming despite repeated requests by the American section of the Jewish Agency. It has since been established that the issues were discussed at a meeting of the Provisional Government where strong views were expressed."

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187 E. Broadway

July 18, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

I am at a loss as how to fully express to you the gratitude felt by myself personally, my movement, and my chaverim at the kvutzah in Israel for the support you rendered us at the Z.O.A. convention in Chicago, and the position you took on the issue of General Zionist Chalutzit and Plugat Aliyah.

Your action was instrumental in convincing the convention of the urgent need for an organized bridge of chalutzim between the American Jewish community and Israel, and the need for full Z.O.A. support and sponsorship of such a project. The convention adopted the resolutions to establish the General Zionist Chalutzit Commission unanimously, and your influence was obvious and paramount throughout the active debate.

I sincerely hope that this will mark the unfolding of brilliant new horizons for the General Zionist movement, here and in Israel, and the beginning of unified and greatly magnified accomplishment in the realm of American chalutzit.

Please permit me to avail myself of this opportunity to invite you to visit our hachshara farm and Camp Hatzofeh at Poughkeepsie, N.Y., if you should find it convenient while in the vicinity. We would consider it a great privilege to entertain you there and demonstrate some of our accomplishments. I would be most happy to arrange for transportation.

I do hope you will be able to so honor us in the near future. With all gratitude and good wishes, I remain,

Most respectfully yours,

Jay Fishman

Jay Fishman
Rosh, Mercaz

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ציוניסט'ישע
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Paris, le August 1, 1950

Dr. A/H. Silver
105 Temple East & Russel Road
Cleveland (Ohio)

Dear Dr. Silver:

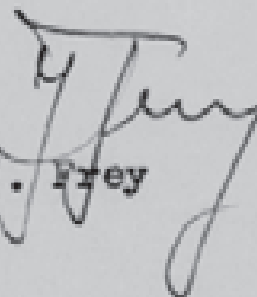
Our great regret, our letter to you of June 28th, was returned to us today, with the remark "insufficient address".

This unfortunate accident deprived us of the possibility of receiving a message from you on the occasion of the 200th special issue of our paper "Di Zionistische Schtme". You can well imagine how much store we would have set on a contribution from you to our jubilee edition.

We are enclosing this letter with a note we are sending to the Z.O.A. office in New York, asking them to send it on to you and to inform us why, in their opinion, our letter did not reach you.

Very sincerely yours

Dr. J. Frey



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ד"ר הלל סילווער

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זייער חשובער חבר !

אין צוויי וואכן ארום וועט דערשיינען דער 200-סטער נומער פון
"די ציוניסטישע שטימע", וועלכע איז געווארן דער הויפט-ארט פון דער
אלגעמיינ-ציוניסטישער וועלט-באוועגונג.

מיר דארטן פאר איין נייע סאלן די שוועריקייטן, אויף וועלכע עס
טרעפט זיך אן, היינט צו טאג, אן אלגעמיינ-ציוניסטישע צייטונג און איין
וועלכע די צייטונג האט זיך אנגעשטויסן הויפטזעכלעך אין די פארנאנגענע,
לעצטע צוויי יאר.

טראץ די אלע שוועריקייטן, א דאנק דעם אויסדרייער און אפמערקונג -
ליקוים פון אונזערע מיטארבעטער און דער הילף, וואס חברים האבן אונז אנט-
קעגנעטראגן, האבן מיר דערגרייכט דעם 200-סטן נומער פון "די ציוניסטישע
שטימע" - א דערגרייכונג, וועלכע איז אן שום צווייטעל א סאטיספאקציע פאר
דער גאנצער אלגעמיינ-ציוניסטישער באוועגונג, ווייל די דאזיקע צייטונג איז
געווארן דער ווארשטאנד און פארקעמפער פאר די אידעאלן פון אלגעמיינעם
ציוניזם.

מיר וועלן זיין צופרידן, ווען איר וועט זיך מיטבאטייליקן אין
דאזיקן באטיידענעם יום-טוב, צושיקנדיק אונז אן ארטיקל אדער א באגרייפונג,
פאר וואס מיר דאנקן איין פון פארויס.
מיר שליסן דעם נומער דעם 10-טן יולי ד.י.

מיט דרך ארץ

י. איידלמאן
סעף - רעדאקטאר.

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ההסתדרות הציונית בצרפת
הועד המרכזי

Organisation Sioniste de France

COMITÉ CENTRAL

47, RUE DE CHABROL, PARIS (X^e)

V. RÉF.

N. RÉF.

Paris, le

23 aout 1950

Cher Président,

Nous nous permettons de vous envoyer ci-joint la déclaration de notre Organisation concernant la conférence européenne convoquée par le Bureau de la Confédération Mondiale à Paris.

Vous constaterez par cette déclaration que notre Organisation considère cette conférence comme une réunion du groupe progressiste de la Confédération - une réunion illégale - et non du Sionisme Général d'Europe.

Nous vous prions de bien vouloir prendre note de cette déclaration, et nous vous envoyons l'expression de notre considération et notre plus cordial Chalom.

Joseph WEINBERG
Secrétaire Général

[Signature]

ORGANISATION SIONISTE DE FRANCE (Sionistes Généraux)

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47, Rue de Chabrol

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DECLARATION

Le Bureau Européen de la Confédération Mondiale des Sionistes Généraux, a avisé la convocation pour le début du mois de septembre, d'une "Conférence Européenne des Sionistes Généraux".

L'Organisation Sioniste de France (Sionistes Généraux) déclare par la présente qu'elle ne participera pas à cette Conférence, et cela pour les raisons suivantes :

1) - Le Bureau Européen fut créé par une décision de la Conférence Mondiale des Sionistes Généraux, lors du 22ème Congrès Sioniste à Bâle. Ses fonctions devaient être d'ordre technique pour créer la liaison entre les Organisations Sionistes Générales en Europe et la Direction de la Confédération Mondiale. La Conférence convoquée par le Bureau Européen à Paris pour septembre, a pour but de créer une organisation continentale européenne des Sionistes Généraux, - chose qui ne peut être décidée que par une conférence mondiale. La Conférence européenne est donc illégale.

2) - Au sein du Bureau Européen ont été créées artificiellement des conditions qui donnent à cet organisme un caractère purement progressiste. La Conférence est organisée d'une façon arbitraire par les groupes progressistes de la Confédération, par conséquent elle ne peut pas refléter la volonté du sionisme général européen.

Prenant en considération que, aussi d'autres organisations nationales européennes du sionisme général ne participent pas à cette Conférence, elle est considérée par O.S.F. comme une conférence du groupe progressiste et aucune de ses décisions ne sera considérée comme légalement valable.

Pour le Comité Central de l'O.S.F.
(Sionistes Généraux)

Joseph WEINBERG
Le Secrétaire général.

Paris, le 21 août 1950.

ADDITIONAL EXCERPTS OF ADDRESS DELIVERED AT THE 53RD ANNUAL
CONVENTION OF THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
BY DR. NAHUM GOLDMANN, CHAIRMAN OF THE AMERICAN
SECTION OF THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, discussed the problem of the relations between the Government of Israel and the World Zionist Movement of the Jewish Agency and took issue with some of the statements made by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver the evening before.

While fully agreeing with Dr. Silver that the World Zionist Movement is to be maintained for many years to come and is to be given important spheres of active work in Israel and should be the organization which mobilizes the support of the Jewish people for Israel and represent it with regard to Israel, Dr. Goldmann denied any intention of the Government of Israel to liquidate the Zionist Movement or desiring to continue it solely for the purpose of "having some scolding address or a convenient whipping boy."

The Government of Israel had agreed two years ago that the Zionist Organization take over immigration and colonization in Israel. The difficulties began to arise when the Executive of the World Zionist Organization could not fully discharge this duty because the funds made available for this purpose were totally insufficient. The Government had to step in and allocate large amounts of money, more money than all the campaigns in the world produced, thus increasing the already heavy burden of the Israel population. The experience of those two years has shown that neither financially nor administratively could immigration and colonization be organized on the basis of "Hafrada" of the complete separation between the work of the Zionist Executive and the Government. For this reason the last meeting of the Actions Committee came to the "unanimous decision" and I stress "unanimous decision" for only by close cooperation between the Government and the Zionist Executive could immigration, colonization and development of the country be organized. The new Coordinating Committee which was set up at the Actions Committee on the basis of parity in its composition as between the Zionist Executive and the Government is a new expression of the willingness of the Government of Israel to give the Jewish Agency and the world Zionist Organization its full share in the building up of Israel and in implementing the program of "Kibbutz Galuth" (ingathering of the exiles).

Dr. Goldmann disputed Dr. Silver's assertion that the "Joint Development Authority places the entire field of immigration and settlement under the control of the Government, while maintaining a none too impressive facade of partnership by allowing equal representation to the Agency." If one evaluates the decision of the Actions Committee and the agreement with the Government objectively and without bias, one will recognize that the Government has gone out of its way to

yield its sovereign rights in the field of immigration, colonization and development and to share them all on an equal basis with the Jewish Agency as the representative of the Jewish people. The acceptance of this scheme by the Government is the clearest indication of the willingness of the Government to strengthen the Zionist Movement and give it full authority and power in Israel, Dr. Goldmann said.

The question of a charter and a status was not yet settled, not because the Government rejects it, but because no clear formula for such a status has been yet worked out and therefore it was left to the next Zionist Congress to determine this status.

Dr. Goldmann also took sharp issue with the warning of Dr. Silver that "this form of cooperation between the World Zionist Organization and the Government through the Joint Development Authority could make all Zionists suspect of double loyalty or agents of a foreign government." Dr. Goldmann rejected this assertion in a most emphatic manner. He said that as long as the Zionist Movement realizes separate funds for its work and coordinates its activity with regard to policy and implementation with the Government, which is essential in order to avoid chaos and confusion, no problem of double loyalty can arise, otherwise any effort of Jews outside of Israel to help in the rebuilding of the State of Israel can just as well be classified as an act of double loyalty.

Dr. Goldmann also denied that the Government had two years ago intervened in the conflict in this country which led to the resignation of Dr. Silver and Dr. Neumann so indicating "its preference for non-Zionists to control all fund raising in the United States." The Government had at no time intervened in this conflict. It was based on a difference of opinion between the large majority of the Executive of the Jewish Agency and Dr. Silver and Dr. Neumann who, he said, did not want to accept the decisions of the overwhelming majority in the Jewish Agency Executive which represents the Zionist Movement and not the Government and which was backed by the majority of Zionists in this country.

The main problem is not, Dr. Goldmann said, whether the Government does or does not want a strong Zionist Movement; it certainly does. The problem is if the Zionist Movement can deliver the goods and really mobilize all Jewish forces for the support of Israel, not only claiming to do it. The strength or the weakness of the Zionist Movement, its survival or disintegration, depends on the devotion, the will, the effort of the Zionists and their ability to organize the Jewish people as a partner in the upbuilding of Israel. To put all the responsibility on the Government of Israel is in itself an indication of Zionist weakness and is unfair to the Government. Nobody knows better than the leaders of Israel that its future depends on the maximum support given by the Jewish people and on its alliance with the Jewish people in consolidating the state and implementing the program of large immigration. The leaders of Israel will be only too willing to let this task be fulfilled by a strong Zionist Movement and regard it as the representative and the mobilizing force of the Jewish diaspora. It will depend primarily on the Zionists if the Zionist Movement will continue to play this role and discharge this duty which alone can justify its survival and its continued leading role in Jewish life after the establishment of the State.

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Of America and the Jewish
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SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT LAW IN ISRAEL

CONVERTIBILITY, TAX BENEFITS.....

The Law for the Encouragement of Capital Investment, which had been in the making for over six months, was finally passed by a large majority in the Knesset on March 29th. The purposes of the law are:

1. To develop the productive power of the State and the absorption of large scale immigration;
2. To improve the balancing of payments through the reduction of imports and increase of exports;
3. To promote the planned distribution of the population throughout the area of the State and to plan the exploitation of natural resources and economic potential.

The law establishes an Investment Center, one of the principal functions of which is to decide whether an undertaking shall be approved for the benefits offered by the law. In each case, the decision will be determined in the light of the general purposes of the law as outlined above.

APPROVED UNDERTAKINGS

An "approved undertaking" is one established or enlarged after May 15, 1948 -- the date the State of Israel came into being -- and approved by the Director of the Investment Center. The enterprise may be industrial, agricultural, in transport, or in any other sector of the economy.

The approval may be general or limited to part of the benefits provided for under the law.

Benefits of the law are granted only to approved undertakings. Following is a summary of the benefits:

The tax benefits include exemptions from the Urban and Rural Property Tax, a reduction of income tax and a deferment of payment of certain fees in connection with the establishment of new companies.

The main provisions are:

1. Exemption from urban property taxes will be granted for a period of five years to owners of buildings, the construction of which was completed after May 15, 1948. The same applies to extensions of existing buildings completed after that date.
2. Exemptions from rural property tax will be similarly granted for five years to owners of industrial buildings and on extensions of industrial buildings.
3. New citrus groves are exempt from the rural property tax for a period of ten years. Other fruit groves (except banana and citrus) are exempt for a period of fourteen years.

4. The Minister of Finance may exempt from payment of urban and rural property taxes certain classes of buildings (still to be designated), which are completed within three years of the passage of the law, for an additional five years over and above the initial five-year exemption period.
5. Local authorities have the right to grant exemptions from local taxes on new buildings, or additions to existing ones, for a period of five years.
6. Reductions of income tax will be effected by allowing double the present rates of depreciation on new buildings, new machinery, or new equipment used in an approved enterprise for the first three years; for the next two years, depreciation is allowed at 150% of the existing rates. If the Assessment Officer is satisfied that an approved enterprise suffers unusually heavy wear and tear of new machinery or new equipment, he may make a further allowance of up to 50% of the existing depreciation rate.
7. Individuals, whether residing in Israel or abroad, will not be liable, for a period of five years, to income tax in excess of 25% on income derived from an approved investment.
8. Tax refunds may be authorized to foreign companies in cases in which the taxes paid in Israel exceed the deductions allowable in the home country for such foreign taxes paid.
9. "Approved experts" will pay an income tax of 25% during the first three years. An "approved expert" is defined as a foreign resident invited, with the approval of the Director of the Investment Center, to serve as an expert in an industrial, agricultural, construction or transport project, or any other sector of the economy which will help to attain any of the objectives specified above as being the purpose of the law.
10. An individual receiving income derived from sources abroad will not have to pay income tax on such income for a period of seven years starting from the day he became a resident of Israel.
11. Expenses for scientific research for the development of an approved undertaking may be written off at the rate of 20% annually.
12. Other tax benefits include the deferment of payments, for a period up to five years, of registration fees, capital fees, and other fees specified in the Companies Ordinance, and of the payment of registration fees as specified in the Land Transfer Ordinance.

TRANSFER AND CONVERTIBILITY

For the purpose of transferring capital to Israel and investing it in an approved enterprise, the Minister of Finance is authorized to license the importation of machinery, equipment and raw materials required for production in an approved enterprise.

In the case of a foreign resident making an "approved investment in foreign currency," the Minister of Finance is authorized to grant him a permit to withdraw from Israel, on account of profits, interest or amortization, foreign currency of the type used for investment, at an annual rate not exceeding 10% of said investment. The term "approved investment in foreign currency" means an approved investment made by a transfer of capital to Israel in the form of foreign currency, machinery, equipment, or in raw materials, or any combination of these.

In the case of a foreign resident who makes an approved investment in Israel and comes to settle in Israel, the Minister of Finance is authorized to exempt him, for a period of seven years commencing with the date of his having become a resident in Israel, from the obligation to offer to the Minister of Finance foreign currency for sale. Exemptions under this provision may be general, specific, or conditional.

The law further authorizes the Minister of Finance to permit any bank authorized to deal in foreign currency to receive deposits in foreign currency from foreign residents. Once such deposit has been made, the depositor is entitled to withdraw any part of his deposit for transfer to countries abroad without requiring any special permit.

CUSTOMS EXEMPTIONS

Certain goods destined for use in an approved enterprise may be exempt from payment of customs duty or may receive a reduction in duty, if authorized by the Minister of Finance. The goods include: equipment, apparatus, machinery, pre-fabricated structures and houses for industrial enterprises and their stores, raw materials, building materials and semi-finished goods not manufactured in Israel.

The Minister of Finance is also authorized to allow the refund of customs duty already paid on materials destined for the manufacture of goods, on building materials, and materials required in construction, imported into Israel prior to June 30, 1952, and used for the purpose of an approved project in industry, agriculture, construction, or hotels.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

The Minister of Finance and the Minister of Trade and Industry are in charge of implementing the law and they are jointly authorized to make regulations in any matter regarding its implementation. Moreover, the Minister of Finance is authorized to make regulations for exemptions, reductions and concessions according to this law, which will apply to investments in securities and to loans secured by mortgages.

In case the Investment Center is convinced that approval was given to an undertaking on the basis of false notices or wrong information, the Center is authorized to void the approval. Such decisions by the Investment Center are subject to appeal before the officers appointed to implement the law.

HISTORY OF THE LAW

After prolonged studies of the incentives that Israel could offer to attract private foreign investment capital, the draft legislation was introduced in the Knesset by Eliezer Kaplan, the Minister of Finance, last December. After the first reading of the bill in January, it was referred to committee, where a number of liberalizing changes were made before it came up for a second reading and adoption as law last month.

When introducing the original bill, Mr. Kaplan explained that special privileges would be granted to both foreign and local investors for "approved undertakings," and he stated that negotiations were under way with the U.S. and Britain for bilateral agreements to prevent investors from having to pay double income taxes.

At a recent meeting of the Philadelphia chapter of this Council, on American Judaism, Miss Dorothy Thompson, who was for so long a well-known and expensive figure on American Zionist platforms, warned "that Jews outside of Palestine cannot continue indefinitely to mask as humanitarian relief contributions to the economy of a foreign state or to allow a system to develop whereby a foreign state in effect levies taxes upon citizens of other states which they regard as somehow Diaspora nationals."

One is inclined to ask why it is wrong for Jews of the United States to contribute to the economy of the foreign State of Israel while, at the same time, it is perfectly proper for them to contribute as taxpayers through the Marshall Plan, "masked as humanitarian relief", to the economy of a dozen and more other foreign states. The American people and the American Government have throughout the years, and more especially, during the first generation, contributed to the economy of other countries struggling for freedom or ravaged by war or other disasters. To declare that the State of Israel is, in effect, levying a tax upon the Jews of the United States is to be guilty of a contemptible libel. The contributions of the Jews of the United States have always been voluntary. American Jews have contributed to the relief of their fellow Jews all over the world in the last generation and for the care of Jewish refugees coming to the United States, not because a tax was levied upon them by a foreign government, but because a tax was levied upon them by the misfortunes and sufferings of their

brethren, and by the compelling dictates of their own generous hearts. Our monies are not being sent to the Government of Israel, but to the Jewish Agency for Palestine which is the instrumentality of World Jewry, charged with the responsibility of resetting the tens of thousands of Jews who have been moving in tidal waves to the little State of Israel which is itself unable, and which by itself should not be expected to bear the full burden of such immigration.

The purpose of this infamous libel is, of course, to discourage American aid to Israel and thus to cripple the State economically and weaken it hopelessly for ultimate subjection to Israel intransigence. This is the real aim behind the present efforts of those who are left within the beaten and discredited Council for Judaism. Having failed in their purpose to forestall the establishment of the State of Israel, they intend now in a spirit of frustration and vindictiveness to embarrass the builders of the State in every way possible. They hope to terrorize the Jews of America by raising the scare of dual allegiance.

"Jewish Nationalists", Miss Dorothy Thompson declared, "who are United States citizens will have to choose sooner or later between this country and Israel because no one can be a member of the American nation and of the Jewish nation at the same time."

What banality! What belaboring of the obvious, unless the purpose of proclaiming this self-evident truth, which no Zionist has ever challenged, at a meeting of bitter anti-Zionists was to endorse by innuendo and to give additional currency to the infamous charges of the Council that American Zionists are not wholeheartedly American in their loyalties and identification.

In this connection it is illuminating to recall what Miss Dorothy Thompson said in an address delivered at Carnegie Hall, in 1943, on the occasion of the celebration of the twenty-sixth anniversary of the Balfour Declaration. She stated, "It is curious, to me, that the nationhood of the Jews should be denied by Jews themselves. . . The problems of the Jews are, to my mind, traceable to a single phenomenon: They are a nation curiously afflicted by being without the tangible and visible expression of nationhood -- a nation without a country It is said, 'but the Jews are no nation' -- said by Jews. What, then, are they? Why do those who deny their nationhood call themselves Jews? We are, they say, a religion. But of what is that religion the expression? . . . Judaism is the religion of the Jews. That is its very name! It does not call itself 'Mosaicism', as 'Christianity' calls itself by the

exalted name of its founder. What are a people if they are not a nation? They are a minority deprived of nationhood. What does a minority deprived of nationhood do? It attempts to retain its cohesion through inner-group controls, or it passes entirely out of history. No nation, not one, has shown such remarkable tenure of life under the most disadvantageous of circumstances as have the Jews. . . Why have not the News passed? There is only one answer. Only one conceivable answer . . . They are alive today because they remembered Zion . . . How any Jew can divorce his religion from his nationhood is beyond my powers of comprehension.

"The fear exists that the recognition of this nationhood will prejudice the status of Jews as citizens of other countries. I hold that to be an exact perversion of the real situation . . . There happen to be more Irishmen in this country than there are in Ireland. No one doubts their rights as Americans, but no one finds the slightest discrepancy between this and the right of a free Ireland to exist! "

It is clear that a considerable part of the Jewish people, perhaps a majority, will continue to live outside of Israel in the indeterminate future. It is to the interest not alone of the State of Israel which will have to draw replenishment from this reservoir for years to come, but of the Jewish people as such and of Judaism, the noblest creation of the Jewish people and its supreme gift to mankind, that Diaspora Jewry should remain vital, vigorous, spiritually and culturally mobilized. Hence, all talk, however, nobly and patriotically motivated, which derogates Diaspora Jewry or altogether writes it off, is harmful in the extreme. What our people possesses of the cultural treasures of the past have not been exclusively the creation of the Jews of Palestine. Even when there was a flourishing Jewish life in Palestine there were also flourishing Jewish communities in other countries. Thus, for example, Babylonian and Palestine Jewries reinforced and enriched one another and both made significant, if not comparable, contributions to the sum total of Jewish life.

This may well be our guide for the future. Now that Herzl's political objective has been triumphantly consummated and the work of state-building and the in-gathering of our people is proceeding apace, our renaissance movement may well now move into the spiritual and cultural orbit identified with the name Ahad Ha-am. The ultimate objectives both of Herzl and Ahad Ha-am were never in any real opposition though in practical life of

our movement they clashed furiously from time to time. Herzl was impressed primarily with the physical and political problem of the Galut and sought a political solution for it in the creation of a Jewish State. Ahad Ha-am saw the spiritual problem of the Galut in terms of the threatened cultural and spiritual disintegration of our people, and sought a spiritual solution for it in the creation of a spiritual center for our people in Palestine.

It was fortunate for our people that the sound political vision and program of Theodor Herzl governed the course of our movement until the State was established. A premature over-emphasis in our movement of the concept of a spiritual center would have found us unprepared for the final political and military struggle without which the State could not have been established, and the in-gathering of myriads of our people could not have been accomplished. Ahad Ha-am discounted too much the value of practical work in Palestine and of political and diplomatic activity. He was too skeptical of the capacity of Palestine to absorb large masses of Jews and to absorb them quickly.

But Herzl's political triumph now paved the way for the vision which was Ahad Ha-am's -- a radiant cultural and spiritual center in a reconstituted Jewish State which would serve as a stimulating and unifying influence throughout World Jewry. He did not believe that a total kibbutz galyouth, a total in-gathering

of all Jews was feasible or was necessary for the spiritual influence which a reconstituted Jewish State remaining true to the essential genius and character of historic Israel could come to exercise in World Jewry.

The Jewish communities of the Diaspora will look eagerly for such influences emanating from Israel. The Diaspora Jewry need not remain a mere passive recipient of outside cultural influences. It can become, as indeed in the past it frequently was, creative in itself wherever the religion, language and literature of the Jewish people were fostered.

In 1909 Ahad Ha-am wrote in the Hashiloah, "It is necessary to improve and deepen our life as a people to the utmost possible degree in the Diaspora and, at the same time, to seek the complete and perfect solution beyond the Diaspora, in Palestine."

This is a good doctrine for Jewish survival for all of us from here on. Israel, and the Diaspora, will remain independent, spiritually inseparable. Both should be helped to become strong and creative.

In the days of King Hezekiah, when the Jews of Jerusalem anticipated the siege of their city by the Assyrians, they built a tunnel from the Spring Gihon in the Valley of Jehosophat to a reservoir called Siloh, in order to secure a water supply for the city. In 1880, an inscription was discovered hewn in the rock not far from this pool of Siloh, written in ancient Hebrew characters and telling how the tunnel was hewn through the rocks in

order to bring water to Jerusalem. It was the famous Siloh inscription which is now in the museum of Istanbul. "This is the story of the tunnel" reads the inscription, "The axes of one group were opposite to those of the other. When they were but three cubits apart it was impossible for one to call to the other for there was a fissure in the rock to the right and to the left. On the day of the completion of the tunnel the diggers struck, facing one another, axes facing axes, and then the water flowed in ~~xxx~~ the spring to the pool Siloh for a distance of 1200 cubits."

Moving from opposite directions but facing one another, axe facing axe, thus concertedly we shall strike through the rocks of separation, and thus we shall build the connecting spiritual and cultural conduit causing the waters of life and healing to flow uninterruptedly for the salvation of our people.

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ARE AMERICAN GENERAL ZIONIST CHALUTZIM
TO BE ABANDONED AND NEGLECTED
BY THE Z. O. A.

A PLEA FOR FAIR PLAY

We, of Plugat Aliyah, are inexperienced in the game of politics, and so we are taking this direct means, the only way that we know, to reach you and plead the cause of chalutzit -- for all other mediums of expression at the administrative council meetings have been consistently denied us.

An unpublicized tragedy has been unfolding within American Zionism during the last few months, threatening to undermine the future of the General Zionist Movement in this country and the contribution that it is making to the Jewish people. We speak of the deliberate strangulation of the General Zionist Chalutzit Movement, the ideals that it stands for and the contribution to Israel and to General Zionism to which it dedicates itself.

Plugat Aliyah, in the three years that it has been developing its educational program, it has dedicated itself to the philosophy of General Zionism we believe that we must have not only Aliyah of professional and technical people, but must also concentrate on training groups of understanding General Zionist youth to go on hityashvut, go on the land, and establish a firm General Zionist foundation in the rural community that is so badly needed. This is the only permanent way to build General Zionism in Israel.

In order to make these vital goals possible, the Zionist Organization of America and the Hadassah two years ago formed a joint agency to finance General Zionist chalutzit-- the General Zionist Chalutzit Commission. It was chiefly through this financial aid that Plugat Aliyah was able to carry on its activities. The Z.O.A. had always strongly supported the ideals and principles of chalutzit embodied in Plugat Aliyah. Last September without any previous indication and little justification Mr. Daniel Frisch, President of the Z.O.A. arbitrarily announced that the Zionist Organization of America had completely withdrawn its support of the General Zionist Chalutzit Commission and of Plugat Aliyah, the American General Zionist Chalutz Movement. So far as we know, the Z.O.A. administrative council never voted on this matter.

Thus, the Z.O.A., to all intents and purposes, has negated the classic Zionist principle of encouraging Jewish youth to settle on the land and to participate personally in the building of the nation. This action definitely damages the chalutzit program of the World Zionist Congress, breaks away from the established chalutzit program re-endorsed at the last Z.O.A. convention and is in direct opposition to the needs of the State of Israel, which requires trained chalutzim to settle on the land now more than ever before.

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Your president's statement at the last administrative council meeting that, "The fact itself of the creation of Israel and its shining example... for youth... have rendered direct propaganda for chalutzit quite unnecessary." is in complete contradiction to the facts, for at no time can we allow the purely emotional response to the State to be the sole foundation for aliyah. Without the deeper understanding which comes as a result of complete Zionist education, we shall send people unprepared technically or spiritually, for the very new life that they will face in Israel. Our mission is to inform these youth of the specific needs of Israel and to prepare them in traditions of General Zionism in the work that they will contribute, and in the Hebrew language. The following facts belie the statement that "Plugat Aliyah has used our funds chiefly, if not exclusively, for propaganda".

During two years of the existence of our training farm we had during various vacations and Jewish holidays, an average of fifty young people per week spend between two and four days on the farm receiving a dynamic educational program.

The youth summer camp, Camp Hatzofeh, which is located on the lands of our training farm has given three hundred and fifty youth from all over the United States an understanding and a deeper appreciation of Judaism and Zionism. This camp represents one of our largest and most important investments.

From the chaverim who were trained on the farm fifty-six are today in Israel--

38	Kvutzat Hasolelchik, Zimori
6	Air Force
2	Engineers, War Industries
3	Hebrew University
1	Hadassah Hospital Occupational Therapist
6	Other pioneer settlements

The farm, today manned by twenty people, has reached a high point in its development and is on the verge of self-sufficiency. The buildings, fields, equipment and various branches (especially dairy and chicken run) have been greatly developed and the basic value of the property increased.

All of this -- not to speak of the security of our kvutzat in Israel -- is endangered by the arbitrary severance of all aid and support for Plugat Aliyah by the Z.O.A. This step was intended, it was claimed, to be true Zionism and aid the "common man" in Israel. Months have now passed and we have not seen the aliyah of one person through this plan. Furthermore, we say that this is neither General Zionism nor chalutzit. The philosophy represented here is nothing but an echo of the class struggle to a new tune. To us General Zionism transcends the class struggle, whether that is of the middle or of the labor class, and aims towards the higher goal social unity and progress. Our chalutzit must be geared accordingly with the needs of the entire nation uppermost in our minds.

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We are General Zionist above all, and no matter how much we may be willfully misunderstood and abandoned by the Z.O.A. we shall not be driven into the arms of any other party.

As a member of the administrative council of the Zionist Organization of America you are supposed to have a key voice in the construction and the direction of Z.O.A. program and policy. But are the decisions in the Z.O.A. made at the top level only without the benefit of advice and opinion of the organization's democratic bodies?

We ask of you now not a decision about us, pro or con, but only that you demand what has been denied us, a chance for us to present our case to you out in the open, at the coming administrative council meeting. Surely a few minutes on such an important subject could be afforded, and we believe would enhance dignity and prestige.



Thank you,



Candidate

TEXT OF ACCEPTANCE SPEECH BY MR. BROWDY

Dear Friends:

This is a great moment in my life and I confess that I am altogether in the grip of deep emotion. I don't know how to begin to tell you how I feel.

My first thought goes out to Daniel Frisch, our dear, departed leader. He died so young with so many of his plans and visions still in his head. His un-lived years, his unaccomplished dreams, impose new and many responsibilities upon us. He left it to us, his friends, to whom he had so often looked for help, to make his life-long dreams a reality. We would be untrue to ourselves were we to fail him.

On his sick-bed, which proved to be his death-bed, he penned a moving letter to us all, beseeching us to rally around the Zionist Organization of America to which he had given his life. From this platform I pledge on my own behalf, that the Last Will and Testament of our beloved, departed leader shall be carried out and that the Zionist Organization of America, which he loved so dearly, shall have every ounce of energy, every minute of time that I can possibly spare as long as I am privileged to work and continue in his stead.

I would be less than human if I were not very proud of the great honor you have bestowed upon me. I accept it in a spirit of deep humility, knowing that time and circumstances have combined to place me in this position of awesome eminence and exceptional responsibility. From the bottom of my heart I thank you for the high privilege which is now mine, hoping that you will find no reason ... to regret the trust you have reposed in me. I am a humble man. I am keenly aware of my limitations. I have been content to do my work for the Zionist cause for many years in the shadow of the great leaders and giants of our movement. Now that I am called to leadership myself, I can only undertake to try to emulate them. Fortunately, I have been close enough to our late departed leader to be hopeful that I shall be able to walk in his footsteps.

Mention was made this afternoon of the fact that I served as Acting President during the prolonged absence and incapacity of President Frisch. The opportunity that was mine for service afforded me a good insight into the nature and the workings of the ZOA Presidency which I shall try to utilize in my new office.

The head of the Zionist Organization presides over a huge business enterprise which calls for considerable administrative experience and skill. Few are

aware of the fact that our far-flung operations are being conducted through eight hundred Zionist districts in forty-seven states, in 438 cities. Our annual budget, even when reduced, is far in excess of a million dollars. Our membership rolls still place us among the largest Jewish membership organizations in the world. The Frisch Program, adopted by you remains to be carried out, both in Israel and on the American scene, and imposes further administrative duties on the head of the organization.

I have tried to the best of my ability, to cope with the administrative problems of the ZOA as they arose in the course of my incumbency as Acting President. I hope I am not exaggerating when I say that they have been handled in an efficient and business-like manner. I take it that my long business career has been somewhat of an asset. That business training I promise to place completely at the disposal of the organization during my term of office.

But the Zionist Organization of America is of course a great political organization. I am only too well aware that I can lay no claim to any particular political sagacity. In this realm I hope to have the benefit of the advice of the fine and great leaders of the Zionist Organization who dealt with the varied and complex Zionist problems of their time. I shall look forward particularly to the sage counsel of the outstanding leader of American Zionists, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, to whom history will record, I am sure, we owe in a very large measure the establishment of the Jewish State. For many years he has been my Zionist guide and mentor, I hope he will continue to be so for many more years to come.

I said at the beginning that I was a humble man. As such I shall seek guidance from all whose experience and status in the Zionist World Organization entitle them to be our guides and counsellors, notably Dr. Emanuel Neumann, fellow-architect with Dr. Abba Hillel Silver of the historic Jewish victory at Lake Success; Louis Lipsky, veteran Zionist leader, and others to whom I shall deem it my privilege to turn from time to time for consultation and advice on important Zionist problems. There will be no resort to snap judgments on important matters of Zionist policy, or to haphazard decisions, prompted by individual bias, or to secret deals, as long as I am President of the Organization. That much I can promise you.

The annual convention is the supreme and sovereign organ of the Zionist Organization of America. The last convention adopted important resolutions embodying definite lines of policy. These decisions constitute our mandate which we are in duty bound to carry out. I shall be faithful to this mandate.

I cannot conclude without again referring to our dearly beloved, departed leader, Daniel Frisch. He came to office on a peace program, after a long and protracted fratricidal struggle. The unity that was achieved he regarded as his proudest accomplishment. If there is anything that I wish for most fervently, it is to maintain and, if possible, to strengthen that unity. This was also the fervent wish of Daniel Frisch, of blessed memory. I know he would have wanted us all to keep the peace. "There Are", he said, "no good and bad Zionist wars; they are all bad." Let us all rally around the Zionist Organization of America which Daniel Frisch bequeathed to us. Let us march together in his spirit, true to his ideals, and march forward towards the goal to which he gave his life - the strengthening of the State of Israel and the survival and rejuvenation of American Jewry.

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INSIDE ISRAEL

—facts you should
know NOW!



ISRAEL, ZIONISM
and You!

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION
OF AMERICA

1. WHAT IS THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA?



It is an organization founded more than half a century ago to render aid and support to the Jewish National Home in Israel and to revitalize Jewish life in the United States.

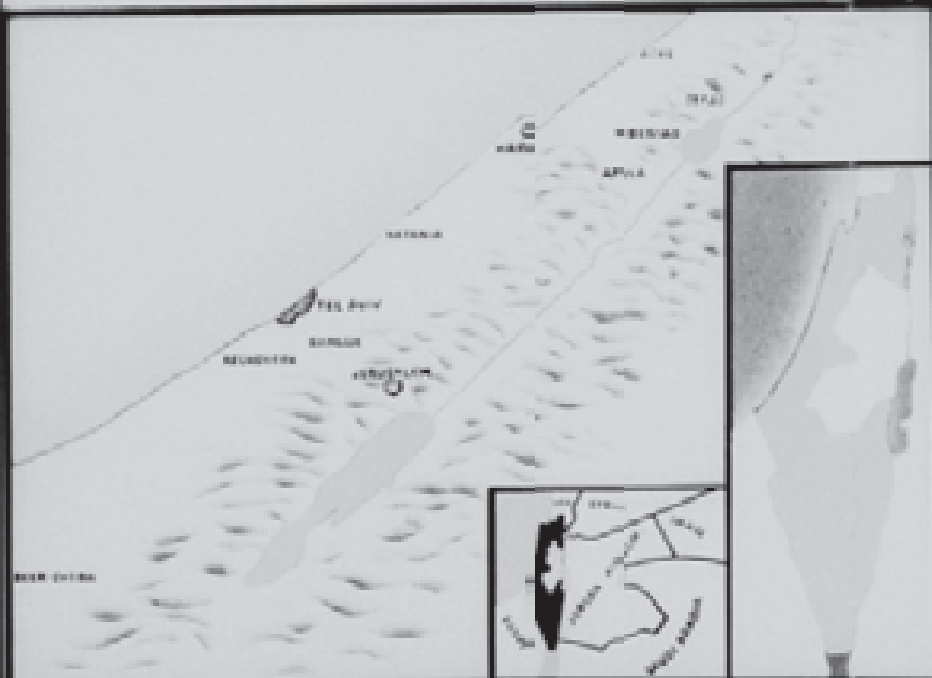
2. WHAT IS ISRAEL'S POPULATION?

Approximately 1,000,000 Jews and 150,000 Arabs are today in Israel.



3. HOW LARGE IS THE AREA OF THE STATE ISRAEL?

It is about the size of the state of Delaware. It consists of approximately 7,000 square miles.



4. WHAT IS ISRAEL'S EXPECTED IMMIGRATION AND ABSORPTIVE CAPACITY?

It is anticipated that 1,000,000 Jews will enter Israel in the next five years. Israel can support 4,000,000 people.



5. ARE ISRAELIS MOSTLY FARMERS?

Jews returning to the soil in Israel have made a startling success in agriculture. The country has a normal vocational distribution with about 17 per cent of the people in agriculture, 28.2 per cent in business, commerce and professions, 33.8 per cent in industry, transportation and building, and the rest in miscellaneous fields.



7. WHAT ARE THE LEADING CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS?

The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, Hebrew University, Bezalel School, Haifa Technical Institute and Habimah Theater are some. American students attend the University and Technion under the G.I. Bill of Rights. There are 11 daily newspapers, 18 weeklies and 37 other periodicals.

8. WHO ARE THE LEADERS OF THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT?

Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President; David Ben-Gurion, Prime Minister; Joseph Sprinzak, President of the Knesset (Parliament); Moshe Sharet, Foreign Minister; Eliezer Kaplan, Minister of Finance. Other cabinet members are: Mrs. Golda Myerson, Minister of Labor; Pinchas Rosen, Minister of Justice.



6. WHAT IS THE POLITICAL STRUCTURE IN ISRAEL?

Israel is a constitutional democracy that guarantees all the freedom and rights originally conceived by the framers of the U. S. Constitution.



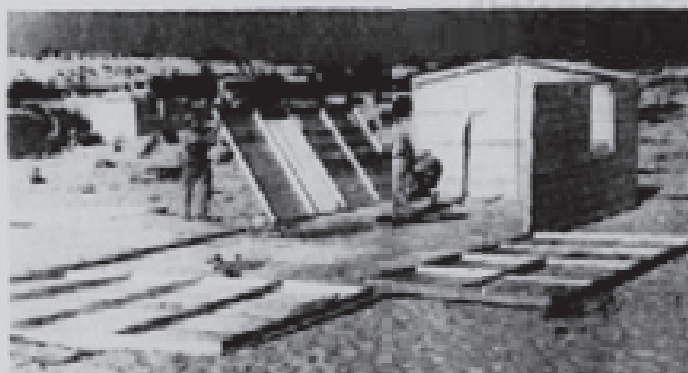
9. IS THERE POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ISRAEL AND AMERICAN JEWS?

None whatsoever. American Jewry owes allegiance solely to the United States. American democracy does not demand, however, that its citizens relinquish their cultural, sentimental or spiritual associations with other lands.



10. THE PRESENT TASK OF THE Z.O.A.

With the establishment of Israel the Zionist task becomes intensified. American Jews must continue to make possible immigration and colonization for the stream of immigrants, through financial assistance, large-scale investments and aid in the development of foreign trade.



11. DOES THE Z.O.A. DIRECTLY AID THE BUILDING OF ISRAEL?

Through the financial agencies of the World Zionist Organization, the Jewish National Fund and the Palestine Foundation Fund which are constituents of the United Palestine Appeal, and through its own projects in Israel, the Z.O.A. directly aids immigrants to establish themselves. The Z.O.A. also spearheads the struggle for Jewish survival in the United States.



12. WHAT ARE THE GENERAL PURPOSES OF THE Z.O.A.

1. It rallies support for the upbuilding of Israel.
2. It fosters the cultural bond between Israeli and American Jews.
3. It develops and furnishes the leadership and manpower for fund-raising for Israel.
4. Through its cultural and educational program it brings home the message of Zion to the American Jewish home.
5. It finances and maintains the publication of important Jewish periodicals.
6. It helps bring American enterprise and "know-how" to Israel.



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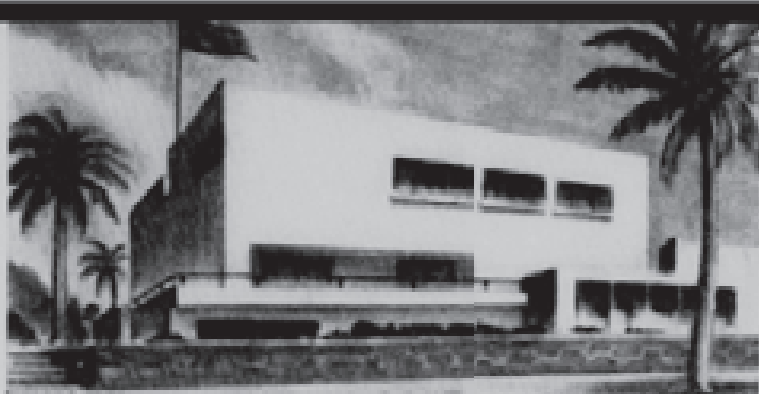
In view of the great needs existing in Jewish life, I demonstrate my support of Israel and American Jewish survival through membership in the Z.O.A. Enclosed herewith is my check for \$.....

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13. WHAT IS THE Z.O.A. PROGRAM FOR ACTION IN ISRAEL?

As outlined recently by President Daniel Frisch, the Program for Action calls for:

1. The building of colonies in Israel based on the principle of home ownership.
2. The establishment of a chain of small loan societies to help the little trader and businessman.
3. The development of an adequate housing plan.
4. The servicing of institutions which meet the social and medical needs of the "middle man."
5. The building of a Z.O.A. House in Israel for closer relation between the Jews of U.S.A. and Israel.



14. WHAT CAN THE Z.O.A. DO FOR ISRAEL HERE IN AMERICA?

Again, the Z.O.A. Program for Action sets forth the pattern.

1. An Israel Information Center in the U.S.A.
2. Promote commercial relations between Israel and the United States.
3. Encourage private investment in Israel by Americans.
4. Aid young American Jews to contribute personally to the building of Israel.
5. Conduct exchange student scholarships.
6. Undertake a "Machines for Israel" drive.

WHY SHOULD EVERY JEW BELONG TO THE Z.O.A.?

Because only through Zionist Membership can one identify himself fully with the task of aiding the economic upbuilding of the Jewish State and the cultural survival of the American Jewish community, thereby enriching his own life as an American Jew. The key to successful mobilization of our entire program is membership in the Zionist Organization of America which will bring you into association with more than half a million American Jews who are enrolled Zionists. Join the Z.O.A.



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