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PESSIMISTIC MOOD MARKS OPENING OF ARAB-ISRAEL PARLEY IN PARIS

PARIS, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- The Arab-Israeli conciliation conference, called by the United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission, opened here tonight unofficially under circumstances which indicate that the parley's chances of success are doubtful. The official opening of the conference will probably not take place before Wednesday.

The first approaches tonight among the delegates were strictly social and informal. The absence of officials of high rank among the delegates of both parties, as well as the continued refusal on the part of the Arabs to sit around the same table with the Israelis, were the two reasons suggested for skepticism with which informed observers viewed the meeting.

A spokesman for the Conciliation Commission announced that all five countries invited to participate in the conference had accepted the invitation. They are: Israel, Egypt, Syria, Jordan and Lebanon. Three other members of the Arab League--Saudi Arabia, Yemen and Iraq--have not been invited, but they have not been excluded, he added. The spokesman refused to say whether there will be face-to-face talks between the Arab and Israeli delegates. "The Commission will meet by itself and with the delegates," he stated.

Israel Suggests Direct Negotiations With Arabs

TEL AVIV, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- A few hours prior to the opening of the Arab-Israeli conciliation conference in Paris today, the Israel Government announced acceptance of the United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission's invitation to attend the parley.

In a letter of acceptance sent to the chairman of the Commission, Israel's Foreign Minister, Moshe Sharett, reviewed the Commission's efforts to bring about a permanent peace between Israel and the Arab countries and emphasized that these efforts have been frustrated by the refusal of the Arabs to cooperate.

Recalling the latest activities by Syria and Egypt against Israel, Mr. Sharett said: "Unless there exists on both sides a willingness for agreement, it is difficult to see how progress towards agreement can be made." He suggested that the Conciliation Commission should obtain from the parties concerned an assurance that they accept as their objective the final settlement of all questions outstanding between them. He pointed out that Israel is ready to give such an assurance.

Until such a stage is reached, Mr. Sharett emphasized, Israel does not consider it profitable to negotiate specific points isolated from their general context. The best way to show willingness for agreement is willingness to meet, he said. He added that a lasting solution of the Arab-Israeli problems can be obtained by free negotiations between both parties, without the involvement of a third party.

PALESTINE ISSUE NOT EXPECTED TO PLAY IMPORTANT ROLE AT ASSEMBLY

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Sept. 10. (JTA) -- The question of Palestine, one of the most durable and aggravating agenda items of the United Nations General Assembly, will play a less prominent role and create less stir at the forthcoming Assembly session in Paris beginning November 6 than at any time since the U.N.'s founding, it was predicted here today.

Palestine appears on the provisional agenda for the coming session in two aspects. One is the report of the U.N.'s Palestine Conciliation Commission. The other is the problem of assistance to Palestine Refugees which will be reported on by the U.N. Relief and Work Agency for Palestine refugees, set up by the Assembly in 1949. It is unlikely that the P.C.C. will have much to report from its current meetings in Paris, which means that it will have little in the way of constructive accomplishment to report to the Assembly at all.

"Considerable progress" in the solution of the world refugee problem, but virtually no progress in bringing a stable peace to the Middle East is noted in the annual report of Secretary General Trygve Lie to the United Nations General Assembly, which was released here.

The report reviews all activities of the world organization in the period for July 1, 1950, to June 30, 1951. Nine double-column pages are devoted to "The Question of Palestine," which leads off the 207-page document. In this section the Secretary General reviews the handling of the long series of complaints made to the Security Council by the Arab states against Israel and Israel counter-complaints and the Council decisions on them.

COOPERATION BETWEEN ZIONISTS AND NON-ZIONISTS URGED BY GOLDMANN

TEL AVIV, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- An appeal for cooperation between Zionists and non-Zionists in the field of fund-raising was voiced by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, at a press conference here last night prior to his leaving Israel. He called for the two groups to continue to show tolerance for each other's views in spite of the differences between them.

(The New York Times reported today that Dr. Goldmann had asserted that the resolutions adopted at the recent 23rd World Zionist Congress contained "nothing which should irritate or confuse non-Zionists in America." The dispatch added that Dr. Goldmann had pointed out that Zionists had contributed in joint campaigns to certain non-Zionist programs with which they do not agree. "Non-Zionists should not be unhappy if some money is used for Chalutzit training in the United States," he said.)

Dr. Goldmann expressed satisfaction that the Zionist Organization of America was well represented on the Zionist Executive. He said he was sorry that Dr. Abba Hillel Silver had not entered the executive, revealing that he had attempted to change this state of affairs, but in vain. He paid tribute to American Zionists who, he said, had done all that Zionism required of them.

The Zionist leader was also pleased that the "Jerusalem Program" had not been pressed on the Zionist Congress. The present period in the Zionist movement's history, he declared, must be devoted to gathering-in the exiles and the adoption of the "Jerusalem Program" at this time might have hampered efforts to achieve that objective.

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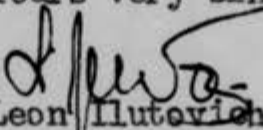
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Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed is a clipping from today's Jewish Day with an article written by Mr. B. Epstein (Revisionist), who is the first one to come out in public courageously with the truth about some of the happenings at the last Zionist Congress.

With kindest regards, I am,

Yours very sincerely,


Leon Blutovitch
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September 20, 1951

Mr. Leon Ilutovich
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My dear Friend:

Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness in sending me the clipping from the Jewish Day containing the article of Mr. Epstein on the Zionist Congress. I read it with much interest. Mr. Epstein, of course, has recorded the true facts.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
DELIVERED BEFORE THE NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
OF THE ZOA, SEPTEMBER 23, 1951
MAYFLOWER HOTEL, WASHINGTON, D.C.

We are now entering the fall season of activity and the moment for recapitulation is at hand again.

The beginning of the summer brought us the Convention. All of you attended the sessions and the discussions and resolutions were most fruitful and productive but required implementation. They provided direction and President Browdy's four point program dealing with 1) Chalutzim 2) the development of projects in Israel which are identifiable as ZOA Projects 3) vigorous ZOA participation in the U.J.A. and private investments and 4) the Bond Drive specifically, together with our normal public relations and educational program in general, gave substance to that direction.

These convention sessions were necessarily influenced by the impending Congress and its deliberations. What was involved was essentially an attitude. We were convinced that the New State needed a strong Zionist Movement but many contradictory statements, many doubts as to scope, functions and nature filled our minds and provided excuses for many people to withdraw from activity or simply be neglectful.

These doubts were quickly resolved at the Congress. The State is in dire need of a strong Zionist Movement. A special status and great authority will be given and vested in our Movement in the fields of absorption, immigration and colonization. The Basle program remains basic to our work. There is a job to be done which requires implementation.

It is the matter of implementation which should concern us. There is an urgent need for plotted, planned definitive program. It is a matter of moment and immediacy. Our Districts need this nourishment in order to survive. Membership, fund-raising, education -- every facet of our work depends upon our ability to capture and maintain the public interest.

These are matters of policy in which you and the officers of our organization carry the fullest responsibility. The staff can only carry out your directives.

Reorganization is being undertaken to effect further economies. Our income does not measure up to our budget. Consolidation of services, regional economies, retrenchment and revisions of budget are being made. But good business practice teaches us that this is not the solution. It is a stop-gap at best. Our problem is one of income. Provide adequate revenue through the maintenance of the public interest, through a continuous public understanding that the Zionist Organization of America is needed, and expenses of operation will take care of themselves.

To this end, the ZOA Commission on Israel Projects preceded the Congress delegation and a report will be rendered today on their inquiry in Israel. There are other reports which will be rendered today. It is this higher parliamentary body between conventions which must find solutions for our situation.

President Browdy and his associates are valiantly coping with these problems but need the help of the rank and file, the leadership to provide the measure of interest and stimulations which will be income producing.

Let us consider briefly our major sources of income: Our membership today is 30,620. This figure is self-evident. Couple with it ZOA projects fund income of \$258,477.43 and you can readily see that you cannot continue doing business at the old stand. Our organization, as all business, has been hard hit by constantly increasing cost of supplies, materials, equipment, services and labor and our income

sources are decreasing while bills have to be met. We economize but if you want activity, you must pay for it.

Our membership efforts have been exemplary but you cannot get members without workers. Regions are holding special conferences. The Rosh Hashonah effort is underway with large billings, Rabbinical appeals, telephone squads and personal solicitation, but the results bear a direct ratio to the number of workers mustered. This year specific pledges for membership from districts and regions are being requested. New techniques based on fund-raising devices are being utilized for membership to offset the lack of workers. The increase in membership dues at the convention makes this an important avenue for intensified efforts.

We have shipped \$800,000 worth of equipment and supplies to Israel up to August 31st, 1951. It is a most significant figure. We are advised that 50% of all purchasers of bonds are ZOA. 25,000 registered ZOA members are bond holders with other members neglecting to give ZOA credit and others buying bonds through ZOA. Our organization maintained its sales campaign during the summer -- practically the only group to do so -- and our fall campaign will emphasize the slogan that "Every ZOA member must be a bond holder."

Our Public Relations Department literally speaks for itself through the press coverage and the American Zionist, which is in your possession now. The Zionist Quarterly has attracted considerable favorable comments and has a phenomenal subscription record of 2000 subscribers to date. We are at work on the new issue. Our Speakers and Artists Bureau reports that activity for September, 1951 exceeds that of previous years with interest centered on the Zionist Congress. New Young Zionist Districts were organized during the summer in Houston, Texas; Jacksonville, Florida; and Bethlehem, Pennsylvania with prospects for Pittsburgh and other communities.

Our Education Department continues its excellent production and servicing and I am gratified for Carl Alpert's assistance in undertaking my work in addition to his normal duties, during my absence at the Congress. Our Technical Department likewise reports sound operations and our labor relations are on a sound footing.

Sketchily, I have conveyed to you, I trust, the impression that the organization is doing its work and doing it well. Our problem is now isolated to the ZOA. It is a condition prevalent throughout Jewish and non-Jewish life. Nevertheless, it is significant that our ZOA represents the driving forces for American and, I dare say, world Jewish activity. If we can face the immediate future with courage and reason, with a determination to find a solution to the apathy and lethargy which grips all segments of the American Jewish community -- in every element of activity -- we shall build anew the enthusiasm, the vision and the achievements of American Zionism and bring a sense of hopefulness to our future which was always a prime characteristic of the Zionist idea.

President Browdy, with your leadership and the dedication of our membership to the tasks ahead, we shall continue to give to the world further proof of the eternal miracle -- which is the Jewish People.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Sidney Marks

REPORT BY LOUIS A. FALK,
CHAIRMAN OF ZOA BOND CAMPAIGN EXECUTIVE,
CHAIRMAN OF ZOA PROJECTS FUND,
DELIVERED BEFORE THE NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
OF THE ZOA, SEPTEMBER 23, 1951
MAYFLOWER HOTEL, WASHINGTON, D.C.

This is my first opportunity to report officially on behalf of the ZOA Special Commission that left for Israel on July 14th.

As you may recall, Mr. Browdy appointed this Special Commission, consisting of Fred Monosson, National Chairman of the Israel Projects Committee and Chairman of the ZOA House; Abraham A. Redelheim, Chairman of the National Administrative Council and myself in my capacity as Chairman of the ZOA Bond Campaign Executive Committee and your Chairman of the ZOA Projects Fund. Accompanying us was Manuel Posy, Director of the ZOA Bond Campaign and Projects Fund, who voluntarily gave up his vacation and, like the rest of us, travelled on a voluntary basis. Mr. Posy acted as Secretary to the Commission.

During this past year, the ZOA engaged in an intensive campaign on behalf of its Israel Projects and in the judgment of our President it was necessary for there to be a full inspection of our achievements in Israel, and to study the further implementation of a practical program of work of the ZOA in Israel.

Our operations on the Israel scene last year included many facets of endeavor. They comprised construction of the ZOA House; aid and support to the Vaad Hatzit Lemaan Hechayol; aid to the General Zionist Women's Organization, the Kupat Cholim and the Youth Villages sponsored by the ZOA.

From the outset we made it clear that our mission was not political, that we were there to study and to inspect on behalf of the Organization, to investigate very thoroughly projects that we had supported and to study the advisability of adopting additional endeavors. It was with a spirit of friendship and affection for the people of Israel that we entered the country. And it was with a spirit of rendering even more aid that we embarked upon our mission. Israel was aware of this, and we were received accordingly in every single part of the country, and in every single institution that we had the privilege of visiting.

It is as a result of this mission that I shall very shortly have the privilege of bringing to your attention the recommendations of the Commission for your approval and adoption, so that they may become official policy of the organization. But before doing so, I should like to render a brief report as to what we noted.

ZOA House in Israel

The ZOA House will be an American Zionist landmark in Israel. It is a magnificent building which will do ample credit to the ZOA, the largest Zionist Organization in the Diaspora, which has been giving its fullest cooperation to Israel's support.

Much criticism has been levelled against the ZOA House on the grounds that it is too grandiose a structure and is costing us too much money. However, there are valid reasons why we couldn't very well undertake to put up a smaller building. Aside from the fact that the dignity and prestige of the ZOA require us to be represented by a substantial edifice, the ZOA House is to provide its facilities to all and sundry in Israel as well as to all Americans, Zionist and non-Zionist, Jew and non-Jew, visiting in the Holy Land.

Additionally, I must call the attention of our critics to the fact that the costs of ZOA House have been unavoidably enhanced, and not through any fault on the part of your Building Committee, but rather as a result of conditions and timing. Had funds been made available in 1950, the House would now have been completed, and at half of the cost. Dragging out the process for a full year for lack of funds has almost trebled the cost of building the ZOA House. We have been further handicapped by the fact that we are paying \$2.80 in American money for every Israeli pound, which has a purchasing power in Israel of ninety-two cents. It is imperative that this venture be completed without further delay, and the funds therefore must be made available immediately. The longer we are obliged to wait, the higher our final costs will mount.

The desirability and usefulness to Israel of the ZOA House are beyond question. Your Committee heard it referred to in the terms of highest commendation by everyone in Israel. It is a necessary structure where, despite the popular adage, East and West shall meet.

With your help, we hope it will be possible to celebrate Pesach of 1952 in a completed ZOA House in Tel Aviv.

Vaad Hartzi Lemaan Hechayol

Perhaps the most significant achievement of the ZOA in recent years was the aid we rendered to this particular institution. The Vaad maintains what might be considered an Israeli equivalent of our USO, but one has to be in Israel to realize the unique role of the Israeli army and to appreciate the significance of an organization such as this. It is non-partisan, non-political, and concerns itself only with the welfare of the Israeli soldier. It was because of our aid to this institution that we were able to make a very extensive survey of army camps and of the veterans' centers maintained and supported by the Vaad Hartzi Lemaan Hechayol. We came to realize that the army of Israel is the most unique army in the world in the sense that it is not only a fighting force but a great educational institution, and that it also had and continues to have the responsibility of integrating thousands of new immigrants, not only into the army, but as citizens of Israel. It is confronted by many more hardships and many more problems than armies of other countries. Yet its facilities are more limited than that of other countries. Every young man and woman in Israel has to spend at least two years in the army. In this crucial time of austerity the army of Israel is truly constrained to march on its stomach. It desperately needs more facilities for recreation, education, relaxation, and general guidance than other armies that have been in existence in some cases for many centuries.

It was for these reasons that the tremendous quantities of supplies sent by the ZOA for the use of the Vaad Hartzi Lemaan Hechayol were so greatly appreciated. No finer contribution can be made by an organization than to support this type of service. A sense of humility matched our gratification at having been able to provide just a little for the Army of Israel that defends so many -- to this very day guarding the frontiers of Israel against the hostile Arab states. It is an army upon whose prowess are dependent Jewish existence and prestige the world over.

General Zionist Women's Organization

Spearheaded by a small group led by Shoshana Persitz, the General Zionist Women's Organization of Israel is rendering one of the most outstanding jobs of social aid and welfare of any organization in Israel. We had received constant demands from that organization last year for assistance, and a little aid was forthcoming from the ZOA. The General Zionist Women's Organization maintains 105 kindergartens in the Maabaroth (transit camps) for the children of newcomers. It also does a tremendous job of social welfare in the camps, dispensing food and clothing, and bringing comfort to many of these strangers who have finally come home after many, many years of wandering.

This aid is rendered on a non-partisan and non-political basis and is open to all who need it. It is a program that is licensed by both the Jewish Agency and the Government of Israel and thought of very highly by all people in Israel.

We had the opportunity of visiting a number of the Maabaroth and some of the kindergartens. Most of us think of ourselves as pretty hard-boiled, but those little children who came to us and danced and sang for us and sought affection from us were enough to melt our hearts. Jewish children of all colors and all languages were being given their first taste of decent living. By looking into their eyes, one could read the pathos and insecurity and uncertainty of their lives. In these kindergartens they were cleansed and healed of their sores and infections, they were fed and clothed. But there are many things that the children do not yet have. They have no shoes and their little garments are pathetically inferior and their food is insufficient. And similarly, among their parents in the Maabaroth there is a serious lack of sufficient food and clothing and other life-sustaining items. The succor and aid rendered by Mrs. Persitz's committee is an invaluable contribution in this struggle for existence against cruel odds.

Our work in this field up to this time has been insufficient and must be increased substantially.

General Zionist Kupat Cholim

We had the opportunity of inspecting the clinics of the General Zionist Kupat Cholim. We have from time to time shipped them supplies, and we are very proud of our association with this fine institution, one of the few organizations in Israel which renders medical help irrespective of class, politics or the means of the recipient. Its facilities are greatly undermanned, and it needs many, many medical items which cannot be obtained in Israel without our assistance. It is a humane institution and performs the kind of activity with which the ZOA is proud to be identified.

Youth Villages

From among the existing projects in Israel it was of great significance to your Commission that the three youth villages maintained by the ZOA were found to be prospering as a result of ZOA activity and ZOA interest. In the Israel Goldstein Youth Village, Katamon, Jerusalem, 200 children of the Youth Aliyah are living together as one family. The children themselves are erecting their own buildings, creating their own facilities in order to become self-sustaining. The facilities provided by the ZOA enable these children to be trained in useful occupations, so that they can in due course take their places in either the agricultural or industrial life of the country. The inventiveness of these children is such that, for example, the children of Katamon erected a building to house the sewing-machine plant shipped by the Philadelphia Zionist Organization. They are now engaged in the manufacture of shirts which will very shortly be distributed throughout Israel. Pottery and woodwork manufactured with tools shipped by the ZOA will shortly be consigned back to us here in the U.S. so that our members may see for themselves the fruits of the children, fruits that we harvested as a result of the tools sent by the ZOA.

Similarly, in Magdiel the means provided by the ZOA has expanded its facilities and given training and a source of new hope to hundreds of children.

In Migdal Gaad new buildings are being erected to house many children who will arrive shortly.

It becomes paramount therefore that the ZOA send more equipment and more tools and more means through which these children may receive housing and care and technical training and find their new home in Israel even pleasanter than it is now.

Maccabi

There was another factor that concerned us deeply and we felt it imperative that the ZOA act in this regard. Israel is a country in which too many children become too concerned with political issues too early in life. Perhaps they find relaxation and activity within the political clubs of Israel because of a lack of other facilities. The greatness of our own country is due to the fact that our boys and girls play ball and other childish sports and have many recreational outlets that are denied to children in Israel at this time. We are determined that it is important for the ZOA to erect youth centers in as many parts of the country as we possibly can. There boys and girls can have the opportunity to play at sports and indulge in athletics and build themselves physically and mentally in a spirit of fair competition, for the benefit of all and for the benefit of their future value as citizens of Israel. This is a program which we can implement through close assistance to Maccabi, lodging in them the privilege of being the executors of this contribution from American Zionists.

National Aviation Council

We also visited and spent time with the National Aviation Council of Israel. The name of this body speaks for itself. It is a club where flying is taught to civilians, where a spirit of air-mindedness is being established. I am sure that the implications to Israel of a program of aid of this kind are self-evident.

Ice Machines

Finally, we were deeply distressed to see the tremendous shortages in Israel in many of the basic commodities upon which Israel is so dependent. We found that ice is as important to the people of Israel as is water itself. It was painful to watch the long queues of people assembling as early as four o'clock in the morning waiting for their meager piece of ice to preserve the little bit of food they have. The shortage of ice has created more hardships, more problems in Israel than almost any other commodity. Israel lacks the electric current with which to manufacture ice. It is in great demand and short supply. One of the most important and most welcome contributions we can possibly make to Israel in this coming year is to send them as many ice-making machines, mobile and self-generating, as we can possibly secure. These should be distributed in those parts of the country where they are most needed, and can be operated on a cooperative basis for the people of Israel, giving them temporary aid and succor until such time as Israel is able to produce ice in the quantities needed.

It is, therefore, my privilege to recommend for adoption the following Israel projects for our implementation during this coming year:

1. A program of extensive aid to the General Zionist Women's Organization, and maintenance of 105 kindergartens with food and clothing and shoes; a program of aid through the General Zionist Women's Organization to the Maabaroth of clothing and food.
2. The official adoption by the ZOA of aid to the General Zionist Kupat Cholim as a project; the support of their clinics and shipment to them of medicines, vitamins, drugs and medical equipment of all kinds.
3. A program of assistance to the Youth Villages: Magdiel, Katamon and Migdal Gaad, expansion of facilities and equipment of trade schools, additional education facilities, etc.

4. A program of close cooperation with Maccabi, the creation of Youth Centers, the shipment of recreational material to these Youth Centers.
5. A program of aid to the National Aviation Council of Israel and purchase on their behalf of Piper Cub Training planes.
6. The procurement of a number of mobile or self-generating ice machines to be used in Israel.

I further suggest that in order to get best results and full recognition for the ZOA, and in order to arrange closer contact between the ZOA districts participating in these projects, and the recipients of the aid rendered by the individual ZOA districts, the ZOA appoint a representative to receive all material aid shipped by us to our office in the ZOA House in Tel Aviv, supervise the distribution of material and act as liaison between the contributing ZOA districts in the United States and the recipients in Israel. He will arrange for close personal contact between individual districts and their individual projects in Israel and will act also as an agent. This will assure ZOA identification and guarantee the best results from individual ZOA district activity. It will give us the opportunity of knowing at all times what happens to our projects and our equipment, and will enable districts to feel confident about assuming individual projects within the scope of the ZOA program. It will avoid the problem of redistribution of material in Israel and will tighten up our overall program. A program of tighter control on export shipments both here and in Israel will enable the right commodities to go to the right places and avoid necessary changes because of our inability, as in the past, to determine precisely the type of material needed by specific beneficiaries in Israel.

On The American Scene

Having covered activities in Israel which will materially facilitate the progress of the country, I must touch briefly on the problem of the existence of the organization on the American scene.

The World Zionist Congress formally confirmed the role that the Zionist movement must play in the Diaspora. There is no other organization on the American scene that can possibly equal the ability of the ZOA to implement this particular program. The Congress stated in its officially adopted program that one of the major tasks of the Zionist movement is "the fostering of Jewish-consciousness by the propagation of the Zionist idea, and the strengthening of the Zionist movement, imparting the values of Judaism, Hebrew education and the dissemination of the Hebrew language and culture, and mobilization of world opinion for Israel and Judaism". It also stated that the Zionist movement must participate in the effort to organize and intensify Jewish life on a democratic basis, and to maintain definite Jewish rights. Furthermore, it provided a unique role for the Zionist movement to fulfill in youth education.

The implementation of these resolutions calls for a major reconstruction of the ZOA, and an examination of its existing facilities. During the last three years we have neglected to pay much attention to this problem. We must now reconfirm our traditional program and reorganize and rejuvenate our existing American projects so as to make the Zionist movement, led by the Zionists in this country, the most powerful instrument of its kind. Our task is not only an organizational task but a community task, and there can be no other positive assistance to Israel unless there is a strong ZOA. We must build the ZOA so as to give prestige and protection to the Jewish community, irrespective of whether the entirety of the Jewish community is counted within our ranks or not. Our organization must take on the complexion of a

community-wide effort, and our activities here must be directed for the entirety of American Judaism.

I believe that with a positive militant program many tens of thousands of American Jews will formally flock into our ranks. We are the great protectors of Jewish tradition, of Jewish culture; we are the great interpreters of Israeli values; we are the only sincere, genuine friends of Israel, fully conscious of our responsibility, and fully aware that a better Jewish life in America will result when our message and the message of the Jewish State become synonymous.

It therefore becomes necessary for the ZOA to expand its entire program of activity on the American scene. We must expand our educational facilities. We must greatly increase our public relations facilities. We must strengthen the Zionist Youth Movement in every sense, with money, program and material. We must foster an organized program of Hebrew education on a nation-wide basis. We must subsidize worthwhile institutions of Jewish learning that reflect our point of view, whether they be for children or adults. We must develop existing Zionist camps and create others wherethey are needed within the scope and under the auspices of the ZOA. We must develop a recreational program for the Young Adult Districts and for the Zionist Youth Groups. We must create study groups and night schools throughout the country, under the tutelage of professional pedagogues. We must strengthen the Hebrew press in this country, create scholarships, arrange exchange scholarships, endow seats for Hebrew learning in the universities in this country.

We must make the Zionist Organization the kind of an organization in which a man will have the opportunity of enriching his life, and benefiting from it in every sense from his association with the Zionist cause. We must keep the organization politically aware; we must utilize our leadership and our membership for the task of fostering the cause of Israel in the high Councils of our Government, because the protection of Israel is a protection of Jewish rights throughout the world, as well as a protection of democracy and freedom in general.

For the tremendous task both in Israel and on the American scene, which will have far-reaching effects for the well-being and safeguarding of Israel, and for the prestige of the entire Jewish community, we will need a budget of \$5,000,000 per annum. This money must be raised now. Necessity has caused us unfortunately to retrench. It was perhaps the unawareness of American Jewry of the aid which Israel still so sorely needs, of the tasks still to be accomplished on the American scene, and the neglect of implementing our program on the American scene that has caused this organization to be in dire financial straits. We will cut down on superfluous overhead, but the organization must be recreated, so as to attain a size and prestige heretofore not known to the ZOA, even in its heyday.

This is the lesson of the Congress. This is the lesson of our mission to Israel. We now need and must adopt a program for an immediate campaign to secure the \$5,000,000 with which to do this job. A program of this kind will entail a revision in organizational discipline. There can no longer be any diversion of funds to special needs. Money secured must be utilized for the common good, and for the common program.

A reconstructed and strengthened ZOA will eliminate the redundancy and overlapping of pro-Israel efforts in this country.

With a full adoption of this program both for our activities in Israel and the strengthening of our projects on the American scene, we cannot fail to become the great missionaries of the Zionist ideal, the great propagandists for Israel, the great institution upon which Israel's and world Jewry's security and future prosperity will be assured.

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Dear Dr. Silver,

Dr. Sidney Marks
Secretary

By the time you receive this letter, you will have heard about everything from Jacques over the phone.

The enclosed copy of the letter which I received from Mr. Browdy today is selfexplanatory. After the big sell-out at the Congress this is a form of a follow-up. The little traitor is taking revenge.

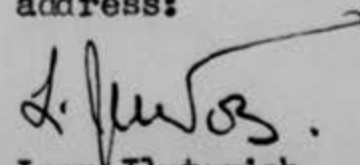
I did not reply anything since I do not consider Mr. Browdy as my employer. The ZINS was not a ZOA department, neither I nor my secretary were on ZOA payrolls. According to orders received from you over the telephone many months ago Mr. Browdy is not supposed to issue to me any orders but through you, from whom I am to take instructions.

Dr. Neumann will return this coming Wednesday, Sept. 26, and I intend of course to take up the matter also with him. I am awaiting your advice.

It should be remembered that Browdy promised (if such promises can be taken seriously at all) to you, to Margoshes and to Dr. Neumann before the Convention that the ZINS would be continued. It would be an irreparable loss to our cause if we give it up this time and thus destroy everything we have built up through the ZINS till now.

Kindly send your reply to my private address:
508 West 114 St.
New York 25, N.Y.

Kindest regards.


Leon Ilutovich
Director, ZINS

Zionist Organization of America

Office of the President
41 East 42 Str.
New York 17, N.Y.

September 24, 1951.

Mr. Leon Ilutovich
Zionist Information News Service
41 East 42 Street
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Ilutovich:

I regret exceedingly that due to our inability to provide an adequate budget for the Zionist Information News Service, I am forced to release you from your post as of today.

You will receive two weeks' salary in lieu of notice. I will ask you to be good enough and turn over all the records to Rosalie Kroll.

Thanking you for your past services, I am

Sincerely yours,

Benjamin G. Browdy
President

ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

41 EAST 42nd STREET
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October 3, 1951

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road
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Dear Dr. Silver:

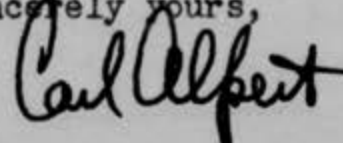
You will recall having accepted our invitation to serve as one of the Judges in our ZOA Essay Contest. I am now pursuing you for fulfillment of what that participation involves.

A Committee of Readers composed, among others, of Dr. Leo L. Honor, Rabbi Ira Eisenstein, Rabbi Michael Alper, Dr. Simon Greenberg, Gabriel Cohen, Dr. Moshe Davis, Rabbi I. Usher Kirshblum, Harold Manson and myself, has read through the hundreds of essays submitted in our contest. The enclosed seven have been selected from among the essays submitted in America. Please read these and rate them in the order of your recommended choice, from first through seventh.

I am enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope for return of the essays with your decision and hope that you will not delay your reply.

The best essays selected from the group submitted in Israel will follow at a later date.

Sincerely yours,



Carl Alpert, Director
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October 12, 1951

Mr. Benjamin E. Gordon
99 Cherry Lane
Teaneck, New Jersey

My dear Mr. Gordon:

I want to thank you for your kind letter of September 24th and for all your good wishes for the coming year which Mrs. Silver and I reciprocate most heartily. I trust that your son has recovered from his illness and that he is well now.

I appreciate deeply all that you say in your letter and I have always been happy and proud to know you as a friend and co-worker. I hope that we shall be able to meet some day soon in the East, and then we shall have occasion to talk over the matters referred to in your letter which cannot, of course, be adequately discussed in correspondence.

The new coalition government disturbs me far more than what took place at the Zionist Congress.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

October 30, 1951

Mr. Carl Alpert
Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

My dear Mr. Alpert:

I am sorry to have delayed returning the enclosed manuscripts to you, but I have been away from my desk a good deal of the time and my correspondence has lagged. I am returning the 7 contest essays. None of them is anything to write home about but I suppose you have had to select from what was submitted.

I rate them in the following order: 313, 327, 318, 312, 324, 307 and 314.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er
Encs.

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November 1, 1951

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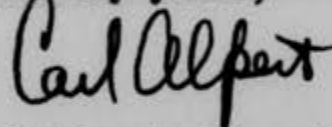
Dear Dr. Silver:

Many thanks for your cooperation in reading and rating the essays.

Enclosed is the final installment. These eight essays were submitted by contestants in Israel and were culled from many hundreds of others by a Committee of Readers which in this case included Azriel Eisenberg, Mordecai Halevy, Menachem Ribalow, Israel Chipkin, Samuel Borowsky and Mark Krug.

Once again, I would be most grateful if you would read them and rate them in the order of your preference from one through eight. A self-addressed stamped envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

Sincerely yours,



Carl Alpert, Director
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November 6, 1951

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Much has happened in my personal life and in my life as a Zionist since I last saw you in Israel.

By now you must be undoubtedly aware of the fact that the Administration axe fell heavily upon my neck for daring to advocate in Israel the election of Dr. Neumann as against Benjamin Browdy. Thus I am now free from the dubious honor of being a member of the Inner Committee. None of these things disturb me except the fact that the Zionist Organization of America is heading for complete chaos and ruination unless something is done immediately to stem the tide of mediocrity which seems to prevail at the moment.

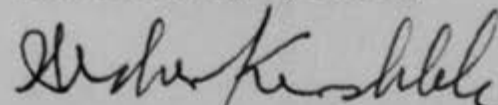
You undoubtedly recall my conversation with you in Israel. There are many and many soldiers like myself who stand ready to go into battle to drive these forces out of office provided we have you and Dr. Neumann as our generals. There can be no compromise with those at the helm. They are all small people who are more interested in their own position and power than in the problems of Zionism.

As a Rabbi of a very large congregation I cannot afford to spend time unless it be to the best interests of our people here and abroad. Either there is a thorough cleansing of the organization or I feel compelled to retire from the Zionist arena and try to help Israel through other sources.

Your guidance is most indispensable to me so please let me hear from you soon.

With every good wish, I am

Faithfully yours,



I. Usher Kirshblum

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cc to Dr. Emanuel Neumann

[Nov. 8, 1951]

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דר' אבא הלל סילווער
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זער חשובער חבר.

מיר האבן דעם כבוד אייך מיטצושטיילן אז אדורך די סעסיע פון נאציאנאל-ראט פון
פון אונזער פארטיי, וועלכע איז זיך צונויפגעקומען דעם 4-טן נאוועמבער אין פארז
האט אנגענומען פאלגענדע רעזאלוציע:

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גאניזאציע. דער נאציאנאל-ראט באדויערט אין שיכות דערמיט, וואס דעם גרויסן
מנהיג פון וועלט ציוניזם און פון אמעריקאנער יידנסום, דר' אבא הלל סילווער
איז נישט געגעבן געווארן די מעגליכקייט זיך צו שטעלן בראש פון אלייטנדיקער
אינסטאנץ פון דער ציוניסטישער וועלט-באוועגונג.

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מיט כבוד און דרך-ארץ, בברכת שלום!

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י"ב בחשוון תשי"ב ירושלים
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לכבוד
ד"ר אבא הלל סילבר,
קליבלנד,
ארצות-הברית.

ד"ר סילבר היקר,

אני משער שמכתבי אליך מיום כ"ג בתשרי, 23.10.51, כבר הגיע לידך, וכי בקרוב תקבל גם את הספר "הרצאות על האיסלם" ליי. גולוציהר, אשר שלחנו אליך באותו יום.

בדעתי להגיע לאמריקה ביום 21 או 22 בדצמבר, ובינתיים עושים אנו הכנות מטויימות בקשר לעבודה, ששומה יהיה עלי לספל בה, בעזרתם של ידידי המוסד, בארצות-הברית.

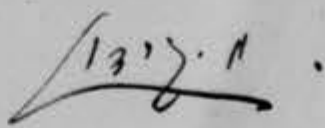
מסתו המפורסמת של ביאליק "הספר העברי", שיקריה הם נר לרגלי פעולתנו, תורגמה כאן לאנגלית ותידפס ב-2000 טפסים; כן הננו מודפיסים קונטרס קצר באנגלית, על פעולתו של המוסד, כדי להעמיד חוגים רחבים יותר, על עבודתנו והתוכניות הממשיות שאנו עומדים לבצען. בין השאר נתעכב בקונטרס זה, על פעולתנו האחרונה - הוצאת מלון אקדמי, על בסיס היסטורי, של הלשון העברית; מפעל זה, אשר ישתרע כנראה, על-פני 12 כרכים גדולים, ימשך לערך 15-20 שנים, בהשתתפותם של טובי הבלשנים שלנו בארץ ובחוץ-לארץ, בייחוד בארצות-הברית. המלון הגדול של בן-יהודה הולך ומסתיים, ומזדקר הדבר, שעם כל ערכו הרב, אין הוא מתאים כבר לצרכי האומה, מכל-שכן, שהוא פרי עבודתו של יחיד, אשר חקר את הלשון במיסב יכולתו, רק עד תקופת יל"ג.

חשיבות מיוחדת אנו משווים לקיום תערוכה של מבחר ספרי מוסד ביאליק, בדרך בהיקף שנתקיים בימי הקונגרס הציוני האחרון, ושבדוראי ראית אותו.

מעברים שונים העירו את תשומת ליבנו, שהמקום המתאים לכך בניו-יורק, הוא המוזיאון של המכון התיאולוגי היהודי, כמקום מכובד ומרכזי העלול לעורר תשומת לבו של קהל המתעניינים בספר העברי.

מאוד הייתי שמח, אדוני, אילו היה ראוי בעיניך, כאישה המרכזי של היהדות האמריקאית, להעמידנו על אי אלה פרטים, שלפי דעתך, מן הראוי שנכין אותם כאן, בקשר לפעולתי בארצות-הברית; ואין צורך להגיד לך, מה מחשיבים היינו את עצותיך, והצעותיך.

בכבוד רב ובהוקרה



מ. גרדון

ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

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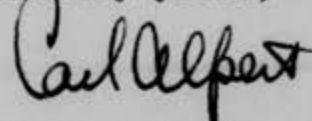
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Some weeks ago I sent you the final batch of essays representing the finalists culled by our Readers' Committee. Your two colleagues on the board of Judges, Abba Eban and Prof. Salo Baron, have now completed their appraisal of these essays and final decision and announcement of the awards waits upon word from you.

I am grateful for your cooperation and would appreciate your returning the essays, with your appraisal, at your earliest possible opportunity.

Sincerely yours,



Carl Alpert, Director
Education Department

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA - THURSDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 22, 1951
HOTEL CONRAD HILTON, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The meeting convened at 8:30 P.M., with Mortimer May, Chairman of the National Executive, in the Chair.

Opening Remarks:

The Chairman welcomed the members and expressed gratification that this meeting and that of the National Administrative Council were being held away from New York, thus allowing persons in different parts of the country to attend.

Mr. May reviewed developments since the World Zionist Congress in Jerusalem. He deplored the minor role to which the ZOA delegation had been relegated, and analysed what he believed were the underlying factors of the situation. Turning to the current scene, the speaker stressed the need for supplying Israel with enlarged economic support, in addition to UJA, Israel Bonds, etc. For example, he suggested districts and regions might assume responsibility for a particular industrial project in Israel, of the Palestine Economic Corporation, through the purchase of PEC stock, and in addition, furnish some of the management.

The speaker related some of his experiences in Israel, this summer, particularly in the youth villages supported by the General Zionists. He noted with regret that the youth were not receiving religious training or the benefit of a religious environment. He suggested, therefore, that chapels or synagogues and some form of religious instruction be made available for young people, particularly in those colonies which receive support from ZOA sources.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Dr. Sidney Marks rendered a full report of the activities of the organization. He stated that a clear-cut statement of principles and a functional program of activities would be presented at the forthcoming session of the NAC for discussion and action. However, he pointed out, the implementation of any program depended on the measure of financial support the organization would receive from its regions and districts. He outlined the various economies which had been effected in the effort to keep expenses at a minimum without hampering the servicing of essential needs.

Dr. Marks reported that the total enrolled membership at the present time was considerably less than that of the same time last year. Income for projects since October 1st, was about \$35,000. Quotas for the American Zionist Fund have been prepared and distributed to districts. The sale of Israel bonds is receiving its main impetus through the ZOA with estimates emanating from the National Bond Corporation indicating that ZOA Members have subscribed over 50% of the total sold to date. The Shoshana Damari Caravan, under ZOA sponsorship, is being received enthusiastically throughout the country and has resulted in the sale of almost \$300,000 in bonds, to date.

All ZOA departments have geared their activities to the needs of the organization; fullest cooperation is being extended to UJA, JNF, Israel Bonds, American Zionist Council, etc. Several new Young Zionist Districts are being organized and their national conference is scheduled for Washington's Birthday week-end in Atlantic City.

Dr. Marks closed his report with a strong appeal to NEC members for their personal cooperation.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Browdy stated that a full report would be rendered at the NAC meeting when he would discuss in detail recent developments and a practical program for the ZOA in Israel and on the American scene.

He discussed briefly some of the services rendered to Israel by members of the ZOA, which were not related to specific projects. He told of his several recent visits to The White House where, he said, he was always warmly welcomed by the President, a good friend of Israel and the Zionist movement. Mr. Browdy also told of the generous response of individual members of the ZOA to the urgent appeals of the Israel Government for financial support to tide them over crucial financial crises.

The President appealed for peace, harmony and a cooperative effort, emphasizing that the situation in Israel was too critical to allow disunity. He welcomed all Zionists to work together within the ZOA in the service of Israel and the Jewish community in America.

REPORT OF MR. FALK:

Mr. Falk stated that a commission of three members, consisting of Mr. Monosson, Mr. Redelheim and himself, had been appointed by the president last summer, to go to Israel, to see at first-hand the work of the ZOA, and to utilize their findings and investigations as a basis for a program for the coming year. Such a program has now been prepared in consultation with Dr. Marks and the Office Committee of the ZOA, after several weeks of serious deliberation.

Mr. Falk commented on the six Israel projects which were proposed: Industrial Trade Schools, College of Business Administration, Technical Chalutzit, ZOA House, Economic Investment and Food for Israel. (Complete descriptive material has since been published separately in the Organization letter and in The American Zionist.)

Discussing the sale of Israel Bonds, Mr. Falk emphasized that when the Bond campaign was started, it was the ZOA with its organizational set-up of working regions and districts throughout the country, which had given the impetus, atmosphere and propaganda making possible the successful launching of the Bond Drive.

He concluded with a strong appeal for the immediate implementation of the Projects Report, and cautioned that only through practical planning and work now, rather than looking back to the past, can we best serve Israel and at the same time strengthen the ZOA.

DISCUSSION:

It was decided to devote the remainder of the session to an open discussion of the three reports submitted to the meeting - i. e., Dr. Marks, Mr. Browdy and Mr. Falk.

Mr. Alkow stressed the need for a strong program on the American scene, which he felt would revitalize and strengthen the ZOA, and thus in the last analysis, serve Israel well. To that end, he called for a spirit of unity and rededication to the furthering of the Zionist movement in America.

Mr. Turover cautioned against adopting too broad a program which might not be possible of fulfillment. He advocated a reasonable program, the key of which should be aid to Israel's economy. Through such practical help, the ZOA membership would be drawn back into the organization in large numbers.

Dr. Levinson believed efforts should be made to enlist and hold the interest and support of a wider circle of active workers than now available. The scarcity of workers has compelled the same small group to work on all activities -- UJA, Israel Bonds, etc., frequently resulting in the neglect of ZOA membership and other important projects. Furthermore, he said, the lack of a definite, constructive program has hindered the proper growth of the organization. The adoption now by the NAC of a comprehensive program which would appeal to the imagination of the Zionist membership, would doubtless receive a prompt and favorable response.

The speaker advocated that a number of Zionist leaders personally visit different communities, and discuss at first hand with leaders and key people, some of the major problems confronting them. This would not only have a beneficial moral effect but would produce a goodly nucleus of active workers who would be prepared to work for the implementation of the ZOA program in their respective communities.

Mr. Kay expressed the opinion that adequate recognition by the Israel Government of the key role of the ZOA in its relation to Israel, would immeasurably strengthen the morale of the organization. In discussing Mr. Falk's program, he suggested that existing institutions in Israel such as the Technion and ORT, should be consulted.

Dr. Tenenbaum stressed the pivotal place which the ZOA holds in the American Jewish community. The organization is a vital factor not only for Israel, but in the healthy survival of American and World Jewry. He felt it was imperative once again to go to the Jewish masses and capture the community. He appealed for full cooperation to make Zionism a powerful force for Jewish survival everywhere.

Dr. Robbins urged that full consideration be given as to means whereby the necessary funds will be raised to carry out the ZOA program. He suggested that the Zionist membership would respond favorably to additional taxation to this end.

Dr. Margoshes underscored the need for a period of constructive activity in Israel; the Zionists want to identify themselves with projects in Israel. On the American scene, the ZOA likewise has a responsibility to the American Jewish community and its survival. One of the most important obligations of the Zionists is to assume the dominant role in American Jewish community life and set the pattern for Jewish living in this country.

Dr. Margoshes endorsed the appeal of the President and other speakers, for unity in the ranks and the strengthening of the ZOA in all its aspects. He warned that any attempt to paralyze the administration would do a great disservice to Israel and the Jewish community of America. Working together, the ZOA will remain a strong movement and a credit to all.

Rabbi Nussbaum analysed the reasons which, in his opinion, have contributed to the present weakening of the situation within the organization. There were: (1) Certain psychological factors inherent in the establishment of the Jewish State, the sustaining of which is not as dramatic now as heretofore. (2) The average Jew today, whose dues have always been difficult to get, has lost interest in an organization which does not offer any specific project which is unique unto itself. Help to Israel generally, they maintain, can be satisfied through other channels such as UJA, Bonds, etc. (3) The internal struggles within Israel itself have also helped to weaken the Zionist movement. (4) The lack of a definite program on the American scene, without which the average Jew will lose personal interest.

However, Rabbi Nussbaum said he was heartened by the program presented and the ensuing discussion. He urged there be included in that program something new which is not a part of any other organization's program. This would have a strong positive appeal. For example, he suggested closer cooperation with the Palestine

Economic Corporation; providing religious education in General Zionist colonies which would be a specific, distinct contribution of American Jews; the spread of Hebrew culture and language through various techniques.

Mr. Fisher opened his remarks with a strong appeal for unity within the organization in the interests of the movement and Israel.

In discussing the proposed program, he felt that in addition to carrying out its own projects, the ZOA as such, must not relinquish its leading role in the UJA, Israel Bond campaign, etc.

The speaker advised against publicizing a maximum program which later might be impossible to accomplish within a given time. He advocated the adoption of such projects which could be realized within the limits of practical possibility. It was also psychologically important for American Jews to be concretely identified with specific projects in Israel, so that when visiting Israel, these projects could be easily discernible.

On the American scene, Mr. Fisher said that his travels throughout the country over a period of years, have pointed up the need for building a vital Zionist youth movement. He urged that the ZOA intensify its efforts in this direction.

Mr. Abraham Finkelstein told of the strong role which the Chicago Zionist Organization, of which he is president, plays in the community and described some of its major activities.

Mr. Wax, in concluding the discussion on the reports, stated it was his conviction that the best way to strengthen Zionism and the movement, was for the individual to make his Zionism a way of life - thus by practice, he would achieve the highest results.

The meeting adjourned at 12 midnight.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Alpert
Acting for Dr. Marks

November 26, 1951

Mr. Carl Alpert
Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

My dear Mr. Alpert:

I am returning herewith the 8 essays which you sent me. By and large, these essays of the Israeli contestants are more substantial in content and better in style than those from the United States. I found it rather difficult to choose between them, but since I must rate them, I give you the following:

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With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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November 28, 1951

Mr. J. Rosenblum
Zionist Organisation of France
47, rue de Chabrol
Paris X, France

My dear Mr. Rosenblum:

Permit me to acknowledge your kind letter of November 8th and to thank through you the members of your National Executive for the gracious resolution which it adopted on November 4th. I am deeply appreciative of their thoughtfulness and of their confidence. Please convey to them my sincerest wishes.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

November 23, 1951

Rabbi I. Usher Kirshblum
135-12 - 72nd Avenue
Flushing 67, New York

My dear Rabbi Kirshblum:

Please pardon the delay in replying to your letter of November 6th. I have been away from the city a good deal of the time, and my correspondence has lagged.

I should like to discuss with you the contents of your letter at length, but you must realize that that is not possible through correspondence. I hope to be in the East before long, and perhaps we shall then have an opportunity to meet.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

LOUIS E. LEVINthal
606 CITY HALL
PHILADELPHIA

December 26, 1951

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, O.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Sometime in March, the Philadelphia Zionist Organization, in cooperation with the Jewish National Fund, will honor WILLIAM H. SYLK, a distinguished Philadelphian, at a dinner celebrating the culmination of fifteen years of tireless devotion and service to the cause of Zion and Israel.

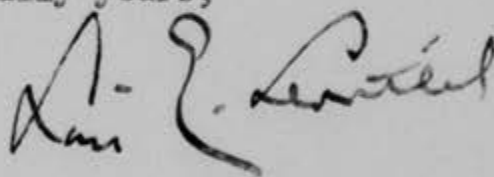
As you know, Mr. Sylk has been one of the outstanding leaders of our community. He is Vice-Chairman of the Philadelphia Allied Jewish Appeal and of our local Israel Bonds Committee. He has deservedly risen to national prominence as Vice-President of the Zionist Organization of America and Chairman of the Administrative Council of the United Palestine Appeal.


In tribute to his dynamic and effective leadership, the Philadelphia Zionists have undertaken to plant a forest of 50,000 trees in his name in Israel.

May I invite you to participate in this tribute by sending a brief message to be included in a Testimonial Album, which we intend to present to Mr. Sylk at the dinner in March.

I would greatly appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "L. E. Levinthal", written in a cursive style.



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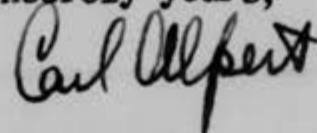
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am enclosing a copy of the press release which has been issued announcing the results in our International Essay Contest.

Once again, many thanks for your helpful cooperation.

Sincerely yours,



Carl Alpert

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FOR RELEASE

AMERICAN AND ISRAELI WINNERS SELECTED IN ZOA \$2000 PRIZE ESSAY CONTEST

Close To 1,000 Essays Submitted In Browdy Contest

New York: - Announcement was made today by the Zionist Organization of America that ten winners, five in Israel and five in the United States have been selected as recipients of the \$2000 Prize Awards offered in the ZOA's recent Essay Contest on the subject of the relationship between Israel and American Jewry. The award money has been contributed as a personal gift by Mr. Benjamin G. Browdy, President of the ZOA.

Judges of the contest which was conducted by the National Education Department of the ZOA were Mr. Abba Eban, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Prof. Salo W. Baron, assisted by a large Selections Committee.

Following is the list of American winners: First Prize, \$500 - Wolf Karo, a research chemist in Cleveland; Second Prize, \$200 - Rabbi Elias Levi, Montgomery, Alabama; Third Prize, \$100 each - Rabbi Joseph S. Shubow, Brighton, Mass. - Bernard Ducoff, rabbinical student, New York and Benson Saler, student at Princeton University. Winners in Israel, whose prizes duplicate those awarded in America, are as follows: First Prize, Emanuel Harussi, journalist, now with the Information Department of Israel's Defense Ministry; Second Prize, Dr. Nathan Rotenstreich, instructor at the Hebrew University; Third Prizes - Dr. Alex Bein, Jerusalem, Zionist historian and author; Isaac Balchman, teacher of mathematics and Dr. Mordecai Roshwald, lecturer and publicist.

Close to a thousand essays were received from participants in both countries who addressed themselves to both aspects of the assigned topic: "What Can Israel Offer American Jewry -- What can American Jewry Offer Israel?" While closing date of the contest was last summer, the Board of Judges and the Selections Committee spent many months carefully reading each of the essays to assure a fair choice. The prize winning essays and extracts from many of the others which had been submitted, will be published later by the ZOA Education Department. A preliminary survey by Mr. Carl Alpert, Director of the Education Department, indicated that, on the whole, the American writers emphasized economic assistance as American Jewry's major contribution to Israel and this view was seconded by the Israelis, most of whom, however, added their belief that American Jews should come to Israel as personal settlers. Few of the writers seemed to feel that the Jewish State would solve the problem of anti-Semitism, but almost all were in agreement, Israelis and Americans alike, that Israel's major contribution to Jewish life would be spiritual and inspirational in nature and that its influence would be felt increasingly as years went by.

Participants from Israel included outstanding figures from all walks of life, among them members of the Knesset, University Professors, government officials and editors, as well as many farmers and laborers. Interesting and original entries were received from a number of the agricultural settlements.

The official Selections Committee which aided the Board of Judges was composed of the following: Rabbi Michael Alper, Samuel Borowsky, Dr. Israel Chipkin, Gabriel M. Cohen, Dr. Moshe Davis, Dr. Azriel Eisenberg, Dr. Ira Eisenstein, Dr. Simon Greenberg, Mordecai Halevi, Dr. Leo L. Honor, Rabbi I. Usher Kirshblum, Mark Krug, Harold Manson, Judah Pilch, Menachem Ribalow. Mr. Alpert served as Director of the Contest.

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DECEMBER 14, 1951

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASEZIONIST GROUP REBUKES BEN GURION

Leo Wolfson, Chairman of the National Council of the Zionists-Revisionists of America, commenting on Mr. Ben-Gurion's remarks following the Knesset (Israeli Parliament) debate on immigration, declared today that "the Prime Minister leveled the accusation of "bankruptcy" against the American Zionist leadership in an attempt to cover up the already obvious bankruptcy of his own regime."

"Instead of sermonizing to American Zionists for not coming to Israel", Mr. Wolfson continued, "Mr. Ben-Gurion would better curtail the appetite of his own Mapai party to dominate the political, economic and cultural life of Israel, creating a stifling atmosphere for the individual who is accustomed to freedom of expression and endeavor, and who would like to see in Israel a state for all Jews, instead of a regime favoring one class, one group and one party. If American Zionists are not flocking to Israel is because of the receptions accorded many of them when they attempted to create for themselves, and for the country, productive enterprises in Israel.

If Mr. Ben-Gurion complains now about the demoralization of American Zionism, he is forgetting that it is largely of his own making, since the establishment of his government, having resulted from his ignoring, side-tracking and slighting the American Zionist leadership.

It will be a source of regret if his ill-timed taunts alienate thousands of devoted American Zionists without whose assistance, past and present, Mr. Ben-Gurion would not be where he is today."

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[Jan. 18. 1952]

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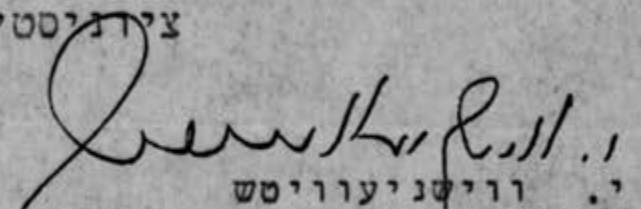
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אונזער פראגנאן, אז א שטארקע ציוניסטישע באוועגונג איז נאך פאר א סאך יארן די איינציקע גאראנטירטע פארן אויפבויע און צעמענטירונג פון ישראל און דער וויכטיקסטער מקור פארן דורכפירן בשלמות דעם פראצעס פון קבוץ גלויות, האט זיך ארויסגעווייזן פאר א ריכטיקן. ליידער ווערט אונזער איינשטעלונג נישט געשטיצט פון אלע פארטייען אין ציוניזם און געוויסע קרייזן באמיען זיך מיט אלע מעגליכקייטן, דורך דעקלאראציעס און עפנטליכע ארויס-טרעטונגען מינימזירן דעם בייטראג און וויכטיקייט פון וועלט ציוניזם פאר דער פארשטארקונג פון מדינת ישראל.

אזא באציהונג צו דער ציוניסטישער באוועגונג שטארקט די רייען פון די אסימילאטארישע און נישט ציוניסטישע עלימענטן און שוואכט אפ דעם איינפלוס פון ציוניזם אויף דער יידישער גאט. די קאנסענקווענצן פון אזא איינשטעלונג שטעלט מיט זיך פאר א ערנסטע געפאר פאר דער צעמענטירונג פון מדינת ישראל און פארן עצם עקזיסטענץ פון דער ציוניסטישער באוועגונג.

פאר דער אלגעמיינער ציוניסטישער באוועגונג, וועלכע פרעזענטירט דעם רוב מנין און רוב בנין פון ארגאניזירטן ציוניזם, איז דער פראבלעם נאך שטארקער און פיינליכער צוליב דער קינסטליכער צעשפליטערונג וואס הערשט אין אונזערע רייען. דער אנטאגאניזם צווישן די ציונים כללים און דער פראגרעסיווער אלגעמיינער ציוניסטישער פארטיי אין ישראל שפיגלט זיך אויך אפ נעגאטיוו אויף אונזערע אקטיוויטעטן אין חוץ לארץ. מיר געפינען זיך אין א פערמאנענטער געפאר פון שפאלטונג, כאטש קיין אידיאלאגישע דיפערענצן זיינען נישט די מאטיוון. עס זיינען גענוג פערזענליכע אומצופרידענהייטן, אזא גרופע זאל אויסשפילן פאליטיק קעגן דער לייסונג פון אן ארגאניזאציע און טרעקן מיט שפאלטונג, אזא סיטואציע שוואכט אפ אונזער כוח און איינפלו.

מיר זעען נישט קיין פרינציפיעלע אונטערשיידן אין די פראגראמען פון ביידע פארטייען, נישט אין זייער טאציאלן צוזאמענשטעל און נישט אין זייער אידיאלאגישער אריענטאציע. ביידע האבן זיך אפגעזאגט אריינצופירען אין דער היינטיקער רעגירונג קאאליציע, ביידע געפינען זיך אין דער קאנסערוואטיווער אפאזיציע, ביידע זיינען קעגן דעם סאציאליסטישן רעזשים אין ישראל, ביידע זיינען פאר א פארגעשריטענעם סאציאלן ליבעראלן רעזשים אין ישראל, ביידע פארטיידיקן די אינטערעסן פון גאנצן פאלק, פון די בירגער פון אלע סיכסן און אונטערשיידן, ארבעטער, ארבעטאנער, סוחרים און פאבריקאנטן, ביידע זיינען פאר אן איינהייטליכן כול וועזן אין ישראל, ביידע שטעלן אוועק די אינטערעסן פון פאלק און לאנד איבער פארטיי אידישע אינטערעסן. איז וועלכע זיינען די אידיאלאגישע דיפערענצן וואס בארעכטיקן דער עקזיסטענץ פון צוויי אלגעמיינע ציוניסטישע פארטייען אין ישראל, ווען אין די וואגיקסטע אנגעלע-גענהייטן און סאציאלע פאליטיקע און עקאנאמישע פראבלעמען האבן זיי במעט די זעלבע שטעלונג.

מיר ווייטן, אז עס זיינען פאראן פאקטישע און פסיכאלאגישע מיינונגס פארשידענהייטן צווישן די אנפירערענדע חברים פון ביידע גרופן אין ישראל און געוויסע פערזענליכע אינטערעסן צעטיילן זיי, איז דאס זייער רעכט און פריוריליעגע, אבער די באוועגונג אלס גאנצע דארף פון דעם ניטט לייזן. אין אלע דעמאקראטישע פארטייען זיינען פאראן מיינונגס פארשידענהייטן, און גרופן וואס פארטיידיקן די מיינונגען. אין מפה זיינען דא 3 גרופן וועלכע קעמפן אפט צווישן זיך, אבער די פארטיי אלס גאנצע האט איין פלאטפארם און איין סטעלונג וואס איז פארפליכטעט פאר אלע מיטגלידער. אין מפה'י הערסט אויך ניטט קיין פולקאמער שלום בית צווישן אלע חברים, דאך האבן זיי איין פאליטישן שולחן ערוך און די פארטיי אלס גאנצע צווינגט ארויף אויף דער מינדערהייט די באטלוטן פון דער מערהייט. וועלכע זיינען די מאכיוון וואס אונזער באוועגונג קען ניטט געפינען קיין געמיינזאמע שפראך אין ישראל פאר ביידע גרופן? וועלכע זיינען די דעסרוקטיווע כוחות וואס דערלאזן ניטט צו א פולקאמער פארייניקונג פון אלגעמיינעם ציוניזם?

פון די געשעענישן ביים 23-טן ציוניסטישן קאנגרעס און ביי דער וועל קאנפערענץ פון דער קאנפערענצאציע פון די אלגעמיינע ציוניסטן, זיינען אונזערע רייען אפגעשוואכט געווארן און מיר מוזן עפענען די אויגן און עפעס לערנען אויב מיר ווילן ניטט פארלירן אונזער איינפלוס און כוח אויף דער יידישער גאס אין גלות, און אויב מיר ווילן ניטט פארשווינדן אלס פאליטישער פאקטאר אין ישראל. די אייניקייט וואס איז דערגרייכט געווארן אין דער קאנפערענצאציע איז א צייטווייליקע און קען ניטט גענומען ווערן אין באטראכט אלס פולקאמער און דעפיניטיווע כל זמן צוויי אלגעמיינע ציו-ניסטישע פארטייען עקזיסטירן אין ישראל, באקעמפן זיך איינער דער צווייטער און כל זמן ביידע גרופן פרעכענדיק צו ריידן אין נאמען פון אלגעמיינעם ציוניזם און באמיען זיך אויף א דירעקטן אדער אפילו אויף אן אומדירעקטן אופן באיינפלוסן די אקטיוויטעטן פון די אלגעמיינע ציוניסטן אין גלות.

מיר ווילן ביי דער געלעגענהייט נישט מאכן א גרינטליכן אנאליז ווער עס זיינען די שולדיקע וואס האבן דערפירט צו דעם מצב, מיר ווילן בלויז פעסטשטעלן דעם פאקט וואס די סיטואציע עקזיסטירט אין איר גאנצער שארפקייט אונז איז אויך נישט באקאנט ביז היינט קיין שום ערנסטער שריט פון דער וועלט קאנפערענצאציע אלס גאנצע אויפן געביט פון אידיאלאגישער צענטראליזם-רונג און אויפן געביט פון פולקאמער פארייניקונג פון אלע אלגעמיינע ציוניסטישע עלימענטן און גרופן אין איין דעמאקראטישער ליבעראלער צענטער פארטיי, וואס זאל ארומנעמען די ישראל בירגער פון אלע שיכטן.

דער כאאטישער צושטאנד אין אונזער באוועגונג קען פאר ווייטער נישט אנהאלטן, און אלע אלגמ. ציוניסטישע לאנדעס ארגאניזאציעס דארפן זיך ערנסט פארטראכטן בכדי געמיינזאם זוכן די וועגן פאר קאנסאלידירונג פון אונזער באוועגונג. מיר גלויבן אין כוח פון א שטארקן ארגאניזירטן אלגמ. ציוניזם. דער אלגעמיינער ציוניזם האט אין די לאנגע יארן פון ציוניסטישער אנשוויקלונג זיך ארויסגעוויזן אלס דער חוס הסדרה, און דער געוויסן פון דער ציוניסטישער באוועגונג, דער אלגעמיינער ציוניזם האט ספענדיק פארשטאנע אין מאמענטן פון קריזיסן אין דער ציוניסטישער וועלט, זיך שטעלן איבער ענג פארטייאישע אינטערעסן בכדי אויפהאלטן די גאנצקייט און אינטעגראלקייט פון ציוניזם. אבער בכדי דער אלגעמיינער ציוניזם זאל קענען דורכפירן בשלמות זיינע אויפגאבן און שפילן ווידער אמאל די ראל וואס די געטיכטע האט אויף אים ארויפגעלייגט מוז ער זיין פארייניקט און שטארק.

די פארייניקונג פון אלגעמיינעם ציוניזם איז אפהעניק פון די אלגמ. ציוניסטן אין גלות, פון יעדער לאנדעס ארגאניזאציע און פון יעדן אלגמ. ציוניסטישן טוער. די פארייניקונג איז היינט, אין דעם קריזיס וואס עס לעבט איבער די ציוניסטישע וועלט באוועגונג, א ציוניסטישער אימפעראטיוו פאר וועל מיר מוזן אלע קעמפן געאייניקט און געמיינזאם. די אלגעמיינע ציוניסטישע

זייט 3

פאלקס מאסן מוזן נעמען די אינציאטיוו אין זייערע הענט און ארויפצווינג-
גען דער פארייניקונג, ווייל די גויסן פון מדינת ישראל און פון ציוניזם
פאדערן דאס אין דעם ערנסטן מאמענט.

די ציוניסטישע ארגאניזאציע אין מעקסיקע האט אויף דער לעצטער זיצונג
פון איר צענטראל ראט באשלאסן זיך צו ווענדן צו אלע אונזערע שוועסטער
ארגאניזאציעס אויף דער גארער וועלט מיט א רוף צו שטיצן אונזער אינציא-
טיוו וועגן דער באלדיקער פארייניקונג פון ביידע פארטייען אין ישראל.
מיר מוזן זיך ווענדן צו אונזערע פארטייען אין ישראל און צו דער וועלט
קאנפערענציע פון די אלגעמיינע ציוניסטן זיי זאלן גלייך אנפאנגען די
אונטערהאנדלונגען וועגן פארייניקונג.

ציוניסטישע ארגאניזאציע אין מעקסיקע

צמח פארסנווי

ירחמיאל וויטנבערג
פרעזידענט

מעקסיקע שטאט, טבת, חשי"ב

אויף דער זיצונג פון צענטראל-קאמיטעט פון דער אלגעמיינ-ציוניסטישער ארגאניזאציע
אין בראנקרייך (ציוניסטיש-בלגיים) וועלכע איז ארגעקומען מאנטיק דעם 28-טן יאנואר 56
אין איר לאקאל 44 רי דע פאבראל, איז איינטימיק אנגענומען געווארן פאלגענדע רעזא-

לוציע:

- די ציוניסטישע ארגאניזאציע אין בראנקרייך (ציוניסטיש-בלגיים) ווארפט צוריק מיט
פערטונג די כבוד-דיקע אטאקע פון די ישראלידיקע פאקט, פירט געגן אמעריקאנער
ציוניזם, און פערציעל די לעצטע אטאקע - ון פרעמיער-מיניסטער בן-גוריון, געוועזענע
אין דער ערשטער ריי געגן דעם אמעריקאנער אלגעמיינעם ציוניזם.

- יודיקט אויף אירע ווארימטע מיטגלידער און אנדערענונג דעם אמעריקאנער אלגעמיינעם
ציוניזם, פאר זיינע אומגעווענע לייענענדיקען לסוכה דעם ציוניזם און מיינט ישראלי.

- אפערירט פריערליך צום גרויסן ציוניסטישן מנהיג דר' אבא וואל פילדווער זיך צוריק
צו שפילן אין שטיי ון אמעריקאנער-און אויך דעם וועלט-ציוניזם, נכדי צוריקצוגעבן
דעם ציוניזם די גרויסע באטייליגטענונג און פערענדיגטע קראפט.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA - JANUARY 27, 1952
HOTEL BILTMORE, NEW YORK

PRESENT: Benjamin G. Browdy, President, Messrs. Jacob M. Alkow, Sol P. Benamy, Solomon Biederman, Louis Dince, Dr. Joseph Dunner, Michael H. Egnal, Louis A. Falk, Ben M. Friedman, Joseph Goldberg, Abraham Goodman, Ellis Goodman, Michael Hanin, Edward Hart, Max Kabatznick, Paul Kaminsky, Leon Kay, Judge Joseph E. Klau, Murray Langbaum, Phil Lassar, Jack Lefkowitz, Dr. Harris J. Levine, Louis Lipsky, Jacob G. Lukashok, Dr. Samuel Margoshes, Morris Margulies, Rabbi Irving Miller, David Moskowitz, Abraham A. Redelheim, Philip S. Resnikov, Dr. Morton J. Robbins, Moses Robinson, B. G. Rudolph, Albert Schiff, Rudolf G. Sonneborn, Dr. Jacob I. Steinberg, Elihu D. Stone, William H. Sylk, Milton Taylor, Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum, Harry Torczyner, Jacques Torczyner, Ben R. Winick, Charles Wolf.

Region presidents by invitation: Judah B. Hellman, Irving Libman.

Guests by invitation: Marcus Abramson, Samuel Borowsky, Herman Z. Quittman, Dr. I. Schwarzbart, Rabbi Jerome Unger and members of the staff.

PRESIDING: In the absence of Mortimer May, chairman of the NEC, Mr. Browdy, ZOA president, and Louis A. Falk, ZOA vice president, presided.

REPORT OF ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Carl Alpert, acting in the absence of Dr. Sidney Marks, presented a summary of all aspects of ZOA activity. He reported an arresting of the decline of membership evident in October, November and early December. There are now 62,500 paid members for the current year, which is still behind the figure for the same period for the previous year but the percentage of loss has decelerated. He pointed out that the membership campaign was started earlier the previous year because the High Holidays fell at an earlier time.

In the projects drive, Mr. Alpert disclosed that there is now \$250,000 worth of equipment in the ZOA warehouse in New York awaiting shipment to Israel and that Dr. Marks' visit to Israel will insure that the material is put to good use. He reported close to 4,000 food certificate orders had already been received for sending to immigrants in the Maabaroth and to relatives and friends of ZOA members.

He declared that the regional structure had been tightened with the closing of the Seaboard, Michigan and Ohio Valley Region offices and the placing of the region directors in the New York area under the direct supervision of Herschel Auerbach, membership director. He spoke of the discussion guides now being sent out by the Education Department to serve as guides for public forums on controversial issues of Zionist interest.

Mr. Alpert told of the success of the Damari Caravan tour, which had produced over \$2,000,000 in new bond sales and had stimulated many dormant districts to renewed activity.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT:

Mr. Browdy spoke of the difficulties Israel faced on the international scene, with the Arab states playing the East against the West in order to win out against Israel. He spoke of the resolution the Arabs pushed through the Political Committee

of the United Nations chiding Israel for not admitting Arab refugees, and declared that the Arab states were not interested in solving the refugee problem because its solution would deprive them of the opportunity to gain sympathy in the West. He said that we are concerned with the attitude of the Western powers who seem bent on appeasing the Arabs at the expense of Israel. The West does not seem to realize that Israel is the only dependable factor in the Middle East, Mr. Browdy stated.

The ZOA president lauded the UN General Assembly for reversing the vote of the Political Committee and said that this was due in large measure to the stand taken by the U. S. delegation at the personal insistence of President Truman, a position he warmly lauded. Mr. Browdy said that he would send a message to the President in the name of the ZOA thanking him for his stand.

Mr. Browdy spoke of the internal situation in Israel, with its food shortage and serious economic difficulties. He expressed the view that the recent riots around the Knesset building were politically inspired and that the German reparations question was only used as an excuse to provoke them. He went on to warn of the dangers still facing the state and said that the Zionists would continue to stand by the state even if its fair weather friends should drop away. He declared that far from being "bankrupt", we may turn out to be the mainstays of Israel in its darkest hour.

Mr. Browdy spoke of the leading role the ZOA was playing in the UJA and bond drive and the projects program it had undertaken. He referred to the setting up of the Committee on Community Organization, under the chairmanship of Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum.

He spoke of the success of Dr. Marks' mission in Israel, in which he has concluded arrangements for the setting up of ten trade schools by the ZOA and listed the locations of these schools. He also spoke of the business college that will be established in the ZOA House and said that he hoped that the latter building would be ready for opening in March or April.

Mr. Browdy stated that the ZOA would embark on a campaign for funds to end the condition of our organization being the only one on the American Jewish scene that up till now has not done this. He said that discussions had been going on with the Jewish Agency on this matter but that we had not asked the Agency for any allocations. He said that we were asking each ZOA member for \$10 in support of our projects program, which was not a public campaign but merely a form of self-taxation.

Mr. Browdy concluded with an appeal for strengthening the organization through a larger membership and a greater income.

DISCUSSION:

Jacques Torczyner asked that a financial report of the organization be placed on the meeting's agenda, and Mr. Falk agreed to give such a report.

Further discussion of the president's message was deferred until presentation of other reports on the agenda.

REPORT ON CHALUTZIUT AND YOUTH:

Dr. Morton J. Robbins, chairman of the American Zionist Youth Commission, reported that Hadassah had now agreed to the ZOA viewpoint that the General Zionist Chalutzit Commission should work as an integral part of the AZYC and asked

that the NEC should ratify this position. His motion to this effect was unanimously adopted after a discussion of the personnel and financial problems involved. In the discussion Milton Taylor suggested that inasmuch as the personnel of the Chalutzit Commission and the AZYC were practically identical, structural defects were not the cause of the lack of success of the chalutzit program.

Rabbi Miller asked that in view of the change in Hadassah's position on the question: which group had acceded to the other's point of view? He asked what were the implications of the change. Dr. Robbins explained that there were no concessions in the new arrangement but that there would be a three pronged gain from the integration: 1. Saving of money; 2. The chalutzit program would now get the services of the AZYC program; 3. There would be better liaison established.

DISCUSSION OF "APPEAL TO REASON" RESOLUTION:

Harry Torczyner read the text of a resolution he introduced as an "appeal to reason" by the ZOA addressed to the government and people of Israel to allow full and free discussion on all issues there in accordance with democratic, parliamentary procedure. Dr. Samuel Margoshes supported the resolution and urged that we send this call to the people of Israel to exercise restraint. Reference was to the disturbances growing out of discussion of reparations from Germany.

Judge Joseph E. Klau and Elihu D. Stone criticized the resolution for being too vague. Ben M. Friedman felt that it contained an implication of attacking the Israel government. Dr. Robbins offered the view that we should keep hands off this matter. Dr. Dunner assailed the overly great emphasis on partisan points of view in Israel.

Michael Egnal said that the resolution was not helpful because it conveyed the impression that we were worried by chaos in Israel, which was bad from the public relations point of view.

Jacob Alkow moved that the resolution be tabled because it could be termed interference in Israel internal affairs. Leon Kay said that the resolution should be limited to calling on the dissident forces to submit to democratic procedure and we should not place such forces and the Israel government on a comparable level by addressing our appeal to both as stated in Mr. Torczyner's resolution.

In concluding the discussion, Mr. Torczyner appealed for support of his resolution. He declared that he disapproved of violence of all sorts, of moral blackmail and of private armies that still existed in Israel. He stated that we do not want Israel ripped apart by internal violence and said that he was willing to withdraw the resolution if the ideas contained in it were put in the form of a letter sent by the ZOA to the Prime Minister and Speaker of the Knesset in Israel.

The motion for the resolution was then tabled by a vote of 22 to 12.

DISCUSSION OF THE REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT:

Jacques Torczyner stated that there should be more frequent meetings of the NEC. He declared that the ZOA administration had allowed the ZOA position to be weakened in such fields as the giving up of seats on the Keren Hayesod without consulting the NEC. He said that there were many issues, such as the German reparations question, which the NEC had not had an opportunity to discuss and take a stand on. He closed with a declaration that the ZOA must fight the issues of the day and not dodge them.

Mr. Browdy and Mr. Falk pointed out that the chairman of the NEC had not called meetings of the group. Rabbi Miller stated that the NEC chairman does not bear the responsibility for calling such meetings and Abraham Goodman stated that the NEC chairman had not been consulted on the calling of such meetings.

REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP:

Abraham A. Redelheim, national membership chairman, noted that there had been an encouraging upsurge in enrollments in January and that many regions gave promise of an increasingly higher membership total in the next few months. He reported that a special New York membership campaign was being organized under the chairmanship of Joseph Scheinberg and a newspaper advertising campaign for membership had been initiated in New York.

He said that the loss in ZOA membership in the last three years had weakened the bargaining position of the organization and that the leaders in regions throughout the country must bend redoubled efforts to spur their membership drives.

He stated that the ZOA had undertaken the sponsorship of Hadoar Lenoar and Musaf Lakovei Hatzair, two publications of the Histadruth Ivrit for Hebrew school students and that districts could defray at minimal cost the expense of distributing these publications in their local Hebrew and Jewish Day schools as a service to the community. Mr. Redelheim explained that the ZOA is underwriting the publications' costs to the extent of \$18,000 for the 1951-1952 year, at the rate of \$1,500 per month.

REPORT ON PROJECTS AND BONDS:

Mr. Falk, chairman of the ZOA projects fund committee and chairman of the national bond campaign executive of the ZOA, said that there was a need for greater loyalty to the organization on the part of some members in place of loyalty to individuals. He lauded the record of the present administration as having cemented good relationships with the Israel government and having obtained an ear in high offices in Washington. He criticized some regions for failing to carry out national ZOA policy.

Discussing relations between the American Financial and Development Corporation for Israel and the ZOA, Mr. Falk said that the bond drive could not have been organized without the ZOA and that 60 per cent of all ZOA members were bond holders.

DISCUSSION:

Judge Joseph E. Klau said that the conduct of the AFDCI in running the bond drive should be reviewed by the NEC, including the spending of funds in the drive.

Joseph Goldberg offered the view that the mass of ZOA membership was not concerned with ZOA politics and that the present administration had done a fine job.

Abraham Goodman denied that the group of Zionists who had organized under his chairmanship had levelled any criticism at the ZOA administration in its publications but asserted that instead, they themselves had been fiercely attacked. He said that any group of Zionists had the right to organize and consult on mutual problems, just as like-minded people organized in a variety of political parties in the United States. He said that his group's objective was to protect and preserve the ZOA.

Rabbi Miller said that some members of the NEC resented being talked down to, and that the NEC was not given the opportunity to help the ZOA administration.

There was not enough opportunity given for criticism within the ZOA, leading to criticism being made outside the confines of the organization's structure. He said that in previous administrations, more opportunity for discussion of vital issues was offered in the NEC. He declared that such questions as relations with the Jewish Agency, German reparations, the bond campaign and the structure of the Keren Hayesod should have been discussed by the NEC and instructions given by it to the administration to carry out. The ZOA can be rebuilt only if the districts, regions, NEC and NAC are given a feeling of involvement in ZOA policy determination, he asserted.

Mr. Redelheim denied that the ZOA had made any application to the Jewish Agency for any allocation. He pointed out that there was no need to ask permission of the Agency to collect funds for the ZOA program on the American scene, inasmuch as the Agency was concerned only with fund raising in this country designed for work in Israel. As for funds for the ZOA projects there, he explained that the ZOA was not going out to solicit funds from the American Jewish public at large but was seeking these funds from within its own membership only.

Neither the U.J.A. nor the Jewish Agency has jurisdiction over such internal affairs of the organization. Dr. Goldmann of the Agency and Dr. Schwartz of the U.J.A. have both been kept informed.

As for meetings of the NAC, Mr. Redelheim pointed out that that body had met regularly at three month intervals since the inception of his incumbency as NAC chairman.

Continuing the discussion, Ellis Goodman said that we must convince the Israel government of the value of the ZOA and that if the Israel government did not appreciate our usefulness, we should fight the issue out. Marcus Abramson offered the view that criticism of the administration was to be expected this year because of the fact that a new president would be elected at this year's convention. He warned that criticism which would discourage membership and fund raising in order to give the administration a bad record injured the organization as a whole.

Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum was then called on to give a report of the work of the Committee of Jewish Community Organization but he asked that this report and discussion on it be postponed to the next meeting of the NAC where there would be more time available for a thorough exchange of views on the subject. (Preliminary copy of his report is enclosed)

The issue of the German reparations question was then raised by Harry Torczyner, who asked for immediate discussion but the body voted to postpone this discussion to the NAC meeting also because of the complexities involved.

REPORT ON ZOA FINANCES:

Mr. Falk then offered a summary of the ZOA financial situation indicating that the organization was on a sound basis. Detailed report on file.

Mr. Browdy concluded the report with the comment that the ZOA books were open to any NEC member at all times.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Alpert
Acting for Dr. Marks

January 29, 1952

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My dear Friends:

Permit me to thank you for your kindness in sending me the memorandum which the Zionist Organization of Mexico sent out to the General Zionist bodies everywhere. I read it with much interest. It is, of course, the very thing which I have been advocating without success now for a long time. I hope that your memorandum will have better success.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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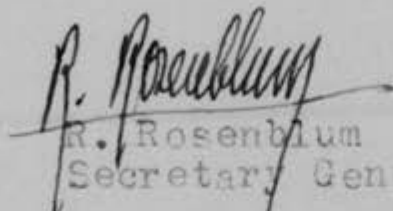
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The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio
U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Silver,

Please find attached the text of the resolutions
voted at the last meeting of the Central Committee of
our Party in France.

With kindest regards and our best shalom, we beg
to remain,

Very sincerely yours,


R. Rosenblum
Secretary General

Att.

February 5, 1952

Mr. R. Rosenblum
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My dear Friend:

Thank you for your kind letter of January 31st with the enclosed resolutions adopted by the Central Committee of the Organisation Sioniste de France. Please convey my respect and all my good wishes to the members of your Committee for the resolutions which they adopted and which I appreciate very much.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA - FEBRUARY 16-17, 1952
BELLEVUE-STRATFORD HOTEL, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

PRESENT: Benjamin G. Browdy; President; Abraham A. Redelheim, Chairman, National Administrative Council; Messrs. Marcus Abramson, Joseph Andelman, Leo Auerbach, Sol P. Benamy, Solomon Biederman, Morris S. Bromberg, Dr. Morton Chwalow, Louis Dince, Joseph J. Dreyer, Michael H. Egnal, Samuel Elkins, Louis A. Falk, George Feinstein, Dr. Louis Fishbein, Mendel N. Fisher, Jesse I. Fuchs, Ellis Goodman, Edward Hart, Harold Held, Judah B. Hellman, Fred Kairys, Judge Joseph E. Klau, Bernard Koplovitz, Samuel E. Kratzok, Murray Langbaum, Ben Lasser, Dr. Marcus Levinson, Gilbert S. Levitt, Dr. Samuel Margoshes, Morris Margulies, Dr. Sidney Marks, Rabbi Irving Miller, Fred Monosson, David Moskowitz, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, David Oppenheim, Robert A. Persky, Philip S. Resnikov, Jacob S. Richman, Dr. Morton J. Robbins, Moses Robinson, Judge Albert D. Schanzer, Daniel Sherman, Max B. Shubin, Robert Silverman, Elihu D. Stone, William H. Sylk, Milton Taylor, Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum, Harry Torczyner, Jacques Torczyner, Rabbi Jerome Unger, Herman Weintraub, Hyman Zimak.

Members of the staff and guests

PRESIDING: Abraham A. Redelheim, Chairman, National Administrative Council.

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN: Mr. Redelheim opened his remarks by speaking of the practice this year of rotating the location of the quarterly meetings of the NAC. This enabled maximum attendance and made for good democratic procedure, he declared. He referred to the NAC as the supreme policy-making body of the organization between conventions and said that the ZOA's recent progress was due to the decisions made at the previous meeting of the NAC, which decisions are being carried out with zeal and dispatch by the ZOA's leaders.

Mr. Redelheim went on to discuss the relationship of the Zionist Movement to the state of Israel and said that it was necessary to carry out the resolution of the last Zionist Congress and establish a clear cut relationship between the two. The recent statement of Prime Minister Ben Gurion on the "bankruptcy" of American Zionist leadership has dismayed our membership and encouraged the non-Zionists and this is an additional reason for the prompt establishment of such a relationship, Mr. Redelheim continued. He called on Zionist leaders to be bold in defending the status of the Zionist Movement and paid tribute to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and the other leaders of the Zionist Movement, but for whose efforts Mr. Ben Gurion might not be Prime Minister of an independent state, he declared.

The chairman concluded with the declaration that Israel needs the Zionist Movement as vital to its existence and that the latter will continue to serve Israel and build a greater Jewish life in America.

REPORT OF CARL ALPERT: Carl Alpert, acting for Dr. Sidney Marks during his absence, presented an appraisal of the ZOA assets and liabilities at the current time. He listed the liabilities as (1) the erstwhile neglect of building our organizational strength because of our preoccupation with the overall need to concentrate on building the state of Israel, during which time we did not establish our own ZOA projects in Israel; and (2) a kind of caste system in the ZOA, an ailment which he said afflicts some people who have been elevated to high office in the organization,

who thereupon assume they have been relieved of the responsibility of working for membership and fund raising for the ZOA on a district and region level.

Mr. Alpert said that the other side of the ledger would include the following assets: (1) The vast reservoir of interest by our membership in the organization, evidenced by such things as the success of the Shoshana Damari Caravan tour; (2) The desire of American Jewry to help Israel by working through the ZOA, as shown by the tremendous response to the food parcels appeal; (3) The tradition of the organization - the ZOA is still regarded as the giant among Jewish organizations in this country; (4) The backlog of 100,000 unrenewed members of the ZOA, which constitutes a huge account receivable; and (5) The ZOA operating machinery and basic democracy of our organization, which has no parallel in American Jewish life.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT: Mr. Browdy opened his address with a survey of Israel's economic position and said that the country had just gone through its worst financial crisis. He stated that American Zionists had offered all sorts of aid, both governmental and private, during this period, some details of which must remain confidential. Everything was done with the knowledge and consent of Israel representatives in this country, the ZOA president said.

He insisted that we in the U. S. have no intention of intervening in the internal affairs of Israel. The drastic fiscal reforms announced by Mr. Ben Gurion are highly promising and likely to improve the economic condition of the country, he continued, and he offered the view that private investments and tourist trade would now be stimulated.

The ZOA president turned to the ZOA Israel projects program and the steps that have been taken to implement it. He said that Dr. Marks had been sent to Israel to negotiate with all important elements on the scene there and said that his mission was a complete success. He warmly praised Dr. Marks for his work.

Mr. Browdy said that the locations of the ten trade schools the ZOA would establish in Israel had now been determined and that materials were being assembled. The great need now is for funds to carry out the program, he said. The \$2,000,000 budget previously adopted by the NAC for the ZOA programs on the Israel and American scenes must now be raised through the obtaining of at least \$10 from each ZOA member by local districts, he declared.

Mr. Browdy then turned to the recent anti-Semitic disturbances in Philadelphia and spoke of the threat they constituted to American democracy. He said that the freedom of Jewish life in America was inextricably linked to American democracy and that if the latter falls, then Jews here would be in exile, but not before that.

The democratic nature of the ZOA was then stressed by the ZOA head who spoke of the contest for the presidency of the ZOA. He made a plea that in the heat of the contest, nothing be done to impair the dignity and usefulness of the organization. He continued by saying that we should put the ZOA above personal and party politics and that there was an overwhelming need for Zionist unity.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON ISRAEL MISSION: Dr. Marks then offered a detailed report on his five week trip to Israel, on which he had been sent by the organization following the previous meeting of the NAC to set up the Israel projects program voted by the NAC. He began his report by explaining that he had gone simply as a technician to carry out the NAC's decision and that there were no political connotations to his trip.

On setting up the ten trade schools in Israel, the executive director listed the ten places where they would be located and the organizations there with whose cooperation they would be operated, noting that all such groups were affiliated with the World Confederation of General Zionists. He said that there was an urgent need for such schools and that he had received requests for many more to be established. He spoke of the great need for machinery and instructors.

He noted that there was great enthusiasm engendered in Israel among officials and educators for the college of business administration to be set up in the ZOA House in Tel Aviv. He spoke of the progress being made on the construction of the House and said that its location was ideal in the heart of the projected cultural center in Tel Aviv. Three to four months of construction remain on the building, he declared, and the architects estimate that an additional 135,000 Israel pounds are needed to complete the work.

Dr. Marks referred to his survey of the technical chalutzit question and said that the bottleneck in this problem was that of housing, whose solution may lie in building a hostel on the premises of the ZOA House. He spoke of the spurring of economic investment in the state and Israel's unfavorable balance of trade, which can be eased only, in the last analysis, by greater exports from the country.

His report concluded with the work on the redemption of the Huleh area. Dr. Marks recommended that the ZOA should raise its pledge for land redemption there from 5,000 to 6,000 dunams. He spoke of the area as one of the future breadbaskets of Israel.

After a short discussion, the Council adopted by voice vote a motion offered by Dr. Morton J. Robbins to continue discussion of Dr. Marks' report the following day and that it be referred to the various ZOA committee chairmen concerned and the Inner Committee for implementation.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JEWISH COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION CHAIRMAN:

Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum related the historic background that gave rise to the formation of his committee and said that Zionism had always meant giving dignity and meaning to Jewish life. Zionists had always been in the forefront of the battle for the democratization of the Jewish communities, he stated.

He delved into the current setup of American Jewish community life and said that a good part of its leadership had been taken over by professional "experts." He spoke of the stress laid on defense work, now a multi-million dollar business, at the expense of education and culture. He warned of the danger of an assimilationist trend in this situation, with education and culture being subordinated.

Dr. Tenenbaum called for a strong appeal to the masses of American Jewry to make them full partners in the raising of funds and added that Zionists must take a leading part as an organized group in community life.

Probing the subject further, he said that a prime objective of his committee would be to broaden the bases of local community councils and said that they should be given power to determine allocations of funds raised in the Jewish communities. He added that attempts would be made to organize community councils where they do not yet exist. He continued by saying that local ZOA districts should seek a full share in fund allocations for ZOA projects. He reported that progress had been made in a practical fashion by his committee with the organization of a Landsmanschaften division.

REPORT ON ZOA PROJECTS FUND AND BONDS: Louis A. Falk, chairman of the ZOA Projects Fund Committee and the ZOA Bond Campaign Executive, explained that during the past two years, the ZOA had been operating on the Israel scene on the basis of an agreement with the Jewish Agency under which money was allocated to the Israel projects of the ZOA. According to the agreement, the ZOA does not make a public appeal for funds in the U. S. for its Israel projects program. Mr. Falk said that negotiations had been conducted with the Agency, as a result of which the ZOA can only solicit its membership for funds to support its Israel projects.

He spoke of the trade school program and reported that two of them were now ready for shipment to Israel, one sponsored by the Philadelphia ZOA and the other by the Eastern Pennsylvania ZOA Region.

Mr. Falk then offered a detailed report of region activity for the projects program and stated that \$52,000 had been raised so far for this program, whose budget for work on the Israel and American scenes was \$2,000,000.

The Feed a Family drive to provide food parcels for Israel immigrants in the Maabaroth transit immigrant camps is a resounding success, Mr. Falk declared, with over 5,000 parcels having already been shipped.

In the bond drive, Mr. Falk said that over \$35,000,000 in bond sales had already been directly achieved by the ZOA of the nationwide total of \$110,000,000 reported pledged. He said that the organization would soon embark on renewed drives for bond sales while continuing to give full support to the United Jewish Appeal and Jewish National Fund.

REPORT ON ZOA FINANCES: Marcus Abramson, acting chairman of the National Finance Committee, offered a summary of the ZOA financial position, including a survey of income and expenditures for the first four months of the fiscal year (October 1, 1951 to January 31, 1952). Detailed report on file.

Fred Monosson, a national treasurer, offered the view that he should be given greater information and consulted more frequently on ZOA fiscal matters in view of his position.

The first session of the meeting then adjourned at 11:55 P. M., Saturday evening to the following morning.

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The Sunday session of the NAC meeting was divided into two panel sessions, in which the Council constituted itself a Committee of the Whole. Dr. Samuel Margoshes presided at the first session, which was held Sunday morning, and Robert Persky presided at the second session, held Sunday afternoon.

DISCUSSION OF ISRAEL PROJECTS PROGRAM: Members of the Council addressed a series of questions to Dr. Marks on the trade schools program. David Oppenheim asked how would the schools be identified in Israel as specific ZOA activities and Dr. Marks stated that each would bear prominent markings marking them as ZOA-sponsored and also would receive inspection and general supervision by ZOA officials in Israel.

Milton Taylor asked how the costs of the various items would be allocated and Mendel Fisher inquired as to the order of preference in carrying out the projects. Dr. Marks and Mr. Falk explained that the trade schools costs had been negotiated with the regions and they had been assigned to regions throughout the country as their responsibilities. The speed with which the schools are set up depends on the promptness with which the regions raise their assigned quotas, they explained.

The Council then adopted by voice vote a proposal to set up additional trade schools in Israel as various Israel localities request them and when provided by the regions, after adopting an amendment offered by Dr. Robbins that any settlement that we help in Israel must take care of the religious requirements of the inhabitants.

Dr. Marks then stated that there were two alternative propositions for setting up the college of business administration in the ZOA House, arrangements for both of which he had made with the people concerned while in Israel. The first would involve an arrangement with the Hebrew University, under which the ZOA would have to supply an annual budget of \$100,000 to \$150,000 for the maintenance of the college and under which the ZOA would be represented on the Board of Governors of the Hebrew University. The second would require no financial outlay by the ZOA. It would involve providing classrooms and an office for either or both the Tel Aviv School of Law and Economics and the Tel Aviv Institute of Public Administration. A number of speakers spoke for the first alternative (arrangement for the Hebrew University to set up the school), including Maurice Bromberg, Marcus Levinson and Murray Langbaum. Mr. Bromberg and Mr. Langbaum suggested that where funds are raised in various communities for the Hebrew University, they should be channelled for this purpose. The second alternative was supported by Judge Albert Schanzer, Jacob Richman and Judah Hellman. Mendel Fisher offered a motion to refer the question to the Inner Committee for decision but his motion was defeated by a 16 to 10 vote after a motion to table Mr. Fisher's suggestion had been defeated by a 14 to 13 vote. Judge Schanzer then moved that the second alternative (arrangement to be consummated with the two Tel Aviv institutes) be adopted and his motion was carried by a 33 to 2 vote.

Dr. Marks then discussed the problems involved in the technical chalutzit program and stressed that the crux of the question is housing, inasmuch as the Jewish Agency was prepared to take care of the problems of finding jobs and absorption of the chalutzim. He said that a hostel could be erected on the grounds of the ZOA House in cooperation with the Agency and the General Mortgage Bank of Israel. The ZOA could either arrange to supply 10% of the cost (100,000 pounds) or merely supply the land. On a motion offered by Joseph J. Dreyer, the Council voted to refer the question to the Inner Committee for further study, with a report to be submitted to the NAC. A motion was also adopted to refer to the Inner Committee for study a plan to set up a pilot project for recruiting technical chalutzim.

On the ZOA House, Dr. Marks said that 120,000 pounds were needed to complete construction, as well as 30,000 pounds of other debts on the House.

The Council then adopted by voice vote a motion by Mr. Monosson to enact the proposal of Dr. Marks to set up a ZOA Economic Department that would also act as a Chamber of Commerce to stimulate Israel exports to the U. S.

The Council completed action on the Israel projects program by approving the suggestion of Dr. Marks to increase the amount of land to be redeemed in the Huleh area by the ZOA through the JNF from 5,000 to 6,000 dunams, at a cost of \$100 per dunam, the money to be raised by the ZOA regions.

DISCUSSION OF GERMAN REPARATIONS: Harry Torczyner then introduced a resolution on the German reparations question which stated:

1. That the NAC regretted that direct negotiations with Germany had been decided on without full consultation with all bodies within the Zionist Movement; and
2. That the NAC regretted direct negotiations with Germany and requested that the Jewish Agency reconsider its decision for direct negotiations in the light of the reaction of the Jews of the world.

Mr. Torczyner, supported by Dr. Robbins, stated that the ZOA and Hadassah had never fully discussed the question; that there was no need to sit at the same table with the people who had murdered 6,000,000 Jews; that we wanted reparations but we should not recognize Germany as a civilized member of the family of nations; that there would probably be no practical gain to be derived inasmuch as the Germans claimed that they had no money to pay reparations.

An opposing viewpoint was expressed by Morris Margulies, supported by Joseph J. Dreyer, who stated that the Jewish Agency is made up of representatives of all Zionist organizations and we were committed by its decisions; that a poll conducted by a Yiddish newspaper showed that direct negotiations had popular support; that attacks on direct negotiations were politically inspired; that we should not dictate to Israel on its course of action and the Knesset had already voted for direct negotiations.

Mr. Browdy offered the view that as a member of the Agency Executive, he had voted for direct negotiations only after consultation with many Zionist key leaders and that inasmuch as the Agency and Israel had already made their decision on this matter, the resolution would serve no useful purpose now. Mr. Redelheim added that the American Zionist Council had voted 6 to 5 to approve direct negotiations.

The session chairman, Dr. Margoshes, then asked the Council whether it wished to vote on the resolution as a whole or take up its two parts separately. By a vote of 24 to 7, the NAC voted to make its decision on the resolution as a whole. The NAC then defeated Mr. Torczyner's resolution by a vote of 20 to 14. Dr. Robbins asked to be recorded as not voting because the resolution was voted on as a whole.

DISCUSSION OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE REPORT: Dr. Tenenbaum then offered a six point resolution for the consideration of the Council. It included (1) NAC endorsement of the principle of setting up the Community Organization Committee; (2) the aim of the Committee is to encourage full Zionist participation in community life; (3) ZOA districts should take part in every phase of community work as ZOA bodies; (4) ZOA districts should seek full representation on local allocations committees in order to insure fair distribution of funds, including funds for urgent ZOA projects; (5) the Committee would aim to broaden the base of existing community councils and help

to organize them where they do not exist; and (6) each ZOA district should appoint a committee to carry out these functions.

In the discussion that ensued, Judge Schanzer, Mendel Fisher and Judah Hellman spoke strongly in favor of the Committee's recommendations. Philip Resnikov asked that the resolution be limited to getting Zionist representatives on local community boards and Joseph J. Dreyer said that the trouble lay in the fact that welfare funds are divorced from the community organizations and are not controlled by them. The NAC then adopted by voice vote the recommendations as enunciated by Dr. Tenenbaum.

The morning session of the NAC then adjourned.

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DISCUSSION ON ZOA PROJECTS FUND: Mr. Falk opened the discussion by stating that only \$52,000 had been received thus far toward the projects budget of \$2,000,000 and then listed the amounts received from each region. He said that there were trade schools ready to be shipped but that funds were needed for packing, freight and installing them in their respective sites in Israel.

Michael H. Egnal said that machinery could be obtained relatively easily in this country and suggested that machinery be sent to Israel, against which credits could be obtained in Israel for use there by the ZOA. Marcus Levinson offered the view that caravans similar to the Damari Caravan be organized by the ZOA to tour the country on behalf of the projects program.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Dr. Marks then offered two resolutions that were unanimously adopted. The first authorized the enlargement of the Pacific Coast Region to include the North Pacific Area and gave the Inner Committee the power to include the Rocky Mountain area in the region. The second authorized the taking of abridged minutes at NAC and NEC meetings in order to dispense with the services of a stenotypist. Dr. Marks explained that there would be a saving of a considerable sum of money under this arrangement.

ZOA CONVENTION: Mr. Browdy asked the NAC to approve the holding of the annual ZOA convention on the June 13-15 weekend at the Hotel Statler in New York. His motion was seconded by Jacques Torczyner and the Council then unanimously adopted the resolution.

The Council then adjourned at 3:45 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Sidney Marks
Secretary

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February 19, 1952

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

We recently had a communication from the Trans World Airlines, Inc., through whom we have taken out our air-travel cards, one of which is in your possession.

T. W. A. is trying to take an inventory of all issued cards whether still in use or not being needed anymore and have asked us for our cooperation.

May we ask you to be so kind as to return your air-travel card to us for verification.


Would you also please advise us whether you still have need of this air-travel card so that we may either have the card revalidated or a new one issued if you should so require.

If you do not need the air-travel card anymore, we shall be glad to have it cancelled and in this manner be able to keep control of all our outstanding air-travel cards.

Thank you very much for your prompt attention.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely yours,



Henry S. Stern
Comptroller

HSS:ML

February 21, 1952

Mr. Henry S. Stern
Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Stern:

In reply to your letter of February 19th to Dr. Silver,
I am herewith enclosing his air travel card which you
may cancel.

As I wrote you earlier this week, Dr. Silver used his
card on Saturday, February 16th, in an emergency. As
soon as you advise me of the charge, I shall be glad to
send you a check.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Rice
Secretary to Dr. Silver

Enc.

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Dear Dr. Silver:

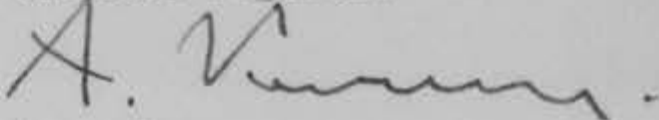
Attached is copy of a somewhat lengthy letter I sent to Mr. Leon Ilutovich, Executive Director of the Zionist Information Service. May I impose upon you to the extent of asking you to read it carefully?

I sent the letter to Mr. Ilutovich with a special purpose. I wanted to ascertain whether they are in a position to do something about it.

The situation here for me is very serious, so please give the matter your best attention and if possible ask our friends in New York and in Israel to do something from their end.

Please accept my respects and be good enough to remember me to Mrs. Silver.

Kindest regards.



Aron Neumann
Publisher & Editor

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Mr. Leon Ilutovich
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New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Ilutovich:

This confirms receipt of your letter of February 4 and attached press-card.

I will send you short items in Yiddish or in English as requested by you, at least once a month. However, before starting, I would like to clear up a few matters.

I am, for instance, unable to act as an objective correspondent in the case of the Kinus of the Histadruth Achidah, the United Zionist Organization of Brazil. Since I brought up this matter, I would like to call the following to the attention of all our friends:

The convention which was staged here is not just a local South-American affair, but the second round of the Mapai plus the Goldmann group's efforts to make Latin-American Zionism and Jewry their-empire, and, if they succeed, this will be a stepping stone toward the elimination of the ZOA.

Maybe you think this sounds grandiloquent, but I will later substantiate my statements. It may especially seem so at a moment when new overtures for a broad coalition in the Israel Government are beginning to take shape, including General Zionists, but it is a fact that by force, camouflage, roughshod riding over the Zionist Constitution and by disregarding the spirit of the resolution of the last Congress, a new scheme of the Histadruth Achidah is being imposed -- maybe even without the knowledge of Zvi Herman of the Organizational Department -- first in Brazil, then it will be tried in Argentina and from then on it will be easy in other countries. All this will be reported as a spontaneous attitude of the Latin American ishuvim. It is a fact that through the wide educational plan of Hayim Greenberg's department another firm grasp on Latin American youth is being carried out, while our General Zionist movement has been completely blind to the immediate and long-range effects of all this. It is a reality that a United Jewish Appeal is being imposed also, although the Keren Hayessod executive decided officially, last January in Jerusalem, not to go into partnership with anyone.

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The W.J.C. is the great benefitter of that united campaign scheme. The W.J.C. (in reality the Boruch Zuckerman-Nahum Goldmann scheme which started here in our country some 12 years ago) has many divisions and disguises and is perfectly synchronized with Dobkin's plotting in Latin America. (The Israel Foreign Office may be backing that scheme. The coming in the next few weeks of Colonel Shalitiel as first Minister to Brazil, with all the glamor that goes with such affairs in the beginning, will strengthen their position here.)

Latin America is a starting point and presently they are capitalizing on the ignorance and disunity of the General Zionist movement -- if there is even a shadow left of such a thing. You know that after the disappointment we suffered during the Jerusalem Congress with the General Zionists of American, there is no reason to be airy or diletantic about our intentions. So I use this letter directed to you because ZINS appears as a link, or at least a potential link, between equal-minded General Zionists in necessity to adjust themselves to the shock of the new reality after the last Congress.

The question for us in Latin America, bluntly put, is this: Is this group, let us call it the ZINS group, decided enough, and do they sincerely want to be our partners, equal partners, in a general cleanup of the tremendous mess and confusion which reigns in the world Zionist movement? Or are we to be satellites, to be used today and thrown away or forgotten tomorrow? I think we should speak frankly to each other and find out where we stand. We know that you are -- as we always were -- potential allies of the General Zionists in Israel and the same as we, obliged to be in aggressive opposition to the politics of the present Israel government. Furthermore, we know that you have plenty of local trouble in the ranks of the ZOA, not only with the progressive-minded old-style General Zionists and with the public-relation people of the Jewish Agency and their servants, but even much more so with the near-to-us "balebatishen" type General Zionist. All occasional intermezzi of ZINS dispatches, highlighting speeches or statements of men of the last mentioned type, do not offusate the fact that there you have, as we so bitterly learned in Jerusalem, our most dangerous foe. I believe this is an inner enemy we have everywhere.

In the face of this reality we have been solidary with you; however, it seemed to us that you knew nothing about us, and under such a circumstance there can be no alliance. Our subjective approach to you is retributed by your group with aloofness and "objectivity", which from time to time gives us

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the impression that you are weighing which part of the Latin American General Zionists is best for you, and in case of doubt considering that omission and silence is the best way out. But this is a non-local problem and we have to face it: Do we equal-minded General Zionists unite or not? If this can be carried out there can be no more one-way cooperation nor a neglect of General Zionist problems anywhere, much less so when they are really of global importance as our present problem.

If we don't face together the situation I will describe, the next international meeting, conference or congress will see our liquidation -- concerning "hutz laaretz" of course -- or one more group of us, after disappointment and frustration, going the way other single General Zionists went - collaboration.

If in the United States and Israel there is not sufficient knowledge of world-wide geography of Zionist problems, neither the will nor the capacity to face things at the moment Mapai and its friends are up to something here now, then General Zionism is lost for good, at least for "hutz laaretz", and there rests nothing more than injured vanity of a few would-be generals.

I will give you the facts in a helter-skelter fashion which, as paradoxical as it may seem, is the only way to explain the confused things which are happening here.

You know that the 23rd Congress voted against the Histadruth Achidah. At least this is the spirit of the resolution, although it was impossible for me to obtain its actual text.

This may be an omission schemed by Dobkin, father of the Histadruth Achidah, which is Zionist totalitarianism, who, notwithstanding the resolution, is anxious to bring the Histadruth Achidah to life and has started now, in Brazil, the second round of domination of the World Zionist Organization by staging here a United Zionist Organization with individual membership.

You ask me to describe, as a correspondent, what happened at the Conference of the Histadruth Achidah here in Brazil. If that Kinus were a Convention of a United Zionist Organization, even being against it, even knowing that it is against the spirit of the aforementioned Congress resolution and so forth, I would give you a brief description of the doings. But here is where the confusion starts. Approximately 5% of the

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Zionists of this country are members of the "Organização Sionista Unificada do Brasil". However, this organization has been recognized by the Jewish Agency (Goldmann and Zuckerman in New York; Locker, Dobkin, etc., in Jerusalem) as the highest instance of all Zionism in Brazil, something along the lines of your Zionist Council. Shelichim from Israel attended this convention, giving the necessary glamor and authority to the demand that the resolutions of such a Kinus regarding contributions, KKL, KH, Magbit, Zionist education, hachsharoth, Misrad Alia, etc., - that is all Zionist activities - are binding for all Zionists of this country - that is, for the majority of Zionists who had no chance to elect delegates to such a convention.

It sounds fantastic, I know, and confused, but that is what happened. My support and that of my publication, which has considerable influence on the ishuv in this country, has been wooed, and my refusal to collaborate is about the only stone in their way.

But who are ^{the} culprits, you may ask.

Of course Mapai and Nahum Goldmann and the World Jewish Congress, led now by Dr. Goldstein. Years ago they maintained in Latin American countries a united campaign - Keren Hayessod plus W.J.C. In 1945, through the work of my publication, these activities were brought to an end. Lately they have sent dozens of shelichim to resurrect their plan. Until shortly ago this was not possible; now, however, they are disposed to go to any lengths. Their goal is to implant their scheme here, strengthened as I said before, by their educational and cultural program ("per se" of great value for our ishuvim) directed by Dr. Nahum Levin with the assistance of 15 Israeli teachers, especially brought down.

From here on to Argentina and then they intend to call an American Conference of non-party Zionists, that is, of Hista-druth Achidah sympathizers, who will smite the desk of local Zionist autonomy against the Congress resolution about Hista-druth Achidah, saying we do not want partisanship, we do not want politics, we want to be Zionists United. This will be a new edition of the "Israel Friends", the new slogan. Something like that was attempted before and only by luck was not enforced in the first round.

You may ask, too, of course, where are the Zionists of Brazil and how can such things happen.

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I will try to show you - as part that I am of the whole maelstrom - how it is almost impossible to report this in a journalistic lingo.

Put yourself in my position. Suppose that an attempt as described is made and implemented in the U.S., right where you act and live, that a Zionist over-all convention is called without asking the ZOA to participate or, for that matter, any other party organizations. Imagine that a few executive members of the ZOA, and I am sure you can visualize them, and of other parties, attend this Convention in their individual capacity, and an executive body for all Zionism of the United States is elected and recognized by Jerusalem as such. Suppose that at such time you were an executive member of the General Zionists of New York, as I am of the General Zionist Party of Rio de Janeiro, and that you were, too, an executive member in charge of inter-party affairs of the national executive committee of the General Zionist Party of the U.S., as I am in Brazil. Would it not seem as a nightmare and would you not try to revolt against such happenings and call your friends from everywhere to attention and help, and if you would not get help, would you still believe in the existence of a General Zionist party? Exactly what I wanted you to imagine is happening in your country is occurring in Brazil now. Like your General Zionists willing to collaborate after interludes of outspoken General Zionism as we understand it, the present president of the General Zionist Party here and the former delegate to the Zionist Congress gave themselves to such a Zionist Convention, which is high treason to everything in the interest of the General Zionists. The party was shamelessly by-passed.

How, in Heaven's name I ask you, would you describe all these facts and how would you feel toward such an executive which in reality is nothing more than a dying body without the will to live, just existing to use the name of the party. This is a victory of Goldmann & Co., even in those items they lost at the Congress. It is the tearing of our Constitution, and in the highest instance, and that is what revolts me more than everything; an outsmarting as Dr. Silver called it at the King David Hotel in the opening session of the Convention in Jerusalem, by a few men of a big movement.

The H.A. here is the breeding-ground of big-time corruption. Dr. Schmorack could learn more here how the "Mapai" and General Zionist alliance works and how millions are being handled, than he learned in his three years experience reflected in his report.

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Please send copy of this letter or such excerpts as you may deem convenient to our friends wherever you wish and let me know their reaction, but here is what I ask you to do in one way or another:

1 - Highlight in your bulletin the illegality of such a Histadruth Achidah Convention, posing as an over-all Zionist Convention, whose resolutions are obligatory to all;

2 - Ask Zionist friends of ours everywhere to protest against the by-passing of the constitutional fundamentals of the Zionist movement by creating such a Frankenstein organization;

3 - Try to interest the ITA to inform how our friends stand in this matter. Get the newspapermen in the States and in Israel, everywhere we have friends, to focalize this affair from its various aspects of illegality, coercion, disrespect;

4 - Ask our friends in Israel, Dr. Emmanuel Neumann and also Mr. Zvi Herman to take such steps as impose themselves.

Of course the information I give you here is not confidential, neither that a lot of corruption is involved. My paper began a lone-hand fight against all this and as they took in their grasp the principal Israel drive and want to have also all local drives (the last part is of special interest to the W. J.C.) my attitude may cost their campaigns a lot of money. That is why I have been wooed and half a dozen big-shot delegates from Israel, of the W.J.C., came here, trying to soften me up.

In 1945 they tried to bring my paper and myself to the wall with a whispering and slandering campaign. At that time they did not succeed, but today they are determined. They are going out of their way to obtain my collaboration, perhaps even more so than they tried to obtain that of your friends in the U.S., but tomorrow they will try to crush my little publication which, however, is very powerful in this part of the world.

It is "La Prensa" on a smaller scale, complete with threatened boycott and so forth against me and my publication, but I decided I would not give in, definitely not, and to ask you and our friends everywhere how you figure in this affair which may seem so remote and unimportant but is not. By facing the music, however, far though it may come from, by listening to its sounds -- a cacophonous dirge of the whole General Zionist Movement -- you will be able to write the first words of a new

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chapter of a world-wide General Zionist Movement, for the ideals we cherish: true and genuine Zionism for all our people, on democratic and clean basis.

Sincerely,

Aron Neumann

P.S. - I am sending copies of this letter to a few of our friends.

[Feb. 29, 1952]

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לכבוד
ד"ר אבא הלל טילבר,
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ידידי ומכובדי ד"ר טילבר היקר,

אני חקוה כי שורות אלה תמצאנה את כב' ואת הגברת טילבר
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אמנם היה בדעתי לכתוב אל כב' זה מזמן, אך סדרות הזמן
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בכל הכבוד הראוי
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March 6, 1952

Judge Louis E. Levinthal
606 City Hall
Philadelphia, Penna.

My dear Judge Levinthal:

I trust that I am not too late in sending you this greeting on the occasion of the testimonial which is being tendered to Mr. William H. Sylk of your city in connection with his many years of loyal service to the cause of Zionism.

I should like to join his host of friends in felicitating him on this occasion and in telling him how much his fellow Zionists, not only in his community but throughout the country, have appreciated his unselfish and distinguished labors in behalf of the reestablishment of the State of Israel, and more recently, in its progress and development.

I am happy to know that the Philadelphia Zionists intend to plant a forest of trees in his name in Israel. I trust that the movement will be privileged to enjoy many more years of Mr. Sylk's gifted and whole-hearted contributions.

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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From Brandeis To Browdy

Benjamin Browdy is certainly not the best man to lead a great Zionist movement. Previously we would have added that he certainly wasn't the worst man either; now we seriously wonder.

Since his sudden accession to the presidency of the Zionist Organization — as vice-president he succeeded the late Daniel Frisch — Mr. Browdy has provoked increasing uneasiness among his followers. He may have been quite up to being a quiescent vice-president, but he was not at all up to being an articulate president. His shortcomings were qualities which his friends found amenable, but these shortcomings glared out disproportionately on the public platform. He lacked crowd appeal and poise; he lacked good speech delivery and attractive diction. These lacks were not compensated for by intellectual profundity. Mr. Browdy's friends pointed out that the new ZOA president was personally wealthy, that he was well liked by the organization men of the Democratic party organization and that he himself was warmly attached to Zion. So the best was hoped for.

The "best" has not come about. Mr. Browdy has increasingly embarrassed his friends. He has turned out to be a man of astonishingly little savoir faire. It appears that he does not know how to conduct himself in the limelight.

Instances have multiplied. Last year, for example, we recall seeing Mr. Browdy on "Toast of the Town," Ed Sullivan's Sunday evening television show, in a program that was supposed to commemorate Israeli independence before a nation-wide audience. Most of the entertainment was shoddy and commemorative of the sort of stereotyped Borscht Circuit humour from which Zionism is supposed to free us. We bit our lips in distress. But that was not all. When Mr. Browdy came on we writhed. Toast of the Town, you know, is the second most popular show on television. Browdy's uninspired mumbling. To them this was Zionism's voice. Then Mr. Browdy surpassed himself in fluffs. He was seen to whisper to Mr. Sullivan "Should I give it to you now?" ("It" was an award making Mr. Sullivan an honorary Zionist.) Mr. Sullivan nodded unhappily and the rehearsed formula was recited by Mr. Browdy.

One thing was clear that night about the Zionist Organization: the president of it was a scared fish who could not bear too much public observation. The Zionist orators of the past who stirred a nation and swayed an international tribunal had not been worthily succeeded. Justice Brandeis' precedent of clear thought and clear action was no longer followed.

It became further evident recently when Mr. Browdy emerged from a conference with President Truman about Zionist Organization matters and told reporters that Harry Truman would decide in a week or ten days whether to run, and that he, Mr. Browdy, believed the country to be behind the Truman candidacy. P.S.: Harry didn't decide.

In any case, Mr. Browdy's action showed that he was thoughtless, or that in his thoughts he has contempt for the organization he leads. Hitherto, Zionism has been one of the most bi-partisan issues in American politics. Both parties went for Zionism because it was humane and reasonable. ZOA heads scrupulously kept away from identification with either party and hewed to bi-partisanship. The late Dr. Stephen Wise was a Democrat; Dr. Abba Hillel Silver is a Republican. Dr. Wise never delivered ZOA to the Democrats; Dr. Silver never delivered it to the Republicans. It would have been as absurd as trying to involve the Red Cross or the U.S.O. in party politics. No wonder we are chagrined at Mr. Browdy for getting the Zionist Organization involved in whether President Truman will run or be elected. Mr. Browdy has strengthened the hand of the anti-Zionist propagandists who proclaim that President Truman helps Israel in order to satisfy the Zionist-Jewish vote and for no other good and moral reasons. Mr. Browdy certainly gave them their biggest break of the year.

As the time approaches to elect a new ZOA president to succeed the incumbent, we hope that the electors will return to the old Brandeis tradition of Zionism leadership. It is a glorious roster: Silver, Neumann, Lipsky — names that stir men to admiration. These were leaders with flash and wit and stately bearing. Once more the Zionist Organization needs such a person; it cannot afford mediocre leadership.

For the Zionist Organization is in decline. Members have quit in droves. They could bear the anxiety of state-

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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND GENERAL ZIONISTS
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March 24, 1952

Mr. Julius Schwarz, President
District 28, Z.O.A.
3145 Brighton at 4th Street
Brooklyn, New York

My dear Mr. Schwarz:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram. I very much appreciate the kind thoughts of the officers and members of your district, and I am greatly heartened by your confidence in me, but I am afraid that I am not available for the presidency of the Z.O.A.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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CABLE

MARCH 24, 1952

BERNSTEIN
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TEL AVIV

DEEPLY APPRECIATE INVITATION TO ATTEND NATIONAL CONFERENCE
GENERAL ZIONIST ORGANIZATION. SHOULD VERY ^{Much} LIKE TO ATTEND.
UNFORTUNATELY I AM SCHEDULED TO BE ON PACIFIC COAST THAT
WEEK TO OPEN UNITED JEWISH APPEAL CAMPAIGN. PLEASE CONVEY
TO CONFERENCE MY WARMEST GREETINGS AND HIGH HOPES THAT GENERAL
ZIONISTS WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE GREAT PROGRESS AND THAT ITS
SOUND PROGRAM FOR THE UPBUILDING OF ISRAEL WILL COME TO PREVAIL.

ABBAHILLEL SILVER

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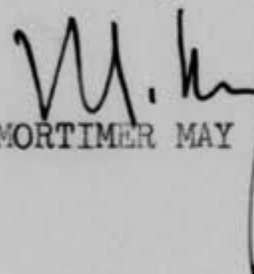
Dear Dr. Silver:

I know you are cognizant of the whole picture in the ZOA and there is no need in my writing you any details. If the meeting of the Actions Committee is held as now planned on May 7th, I expect to go. I am wondering if you would venture me a few words about the whole situation and any relation that I might have to it.

Particularly if you have any ideas about what will come up in Jerusalem I would welcome expression.

Warm regards to you and yours.

Sincerely,


MORTIMER MAY

MM:fh

March 27, 1952

Mr. Mortimer May
May Hosiery Mills
Nashville 2, Tennessee

My dear Mortimer:

I was pleased to receive your note of March 24th. I am really not very much acquainted with the Z.O.A. picture at the moment. I have not followed it up closely, and I am keeping out of organizational politics. As far as the meeting of the Actions Committee is concerned, I assume that the principal subject which will come up for discussion will be the charter for the World Zionist Organization. You have probably seen the text of the projected status which is to be introduced in the Knesseth. It appeared in the J.T.A. News of March 26th. It speaks for itself. It is a clear contravention, of course, of the decisions of the Congress, and it aims to supplant the World Zionist Organization with a new Zionist - non-Zionist, probably 50-50-composition, modelled after the well-known and defunct enlarged Jewish Agency. I do not know that the Actions Committee will be able to do anything about it, but you will recall that I have stated time and time again that the World Zionist Movement as well as the Z.O.A. are helpless in any situation where the government of Israel is in opposition. The Mapai does not want a strong Zionist movement, and the Actions Committee as well as the Executive of the Jewish Agency are, as you know, Mapai-dominated.

I trust that you are well, and with all good wishes to you and Mrs. May, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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the 6th April 1952 יום

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Dear Rabbi Silver,

I am directed by Mr Bernstein to confirm receipt of your wire of 24th March, and to thank you for the warm message of greetings contained therein to the General Zionists' Organization in Israel, on the occasion of its National Conference that was held at Ramat Gan on 2nd April.

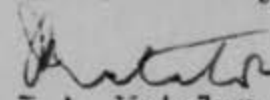
I have much pleasure in stating that the message, when read out, was deeply appreciated by the assembly.

I take this opportunity of communicating the resolution adopted at the plenary session, according to which

THE CONFERENCE SENDS ITS VERY CORDIAL GREETINGS TO RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER, THE GREAT LEADER OF ZIONISM IN THE DIASPORA, FOR HIS NOBLE POLITICAL STRUGGLE AND OUTSTANDING EFFORTS TO MOBILISE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE STATE OF ISRAEL, AND CALLS ON HIM TO RETURN TO ACTIVE SERVICE ON BEHALF OF GENERAL ZIONISM.

Mr Bernstein asks me to convey you his kind personal regards to which I have much pleasure in joining my own.

Yours sincerely,


I.A. Matalon
Secretary.

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

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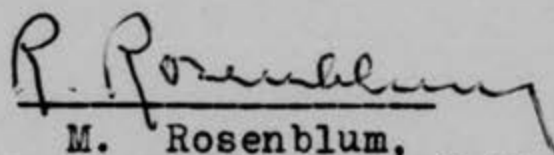
Paris, le 11 Avril 1952

To: Dr. Aba Hilel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio
U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Silver,

Along with the letter by the chief-editor of our paper "Zionistische Bleter" I am sending to you on behalf of our Central Committee best wishes to jom-tov.

Yours, very sincerely



M. Rosenblum,
Secretary General of the organisation
of the General Zionists in France

April 14, 1952

Mr. I. A. Matalon, Secretary
General Zionists Organization
33, King George Street
Tel-Aviv, Israel

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My dear Mr. Matalon:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 6th in which you convey to me the resolution which was adopted at the plenary session of the National Conference of the General Zionists Organization in Israel. Please convey to Mr. Bernstein and to all my good friends my sincere appreciation for the resolution and for the greetings which they sent me, which I value very highly. Judging from the reports which I read in the press, your conference was very fruitful and productive of much good. This pleases me very much.

With all good wishes to you, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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April 15, 1952

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
c/o The Temple
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Dear Dr. Silver:

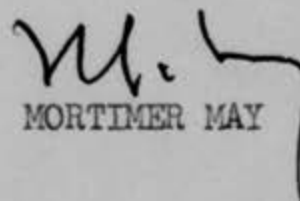
I was very glad to get your communication of the 27th of last month and the outline of your views. I am leaving tomorrow for the meeting of the Actions Committee and will, of course, do what I can in my humble way to assert our position that the status will be along the line contemplated by the last Congress, and of course, an endeavor to have a potent World Zionist Organization.

Naturally I agree with you that it is impossible to win out against the Government if they are against us, as appears to be the case. Nonetheless, I think our view should be made clear and vigorously pronounced.

I shall actually see Emanuel and feel sure that he will bring me up to date. I haven't been in New York in a number of months and about all I know that is going on was learned when I was in Miami Beach. The ZOA, of late, has become extremely New York centered; about the only time we hear anything from them is when they want something in the way of financial support. Otherwise they must have a feeling that they can run the Organization pretty well without the suburbs.

My kindest regards to you and yours.

Sincerely,


MORTIMER MAY

MM:sj

May 8, 1952

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

Gentlemen:

I have been trying to check the statement of March 31, 1952 which you sent to Dr. Silver. My records indicate that in addition to the payments which you have listed, there were two additional ones; March 28, 1952 - \$79.75, and May 16, 1952 - \$28.87. This would leave an unpaid balance of \$14.43 rather than \$123.05, as indicated in your statement. I shall appreciate your checking further and advising me.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Rice
Secretary to Dr. Silver

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Adolph Hamburger
Jacob Schwalsky
Sam Rothberg
Louis Roska
Johanan Rudavsky
Morris Margulies
Mauritz Boukstein
Leopold Lerner
Irving Norry
Robert Silverman

Dear Friend:

The increasingly critical position of the Z.O.A. in relation to Israel and the American Jewish community requires immediate and intelligent action. It is for this reason that we invite you, as a Zionist leader, to join a group of veteran Zionists to effect a revitalization of the Z.O.A. program.

The Z.O.A. cannot survive by living "from hand to mouth", on a piecemeal program. We, the undersigned, together with those listed on this letterhead, propose that the forthcoming Z.O.A. Convention elect, besides a president, a managerial committee of industrialists, businessmen and educators who jointly with all past Z.O.A. presidents and the new president, will take stock of the status of the Z.O.A. and hammer out a new program.

We propose that the new administration be headed by Ezra Shapiro of Cleveland and we further propose that he be drafted for the post of president. Mr. Shapiro will accept the draft only if this program is approved. We, in turn, pledge our services under his leadership. We are confident that other Zionist leaders will do likewise.

This is an invitation to you, as a Zionist leader, to join with us in this effort by endorsing our program and the draft of Ezra Shapiro. You will please indicate your agreement with our aims by filling out the enclosed card.

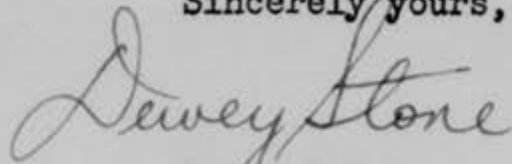
Also please reserve Sunday, May 18th, 8:00 PM, for an extraordinary conference to be held at the Biltmore Hotel, Madison Avenue at 43rd Street, New York City, at which our program will be formulated. The meeting will hear a first-hand report by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Chairman of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, on the current Zionist Actions Committee, meeting in Jerusalem. Speakers at this meeting will include Louis Lipski, Chairman of the American Zionist Council; Ezra Shapiro, Dewey Stone and Rudolf

Sonnenborn, Vice-Presidents of the Z.O.A.; and Jacob M. Alkow,
President of the Southern-Pacific Zionist Region.

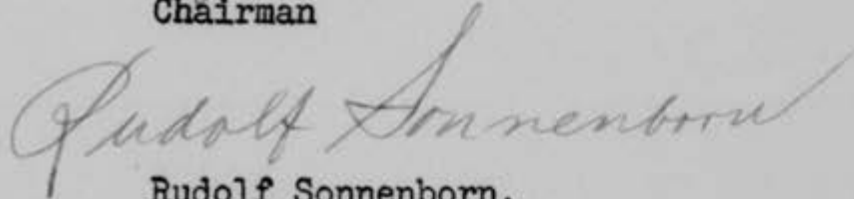
We are confident that you will join with us in this crucial
effort to strengthen the Z.O.A. at the time when its services are
still much needed.

Looking forward to your reply, we are

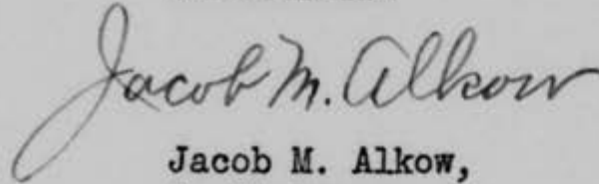
Sincerely yours,



Dewey Stone,
Chairman



Rudolf Sonnenborn,
Co-Chairman



Jacob M. Alkow,
Co-Chairman

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THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP
of
THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

cordially invite you

to the Opening and Inauguration of
THE Z. O. A. HOUSE IN ISRAEL
The Daniel Frisch Memorial

Tuesday afternoon, May 13th, 1952, at 4:00 p. m.

26 Ibn Gevirol Street, Tel Aviv, Israel

Please present this invitation for admission



ההסתדרות הציונית באמריקה

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בשם דניאל פריש

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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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

May 13, 1952

Miss Elizabeth Rice
The Temple
East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland 5, Ohio

Dear Miss Rice:

The following charges are open on Dr. Silver's travel account:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>FROM - TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
4/13/51	A trip which I believe was from Detroit to Cleveland.	\$ 7.48
5/17/51	New York to Cleveland	57.74
6/7/51	Cleveland to New York	54.86

There is also due a balance of 2.97
on Dr. Silver's trip to Los Angeles last \$123.05
April.

The company evidently had made an error
and on the order slip which they attached
with their bill, there is a correction
for this additional amount. The most re-
cent charge that we have received is one
for February 15, 1952, from Detroit to
Cleveland.

7.48
\$130.53

*Pd
5/15/52*

In view of the fact that we now have our pre-convention audit, we should
very much appreciate if you could take care of this at your earliest
convenience.

Sincerely yours

Julia Kirtz

Julia Kirtz
Assistant Comptroller

JK:ml

ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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

May 13, 1952

1952 - THE CONVENTION FOR CREATIVE JEWISH LIVING - 1952

TO: ZOA REGIONAL AND DISTRICT PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES

Dear Friends:

The Fifty-Fifth Annual Convention of the Zionist Organization of America will convene Thursday, June 12th through Sunday, June 15th, 1952. New York City, N.Y. has been selected as the Convention City and the sessions will be held in the Hotel Statler which is Convention Headquarters.

The enclosed preliminary instructions and regulations are furnished to you as an aid and guide for your election of Delegates. Amended regulations and instructions will be sent to you after the meetings of the National Executive Committee and National Administrative Council on May 21st, 1952.

Election of Delegates and Alternates to the Convention may be held until Thursday, June 5, 1952. Election returns, filed on the enclosed official form, must be received at National Headquarters on or before June 6th, 1952. The formula for representation will be transmitted to you after May 21st, 1952.

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

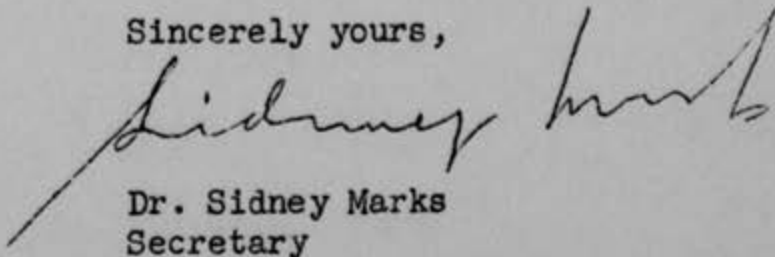
Representation is based upon the number of members in good standing for the fiscal year 5712 (1951-1952) as of June 5th, 1952. Under these circumstances, each District may anticipate the number of its members in good standing on June 5th, 1952. Districts are urged to see that all members are brought up-to-date, to obtain as many new enrollments as possible before that date, and to meet their American Zionist Fund and Israel Projects Fund Quotas.

This year has posed many new problems for Israel and American Jewry. The mounting problems to cope with, the thousands who are pouring into Israel, the economic aid which is badly needed now, and the concern all of us have for the American Jewish community make it necessary for us to render decisions which will affect every aspect of our every day life.

I know that we can depend upon you to be present and participate fully in the discussions and deliberations.

Accept my kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,


Dr. Sidney Marks
Secretary

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HIS RECENT STATEMENT AND DECLARED CENTRAL ISSUE COMING
CONVENTION HOW RESCUE ZOA FROM LOW STATE RESTORE ITS DIGNITY
POSITION STOP MAY HAS ISSUED STATEMENT ENDORSING MILLER
CALLING UPON FRIENDS GIVE FULL SUPPORT ALSO CRITICIZES BROWDYS
REMARKS NEUMANN

National Committee for Zionist Action within the ZOA

521 FIFTH AVENUE, ROOM 1903

NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

MAY 16 1952

ABRAHAM GOODMAN
Chairman

ZOA MUST CHART VITAL AND DYNAMIC GOALS FOR WORLD ZIONISM, DECLARES RABBI MILLER
WILL SEEK TO BRING ABOUT FAR-REACHING CHANGES IN POLICY, PROGRAM AND LEADERSHIP AT
FORTHCOMING ZOA CONVENTION

Pledges Organization United In Purpose and Action

Presents Convention Platform of National Committee for Zionist Action

NEW YORK - "I have accepted the invitation of the National Committee for Zionist Action to be a candidate for the Presidency of the Zionist Organization of America and will accept that office, if elected at the forthcoming National Convention, because I am convinced that both Israel and the American Jewish community need today, more than ever before, a vital and effective Zionist Movement in this country," declared Rabbi Irving Miller, Vice-President of the Zionist Organization of America, and principal candidate for the ZOA Presidency, at a press conference convened by this Committee at the Hotel Biltmore, New York City. The Conference was presided over by Abraham Goodman, Vice-President of the ZOA and Chairman of the above Committee, which supports Rabbi Miller for the Presidency of the Organization.

Rabbi Miller continued: "It was the Zionist Organization of America which together with all other sections of the World Zionist Organization, mobilized and directed the heroic efforts which made possible the creation of the State of Israel and the economic upbuilding of the land. But a nation is not built up overnight. The process is long and arduous. Israel faces and will continue to face for some time to come, grave political and economic problems. A climate of public opinion favorable to Israel's legitimate political and economic needs must be created here and in other parts of the free world, if the forces which sought to prevent the creation of Israel are not now to succeed in destroying what has been achieved. The United Jewish Appeal, as a source of free dollars for Israel - and the Israel Bond Issue - as the source of expansion capital, must be given ever-increasing support. In addition, full encouragement and opportunity must be afforded to private initiative both here and in Israel to make its own unique and significant contribution to the upbuilding of the country and the absorption of the newcomers. American Jewry must also create both here and in Israel, conditions which will make it possible for American-Jewish Chalutzim to go to Israel permanently or on a temporary basis and bring to that country both the idealism and the skills of American Jewish youth. Only a Zionist organization, knowing its own mind, engaged in a vital program of activities and inspiringly led, will achieve these goals for Israel.

"The need for a Zionist Movement however, is no less urgent for the well-being of the American Jewish community. Precisely because it is spiritually and culturally rooted in Jewish history, Zionism can make American Jews conscious of their historic links to Jews everywhere and to Israel in particular and ensure a creative and meaningful

future for Jewish life in America.

"As the leading General Zionist group within the World Zionist Organization, the Zionist Organization of America must once again chart vital and dynamic goals for the Movement as a whole.

"In this spirit I am prepared to assume the burdens of leadership. If entrusted with this responsibility, I shall, in conjunction with my fellow-officers, seek to draw into the Movement all segments of the Jewish community and bring about an organization united in purpose and action."

"I wish to present to you now, the official Convention Platform of the National Committee for Zionist Action Within the ZOA:

PLATFORM OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR ZIONIST ACTION WITHIN THE Z.O.A.

The 55th National Convention will determine whether the Zionist Organization of America is again to be an effective force on behalf of Zionism and Israel in the American Jewish community. Unless the situation obtaining now is radically changed, the outlook for the year ahead is bleak indeed.

Membership has fallen off in alarming proportions and income is at its lowest point. Many projects are blue-printed but most of them remain on paper. Everywhere one observes apathy and confusion. The Executive and Administrative Council have been reduced to ineffective bodies which meet irregularly, receive pronouncements and reports, but rarely, if ever, discuss basic issues and problems. By failing to take clear and forthright positions on issues which face the Zionist and Jewish world, the Z.O.A. has abdicated its position of leadership in the World Zionist Movement, has been relegated to secondary importance in the fund-raising institutions, and is now relinquishing its moral and intellectual position in the American Jewish community. No wonder, then, that Zionists are dispirited and discouraged. Those spiritual and cultural values which made of Zionism a Jewish way of life and gave Zionists a sense of personal identification with the dynamics of Jewish and Zionist life, have been supplanted by so-called practical approaches which have all but emptied Zionism of its content and idealism.

The forthcoming Convention of the Z.O.A. must put an end to this deplorable situation. It must place before the Zionists of America in clear and unequivocal fashion, the needs both of Israel and of the American Jewish community. It must formulate a clear statement of principles in terms of these needs. It must adopt a vital and effective program of activities to meet these needs. It must call for inspired and inspiring leadership to carry them out. Above all, it must lead Zionists back upon the road of high idealism and consecrated service.

To this end, the National Committee for Zionist Action Within the Z.O.A. has been organized. Through full debate and by means of the democratic process of majority decision, it will seek to bring about far-reaching changes in policy, program and leadership at the forthcoming Convention.

The following is a statement of the views of the Committee with regard to the issues and problems confronting the Movement and the Organization.

Zionism and World Zionist Organization

1. We believe that Zionism is the historic expression of the unity of the Jewish people and the centrality of Eretz Israel in the scheme of Jewish existence. As such, its roots strike deep into Jewish history and bespeak a relationship between the

Jewish people and Israel based on an identity of spiritual and cultural destiny, and not on mere philanthropy.

2. Since its founding the World Zionist Organization has been recognized as the spokesman of the historic hopes of the Jewish people and its agent in mobilizing and directing the heroic efforts which made possible the creation of the State of Israel. The World Zionist Organization must continue to be so recognized. The historic partnership between the State and the Movement will only then be forged and made effective when Israel, as a matter of clear and open policy, will invest the Movement with the authority and the status to speak for and act in behalf of the Jewish people in all matters relating to the upbuilding of Israel, to the ingathering of exiles, as well as to the revival of the spiritual and cultural values of our people everywhere.

General Zionism

3. General Zionism has always identified itself with the concept of Klal Yisrael and has placed the accent within the Movement on the needs and welfare of the people as a whole rather than on those of any one group or class. As the leading General Zionist group within the World Zionist Organization, the Z.O.A. must provide leadership to all groups within the Movement who adhere to this principle and who place the interests of the Jewish people above those of any segment of it.

4. The State of Israel has been founded and established upon the ideals of a liberal democracy in which all citizens, regardless of party or political affiliation, are entitled to equal opportunities and must assume equal obligations. In keeping with this ideal, we trust that full encouragement and opportunity will be afforded to private initiative to make its significant contribution to the upbuilding of the country and the absorption of the newcomers. We hope too, that there will be created soon in Israel, a National school-system which will free education from party-control, a Civil Service based on merit, and such other institutions and practices as will safeguard the interests of the Nation as a whole. In these hopes which we are happy to note, are gaining greater acceptance among the people, we identify ourselves with the General Zionists in Israel. We wish to make it clear that such identification in no way calls for the affiliation of the Zionist Organization of America with any group or party in Israel, nor does it in any way qualify our support of Israel.

The Zionist Organization of America

5. We shall do our utmost to again make of the Z.O.A. that dynamic and resourceful organization which played so leading a role in the political struggle for the creation of the Jewish State as well as in the economic upbuilding of the land. To this end, we shall strive to bring into the Z.O.A. a membership not only numerically large but one that is well-informed, articulate, and conscious of the historic links which bind it to Jews everywhere and to Israel in particular. We shall seek to restore to Zionists the sense of idealistic fellowship which characterized Zionist life and activity for so long. We shall try to bring back into the Movement men of the spirit whose spiritual and cultural contributions are so essential to revivify our Organization. We shall broaden the leadership base of our Movement so that it may be representative also of the many large and influential Jewish communities outside of New York. We shall create within the Organization a climate favorable to freedom of expression and interchange of ideas. Above all, we shall again make of the Executive and Administrative Council deliberative and legislative bodies so that they may become national platforms for the discussion of Jewish and Zionist issues.

American Zionist Council

6. We pledge to the American Zionist Council the fullest cooperation of the Z.O.A. in planning and carrying through a more intensified and imaginative countryside

educational and public-relations program designed to create a favorable climate of public opinion for Israel and its legitimate political and economic needs. Such a program must place in proper focus the problems of the Near East generally, Israel's position in that part of the world, and its relations to America in the struggle for a free world. In the pursuance of these objectives the Z.O.A. must, as in the past, be wedded to no political party but seek the broadest support from all parties and groups in this country.

Economic Aid to Israel

7. We shall exert all efforts to make the Z.O.A. the leading factor in the United Jewish Appeal, the Bond Drive and the Jewish National Fund. We are convinced that only a strong and effective Z.O.A. can bring about harmonious working relationships among these efforts and do away with the conflicts and misunderstandings which have arisen, especially between the U.J.A. and the Bond campaign.

8. To the tens of thousands of businessmen who comprise the membership of the Z.O.A., Israel's economic problems present a challenge which calls for dynamic and imaginative handling. In terms of adequate machinery, trained personnel, raw materials, industrial management and expansion capital, the Z.O.A. possesses resources which, if properly organized and used, could revolutionize Israel's economy. To this end we propose to set up an Economic Council comprising leading men of affairs in the country which will, in long-range terms, plan how best to harness the resources of the Z.O.A. in behalf of Israel's economic problems, provide our members with full information concerning opportunities for investment in Israel, and seek to reduce as far as possible difficulties connected with investment of American Jewish capital in Israel. We shall work in the closest cooperation with the Palestine Economic Corporation which has already contributed most significantly to the economic development of the country.

Chalutziuth

9. Chalutziuth has been one of the noblest by-products of the Zionist Movement. To foster and encourage it remains a primary obligation of the Zionist Organization. We shall re-establish the Commission on Chalutziuth and provide it with material and moral resources to enable it to plan a far-reaching program, involving industrial, technical and professional as well as agricultural Chalutziuth and create conditions both here and in Israel favorable to the realization of this program. Above all, we wish to make it clear that our concern with our Chalutzim will not end with their aliyah but will carry over to their problems in Israel.

Young Zionists

10. We pledge to the Young Zionist Districts positive aid and encouragement to enable them to enroll the vast numbers of unaffiliated American Jewish young men and women within the Movement and to provide them with a creative and significant program. We shall give the leadership of this Movement a proper voice within the councils of the Organization.

Education

11. As a spiritual and cultural movement, Zionism draws its sustenance from Jewish knowledge and education. Through adult educational programs, publications, pamphlets, forums, etc., we shall provide our membership and the Jewish community generally with opportunities for Jewish information and education. We shall urge our members to assume leadership on the national and local level in enhancing Jewish educational opportunities in this country. Above all, we shall strive in cooperation with the Histadruth Ivrit and similar bodies to bring about a renaissance of the Hebrew language and literature in America.

Z.O.A. Projects

12. Z.O.A.-sponsored projects in Israel, planned and carried through by American Zionists, are both necessary and desirable. We believe, however, that such projects should be referred for financing and implementation to Regions so that they may become the links binding the members and districts of these Regions to life in Israel.

American Jewish Life

13. We believe that creative and meaningful Jewish life is possible in America. To achieve it, American Jews must think and act Jewishly, participate to the fullest in Jewish community life, and above all, have faith in themselves and in their heritage. In this task Zionism has and will play a vital and significant part.

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NEW YORK 14, N.Y.

May 16th, 1952

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

I have not bothered you much with reports about the doings of our committee. Although, as I recall it, I promised to do so in a letter I wrote to you quite some time ago. However, I cannot refrain from reporting to you on today's events which I am sure will advance considerably the chances for success for our committee at the coming ZOA convention.

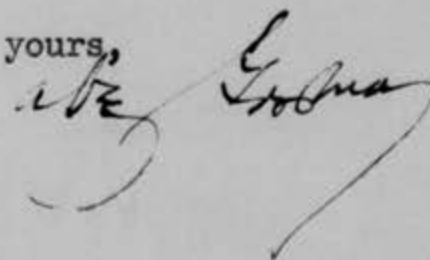
This morning Emanuel called Jacque from Paris and told him that Mortimer issued a statement in which he comes out whole-heartedly for our group and Irving Miller, and in which he sharply attacks Browdy. A cable to that effect was received at the office of Zins this morning, copy of which I am enclosing.

I am now coming from a press conference over which I presided, and which was attended by every representative of the Israel Press, also the local Yiddish Press and a number of representatives of the Anglo-Jewish Press, including Spiegel of the New York Times. Irving presented the platform of our committee. Naturally he was bombarded with questions, most of them very pointed and dealing with the question of identification. I must say he handled himself in a masterly fashion, answering all questions in a straightforward manner without any attempt at soft pedaling.

Our committee is getting well organized for the convention and things do not look too bad for the chances of success.

I hope you will find this information of interest, and with kindest regards to Virginia and yourself from Molly and myself.

Sincerely yours,



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הסתדרות הציונים הכלליים בישראל
GENERAL ZIONISTS ORGANIZATION IN ISRAEL

TEL-AVIV. 18th May 1952. תל-אביב.
33, KING GEORGE ST. רחוב המלך ג'ורג' 33
P. O. B. 4357 ת.ד. 4357

No. F/313/B/52/JS/AD

My dear Dr Silver,

I suppose you have already received my telegram asking you to act - as you think fittest - with regard to Mr Browdie's declaration made at the banquet of the opening celebration of the ZOA House to the effect that the ZOA is an independent organization which does not identify itself with any party of either America or Israel.

I know quite well that the ZOA resolution adopted earlier by the National Executive and or administrative Committee and confirmed by the Convention of last summer may not actually have been one of identification with the Hista-druth Hazionim Haklaliim in Israel, and certainly did not have the practical effects which could have been expected from it even in the terms it was adopted. But the public understood it to be the expression of a more or less intimate connection between the two organizations, and therefore received the renunciation of Mr Browdie with pained astonishment.

You certainly have heard about the ferocious attack which Mr Ben Gurion launched in the Knesseth against us in order to impress Mr Browdie and his colleagues with the necessity of severing the connection between ZOA and our party and I believe I may suppose that Mr Ben Gurion made it his express condition for his attendance at the banquet that such a declaration be made. It is, of course, most regrettable that the Prime Minister of the State of Israel should sacrifice everything and everyone to his party - politics, and I cannot recall having witnessed so humiliating a spectacle as a ZOA president, earlier defamed and stigmatised in the Knesseth by Mr Ben Gurion as one of the bankrupt Zionist leaders, crawling before him by attributing to him all the credit of establishing the State, by studiously avoiding any mention, even in general, of the role played by American Zionists, and of course by you personally, or Mr Newman, who was present.

But however distressing all this may be, we are at present primarily concerned with the undesirable effect which must be expected from an official repudiation of the "identification" resolution by the first convention of the ZOA, and this is what Mr Browdie and his friends mean to achieve by all means, obviously by orders of Mr Ben Gurion. Anyway, Mr Browdie admitted that this was his main purpose.

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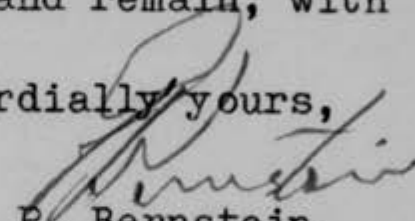
Dr Abba Hillel Silver,

18th May 1952

Until now I did not wish to bother you either with our affairs or with those of the ZOA which are troubling us, irrespective of any nominal or real "identification". But now I feel that I am permitted to ask you to use your enormous influence, as of old, in the way you deem fittest, to prevent a reversal of the "identification" resolution. We are not interested in its reaffirmation. But if it is attacked it ought to be vigorously defended, for its repudiation would do a lot of harm, though its practical significance may not have been as great as many people hoped and expected.

I would be glad to hear from you and remain, with kindest regards,

Cordially yours,


P. Bernstein.

Dr Abba Hillel Silver,
THE TEMPLE,
East 105th Street at Ansel Road,
Cleveland 6,
OHIO.

Received 9:45 a.m., May 20th

Paris, France
May 19, 1952

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER
THE TEMPLE
CLEVELAND, OHIO

AT RECEPTION GIVEN BY BROWDY AND MONESSEN AFTER DEDICATION ZOA HOUSE,
BROWDY MAINTAINED JEWISH STATE WAS PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT BEN GURION
ALONE WITHOUT MENTIONING ANY SHARE OF AMERICAN ZIONISTS. BROWDY
FURTHER DECLARED ZOA NOT CONNECTED ANY ISRAELI PARTY AND STANDS AT
DISPOSAL ISRAEL GOVERNMENT AND PRIME MINISTER ALONE, THUS REVERSING
RESOLUTIONS OF ZOA SUPREME BODIES. STATEMENT HAS UNDERSTANDABLY
DISTRESSING EFFECT ISRAEL PUBLIC, ESPECIALLY COMING SHORTLY AFTER
BEN GURION'S KNESSET ACCUSATIONS THAT GENERAL ZIONISTS NEITHER LOVE
ISRAEL STATE NOR SHOULDERS ITS BURDENS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT BROWDY
DECLARATION FOLLOWS LENGTHY PREPARATIONS PERSONALLY DIRECTED BY BEN
GURION AND WILL SERVE BROWDY GROUP ELECTION SLOGAN. WE URGE YOU REACT
VIGOROUSLY IN MANNER YOU FIND FITTEST.

BERNSTEIN

MINUTES OF MEETING OF NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA - MAY 21, 1952
GOVERNOR CLINTON HOTEL, NEW YORK

PRESENT: Benjamin G. Browdy, President, Abraham A. Redelheim, Chairman, National Administrative Council, Messrs. Marcus Abramson, Rev. Martin Adolf, Philip April, Joseph Andelman, Leo Auerbach, Sol P. Benamy, Solomon Biederman, Max Bressler, Aaron J. Bronstein, Louis E. Brown, Harold W. Carmely, Harry Cohen, Paul Cohen, Sol Cohen, Thomas Cohen, William Conescu, Louis Dince, Benjamin J. Doft, William K. Dorfman, Joseph J. Dreyer, Dr. Joseph Dunner, Michael H. Egnal, Louis A. Falk, George Feinstein, Gertrude Felder, M. Maldwin Fertig, Dr. Louis Fishbein, Mendel N. Fisher, Joseph Goldberg, Abraham Goodman, Ellis Goodman, Jacob Goodman, Benjamin E. Gordon, Joseph W. Greenleaf, Emanuel Halpern, Max Harmelin, Edward Hart, Harold Held, Leo B. Kagan, Samuel Kanarvogel, Leon Kay, Rabbi I. Usher Kirshblum, Judge Joseph E. Klau, Dr. Milton Kover, Leon A. Kohn, Samuel E. Kratzok, Abraham Krumbein, Phil Lassar, Ben Lassar, Jack Lefkowitz, Joseph Lerner, Louis Lipsky, Milton Lukashok, Dr. Samuel Margoshes, Dr. Sidney Marks, Rabbi Irving Miller, Fred Monosson, David Moskowitz, Max Nussbaum, Martin Perlmutter, Elias Polis, Morris Putter, Judge Hyman J. Reit, Philip S. Resnikov, Charles Ress, Jacob S. Richman, Dr. Morton J. Robbins, Dr. Louis Rosenblum, Moses Robinson, Jochanon I. Rudavsky, B. G. Rudolph, Judge Albert D. Schanzer, Joseph Scheinberg, Albert Schiff, Philip Schultz, Daniel Sherman, Bernard Shulman, Milton J. Silberman, Rabbi Irving Silman, Robert Silverman, Dewey D. Stone, William H. Sylk, Milton Taylor, Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum, Jacques Torczyner, Moses Torczyner, I. S. Turover, Morris Weinberg, Herman Weintraub, Ben R. Winick, Charles Wolf, Dr. A. Aaron Yalow, Hyman Zimak.

REGION PRESIDENTS:

Judah B. Hellman, Irving Libman, Robert A. Persky, Louis R. Zinberg.

GUESTS: A. Alperin, Samuel Borowsky, Rabbi Jerome Unger, Carl Lampner and members of the staff.

Other members may have been present but not listed. please advise us.

PRESIDING:

Abraham A. Redelheim, Chairman, National Administrative Council.

MEMORIAM FOR DECEASED MEMBERS:

Mr. Redelheim asked the assemblage to stand for a minute's silence in tribute to ZOA leaders who had died since the previous NAC meeting, namely I. R. Goodman, Jesse Calmanson and Elihu D. Stone.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Dr. Sidney Marks offered a summation of ZOA activities on the administrative level in recent months. He reported that as of the date of the meeting, 95,500 members had been enrolled this year, as compared to an enrollment of 122,696 on May 31, 1951. He deplored the lack of membership workers and said that results had been forthcoming where efforts had been put forth.

The executive director noted that the ZOA House had been opened, five trade schools had been shipped to Israel in the ZOA projects program, the College of Law and Economics and the Institute of Public Administration will open in the ZOA House in the Fall, technical chalutzit was going ahead, a Landsmanshaften conference and a Conference on Creative Jewish Living had been held, youth work was thriving, progress on the Huleh project was promising, arrangements had been made with the Israel government for stimulating the marketing of Israel merchandise in this country and the Israel bond drive for 1952 had been launched with a dinner at which Vice President Barkley had been guest speaker.

Dr. Marks said that income had diminished and that staff and expenditures had been reduced.

Dr. Marks concluded by detailing the day to day work of the various departments of the organization and the fine products of their labors.

REPORT ON OPENING OF ZOA HOUSE:

Fred Monosson, chairman of the ZOA House Committee, offered a detailed colorful report on the ceremonies attendant on the opening of the House in Tel Aviv on May 13. He reported wide enthusiasm in Israel for the building and stated that the street on which it is located had been renamed Daniel Frisch Street. He noted that American methods had been introduced in its construction and that cooperation had been widely forthcoming in Israel to speed its completion. A special Israel postage stamp had been issued for the occasion, he said, of which 25,000 had already been sent out.

He went on to describe the huge crowds that were present for the ceremonies, including members of the Israel Cabinet, the Acting President of the country, the chairman of the Jewish Agency and many Israel and Zionist dignitaries. He expressed his thanks to his committee for their cooperation (and his appreciation) to Mr. Browdy for reappointing him as chairman of the House Committee.

Mr. Monosson concluded by reading a statement on the purposes of the House.

On the motion of Dewey D. Stone, the Administrative Council then gave Mr. Monosson and his committee a rising vote of thanks.

DISCUSSION ON "BOARD OF ELECTIONS" RESOLUTION

Dr. Marks then read the resolution approved earlier in the day by the National Executive Committee on the creation of a "Board of Elections" (see minutes of NEC for text of resolution). Michael H. Egnal moved the confirmation of the resolution by the National Administrative Council.

The resolution was then debated in detail, with Mr. Egnal and Judge Joseph E. Klau speaking in favor of adoption of the resolution and Judge Albert D. Schanzer, Fred Monosson, Marcus Abramson and Dr. Louis Fishbein speaking in opposition.

The proponents of the resolution declared that the proposed Board did not conflict with the powers of the Convention Committee, did not usurp the powers of the convention Credentials Committee, was a mechanical device to aid the executive director and the Credentials Committee, would make for an orderly procedure at the convention, establishes a definition of authority and would certify that the proper number of convention delegates had been named by each district.

The opponents of the resolution offered the view that the proposal called for unusual procedures, would set up a board that would take over in advance the work of the convention and its Credentials Committee, that the motion was a reflection on the ZOA administration, and the staff, that the present ZOA administration had compiled an outstanding record, that no special board was needed, that the motion was political in intent, that the administration had not asked for the assistance alleged to be offered by the creation of the Board, that the proposal goes beyond the provisions in the constitution for the powers of the NEC and NAC and that these bodies could thus not legally set up such a board, that the proposal would have a divisive effect and would destroy unity in the ZOA, asked why the proposal did not suggest that the ZOA President appoint the proposed Board if its purpose was to aid the administration and that the Board was unnecessary.

At the conclusion of the debate, the resolution was approved by a show of hands vote of 50 to 37.

DISCUSSION ON MAKEUP OF CONVENTION COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES:

The secretary read the resolution approved by the National Executive Committee on the composition of the convention Committee on Committees (see minutes of NEC for text of resolution). Judge Klau moved to confirm the action of the NEC.

In the debate that ensued, Judge Klau and Rabbi I. Usher Kirshblum spoke for the passage of the resolution while Judge Schanzer and Joseph J. Dreyer spoke in opposition.

The proponents argued that the action called for in the resolution would negate the undemocratic procedure that had grown up of allowing the ZOA President to name 20 additional members (in addition to the region representative) to the Committee on Committees, would avoid giving any candidate for office any advantage over his opponents and was not a reflection on the present ZOA President.

Those who opposed the resolution charged that the "rules were being changed in the middle of the game," that the resolution was a reflection on the integrity and standing of the ZOA President who should be allowed to retire from office with all the honor and dignity due him because of his fine work and self-sacrifice and that the resolution said in effect that its proponents distrusted the president and assumed he would "pack" the Committee on Committees.

On a roll call vote, the resolution was then approved by a vote of 48 to 43.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF BOARD OF ELECTIONS:

A motion by Robert Silverman to elect the members of the Board of Elections by written ballot was then defeated by voice vote.

Philip S. Resnikov offered the following slate for the Board: Joseph Goldberg, Rabbi Kirshblum, Dr. Joseph Dunner, Joseph Greenleaf, Jacob Alkow, David Moskowitz and Louis Dince.

Marcus Abramson offered this slate for the Board: Mr. Goldberg, Judge Schanzer, Rabbi Kirshblum, Mr. Greenleaf, Mr. Moskowitz, Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum and Daniel Sherman.

After a short recess, Mr. Resnikov offered the following amended slate which was then approved by a voice vote and thereupon constituted the membership of the Board of Elections: Mr. Goldberg, chairman, Rabbi Kirshblum, Dr. Dunner, Mr. Greenleaf, Morris Margulies, Mr. Moskowitz, Judge Schanzer and Dr. Sidney Marks, secretary, ex-officio.

The meeting thereupon adjourned at 11:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Sidney Marks
Secretary

MINUTES OF MEETING OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA - MAY 21, 1952
GOVERNOR CLINTON HOTEL, NEW YORK

PRESENT: Benjamin G. Browdy, President, Messrs. Sol P. Benamy, Solomon Biederman, Max Bressler, Aaron J. Bronstein, Louis E. Brown, Sol Cohen, Thomas Cohen, Louis Dince, Benjamin J. Doft, Dr. Joseph Dunner, Michael H. Egnal, Louis A. Falk, Mendel N. Fisher, Ben M. Friedman, Joseph Goldberg, Abraham Goodman, Ellis Goodman, Jacob Goodman, Benjamin E. Gordon, Joseph W. Greenleaf, Samuel F. Jacobson, Leon Kay, Rabbi I. Usher Kirshblum, Judge Joseph E. Klau, Phil Lassar, Jack Lefkowitz, Louis Lipsky, Jacob G. Lukashok, Dr. Samuel Margoshes, Dr. Sidney Marks, Morris Margulies, Rabbi Irving Miller, Fred Monosson, David Moskowitz, Abraham A. Redelheim, Philip S. Resnikov, Charles Ress, Moses Robinson, B. G. Rudolph, Albert Schiff, Bernard Shulman, Milton J. Silberman, Dewey D. Stone, William H. Sylk, Milton Taylor, Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum, Harry Torczyner, Jacques Torczyner, I. S. Turover, Morris Weinberg, Ben R. Winick, Charles Wolf.

REGIONAL PRESIDENTS:

Judah B. Hellman, Irving Libman, Robert A. Persky, Louis R. Zinberg.

Other members may have been present but not listed. Please advise us.

GUESTS: Marcus Abramson, Samuel Borowsky, Rabbi Jerome Unger and members of the staff.

PRESIDING: In the absence of Mortimer May, chairman of the NEC, Mr. Browdy, ZOA president, presided.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT:

Mr. Browdy explained that the meeting of the NEC had been postponed from the previous Saturday night because the Actions Committee sessions in Jerusalem lasted longer than originally anticipated. This postponement was agreed upon by all the ZOA delegates in Jerusalem at the sessions.

The ZOA president reported on the progress of the projects program adopted at the Chicago meeting of the National Administrative Council. Equipment for five of the ten trade schools in Israel projected under the program has been shipped with the balance being currently collected. He said that the College of Business and Civic Administration would open in the Fall in the ZOA House. All license commitments for 250 tons of food and clothing have been filled and thousands of food packages have been sent to Israel. The ZOA House was opened on May 13.

Mr. Browdy went on to enumerate other progress of the organization including technical chalutzit, youth work, community organization activity and the Conference on Creative Jewish Living sponsored by the ZOA Committee on Community Organization, support of the United Jewish Appeal, United Israel Appeal and Jewish National Fund and sales of Israel bonds, in which \$75,000,000 worth of bonds have been sold or pledged as a result of ZOA efforts (of the \$100,000,000 pledge made by the ZOA to Prime Minister David Ben Gurion).

He followed with a detailed report on the Actions Committee meeting, explaining that the ZOA delegation met in New York two weeks before the Actions Committee meeting opening and reached agreement on practically all issues to be

discussed in Jerusalem. These included the question of Zionist "status" to be granted by the Israel government, which the delegation voted to approve (the agreement arrived at by the Jewish Agency and the Israel Cabinet) with as many improvements as could be obtained in the Knesset, support of negotiations with the West German government on reparations, a determination not to allow the authority of the Keren Hayesod to be diminished and to abolish the ceiling on Jewish National Fund collections in the United States, opposition to the imposition of the territorial federation idea on the Zionist movement structure before the ZOA convention considers the subject and for the creation of a higher body to mediate between the UJA and the bond drive. Mr. Browdy continued by reporting that the Actions Committee, in most cases, adopted the position of the ZOA delegation on these questions as its own. He said that the meetings were characterized by harmony and paid tribute to Joseph Sprinzak, Dr. Nahum Goldmann and Berl Locker for their tone.

Mr. Browdy spoke of the opening of the ZOA House and warmly lauded Fred Monosson and others active in its creation for their work.

The ZOA president concluded by stating that he intended to recommend to the ZOA convention that the ZOA be a mass organization without ties or alliances to any other Zionist group in the United States or Israel. Our support of Israel is unconditional, he declared, and we are above parties and party alliances. We must adjust to the reality of changing conditions, he said, and the ZOA's future is based on the principle of freedom of action in American and Israel and loyal cooperation with the government of Israel.

DISCUSSION ON CONVENTION REPRESENTATION:

Dr. Marks the Secretary, reported that a letter had been sent out on May 13 to all districts and regions containing preliminary instructions on the election of delegates with the number to be decided at today's meeting. At the request of Jacques Torczyner, Dr. Marks read the section of the constitution pertinent thereto, which states that each district is entitled to one delegate for each 50 members but that the NEC, with the approval of the NAC, may increase the unit of representation up to one per 150 members, provided that this action is taken at least six weeks before the convention.

Morris Margulies pointed out that the one to 150 proportion had been in effect for many years. Judge Joseph E. Klau offered a motion for one delegate for each 50 members and one for each 1,000 members in each region, inasmuch as there were not six weeks remaining before the convention to change the proportion as per the constitution. Louis Lipsky said that the resolution was not necessary because that was what the constitution provided and Mr. Browdy ruled accordingly, whereupon the resolution was withdrawn. Rabbi Irving Miller asked whether districts were entitled to a delegate for a major fraction of 50 members and Dr. Marks said that they were not so entitled according to the constitution.

DISCUSSION OF CREATION OF "BOARD OF ELECTIONS":

Michael H. Egnal introduced the following motion (as amended by Judge Klau with the approval of Mr. Egnal) on the creation of a "Board of Elections":

"In connection with the 1952 convention of the Zionist Organization of America, I move the creation of a Board of Elections to consist of seven members to be elected by this Executive Committee.

"The Board of Elections shall have all the power necessary to determine by supervision and certification:

- A. The members accredited to each district and region.
- B. The number of delegates to which the districts and regions are so entitled.
- C. The accredited delegates entitled to participate in the said convention.

"All decisions of the Board of Elections shall be by majority vote.

"The Board shall elect its own chairman and the Secretary shall be the Executive Director, ex officio.

"All employees of the ZOA shall conform to the powers of the Election Board.

"The recommendations of the Board of Elections are to be submitted to the Credentials Committee of the convention for its approval."

A thorough debate on the merits of the resolution then ensued, with those speaking in favor of the resolution including Mr. Egnal, Rabbi Miller, Leon Kay, Judge Klau, Rabbi I. Usher Kirshblum, Thomas Cohen and Ellis Goodman. Those who spoke in opposition to the resolution included Marcus Abramson, Samuel Jacobson, Dewey D. Stone, Max Bressler, Solomon Biederman, Louis Lipsky, Louis A. Falk, Bernard Shulman and Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum.

The proponents of the resolution said that the Board would operate before the convention and would not impinge on the Credentials Committee of the convention, would inform each district of how many delegates to send to the convention, would not usurp any of the power of the Convention Committee, was not a reflection on anyone's integrity, was a mechanical device to insure the proper accreditation of delegates, would help insure democratic procedure and avoid a feeling of unfairness, would make for a more orderly convention, did not contain any implication of political motives and would aid the executive director.

The opponents of the resolution declared that the responsibility for delegate accreditation always rested with the executive director, that the Board would do nothing that the Convention Credentials Committee hadn't always previously done, that the motion sets up a New York board which would be setting rules for non-New York members and so was not considerate of out of New York members, that every district knew how many members it had, that the motion was unconstitutional inasmuch as there is no provision in the constitution for the setting up of such a board, takes power away from the Credentials Committee and thus from the convention itself, takes power away from the Convention Committee and questions the integrity of the Convention Committee, there was no notice that this question was to be discussed at the meeting and thus it was unfair to bring it up and was purely a political question which opens the door to possible harm.

During the debate, Mr. Persky moved to table the resolution. This was defeated by a show of hands vote of 30 to 23.

Mr. Biederman made a point of order during the debate that the motion was unconstitutional and Mr. Browdy, concurring with the point of order, ruled the motion out of order. Mr. Browdy's ruling was appealed by Judge Klau and on a roll call vote, Mr. Browdy's decision was overridden by a vote of 30 to 20.

At the conclusion of the debate, Mr. Egnal's motion was approved by a show of hands vote of 30 to 15.

DISCUSSION OF CONVENTION VOTING:

Mr. Margulies stated that Dr. Abba Hillel Silver had promised at a previous convention that provision would be made in the future for voting by secret ballot at conventions. He then moved that such provision be made for this year's convention. Jacques Torczyner said that in line with what Dr. Silver had stated, a committee had been appointed some years back and that rules had been set up for voting by regions at conventions. Mr. Falk said that the Convention Committee intended to make provisions for a secret ballot at the convention. Mr. Margulies' motion was then adopted unanimously.

DISCUSSION ON MAKEUP OF CONVENTION COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES:

Judge Klau offered the following resolution on the composition of the convention Committee on Committees:

"The National Executive Committee of the Zionist Organization of America resolves that the Committee on Committees at the forthcoming 55th national convention be constituted on the basis of regional representation only. The basis for such representation shall be one committee member for each one thousand members of the region and of the Chicago, Philadelphia and Cleveland Zionist Organizations, or a major fraction thereof but not less than one member for each region."

Judge Klau's resolution was supported by Rabbi Miller, Jacob Goodman, Rabbi Kirshblum, Milton Taylor, Benjamin Doft and Abraham Goodman. They declared that its purpose was to restrict the membership of the Committee on Committees to regional representatives only and to discard the custom of allowing the ZOA president to appoint 20 additional members to the Committee, whose votes might overcome the wishes of a majority of the regional representatives on the Committee. They stated that this custom had been in existence since 1940 and that it arose from the previous practice of allowing the president to name 20 members to the National Administrative Council. However, they declared, there was no analogy between the Committee on Committees and the Administrative Council in duration or functions and inasmuch as the Committee on Committees becomes the Nominating Committee at the convention, the previous custom could give one candidate for office an unfair advantage. They added that Dr. Silver and Dr. Emanuel Neumann had not made use of this custom during their incumbency and asked Mr. Browdy voluntarily to waive his privileges under the custom. They said that the resolution constituted no reflection on Mr. Browdy but was seeking to correct a method that was wrong. They concluded with a declaration by Abraham Goodman that the resolution was intended to see to it that no advantage was taken of the candidate for the ZOA presidency, of his group, the National Committee for Zionist Action.

The resolution was opposed by Robert Persky, Ben Winick, Fred Monosson, Mendel N. Fisher, Bernard Shulman, David Moskowitz, Louis Lipsky and Dr. Samuel Margoshes. They stated that other ZOA presidents had taken advantage of the custom of naming 20 to the Committee on Committees and therefore there was no reason why Mr. Browdy should be denied this privilege, that it was retroactive legislation in that it took away power previously exercised, that it was a vote of non-confidence in the present ZOA president, that the present proponents of the resolution had not spoken up for democratic procedures when the Committee for Progressive Zionism had made pleas for more democratic procedures in previous years, that the resolution was unfair inasmuch as there was no advance notice that it was to be

discussed at this meeting, that the timing of the resolution was wrong and that it should instead be proposed at the convention and that the National Committee for Zionist Action had nothing to fear as far as advantage being taken of their candidate inasmuch as there would be an election by secret ballot at the convention.

After this discussion, Judge Klau's resolution was approved by a show of hands vote of 28 to 16.

The meeting then adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Sidney Marks
Secretary

ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

41 EAST 42nd STREET
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May 26, 1952

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

On behalf of the Zionist Organization of America, and as Chairman of the National Convention Committee, I extend to you a most cordial invitation to address the 55th Annual Convention of the Zionist Organization of America at its session on Sunday night, June 15th which will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Statler in New York City.

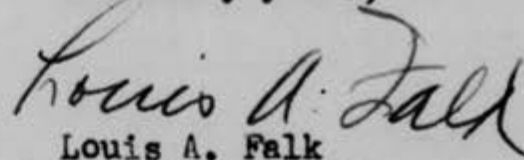
All of us are anxious to hear your thoughts on the current Zionist scene and it would certainly be a privilege to our membership to have you with us as our guest.

I would appreciate your courtesy in advising me of your availability.

Accept these assurances of my esteem and high regard.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



Louis A. Falk
National Vice President

LAF:mdh

May 26, 1952

Dr. Peretz Bernstein
General Zionists Organization
33, King George Street
Tel-Aviv, Israel

My dear Dr. Bernstein:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of May 18th and to acknowledge also your telegram from Paris. I read both with much interest.

As you know, I have been limiting my Zionist activities since I returned from Israel to such assistance as I could render the UJA in addressing numerous campaign meetings throughout the country and in political support which I can give the Movement from time to time - recently in connection with the grant-in-aid to Israel which Ambassador Eban has graciously acknowledged. Since my return from the disgusting Congress in Jerusalem and equally disgusting World Conference of the General Zionists, I have not participated in any of the organizational activities of the ZOA. The action of Mr. Browdy has not come as a surprise to me. He is interested in playing a role, in holding offices, in rubbing shoulders with public officials, and he has been worked on and influenced by interested people in Israel who would like to make the ZOA a tail to their kite.

What was far more serious was the peace which was patched up by our own people in the Confederation of General Zionists which in so many words discouraged any further identification with any General Zionist group in Israel and which is being exploited by the Progressives and others here to achieve the nullification of the identification resolution in the Convention of the ZOA last year. That may succeed.

As to your request of me, I shall do whatever I can short of entering publically into the struggle over this issue. I shall in all probability not attend the Convention of the ZOA. As of the moment, the forces led by Rabbi Miller seem to be in the majority. If they maintain their strength at the Convention, a nullification resolution will not pass.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

May 28, 1952

Mr. Louis A. Falk
Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

My dear Mr. Falk:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter of May 26th and your cordial invitation to address the 55th annual Convention of the Zionist Organization of America on June 15th. I appreciate your thoughtfulness in inviting me but I regret very much that I am not in position to accept your invitation.

With good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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ZOA MUST BE OF THE MASSES

This newspaper thinks the most important question before the June national ZOA convention will be, will the ZOA continue as a mass movement, or will it capsize into a state of mass inertia.

There are two candidates that will be seriously considered at the convention — Abraham Redelheim and Rabbi Irving Miller. One of them, we know because of his past history and performance, will continue the ZOA as a mass movement. Under the other, the ZOA may collapse to a skeleton of its greatness and its potential for accomplishment vanish.

It is essential for the ZOA to continue as a mass movement for the same reason Herzl found he had to make it a mass movement. The wealthy and so called "Jewish leaders" didn't think it genteel to be forward and aggressive. Zionism still is no pink tea affair with striped pants.

Redelheim has for years done a superior job among the 800 odd Zionist districts of the country, cajoling them to their utmost. Miller, for years, has absented himself from the activity of the ZOA. And his performance as president of the American Jewish Congress leads to doubts as to his ability to head a mass movement. Chapters of the Congress on both the west coast and the east coast broke away during his administration.

An army without a general would be vanquished by a ragged band of pick pockets skillfully led.

An institution such as the ZOA needs a general, just as an army does. The enemies of the ZOA are many.

And those enemies are not merely among some of the Gentiles, the pro-Arabs or the lunatic fringe. Among the most noxious of those enemies is the one bedded in the bosom of the Jewish people—and its name is "indifference."

The ZOA has always had and always will have those who mutiny against the role it has carved in that jungle of indifference.

The man that will continue to lead the ZOA in its many campaigns and battles must understand the logistics of funneling ideas to masses of people, he must be adept at manipulating the strategy of inspiring those masses to action.

He must above all, be a leader. He must possess that demonic influence that will make people shake away their sloth and inspire them to noble conduct.

Only giants among humans can attempt to meet all these measurements. It behooves the Zionist delegates to choose warily he who comes closest to these standards.

To be an orator isn't enough. The present 150,000 members of the ZOA are dispersed throughout the 3,000 mile breadth of the U.S. This elite of Jewry cannot be corralled into one spot and addressed in the legendary manner of the golden tongued Demosthenes. This is the age of television, nuclear energy and grants-in-aid.



Abraham Redelheim (right) Chairman of Administrative Council of the Zionist Organization of America congratulating Edward Hart of Morristown, upon Hart's re-election to the Presidency of the N. J. Region of the ZOA.

Shall one like the Maccabees lead the ZOA or one like Josephus? Redelheim is an organizer and fighter like the Maccabees with their vision and practicality. Miller is gifted, and highly gifted, as Josephus was; with this difference, a difference of the arts. Josephus was gifted with his pen as a writer — Miller is gifted with a golden voice and tongue.

But to be an orator is, again, not enough. Redelheim is a brilliant public speaker also. But if that were his only or major qualification that would not be enough.

There are many that aspire to wear the dazzling crown of American Jewry's highest office — that of the presidency of the ZOA. That sought after investiture of public acclaim should be placed upon the brow of him, who has the most to offer to American Jewry and to Israel.

In the book of Zionism, we cannot all do the same amount of creative production. There are some of us who are destined to be hewers and toilers. For our talents are unequal though our efforts are equally unstinting. In the writing of this most grand and noble book, most of us will be able to but dot an "i" or cross a "t". And let us not deprecate those efforts either, for without that dotting and crossing there would never have been a book in the first place. Then there are some that will have written and will write whole sentences. Still fewer will have written paragraphs, a yet more isolated number will have contributed pages. And then there are those lonely ones—those who come infrequently between the dawn and eternity, like Abba Hillel Silver who will have written a whole chapter, and the august Herzl, in solitary grandeur, who conceived the book itself.

It is our belief that Abraham Redelheim will continue to contribute more to the writing of the book of Zionism than any other of the present contenders for the presidency. He has in him the qualities and the abilities that will continue to raise the ZOA to a higher plateau of achievement, to the eternal advantage not merely of the Jew, but of all mankind. kind.

WHY I AM FOR ABE REDELHEIM

I am for Abraham A. Redelheim because I regard him as highly qualified for the office of President of the Zionist Organization of America.

For many years I've watched him at work for the Zionist Organization of America. Unlike others, he did not give American Zionism his lip service; he gave of his time and of himself unstintingly.

As National Chairman for Membership for the last two years, he has travelled through the length and breadth of the United States. I doubt whether there is a Jewish community of fair size in this country to which he did not carry the Zionist message. He has been indefatigable in his labors in behalf of American Zionism.

Abe Redelheim is a sincere man; one can rely on him and on his word. Unlike others, he doesn't say one thing and mean another.

Redelheim has enormous capacity for work; he is a good organizer and an excellent administrator. He not only works but knows how to make other people work.

He will do everything in his power to keep the ranks of American Zionism united. He is a man of peace and avoids unnecessary quarrels.

Abe Redelheim is a man of great loyalty. He proved his loyalty to Benjamin Browdy and his Administration. He will be loyal to his promises regarding his own administration.

Redelheim is sound on the issue of non-affiliation with any faction of General Zionists in Israel.

I am for Redelheim because Redelheim is and has always been for the Zionist Organization of America.

by

DR. SAMUEL MARGOSHES

When the Z.O.A. HOUSE, the Daniel Frisch Memorial was opened in Tel-Aviv on May 13th, this was a red letter day in Israel. Government buildings were closed as many officials attended the opening ceremonies, with Prime Minister Ben Gurion presiding. That many future leaders in Public Administration, finance and law will receive their training in the new College of Business and Finance in the Z.O.A. House, contributing significantly to the economy and administration of Israel, is a lasting reminder and tribute to Z.O.A. Projects. The Trade Schools already shipped to Israel under the Z.O.A. Projects Program supply a vital need in Israel for technical skills urgently needed in the infant state. Indeed, the Projects Program adopted by the Z.O.A. National Administration last November gave drive and purpose to the entire Zionist movement. To this, our Vice President Abraham Redelheim gave impetus through his unceasing efforts to implement the Z.O.A. Projects Program.

It might well seem that Rabbi Miller, through his negative attitude toward the Projects Program has urged that the many willing hands in the Z.O.A. may now be lowered, the promise of assistance to Israel made by the Z.O.A. through its Projects Program need not be kept except on a minor scale in districts. This is an attitude that I as a Zionist cannot accept. For this reason I support Abraham Redelheim, the architect of the Projects Program who is working night and day to guide it toward a successful conclusion. The Projects Program is a vital and important activity of the Z.O.A. giving purpose to its existence and to scuttle it at this point would work irreparable harm to the Zionist movement. For this important reason, and because Abraham Redelheim has not talked, but worked for the Z.O.A. as no other man, I support his candidacy for National President.

by

NORMAN STERNBERG
Vice President
New Jersey Zionist Region

National Committee for Zionist Action within the ZOA

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ABRAHAM GOODMAN
Chairman

June 6, 1952

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio


Dear Dr. Silver:

In accordance with the telephone conversation which Mr. Abe Goodman had with you a few days ago, Dr. Neumann prepared the enclosed draft.

Would you be kind enough to please return it to us as soon as possible, on your own stationery, signed by yourself?

Many thanks and kind regards.

Sincerely yours,


Leon Ilutovich
Executive Director

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ABBA HILLEL SILVER
THE TEMPLE
CLEVELAND, OHIO

June 6, 1952

Mr. Abraham Goodman
200 Varick Street
New York City

My dear Abe Goodman:

I deeply regret the circumstances that have forced upon me the decision not to attend the Convention of the Zionist Organization of America for the first time in many years. I realize that my absence may be a source of disappointment to many friends and I am frank to admit that I shall myself miss the exhilaration of renewed contact with all those who have worked and fought at my side for the glorious victory of the Zionist ideal.

Unfortunately I have found it increasingly difficult to work with the present Administration of the ZOA. I have supported it and have tried to cooperate to the best of my ability, but it was a fruitless task and a distressing experience. Those who would lead a great Movement must have clarity of vision, deeply held convictions, consistent policies, intellectual integrity and firmness of purpose. Instead there has been much confusion of thought, vacillation, inconsistency and an ever-present readiness to substitute expediency for principle.

As a result, our Organization has forfeited the moral and intellectual leadership which it held in Jewish life. The great fund of prestige and good-will accumulated by previous administrations has been largely dissipated.

These are the sad facts which compelled my retirement from active participation in the affairs of our beloved Organization. I could not, in self-respect, do otherwise.

I was happy to note that a serious effort has been undertaken of late, on the initiative of high-minded and devoted Zionists, to save the ZOA from the deplorable condition into which it has fallen and restore its dignity and capacity for effective Zionist service; and I feel heartened by the prospect that this effort will be crowned with success.

If, as now seems likely, the Convention will elect a new leadership headed by my good friend, Rabbi Miller, which will inspire confidence and command respect, I will be glad to give it my full support and resume my activity within the framework of our Organization.

You are free to convey this message to the delegates together with my affectionate greetings and the assurance of my enduring devotion to our common Cause.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Abba Hillel Silver

RESOLUTION ON GENERAL ZIONISM

The following resolution, presented by Mortimer May in behalf of the group supporting the candidacy of Rabbi Irving Miller, was adopted by a vote of 594 as against 354 votes for the resolution presented by Dr. S. Margoshes for supporters of Abraham A. Redelheim.

(Dr. Nahum Goldmann and Louis Lipsky spoke for the Margoshes resolution and Dr. Emanuel Neumann and Rabbi Irving Miller spoke for the May resolution.)

RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY MORTIMER MAY

Adopted

1. The 55th Annual Convention of the Zionist Organization of America declares its firm resolve to carry forward the tasks of Zionism as promulgated by the World Zionist Congress in Jerusalem, as follows: "The strengthening of the State of Israel; the ingathering of the exiles in Eretz Israel; and the fostering of the unity of the Jewish people."

2. To that end we will continue to cooperate fully with the Government of Israel and accept without reservation the obligations implied in the Resolution of the Zionist Congress which declares that "the practical work of the Movement and its various bodies calls for the fullest degree of cooperation and coordination on its part, with the State of Israel and its Government, in accordance with the laws of the land".

3. The organic structure of the World Zionist Organization is based upon ideological groupings and recognizes diversity of outlook and opinion, subject always to the overriding authority of the Zionist Congress. Accordingly, we reaffirm our adherence to the World Confederation of General Zionists and the ideological and moral kinship which exists between us and like-minded sister-organizations of General Zionists, both in the Diaspora and in Israel; and we extend to them once more an expression of our cordial friendship and fraternal relations.

4. The Zionist Organization of America has never been and is not now affiliated party-wise with any other Zionist group or party, is bound by no party discipline, reserves its independence and freedom of action and takes no part in the political life of the State of Israel - which is the exclusive function of Israeli citizens.

5. The highest interest of General Zionism everywhere and the unity of the World Confederation of which we are a member, impel us to renew our plea to the two General Zionist groups to resolve their differences and bring about the complete unification of their forces.

RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY DR. S. MARGOSHES

Defeated

Resolved that the Zionist Organization of America shall adhere strictly to the principle of non-identification and non-affiliation with any political party in Israel. It shall pursue its independent policies as determined from time to time by its constitutional authorities. This 55th Convention of the ZOA declares that the ZOA resolution on identification adopted last year at Atlantic City does not reflect the present views of the Organization, and the Convention hereby accepts the agreement on non-identification reached at the sessions of the World Confederation of General Zionists held at Jerusalem in August 1951.

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June 12, 1952

Rabbi Irving Miller
Temple Sons of Israel
Woodmere, Long Island
New York

My dear Rabbi Miller:

I was happy to learn that a serious effort is being made on the initiative of devoted Zionists to revitalize the Zionist Organization of America and to restore its dignity and its capacity for effective Zionist service. I feel heartened by the prospect that this effort will be crowned with success.

I know that you have offered your services to the Movement at this critical time and that you are a candidate for the presidency. Knowing you as I do and recalling your distinguished services and the unfailing support which you have given our great cause through the years, I feel that your election to the presidency of the Zionist Organization of America would inspire confidence everywhere. Should the Convention elect you to the leadership, please be assured of my fullest cooperation.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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My dear H. Silver,

I have just received your kind letter of May 26 and thank you for your reply the dearness of which is greatly appreciated.

When this letter reaches you the L.O.A. convention will belong to the past, but at this moment I do not know the outcome. Our Jerusalem radio has announced an hour ago, that the election of Edelheim as president and of Shapiro as vice-pr. is certain and that it means multiplication of identification and loyalty of the L.O.A. to the Israel govt. You see how hard B.G. is working on that case. For our party it is certainly not a matter of the first importance and here in the country our growth is helped by Kapsi in so spectacular a manner that happenings over there will not affect us. But I am greatly concerned with the future of the L.O.A. which is, to no small degree, the future of the World Lion Org. and I hate to see it ruined by the short sighted party politics of B.G. It is a pity that a man who has certainly important achievements to his credit should become the victim of his own blind party-fanaticism. But this seems to be

the bitter truth.

Whatever may be the outcome of the Convention I should like to have your opinion about probable further developments on the American scene. With and without identification we cannot renounce our connection with General Liang in the U.S.A. and bit of good advice on your part would be most welcome.

With kind regards and my best wishes I am

Very cordially yours,
H. H. Hoffman

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HOTEL STATLER, NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.

Convention Headquarters

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PRELIMINARY

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ELECTION OF DELEGATES

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

FROM: DR. SIDNEY MARKS, SECRETARY

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

- 1) DISTRICTS
The number of Representatives will be determined by the National Executive Committee, and National Administrative Council at their meetings on May 21st, 1952. You will be notified.
- 2) Delegates to the Convention shall be elected only by paid-up members of the Zionist Organization of America.
- 3) No member shall be elected as a Delegate to the Convention unless he has been a member of record of a District or Society for at least six months prior to the election, and at the time of election is a paid-up member in good standing of the Zionist Organization of America.

The following rules for the election of Delegates and Alternates, will continue in effect; in the absence of advices to the contrary.

- 1) No person shall be granted a credential as Delegate or Alternate to Conventions of the Z.O.A. unless (a) he shall have been duly elected by a District, Society or another duly constituted elective body, and (b) his election shall have been certified to the National Board of Elections by written certifications as set forth below, no later than Friday, June 6th, 1952.
- 2) (a) Delegates and Alternates of Districts, Regions, Societies, and Chapters of the Order B'nai Zion, shall be elected by the members thereof at an election which shall be held pursuant to regulations promulgated by the National Board of Elections.

- (b) Delegates and Alternates of Regions shall be elected at a Conference of representatives of all constituent bodies in the Region.
- (c) Delegates and Alternates of affiliated organizations shall be elected as provided in their respective agreements with the Z.O.A.
- (d) In no case shall proxies or substitutes be permitted for any duly elected Delegate or Alternate who fails to appear in person at the Convention. Hereafter, committees on vacancies, whether local or national, shall be unauthorized.
- 3) Certification of the election of Delegates and Alternates shall be in writing subscribed by the President or Vice-President and the Secretary, or by the local Board of Elections of the District, or other elective body, and if so certified by the local Board of Elections, shall be accepted only if the members of the local Board of Elections and of the officers of the District, or other elective body, shall have filed such returns with the National Board of Elections no later than Friday, June 6th, 1952.
- 4) What constitutes a member of good standing? Any member, old or new, who has paid his dues in full for the fiscal year 5712 (1951-1952) as of June 5th, 1952, or is a life member, is a member in good standing of the Z.O.A. and is eligible to vote for Delegates to the Convention.

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

Every registered member who has paid his dues for the fiscal year 1951-1952 as of June 5th, 1952, or is a life member, should be notified of the date and place of the elections and also of his right to nominate candidates by petition. Nominations may be made by petition over the signatures of not less than 15 members in good standing.

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

The number of Delegates to which a District, Region, Society, Chapter of the Order B'nai Zion is entitled, is to be determined by the number of members in good standing as of June 5th, 1952. The membership record of the District, Society, O.B.Z. Chapter, must agree with the records of the Auditor's Office of the Zionist Organization of America.

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

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

The Election of Delegates to the Convention may be held at any time hereafter, but no later than Thursday, June 5th, 1952.

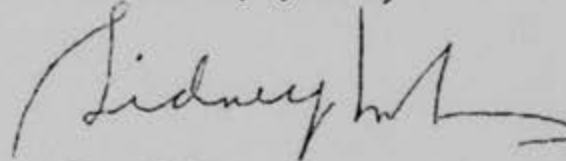
The candidate or candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. The candidate or candidates receiving the next highest number of votes shall act as Alternates. In case of the resignation of an elected Delegate, the Alternate receiving the next highest number of votes shall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

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

The Official Election Report, properly filled out and certified by the local Board of Elections, must be filed with the National Board of Elections of the Zionist Organization of America not later than Friday, June 6th, 1952, in order that credentials may be issued in time to the elected Delegates.

The Election Report of the affiliated groups must be filed directly with the National Board of Elections of the Zionist Organization of America at 41 East 42nd Street, New York 17, N. Y. in order that such Delegates may receive their credentials from the National Headquarters of the Zionist Organization of America.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sidney Marks", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr. Sidney Marks
Secretary

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=THIS IS MY FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS MY PROFOUND GRATITUDE FOR YOUR WARM LETTER ENDORSING MY CANDIDACY AND PROMISING FULLEST COOPERATION. THIS MESSAGE WAS MOST EFFECTIVE WITH MANY DELEGATES WHO STILL LOOK TO YOU FOR LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE ON BEHALF OF ZIONISM. MY VICTORY WAS A VINDICATION OF ALL YOU AND I HAVE STOOD FOR IN THESE MANY YEARS. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WITH YOU AT LENGTH HOW ZIONISM MAY BEST BE REVITALIZED. KINDEST GREETINGS AND WARMEST REGARDS TO VIRGINIA AND BOYS=

IRVING MILLER=

JUNE 18, 1952

RABBI IRVING MILLER, PRESIDENT
ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
41 EAST 42 STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND MESSAGE. YOUR ELECTION TO THE
PRESIDENCY OF THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA IS A
PERSONAL TRIUMPH FOR YOU AND A MAGNIFICENT VINDICATION
OF THE POSITION WHICH WE AND OUR FRIENDS HAVE CONSISTENTLY
MAINTAINED. I WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS IN YOUR ADMINISTRATION.
I SHALL BE MOST HAPPY TO COOPERATE WITH YOU IN ALL MATTERS
WHICH WILL ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF ISRAEL AND OF AMERICAN
ZIONISM. VIRGINIA AND THE BOYS JOIN ME IN SENDING YOU OUR
HEARTIEST FELICITATIONS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

SINGLE MIGRATION AGENCY ESTABLISHED TO SERVE PHILADELPHIA AREA

PHILADELPHIA, June 22. (JTA) -- Creation of a single migration agency serving the Jewish community of Philadelphia was approved during the week-end by the board of directors of the Allied Jewish Appeal. The new agency which will come into existence in early Fall will consolidate the service programs of the Philadelphia branch of HIAS and the Service to Foreign Born of the Philadelphia Section of the National Council of Jewish Women.

Announcement of the action taken by the board of directors of the Allied Jewish Appeal was made by Ephraim R. Gomberg, executive director. The consolidation of the two immigrant serving agencies into the one new program was previously approved by the national board of directors of HIAS and the National Council of Jewish Women.

The new organization will be known as HIAS and Council Migration Service of Philadelphia. It will be financed by the Allied Jewish Appeal which has been supporting the work of both agencies in the past.

RABBI MILLER PLEDGES AID TO ISRAEL IN MESSAGE TO BEN GURION

NEW YORK, June 22. (JTA) -- In a message to Israel Premier David Ben Gurion replying to cabled congratulations from the Premier on his election to the presidency of the Zionist Organization of America, Rabbi Irving Miller this week-end pledged that during his administration the Z. O. A. would fight for the development of the Jewish State and the Zionist movement side by side with the Israelis as had been done by the Z. O. A. "under the leadership of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver."

Declaring that Mr. Ben Gurion's message to him would serve to strengthen the bonds of solidarity between American Zionists and the Israeli people, Rabbi Miller said that the Z. O. A. has always held that its support for Israel must be given fully and unreservedly and that only Israel citizens are entitled to shape the internal political life of their state. At the same time, the Z. O. A. has also maintained that Zionists throughout the world have a right to their opinions regarding developments in Israel and a right to express these opinions frankly, even when they are critical in nature. "Rabbi Miller further voiced confidence in his cable to Mr. Ben Gurion that 'your clear statement affirming this right should dissipate the harmful tensions and disputes which have hampered our common efforts in the past.'"

FIGHT ON CORPORATION DISCRIMINATION ENDANGERED BY S.E.C. RULE

NEW YORK, June 22. (JTA) -- The fight for the correction of discriminatory practices by corporations in the United States would be seriously set back by a proposed amendment to the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules which would make it unnecessary for corporations to include in a proxy statement a proposal submitted by a shareholder "primarily for the purpose of promoting general economic, political, racial, religious, social or similar causes," the American Jewish Congress said today in a memorandum sent to the S. E. C.

Pointing out that the proposed amendment to S. E. C. rules is capable of interpretation in a manner which would place undue and unnecessary obstacles in the way of eliminating certain discriminatory and undemocratic practices by corporations, the memorandum requested the S. E. C. to reject it. If the Commission adopts the proposed amendment, the memorandum said, it would "in effect be saying that segregation is a subject on which the corporation ought not to act, even though it has power to do so."

ROLE OF HEBREW CULTURE DISCUSSED AT HISTADRUTH IVRITH PARLEY

ATLANTIC CITY, June 22. (JTA) -- America today "in search of its higher and truer character must rely, as did the founding fathers of the country, on the fundamental tenets of the Hebraic tradition which is incorporated in western civilization," Dr. Moshe Davis, Provost of the Jewish Theological Seminary, told 200 delegates attending the 35th national convention of the Histadruth Ivrit America here this week-end.

Describing the role of Hebrew culture and tradition in American history and the necessity of its revival for the nation's destiny, Dr. Davis traced his remarks back to colonial times when the founding fathers called the traditions of Judaism Hebraic and considered the Jewish people as the physical embodiment of the ideals of Hebrew tradition. Dr. Davis asserted that the Hebrew movement today must accept as one of its greatest forms of service to serve as a bridge between the American past and the American destiny.

FARBAND PARLEY IN NEW YORK HEARS REPORT ON ADVANCEMENT FOR YEAR

NEW YORK, June 22. (JTA) -- The New York branches of Farband-Labor Zionist Order have made considerable progress during the past year despite many handicaps and in the face of losses suffered by most other organizations, it was reported here during the week-end by Benjamin Teller, secretary of the New York City Committee of the Order, to several hundred delegates attending the organization's annual convention.

Fifteen hundred new members were enrolled and five new branches were organized here, Mr. Teller said, in addition to the creation of 16 women's divisions. Mr. Teller stressed the fact that the New York branches had not only made progress organizationally, but had established several cultural institutions. He noted that the Order has "raised more than \$250,000 for the United Jewish Appeal, Histadrut and the Jewish National Fund," adding that "during the year our members purchased Israel Bonds amounting to more than half a million dollars."

MIZRACHI YOUTH URGE STRENGTHENING OF JUDAISM IN U.S., ISRAEL

PORT JERVIS, N. Y., June 22. (JTA) -- Resolutions calling for the strengthening of traditional Judaism in this country and in Israel were adopted at a convention of Mizrachi Hatzair, Mizrachi youth organization, here by some 200 delegates representing 15,000 members in the United States and Canada. The parley also demanded preservation of the religious education system in Israel. Seymour N. Chefer was elected president of the movement.

JUDGE ROSENMAN TO HEAD AMERICAN JEWISH TERCENTENARY UNIT

NEW YORK, June 22. (JTA) -- Judge Samuel I. Rosenman will head the program planning committee for the celebration in 1954 of the 300th Anniversary of Jewish settlement in the United States, it was announced today by Ralph E. Samuel, chairman of the American Jewish Tercentenary Committee. Judge Rosenman's Committee will prepare plans for the community relations aspects of the celebration. Similar committees will be organized to plan for religious observances, research and scholarship, and other special activities.

BOUKSTEIN, JEWISH AGENCY COUNSEL, LEAVES FOR HAGUE NEGOTIATIONS

NEW YORK, June 22. (JTA) -- Maurice M. Boukstein, general counsel of the Jewish Agency and a member of the negotiating team of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, left by air for the Hague this week-end.

ציוניסטישע בילדער

אָרגאַן פֿון דער אלגעמיינער ציוניסטישער אָרגאַניזאַציע אין פראנקרייך (ציונים כלליים)

פולשטענדיקער נצחון פון די ציונים כלליים אין דער אמעריקאנער ציוניסטישער ארגאניזאציע

וואָס באדייט דאָס אויסוויילן ראביי אורווינג מילער אלס פרעזידענט פון דער זי-א-איי?

די סילווער-ניומאן-גרופע צוריק איבערגענומען די לייטונג פון אמעריקאנער ציונים

שונא פון דער ישראל-ערנדרונג און פון מדינת ישראל, ער האט אויפגעקלערט, אז קריטיקירן די אמעריקאנער רעגירונג מיט נישט צו זיין א שונא פון אמעריקע און פונקט אזוי רעגירונג צו זיין א שונא פון מדינת ישראל.

אין רעזולטאט פון דער עבאטע אין די רעזולוציע, וואָס איז אין נאך מען פון דער מילער-גרופע פאָרנע-לייטונג געוואָרן דורך מאַרטינער מעי אָנגענומען געוואָרן ביי א שטור-מישער אָרעאציע מיט 594 שטימען קעגן 354. דער וויכטיקסטער טייל (פאראגראף 3) אין דער דאָזיקער רעזולוציע לייטונג זיך ווי פאָלגענד:

די אָרגאַניזאַציע סטרוקטור פון דער ציוניסטישער וועלט "אָרגאַניזאַציע" שטיצט זיך אויף אירע אָרגאַניזאַציע פירונגען און אַנערקענט אונטער-שידן פון מינינגען און אַנשוואַנ-גען אונטער דער העכסטער יוריס-דיקציע פון אַנערקענט קאַנגרעס. אין הסכם מיט דעם באשטעמטן מיר ווידער אונזער אָנגעהערדיקייט צו דער וועלט "אָנפערדראציע פון די אלגעמיינע ציונים" און אונזער אַר-דעאָלאַציע און מאַראַלישע פאַרבינדונג, וועלכע עקזיסטירט צווישן אונז און געלעך דענקער שוועסטער-אָנציעס פון אלגעמיינע ציונים-טן, סיי אין גלות און אין מדינת יש-ראל. מיר שיקן זיי נאָך אַמאָל אן אויסדרוק פון אונזער ווארימער פריינטשאפט און ברודערלעכע כא-ציאונגען."

(המשך פון זייט 3)

גרופע, האָט זיך פערזענלעך נישט באטייליקט אין דער עבאטע, אי-בערלאָזנדיק די פאַרטיידיקונג פון זיין רעזולוציע צו די צוויי "פראָג-רעסיווע" פאַרטערטער.

ד"ר ניומאן האָט אין זיין רעדע אנאָלויזירט די איצטיקע לאַגע אין ציונים און אין אלגעמיינעם ציו-ניזם און האָט אָנגעוויזן, אז די אי-דעאָלאַציע אידיענטיפיצירונג פון דער זי-א-איי, מיט די ציונים כלליים אין ישראל און אין אנדערע גלות-לענדער מיט נישט קיין אינטער-וועגן אין פאָליטישן לעבן פון מדי-נת ישראל. ער האָט אונטערנע-שטראַכן, אז אויב די רעזולוציע פון דער רעדלעכער "פראָג-רעסיווע" גרופע וואָלט אָנגענומען געוואָרן, וואָלט דאָס געמיינט דאָס אָפּזאָגן זיך פון אונזער אירעאָלאַגישער איינ-טעלונג און פאַסט אין פנים די אלגעמיינע ציונים אין ישראל.

ראביי מילער, וואָס האָט גערעדט דער לעצטער אין דער עבאטע, האָט געזאָגט, אז אויב די רעזולוציע פון די "פראָג-רעסיווע" וועט אָנגענומען ווערן, וועט דאָס אויסליידיקן די זי-א-איי פון יעדן אירעאָלאַגישן איי-גאָלס און וועט פאַרוואַנדלען די אָר-גאַנצאָציע אין אַ קאָלירלעזער גרופע. ער האָט אונטערנעשטראַכן, אז דאָס אָנגעמען דיאידענטיפיקאַציע רעזא-לוציע מיט נישט קיין אָרגאַניזאַ-ציעלע פאַרבינדונג מיט דער אלגע-מיינער ציוניסטישער פאַרטיי אין יש-ראל. ראביי מילער האָט אָפּגעוואַרפן אלע אינסינואַציעס און באשולדי-קונגען קעגן אים און זיין גרופע ווע-ן דעם, אז ער זאָל זיין כלומדשט א

ניומאן, גאלדמאן, ליפסקי און מילער באטייליקן זיך אין דראמאטישער אידעא-לאגישער עבאטע וועגן אלגעמיינעם ציונים

ניו-יאָרק (ציוס). אידער די רע-זאָלוציע וועגן אלגעמיינעם ציונים איז אָנגענומען געוואָרן, איז אויפן לאַנד-צוזאַמענפאַר פון דער זי-א-איי, פאַרנעממען א דראמאטישע עבא-טע, וואָס האָט אָנגעהאלטן דריי שעה. ד"ר עמנואל ניומאן און ראביי אור-ווינג מילער האָבן אונטערגעשטיצט די אידיענטיפיקאַציע-רעזולוציע און ד"ר נחום גאלדמאן און לואי ליפסקי האָבן פאַרטיידיקט די רעזאָלוציע פון דער רעדלעכער "פראָג-רעסיווע". גרופע, אין וועלכע עס איז געפא-דערט געוואָרן צו אַנאָלירן די רעזא-לוציע, אָנגענומען אין אטלאַנטיק סיטי פאַרזאָרן. מערקווירדיק, אז אברהם רעדלעכער, דער קאנדידאַט פון דער בראדער-פראָג-רעסיווע, נאך אויך אין קאנאדע, לאטיינאמעריקע און אין אנדערע טיילן פון דער וועלט און אין מדינת ישראל. דער וויכטיקסטער מאָמענט פון אונזער זיג איז דער פאַקט, וואָס ער איז גע-וועזן געוואָרן הויפטזעכלעך ביי די מיטגלידער פון דער אָרגאַניזאַציע-מאָדעל דעם, וואָס איז מינימירט נישט אויף קיין איין מאָמענט דעם גלענצענדן ביטראג פון אונזער ניי-דערוויילטן פרעזידענט און פון ד"ר עמנואל ניומאן. מיר מוזן איצט טאן אלץ, כדי צו רעאליזירן די צילן, וועלכע מיר האָבן זיך געשטעלט אין אונזער קאמפ פארן נצחון.

ד"ר אורווינג מילער

דער נייער פרעזידענט פון דער אמע-ריקאנער ציוניסטישער אָרגאַניזאַציע



(ליינע דעם ארטיקל: ד"ר מילער - דער מענטש און מנהיג-אויף 2.)

באַלד ווי עס איז באוואוסט געוואָרן, אז ראביי מילער איז אויסגעוויילט געוואָרן אלס פרעזידענט פון דער "זי-א-איי". האָט אונזער צ. ק. אַרז'י-נעשיקט צו אים פאַלגענדיקע טעלע-גראמע:

מיר גראַטולירן אייך און באַגריסן צום אויסגעוויילט ווערן אלס פרעזי-דענט פון דער "זי-א-איי". מיר ווינס-שן אייך פיל דערפאַר און אויספירן אייער וויכטיקע אַרבעט לטובת מדי-נת ישראל און דעם ציונים.

צענטראַל קאמיטעט פון דער אָרגאַניזאַציע פון די ציונים-כלליים אין פראַנק-רייך.

אויף דער זעלבער זיצונג פון לאַנד-צוזאַמענפאַר איז מיט א ריווקער מערהייט אויסגעוויילט געוואָרן די נאנצע ליסטע פון די קאנדידאַטן פון דער מילער-גרופע אויף די העכסטע אַמטן פון דער אָרגאַניזאַציע. מאָר-טימער מעי איז געוויילט געוואָרן אלס פאַרזיצער פון אדמיניסטרא-טיוו "ראַט; וויליאם סילק - פאָר-זיצער פון עקזעקוטיווקאמיטעט; און אלבעט שיף - הויפט קאסירער.

אברהם גולדמאן, פאַרזיצער פון "נאַציאָנאַלן קאמיטעט פאר ציונים-טישער אקציע", וואָס האָט געפירט דעם מילער וואַלקאמפּיין צום נצחון, האָט דערקלערט: "איך מוין, אז אונ-זער זיג וועט דער אלגעמיינער-ציונים-טישער רעזאָלוציע, האָט א נאָך גרע-סערע באדייטונג ווי אפילו דער אויס-וואל פון אונזערע קאנדידאַטן. איך גלויב, אז אונזער נצחון וועט האָבן א ווייטגענדיקן איינפלוס נישט נאָר אין די פאַרייניקטע שטאַטן, נאך אויך אין קאנאדע, לאטיינאמעריקע און אין אנדערע טיילן פון דער וועלט און אין מדינת ישראל. דער וויכטיקסטער מאָמענט פון אונזער זיג איז דער פאַקט, וואָס ער איז גע-וועזן געוואָרן הויפטזעכלעך ביי די מיטגלידער פון דער אָרגאַניזאַציע-מאָדעל דעם, וואָס איז מינימירט נישט אויף קיין איין מאָמענט דעם גלענצענדן ביטראג פון אונזער ניי-דערוויילטן פרעזידענט און פון ד"ר עמנואל ניומאן. מיר מוזן איצט טאן אלץ, כדי צו רעאליזירן די צילן, וועלכע מיר האָבן זיך געשטעלט אין אונזער קאמפ פארן נצחון."

דער מאָסענבירקער "ניו-יאָרק טיימס", אין זיין אַפּשאַצונג ציטירט נאך דער אַפּשטימונג, האָט גע-זאָגט פאַלגענד: "פאַקטיש איז דאָס אָנגעמען פון דער רעזאָלוציע א ווי-דערבאַשטעטיקונג פון דער שטעלונג, וועלכע די אמעריקאנער ציוניסטישע אָרגאַניזאַציע האָט אָנגענומען אין אטלאַנטיקסיטי מיט א יאָר צוריק, ווען די רעלענאטן האָבן מיט א מער-הייט שטימען באשלאָסן די פאַרנע-צונג פון "ברידערלעכע באציאונגען מיט דער אָרגאַניזאַציע פון די צי-ניזם כלליים אין ישראל."

ד"ר אבא הלל סילווער, וואָס האָט זיך פערזענלעך נישט באטיילי-גט אין דער "קאָנצעסן", האָט אָבער ערב דעם צוזאַמענפאַר צו-געשיקט צום ראביי מילער א בריוו, אין וועלכן ער האָט געשריבן צווי-אנע. "איז פאַל, ווען איר וועט אויסגעוויילט ווערן אלס פרעזי-דענט פון דער זי-א-איי, זאָג איך אייך צו מוין פולע אויסטערשטי-צונג, ווי אויך מיין מיטגלידער מיט דער לייטונג בראש פון וועל-כער איר וועט שטיין."

דער בריוו פון ד"ר סילווער איז פאַרעפנטלעכט געוואָרן ביים אַר-הויב פון דער לאַנד-קאָנפערענץ און ער איז זיכער נישט געבליבן אן א השפעה אויפן אויסנאָג פון די וואָלן.

בעת דער "קאָנצעסן" איז בכלל פיל מאָל געקומען צום אויס-דרוק דער באַנער פון די אמערי-קאנער ציונים, אז ד"ר סילווער זאָל זיך צוריק אומקערן צו אַמט-ווער ציוניסטישער טעטיקייט. אין זיין גרויסער רעדע אויפן צוואַ-מענפאַר האָט ד"ר ניומאן באדייט דעם דאָזיקן פראָבלעם און דערביי האָט ער געזאָגט: - אויב עס

לאַנדעס-צוזאַמענפאַר פון דער א-מערקאנער ציוניסטישער אָרגאַני-זאַציע איז נאָך צו דערמאָנען די יעניקע, וועלכע זענען געשטאַנען בייט רוזער פון "נאַציאָנאַל קא-מיטעט פאַר ציוניסטישער אַק-ציע", וואָס האָט דורכגעפירט דעם קאָמפּיין לטובת ד"ר מילער.

ד"ר עמנואל ניומאן ווערט פאַררעכנט אלס דער וויכטיקסטער פירער און באַדייטנדסטע פיגור אין דעם וואַלקאמפּ.

די גלענצענדע אָרגאַניזאַציע פראָפאַגאַנדע און דיסציפלין פון די מילער-כוחות זענען צו פאַר-דאָנקען דער לייטונג פון דעם די-נאַמישן דירעקטאָר פון ציוניסטי-שן אינפאָרמאַציע דינסט "ציוס" און הויפּט-לייטער פון גאַנצן וואַל-קאָמפּיין, לעאָן אַלסאָוויטש.

מיר שיקן זיי אלע איבער אונ-זערע האַרציקע ברכות און ווער-סער פון אַנערקענונג.

נאָך דעם גרויסן זיג, וועלכן די סילווער-ניומאן-מילער-כוחות האָבן אָפּגעהאַלטן אויפן 19טן 1955



ד"ר עמנואל ניומאן

ד"ר אבא הלל סילווער

ד"ר פרץ בערנשטיין

ראבי"ד"ר

אירזוינג מילער
— דער מענטש
און דער מנהיג

אין דער גאנצער יידישער וועלט
ווערט איצט געשטעלט די פראגע
ווער איז ראביי אויווינג מילער,
דער מענטש, מיט וועמענס אויסווייל
אלס פרעזידענט פון דער אַמעריקאַ-
נער ציוניסטישער ארגאניזאציע עס
ווערן פארבונדן אזוי פיל האַפנו-
גען?

דאס אויסוויילן דעם ראב"י מילע
אלס פרעזידענט פון דער "ז'א"א"
דארף מען באטראכטן אלס נצחון
פון יענער גרופע אין דער אַמעריקאַ
נער ציוניסטישער אָרגאַניזאַציע,
וועלכע האָט זיך געשטעלט אלס
אויפגאבע דאָס באַנייען פון ציוניס-
טישן לעבן אין אַמעריקע.

די אַמעריקאַנער ציוניסטישע אָר-
גאַניזאַציע מאַכט אַרויף זינס עטלע-
כע יאָר און באַזונדערס אין דער
לעצטער צייט אַ "ידידה" קופּה. די
עסקנים גרופּע, וואָס האָט זיך צו-
נויפגעזאַמלט אַרום ד"ר יוחאַן און
זיינע פריינד, האָט באַשלאָסן דאָס
מאַל צו מאַכן די גרעסטע אָנשטערנ-
גונג, כדי עס זאָל בראַש פון דער אָר-
גאַניזאַציע געשטעלט ווערן און
מענטש, וועלכער וועט זיין גרייס און
פּעאַק אויסצולייזן די "זי-א-איי" פון
דער פּלאַנאָפּאָליטיש-ריכטונג און
אומצוקערן איר יאָר צום ריינעם ציון
ניסטישן מקור. ווייל נאָך דורך דעם
קאָן מען צוריקגעבן די "זי-א-איי"
איר אַמאָליקע השפּעה און ווירקונג
איר לעבן פון אַמעריקאַנער יידנטום,
כדי דאָס צו דערגרייכן האָט די
דערמאָנטע גרופּע אָפּגעוואָרפן דעם
אָנגענומענעם אין אַמעריקע וועג פון
פּשוט און הבטחות און אָנגעציי-
כענס זיך אַ גאָר אַנדערע סאַטקייט
דאָס אין צום ערשטן מאל - נאָך
אַ לאַנג אַבייטערס - וועט די וואָלן
פון פרעזידענט זענען בעט אַ "קאָן-
ווענשו" נישט געשטאַנען אונטערן
צייכן פון אַ פּעריזענלעכע קאַפּה ציון-
שן קאָנדיטאָן, נאָך זענען דורכגע-
פירט געוואָרן אירן יסוד פון פּאַר-
נאָמאַטישע אונטערשיידן. שוין פאַר
דאָזיקן שאַפּונדפונקט גענומען דאָרף
מען באַגרייפן דעם דעצידידירטן נאָ-
הון פון בראַן מילער און פון זיינע
אונטערשטיצער.

אָבער דער נצחון האָט אױך אַ
רעקטע פאַרבײַנדונג מיט די פּראָבלע-
מען פון ישׂראל. ווי באַוואוסט האָט
דער פרעמיער-מיניסטער און מפא״י
ראש געמאַכט די געסטע אַנשטערן
נונגען, כדי צו דערפירן צום אַנולירן
די רעזאָלוציע וועגן אידענטיפיקאַ-
ציע מיט די ציונים-כללים, וואָס איז
אָנגענומען געוואָרן אין אַטלאַנטיק-
סיסי. אין דער אמתן איז דאָס נישט
געווען קיין פולע אידענטיפיקאַציע,
ווייל דער זין פון דער אַטלאַנטיק-סי-
סי-רעזאָלוציע איז נישט געווען אַר-
גאַנצאַציאָנעל צו פאַרבונדן די „זי-
איי“ מיט די ציונים-כללים אין ישׂ-
ראל — אזוי ווי די מפא״י אין ישׂ-
ראל איז, למשל, פאַרבונדן מיט איר
סיניף אין אַמעריקע, אָדער ווי די
„מזרח“ אין ישׂראל איז פאַרבונדן
מיט אירע סיניפים אין חוץ לארץ. פון
אידענטיפיקאַציע רעזאָלוציע פון
זי-איי האָט געהאַט אַ גאָר אַנ-
דערע באַדייטונג און האָט געטראָגן
אַן אַנדערן באַראַקטער. ווען זי ווערט
אַפילו בסל, וואָלט דאָס אױך נישט
געטראָפן די ציונים-כללים אין ישׂ-
ראל.

ויריארק (ציגס). — „די רעזאליר ציע וועגן אלגעמיינעם ציוניזם, וואס איז אנגענומען געווארן אויפן „דאג-איי. לאנדעס-זאממענפאר, האט זיך דערמאלן באשטעטיגט, אז די „זיר-איי“ איז די אמת'ע אלגעמיינ-ציוניסטישע ארגאניזאציע און אז וועט זיך אלס אלגעמיינ-ציוניסטישע ריר גייע אין הסכם מיט דער רעזאלוציע, וואס איז אנגענומען געווארן אין אט לאנדעס-זאממענפאר, מיט א יאג צוריק, האט דערפאלערט וואס סעקליר, וויצער פארזיצער פון כנסת און פויער פון דער אלגעמיינ-ציוניסטישער פארטיי, זיין וואסמען איז גיירארק.

אָבער די אויסערגעוויינטלעכע
שטרענגונגען פון ד. בוגורין מבטל
צו מאַכן די דאָזיקע רעדאָלוציע און
דער פּאָסט, וואָס זי איז נישט געוואָרן
קוקט דערפֿון יא באַשטעטיקט געוואָרן
לן — גיס איר צו אַ באַזונדערע חשׁ
בות, און פּאַרזעטערט נאָך שטאַר-
קער איר וויכטיקייט.
הײַנט בוגורין האָט, ווי באַוואָוסט,
אויסגעפֿעלט ביים אַוועקגעדיקן
פרעזידענט הי ברוידי זיין עפענטלע-
כע „פּאַליקעוונג“ פון דער אידענט
פּיאָנציע-רעדאָלוציע און איצט האָט
דער פרעמיער מיניסטער מיט אַלע
מיטלען אונטערשטיצט דעם קאָנדי-
דאָס רעדעלהייט, וועלכער האָט גע-
זאָלט דורכפֿירן דאָס וואָס הי ברוי-
די האָט נאָר געקאָנט אָנזאָגן. די אַנ-
הענגער פון הי רעדעלהייט האָבן אָפֿן
מבטיח געווען צו אַנזלירן די אידענ-
טיפֿיקאַציע, רעדאָלוציע און די
אונטערשטיצונג פאַר זיי מצד

איז כדא' אָנצוגעבן י' ביסל ב'א'
גראַפישע פרעס:
אַלס פערער, יונגל איז אירווניג
חילער געקומען קיין אַמעריקע פון
ליטע. איצט איז ער אַלס 49 יאָר,
אַבער ער זעט נישט אויס צו זיין
עלטער ווי 40 יאָר.
דעם דעליגיאַן לימוד האָט ער
דורכגעאַכט אין דער באַוואוסטער
"שיבה קטאנא" און גלייכצייטיק
האָט ער איין געענדיגט אַ פאַקולטעט
פון באַרימטן "קאָלומביא - אוניווער
יסעט", באַקומענדיק דאָרט דעם
דאָקטאָרטיטל. שוין זינט 20 יאָר
פאַרנעמט ער זיין כּסא-הרבּות פון
אַ מאָדערנעם דאָבינער (נישט
קיין רעפּאָרט דאָבינער).

ס"י אין אַלגעמיינעס געזעלשאַפֿט
 לעכז לעבן און ס"י אַלס ציוניסטישער
 יסען (מיט שוואונג פון מנהיג) אין
 ד"ר מילער סעטיק פון העכער צוויי
 צענדליג יאָר. אין ציוניסטישע
 קאָנגרעסן האָט ער אַלס דעלעגאַט
 זיך באַטייליגט זינט ער איז אַלט נע-
 וואָרן 25 יאָר — ביזן לעצטן קאָנ-
 גרעס אינזשליסלעד. אויפן קאָנגרעס
 פון ערב דעם לעצטן קריג איז ד"ר
 מילער-געוויילט געוואָרן אין ציוניס-
 טישן אַקצאָנס קאָמיטעט.
 אוססער זיין ציוניסטישער און
 רבינער סעטיקייט האָט ער ד"ר מילער
 זייער פיל ענערגיע געווימעט דעם
 דעם יידישן וועלט - קאָנגרעס און

אלס זיין ספעציעלער שליח איז ער
אין יאר 1943 געקומען קיין אייראָ-
פע, כדי צו פירן אונטערזאָנד-
ונגען מיט די עמיגראַנטשע רעגיר-
ונגען פון די מלוכות אונטער היס-
טאָרישעם אַקאָפּאַציע וועגן אַרגאָ-
ניזירן אַ הילפּס־אַציע פאַר די איינ-
פּעאישע יידן. ליידער אָבער האָבן די
נאַציסטישע בעסטענס צווישען גע-
מאַכט זיין אַלע פּלענען...

דער מילער איז נאָכן פּרינציפּלס-
געוואָרן אלס פרעזידענט פון דער אַ-
מערקאַנטער טעקעס פון "ידישוּ"
וועלט־קאָנגרעס און איז זיין נאָמען
האַט ער אין יאָר 1946 באַטייליקט
זיך אין דער פּאַרזיער שלום־קאָנפּע-
רענץ.

ראבי"ל מילער איז א גוטגעצונדער
קטן רעדנער, קיינמאל אבער קאן מען
אייס נישט פארדארפן, אז ער פאר-
דעקט מיט שיינעדיגקייט דעם מאגל
(אין תולד). ער איז תמיד ערוסט (אפ-
ער אפילו צו ערנסט — ער שטייט
צו זעכטן) און אלע זיינע רעדעס
גייענען זיך אויס מיט א שטיל פון
צוהערע און אינהאלט. זיך מילער
ווערט באצייכנט אלס מענטש, וואס
האלט אן א „דיסטאנס" צווישן זיך
און דער מאסע, עס איז אבער א
פאקט, אז ער רופט ביי אלעמען א-
רויס געפילן פון סיפן דרך ארץ און
אנערקענונג פאר זיין פערזענלעכ-
ייט.

דער מילער איז דוסט לאָגע יאָר
נאָענט באַפֿרייטעט מיט דער סיל
ווער און דער נומער און איז אַ גע
טרייע אָנהענגער פון זייער פּאָליטי־
שער שטראָם. סײַ פּאַרן לאַדזשאַנד
מענטשן, סײַ בעת זייער פּאַרשאַנד
לונגען און סײַ נאָכן אויסוויילן אים
אַלס פרעזידענט האָט דער מילער
קלאָר דערקלערט, אַז ער וועט זיך
באַמינען אין זײַן טעטיקייט צו רעאָ
לירן דער פּרינציפּען פון דער סיל
עסער־נומער־ליסטע.

„טראץ די פארויסזאגונגען פון אונזערע קעננער פון דעם דערל - היים - „פראגנטיקוין“ לאזער, האט דער לאנד-צוזאמענפאר כאשטעטיקס אווער שטאנדרופקט אין האָט אָנ - גענומען די ליניע און לאזער האָט ציוניזם, אזוי ווי זי איז געוואָרן אויסגעדריקט אין דער אטלאַנטיסיס טינדזשלאַנציע פאראיאירן זומער. אל געמיניע ציוניסטן איבער דעם גאנצער וועלט און דער עיבר און מדינת ישי - ראל וועלן זיין וויער דערמוטיקט מיט דעם, וואָס איז דאָ געשען. אונז זען איבערוועגנדער נצחון וועט שטא רקן ארביי מילערס נייע לייטונג. איך בין זיכער, אז ער וועט זיין א גרויס פון פרעזידענט פון אונזער גרויסער ארגאניזאציע.“

י. ארפוס

סיר ווילן זיין באשיידן אין אונזער פרייד.

דער קאמפ, וואס איז געפירט גע-
וואָרן ערב דעם 55טן יערלעכן צוואַ-
מענאָר פון דער „זארא" — צוויי
פון דער סילווערניומאן גרופע איז
דער גאלדמאן-ברודערפאסאָיע, איז
סוף-כל-סוף אן אינערלעכע אָנמלעכע-
הייט פון די אַמעריקאַנער ציוניסטן.
אַבער דער דאָזיקער אינערלעכער
קאמפ האט א גאנצען שיכות אויף צו-
אונז און דער אָפּגעהאַלטענער אין
ניי-יאָרק נעצחן איז אויך אונזער נצ-
חון.

נאר לאמיר זיין, ווי געזאגט, בא-
שיידן. לאמיר אויסהיירן אונזער
ברוים צופרידענקייט דערמיט, וואס עס
האבן געווינט די גערעכטע, און דאן
אויסשטרעקן די האנט צו די באזונטע
ארבעטליכע זיי ווייטער צוזאמען צו
אברעטן למכות אונזער ציוניסטישן
אידעאל.

באשיידענקייט האט אבער אויך
געדענעט. און נישט אפהיטן דיראזיקע
געדענצן וואלט געווען, ווען מיר דער-
לאזן צום פערשן פאקטן און ציפערן
און ווען מיר דערלויבן, אז מען זאל
מיט דער הילף פון „אינטערנעט-
ציע“ — אזא מין פעלשונג באקאנט.

מיינען מיר, אז פון די אהויסאָנאָגן-
גען און אויפֿקלערונגען, וואָס זענען
נאָכן פאָרענדיקן דעם לאַנד-צוזאַמען-
פאַר אין ניו-יאָרק געגעבן געוואָרן
דורך אונזערע מנהנים אין ישראָל
און אַמעריקע — די אַמעריסטן
אויפֿגעמאכטע און באַהאנדעלטע, ווייל
זיי האָבן דאָך דעם נצחון אויפֿגע-
קעמפט — שטעלט זיך די לאַגע פאַר

נאך דעם 55-טן לאנד-צוזאמענפאר פון דער אמעריקאנער ציוניסטישער ארגאניזאציע

יוסף וויינבערג

די נייע רעזאלוציע פון דער ז.א.א.

א זיג פון דער קאנצעפציע פון דער ציוניסטישער ארגאניזאציע אין פראנקרייך און א באשטעטיקונג פון איר פאליטישער רייפקייט

אויפן שפיץ צונג

פון בן-מנחם

נו י"ג, ווי מען א מענטש, מען עס אפילו זיין דער פרעזידענט אליין, זיך נעמען דאס רעכט, נישט זייענדיק באפולמעכטיקט דערצו דורך קיין שום אינסטיטוט, מבטל צו מאכן א באשלוס, וואס איז אונגענומען געווארן דורך א לעגאלע פארגעקומענער געזעצטע אינסטיטוט פון דער ארגאניזאציע, וועלכע איז די העכסטע אינסטיטוט פון דער ארגאניזאציע, וואס איז אמעריקע ? אבער צו וואס פרעגן: מן הסתם האט ער דער רויף באקומען די ברכה פון "אם, זאל לעבן, אליין".

באזונדערס מערקווידיק איז געווען דער דערקלערונג, וואס זי איז געקומען אינגאנצן געצילטע וואכן פאר דער 55-טער "קאנפערענץ", וועמענס דיספאזיציע הייבט ברויך האט געדארפט צוריקשטעלן דעם מאנדאט אלס פרעזידענט.

האט מען טאקע אין דער ציוניסטישער וועלט געוואלט מיט שפאנונג אויף דעם אויסגאנג פון דער "קאנפערענץ", וועלכע האט זיך געשלאסן דעם 16טן ד.ח. אין ניו-יאָרק מיט א באשלוס, אונגענומען דורך א רויף קער מערהייט, זיך טאקע מער נישט צו אידענטיפיצירן מיט!!! איר געווענעם פרעזידענט.

מיר וועלן מיט גארנישט איבער-טויבן, זאגנדיק, אז די אויגן פון דער גאנצער ציוניסטישער באוועגונג, און גאנץ ספעציעל פון דער אלגעמיינער ציוניסטישער, זענען געווענעם צו דער "קאנפערענץ" פון דער ז.א.א. איין איין ניו-יאָרק, ווייל מען האט זיך אפגעגעבן א דין וואס, אז פון אירע דעבאטן און בא-שלוסן איז אין גרויסן טייל אפהענגיק די ווייטערדיקע געשטאלטונג פון ציוניזם בכלל און פון אלגעמיינעם ציוניזם בפרט.

האבן מיר, ציונים כלליים, זיך נישט אנטוישט אין אונזער גלויבן אין האפענונג, אז די ציוניסטישע ארגאניזאציע אין אמעריקע וועט זיך נישט לאזן "גלייטשלאסן".

אומוישט האבן זיך נאך די, וועלכע דארפן זיין געוואלט צו אומשוועגן, ווייל אין זייערע נביאות דיקן זיי אויס נאך זייער אייגענעם ווונש, אבער נישט דעם ווילן פון דער מער-הייט אין דער ציוניסטישער באוועגונג און אין די ציוניסטישע ארגאניזאציע.

מיטן אויסוויילן ראביי אורלוינג מילער, דעם טרייען אנהענגער פון דער סילווער "נימא" ליניע, אלס פרעזידענט פון דער ז.א.א. איין הויבט זיך אן, גלויבן מיר, א נייע תקופה אין ציוניזם אין אמעריקע, א תקופה, וועלכע וועט האבן איר אויסווייזונג אין וועלט "ציוניזם" מיר זענען איבערצייגט, אז א דאנק וויי אונזערע ליגענען און ציוניסטישן גלויבן און מיט דער הילף פון אונז זענען גרויסע מנהיגים דיר סילווער און דיר נימא, ווי אויך די נייע אינסטיטוציאן, אין וועמענס שפיץ עס שטייען אזעלכע אויסגעפרוהטע און מוסיקע ציוניסטישע קעמפער, ווי: מארטימאר מעי, סילק, גודמאן, מארטימאר און אנדערע — וועט רא-ביי אורלוינג מילערן געלונגען צו-ריק צוגעבן דעם אמעריקאנער "באני-קראסירטן" ציוניזם דעם גרויסן ער-טויזנט און גלאנצן, כדי מיט בא-ניסן מוס פארוועטצן די אומגעוהר-טע ליסטענען לסובת מדינת ישראל, אל, דעם ציוניזם און דעם יידישן פאלק.

ביי דער "געלעגנהייט" פארייניקן מיר זיך מיט אלע ציוניסטישע ארגאניזאציעס, כדי איבערצושטעלן דער ציוניסטישער ארגאניזאציע אין א-מעריקע, איר נייער ליסטע, נייגע-וויילטן פרעזידענט ראביי אורלוינג מילער, אונזערע הארציקסטע ווונ-טשן און ברכות.

מיט עסלעכע וואכן צוריק איז אין דער ציוניסטישער וועלט "אויסגע-בראכן" א סענסאציע.

בעת דער דערפונג אין תל-אביב פון דעם "אמעריקאנער" הויף האט בנימין ברויך, דעמאלסדיקער פרע-זידענט פון דער ציוניסטישער ארגא-ניזאציע אין אמעריקע (ז.א.א. איין), דערקלערט, אז "זיין ארגאניזאציע" אידענטיפיצירט זיך נישט מער מיט דער פארטיי פון די ציונים כלליים אין ישראל, און אז פון היינט אן איז ער מבטל דעם באשלוס פון דער 54-טער "קאנפערענץ", וועלכע איז פארגעקומען אין יוני 1951 אין אס-לאס-אנגעלעס.

זענען אומגעגאנגען קלאנגען אין תל-אביב, אז די דאזיקע רעדע איז געווען א רעוועלוציאנע פון א צוויי-שעה דיקן געשפרעך פון ב. ברויך מיט "אם, זאל לעבן, אליין" — מיט בן-גוריון.

און אז ער זאל לעבן, אליין, בכ-בדוועצטן נעמט אויף אויף איר דעם דעם פרעזידענט פון דער גרעס-טער ציוניסטישער ארגאניזאציע אין דער וועלט, איז עס גאָר קיין קלייני-קייט נישט, דאס איז א סגולה "גרויס" צו ווערן.

אונזערע חכמים האבן אבער גע-זאגט, אז מענטשן, וואס זוכן גרויס-טע ווערן אין זכות פון אנדערע גרוי-צע מענטשן, זענען אין דער ווירק-לעכטיק קליינע מענטשעלעך מיט קליינע כאראקטערן.

האט טאקע די אויבן-דערמאנטע דערקלערונג ארויסגעווארפן א שטורם פון פראטעסטן מצד אפיירנדיקע פער-זאנען פון דער ז.א.א.

דער נצחון פון די ציונים כלליים

דער אינהאלט פון דער אפגעווארפענער "פארגרעסיווער" - רעזאלוציע

פון אמעריקע דארף זיך שטרענג האלטן ביים פרינציפ פון נישט-אידענטיפיצירן און נישט-אפ-לייגן מיט קיין פאליטישער פאר-טיי אין ישראל, זי דארף פאָלגן אן אומאפהענגיקע פאליטיק, וואס וועט פון צייט צו צייט פעסטשטעלען ווערן דורך אירע קאנסטיטוציאנעלע אינסטיטוציאן, דער 55-טער לאנדעס-צוזאמענפאר דערקלערט, אז די רע-זאלוציע פון אידענטיפיקאציע, וואס איז אונגענומען געווארן פארייניקט אין אסלאנגטק "סיטי", רעפרעזינט-טירט נישט דעם איצטיקן שטאַנד-פונקט פון דער ארגאניזאציע. דע-ריבער נעמט אן דער לאנדעס-צוזא-מענפאר דעם אפמאך וועגן נישט-א-ידענטיפיצירונג, וואס איז דערגרייכט געווארן אויף די זיצונגען פון דער וועלט "קאנפערענץ" פון די אל-געמיינע ציוניסטן אין ירושלים אין אויגוסט 1951.

אין דער פאליטישער קאמפיע פון דעם לאנדעס-צוזאמענפאר, אונ-טערן פארווייז פון ד"ר עמנואל ניר-מאן, האט די מילער-גרופע נישט א-ריינגעטראגן קיין נייע רעזאלוציע וועגן אלגעמיינעם ציוניזם. די דע-באטע וועגן דער פראגע אויפן פלע-נום פון דעם צוזאמענפאר איז אָנגע-ווארפן געווארן דורך דער גרופע פון רעדאקטאן און די "פארגרעסיווער", וועלכע האבן געמיינט, אז זיי וועלן אדאנק דעם געווינען א מערהייט פאר זייער קאנדידאט אויפן פרעזי-דענטן - אמת. ערשט נאך דעם, ווען זיי האבן אריינגעטראגן זייער רעזא-לוציע צו אנולירן די אידענטיפיקאציע-ציערעזאלוציע פון אטלאנטיקסיטי, האט די מילער-גרופע אריינגעטראגן איר אייגענע רעזאלוציע און אין דער אפטייטונג איז די רעדאקטאן "פרא-גרעסיווער" גרופע באזיגט געווארן מיט א מערהייט פון כמעט 2 צו 1 (594 צו 354).

"קאנפערענץ". זי זאגט פשוט, אז דאס ווארט אידענטיפיקאציע בא-דייט נישט איבערנעמען דעם פראג-דאס, דאס שטערט אבער נישט נא-כאמאל צו אונטערשטרייכן, אז די ארגאניזאציע אין אמעריקע פילט זיך געבונדן מיט די ציונים כלליים נאכדעם וואס מיט אירע שוועס-טער "ארגאניזאציעס אין גלות, דאס הייסט, אז איצט נאך דריי יאר האט די ארגאניזאציע אין אמעריקע אָנגע-נומען די זעלבע שטעלונג, ווי אונזער-ארגאניזאציע אין פראנקרייך. ווע-מען ווי וועמען, אבער די ציוניסטי-שע ארגאניזאציע אין פראנקרייך קאן מען זיכער נישט חושד זיין אין קיין קאמפראמיס - שטעלונגלעך-די צוויי עקזיסטירנדיקע קאמפערענצ-ציע "פארטייען אין ישראל: די ציו-נים כלליים און די "פארגרעסיווער".

עס איז כראי צו אונטערשטרייכן, אז דער אויסגאנג פון דער "קאנפער-ענץ" איז אין באצוג צו דער פאלי-טישער רעזאלוציע ווי צום אויסוואל פון ראביי מילער אלס פרעזידענט אין א גרויסער פאליטישער זיג פון ד"ר נימאן איבער ד"ר גאלדמאן און א וויכטיקע מאראלישע סאטיס-פאקציע פאר ד"ר סילווער. זאָלן מיר האפן, אז דער דאזיקער פאקט וועט צוריקברענגען דעם ד"ר סילווער צו דער אקטיווער ציוניסטישער טעטי-קייט, וואס וואלט אין דער איצטיקער דעג באדייט א מאראלישן זיג פון די פאליטישע עלעמענטן אין ציוניזם און געהויבן דעם נייסט ביי אלע אויפריכטיקע ציוניסטן אין דער וועלט.

די רעזאלוציע וואס איז געווארן פארגעלייגט פאר דער רעדאקטאן "פארגרעסיווער" גרופע דורך ד"ר ש. מארגנשעס און וועלכע איז אפ-געווארפן געווארן, לייגט זיך ווי פאלגנד:

"די ציוניסטישע ארגאניזאציע

געוויסע גרופע אָדער פארטיי אין ישרא-ל, עס איז אויך דאס רעכט פון ישרא-ל אין ישראל זיך אנצושליסן אין א געוויסער אידיאטישער קאנ-צעפציע אינערהאלב פון ציוניזם. יעדער ייד אין ישראל איז געבוירן מיט דעם וועלט "ידנטום אין דעם קאמף פאר אונזערע נאציאנאלע צי-לן.

דער אלגעמיינער ציוניזם אין אן אויסדרוק פון די נעמיניזאמע נאציא-נאלע אינטערעסן. ער סימפאטיזירט און אונטערשטיצט אין ישראל די דאזיקע פארטיי, וועמענס פראגראם פארויכערט די רעזאלוציע פון זיי-נע אידעאלן — די אידעאלן, וואס דער אלגעמיינער ציוניזם אידענטיפי-צירט מיט דעם ריינעם ציון-אידעאל.

עס מוז אבער קלאָר געזאגט ווערן, אז אונטערשטיצן און סימפאטיזירן מיט א געוויסער פארטיי און פראג-דאס, הייסט נישט איבערנעמען דעם פראגראם. דער אלגעמיינער ציוניזם קאן אין וועלט-מאסשטאב נישט אי-בערנעמען קיין פראגראם פון א ישרא-ל-פארטיי, וועלכע מוז אומפאר-מיידלעך, אין א גרויסער מאָס, זיך באזירן אויף א קלאסן-דיפערענציא-ציע, וואס עקזיסטירט אין ישראל, א-בער וואס שפיגלט זיך איבערהויפט נישט אפ אויף דעם לעבן פון גלות "ידנטום".

דער באשלוס וועגן אידענטיפי-קאציע, וואס די אמעריקאנער ציו-ניסטישע ארגאניזאציע האט מיט א יאר צוריק אָנגענומען אין אטלאנ-טיקסיטי, איז אין זיין פארם געווען פאליטיש נישט אויסגעהאלטן. אי-דענטיפיקאציע איז א ווארט וואס האט אין זיך א קלאָרע פאליטישע דעפיני-ציע. אידענטיפיקאציע הייסט איבער-נעמען דעם פראגראם און אים אנע-קענען פאר זיין אייגענעם פראגראם. עס איז איבעריק צו זאגן, אז א פאר-טיי אין גלות קאן נישט איבערנעמען קיין פראגראם פון א ישרא-ל-פארטיי, וועמענס טעטיקייט ליגט אויף גא-ר אן אנדערער פלאטפארם.

פאר דעם איז נויטיק געווען אן אויסטייטשונג פון דער דאזיקער רע-זאלוציע. דאס איז אויפגאבע דערפילט די נייע רעזאלוציע פון דער לעצטער ניו-יאָרק (ציונס). צווישן די וועל-כע זענען אויסגעוויילט געווארן אויף הויכע אמתן אין דער אמעריקאנער ציוניסטישער ארגאניזאציע, געפינען זיך די פאלגנדע באקאנטע אלגעמיי-נע ציוניסטישע פירער: דער פרעזידענט פון קאנדידאט, ד"ר האריס לעווין, ד"ר לעאן פויער, אברהם נאָלדשטיין און טשאַרלס רעס, אלע ערן וויצע-פרעזידענטן.

צווישן די וויצע-פרעזידענטן פון דער ארגאניזאציע געפינען זיך: א.מ. טראווער, זשאק טארטשינער, רי-כטער יוסף קלאָר, בנימין גאָרדאן, אברהם גודמאן, ריכטער הענרי עלע-באנען, ד"ר מארקוס לעוויןסאן, בני-מין ווייניק, לואי בליקער.

אויף אלע שליסל-פאזיציעס און קאנדידאטירנדיקע אמתן אין דער ארגאניזאציע זענען אויסגעוויילט גע-ווארן קאנדידאטן פון דער מילער-גרופע. קיין איינער פון די פאָרטיקט אָן הענגער פון בראדי אָדער פון די "פארגרעסיווער" איז נישט אויסגע-וויילט געווארן אויף קיין וויכטיקן אמת.

אויף דער ערשטער זיצונג פון דער נידערוויילטער עקזעקוטיו-ווע האט דאס מילער באשטימט

עס מוז קודם - כל קלאָר געזאגט ווערן, אז דער נייער באשלוס פון דער אמעריקאנער ציוניסטישער ארגאניזאציע שאפט נישט אפ דעם אל-טן באשלוס פון אטלאנטיק - סיטי, נאך להיפוך: ער באשטעטיקט אים, די אלע צייטונגען וואס דערציילן ווע-גן אן "אפשאפן פון דעם אידענטיפי-קאציע - באשלוס", שרייבן כחיוון א ליגנט, די מינערעהייט, וואס איז באשטאנען פון דער "פארגרעסיווער גרופע" צוזאמען מיט די רעדאקטא-חברים, האט אזא פארשלאג פארגע-לייגט דער "קאנפערענץ", אבער דער פארשלאג איז מיט א מערהייט פון 594 קעגן 354 שטימען אָפגעווארפן געווארן. עס איז אויך נישט ריכטיק, אז דער אָנגענומענער באשלוס איז א פועל יוצא פון א קאמפראמיס. די "פארגרעסיווער" רעדאקטאן - גרופע האט געשטימט קעגן אים. אויב דאס וואלט געווען א קאמפראמיס וואלט זי דאך נישט געשטימט קעגן.

דאס הייסט קלאָר: דער אלטער באשלוס פון אטלאנטיק - סיטי וועגן אידענטיפיקאציע מיט די ציונים כל-ליים אין ישראל איז געבליבן גילטיק און דער נייער באשלוס טוט אים נאך באשטעטיקן, וואס איז אויסגע-דריקט אין דעם זאגן אין וועלכן די "קאנפערענץ" פאקטלאמירט ווידער - אַמאל איר פריינטשאפט און ברידער-לעכע באציאונג מיט די אלגעמיינע ציוניסטן, וואס טיילן די זעלבע מיי-נונג הן אין גלות ווי אין ישראל. עס פארשטייט זיך, אז דאס ווארט ווי-נעראמאל באדייט א באשטעטיקונג פון א זאך, וואס איז שוין אַמאל גע-שען, דאס הייסט דעם באשלוס פון אטלאנטיק - סיטי.

וואס די נייע מילער - רעזאלוציע טוט יא, דאס איז: זי גיט א פירוש דער אלטער רעזאלוציע. דאס קומט איך טאקע צום עצם ענין.

ווען די לאנדעס-אפגענעמט פון דער ציוניסטישער ארגאניזאציע אין פראנקרייך האט מיט דריי יאר צו-ריק אָנגענומען די רעזאלוציע פון איינטיקייט מיט די ציונים כלליים אין ישראל, איז אין דער דאזיקער רעזאלוציע דייטלעך אונטערגעשטרא-כן געווארן, אז די ארגאניזאציע איז דענטיפיצירט זיך מיט קיין שום פארטיי אין ישראל. די דאזיקע בא-ווארעניש האט גאָר נישט אוועקגע-נומען פון ווערט פון דעם עצם - רע-זאלוציע וועגן די שוועסטער - בא-ציע-אונגען צווישן דער פראנצויזישער ארגאניזאציע און די ציונים כלליים אין ישראל. דאס אונטערשטויבן די נישט אידענטיפיקאציע איז געווען אן אויסגערעכטער פאליטישער פרינ-ציפ, וואס האט שוין דאמאלס ערות געזאגט וועגן דער פאליטישער רויף-קייט פון דער ארגאניזאציע אין פרא-נקרייך.

אויך דאמאלס האבן די פראנצ-סיווע קעגנער געוואלט אויפשוויי-אן דער דאזיקער באשלוס אין א קאמפראמיס צווישן צוויי קאנצעפ-ציעס — זייערע און אונזערע. דעם שרייבער פון די דאזיקע שורות איז אבער צו יעדער צייט לייכט געווען אויפצווייזן די "פארגרעסיווער", אז עס האנדלט זיך נישט אין קיין קאמ-פראמיס, נאך אין א טיף דורכגע-טראכטע פאליטישע קאנצעפציע, מיט א פאר חרשים פאר דער דע-מאָלידער קאנפערענץ פון דער ציוניסטישער ארגאניזאציע אין פראנקרייך האבן איך געשריבן אין מיין בראשור: "דער ציוניזם אויף נייע וועגן", אויף זייט 39:

"יעדער ציוניסט און יעדע גרופע פון ציוניסטן אין גלות האט דאס רע-כט צו סימפאטיזירן און צו אונטער-שטיצן, מאָרעליש און מאטעריעל א

יעקב גראמאן (תל-אביב)

איבערן שיינקייטס-קעניגין און א שפיי אין פנים..

רעפארטאזש : א וואך אין ישראל

(פון אונזער ספעציעל קארעספאנדענט)

עס איז איצט זייער הייס אין ישראל. דער ברענענדיק - שטיקנדיקער חמסין האט זיך היי-יאר צוגעאיילט מיט זיין קומען. און מען ווייזט זיך: נאך דאס האט אונז נאך צוגעפאלט צו די אלע צרות אין לאנד...

און צרות פאלן נישט, ווי בא - וואס - אויך אן דעם חמסין. עקאר נאמישע צרות, פאליטישע זארגן און אלע איבעריקע שוועריקייטן, אויף וועלכע מיר טרעפן כסדר אן. האבן מיר א נייעם קרויז איבער-האלב דער רעגירונג: דער פינאנץ מיניסטער האט דעמיסאנירט און ס'איז שווער צו געפונען א פארטרעטער. און אויך די רעליגיעזע מינים טארן דראגן מיט דעמיסיע צוליב קאנפליקט מיט בן-גוריון און דער פראגע פון מיליטעריזירטע פאר-רעליגיעזע - געשטימטע מידלעך. בקיצור: עס איז ביי אונז, "היימלעך" און ס'איז שוין א ביסל צו היימלעך, בפרט נאך אין טעג פון חמסין, ווען דער קאפ טוט אזוי ווי צוליב דער נאטור - הייז...

ווייל איך דאס מאך פארנעם אויף א מאמענט וועגן - הויך-פאליטיק, לאזן איך א זייט די גרויסע פראבלעם מען און דעציילן א ביסל וועגן טאג טעגלעך לעבן אין לאנד.

און אט איז א ביסל קליינע עפיר זאגן פון איין וואך אין ישראל - אן הויכער פאליטיק...

איבערן האט איינגענומען תל-אביב

אנגעהויבן האבן איך די וואך - אין דער וועלט פון פאנאטאזיע.

אין איינעם אן אונז, א שטארק חסידיש, האב איך זיך געפונען ווייט פון "זענע" און ווייט פון אלע אונזערע צרות. איך בין געזעסן אין דער "הבימה" אין תל-אביב - אויף דער פרעמיערע פון איבעסענס, "פער נינט". דאס איז געווען א גרויסער וויכטיגער פארן פארן העכער - אישן טעאטער, וואס האט זוכה גע-ווען צו אזא פרעכטיקער פארשטע-לונג, נאך אויך פאר אלע ליבהאבער פון העברעאישער קולטור בכלל. דאס איז א פיעט פון העכסטער טעאטער מדרגה, וואס אפילו די גרעסטע ביי-געקלייטער וואגן זי אויפצופירן גאנץ זעלבס. עס איז דעריבער געווען א שטאלץ און אן אמתדיק פארנע-ניגן בייצווייניקע דעם גרויסן נצחון, וואס די "הבימה" האט אפגעהאלטן מיט איר אויפפירונג פון "פער נינט".

אין משך פון נאנצע 4 שעה (מיט צוויי קורצע הפסקות) איז נישט זאט געווארן דאס אויג און נישט פול גע-ווארן דאס אויער פון ווען און הערן די דאזיקע פראכטיקע פארשטעלונג.

דער ספעציעל געבראכטער פון שווערן רעזשיסער מאלמקוויטס, וועלכער האט צוגענויט די פארש-טעלונג, האט דורכגעפירט א ווונדער-ארבעט. און פאר שמעון פיקל, דעם געבענשטן "הבימה"-קיינסט-לער, איז עס געווען א טאג פון גרוי-סן יוטיטוב און נצחון. די הויפט-ראל פון דער דראמע - די ראל פון "פער נינט" - פירט ער אויס מיט א געוואלטיקן טאלאנט, איבערציי-גונגס - קראפט און געהעריקער דרא-מאטישער פארטיפונג.

שמעון פיקלעל און די צענדליקער אקטיארן, וואס האבן צוזאמען מיט אים אויסגעפירט די דראמע, זענען מיט לאנגע און ענטוואסטישע א-וואציעס אויפגענומען געווארן דורך כן עולם, וועלכער איז נישט מיר גע-ווארן צו ווייזן, אין אזא הייז, אין א פארמאכטן זאל אין משך פון 4 שעה. מען האט נישט געפילט די מידקייט, און כמעט אויך נישט דעם חמסין. אזוי פארמאכט האט אונז די פארשטעלונג. איבערן האט אונז דע-ראבערט מיט דער גרויסקייט פון זיין טאלאנט, וואס האט אין דער "הבי-מה" געפונען דעם ריכטיקן תיקון.

עס איז טאקע פאראן אין אונזער קולטור-לעבן א ניוואנא אזא אראפ-צולאזן זיך צו די "ברייטע מאסן", צו די פרימיטיווע און קולטורעל זייער נידעריק שטייענדיקע שיכטן און דאס דאס אונז מיט א ירידה פון אלגעמיינעם קולטור-מעב אין לאנד. דער שריט פון דער "הבימה" איז דעריבער געווען א וויכטיקער שריט און עקספערימענט, וואס האט גע-דארפט ווייזן צו איך דער איבעריקער אטמאספערע איז נאך מעגלעך אויפ-צופירן אזא ערנסט און טיף ווער, ווי איבעסענס, "פער נינט".

דער גרויסער דעפאלט פון "פער נינט" האט קלאר געמאכט, אז מען מוז נישט אראפנידערן דעם קולטור-ניווא, כדי צו געפונען חן אין די אויגן פון ברייטן פובליקום. עס איז - להיפוך - פאראן א מעגלעכקייט אויפצוהויבן דעם אלגעמיינעם ניווא דורכן געבן דעם עולם א גוטע פאר-שטעלונג, א גוטע צייטונג, א גוט בור.

מען ווירט די שיינקייטס-קעניגין...

און ווי אלס קאנטראסט לגבי דעם שיינעם אונז אין דער "הבימה", האב איך אן אונז דערנאך פאר-ברענגט אויפן גרויסן באל אין יפו, וואס זיינע חכמות זענען געווען בא-שטימט פאר די קריגס - אינוואלירן און וואס זיין "טשוואק" האט גע-זאגט זיין די אויסוואל פון א "שיינ-קייטס - קעניגין".

איין זאך קאן איך קורסירן פיעט שטעלן: איך האב דארט, אין יפו, נישט געזען קיין סך פון די פנימער, (סוף אויף זייט 4)

ארעקס אשכנזי

דער וועג וועלכע מען רעדט נישט

(צו דער 5-טער יארצייט נאכן הערדישן טויט פון דב גורנער)

צופעליק איז דאב גורנער געווען א מיטגליד פון "הארץ", דער וועלכער גורל וואלט אים אפשר געטראפן, ווען ער וואלט געווען א מיטגליד פון אן אנדערע קאמפאס-ארגאניזאציע.

די פאליטישע איבערצייגונגען פון דב גורנער דארפן אונז נישט אינ-טערעסירן.

מען האט אים געהאנגען, ווייל ער האט געקעמפט פאר דער פרייהייט פון זיין פאלק.

די אויסערנעוויינלעכע, העלדיש-שטאלצע האלטונג האט ארויסגערופן באוואונדערונג און אלע - מען דאס די אפיציעלע מנהלים פון היינט גע-פאלן, אדער נישט געפאלן. די וועלט-מיינונג האט אין זייער צייט נישט געלייגט קיין אכט אויף די עצות פון "מפא" און האט אויסגעדריקט וואס זי האט געמיינט. עס איז גענוג צו ווארפן א בליק אויף די צייטונגען פון יענער צייט, בכדי נישט צו האבן קיין שום ספק.

א ביסל אנטשטענדיקייט וואלט ביי אונז געדארפט זיין. קיין שום פראנצויז, ווי אכט - קלעריקאל א - דער אנט-רעליגיעז ער זאל נישט זיין, וועט נישט פארשווייגן און איר דא נישט פארשווערן דעם אנדערע פון זשאנד'ארק.

עס וואלט נאריש געווען צו דער-לויבן איין פארטיי צו מאביליזירן פאר זיך א גאנצקאלט העלד. דב גורנער געהערט צו דער גע-שיכטע פון יידישן פאלק און זיין דע-געסאנס. און עס איז ווינטשטונדערט אז די באשיידיגונג פון זיין לעבן און טויט זאלן פיגורירן אין די לעבן-בי-כער פון די ישראל - קינדער. עס איז די העכסטע צייט וועגן דעם א טראכט צו טאן.

שרייבן א ביטע וועגן באגעדיקונג. דער פארשטער האט דעם פארש-לאג אפגעווארפן. ווייל ער האט נישט געוואלט פארדאנקען זיין לעבן די שונאים פון זיין פאלק און האט נישט געוואלט, זיי זאלן זיך קאנען בארירן מיטן, דאס זיי האבן געהאנדלט מיט חסד.

מען האט געבראכט מעבר לים זיין מאמע און שוועסטער, די אייניקע וואס זענען פארבליבן פון זיין משפחה, זייערע תחנונים האבן אבער אויך נאגרישט געפועלט.

די נאנצע וועלט האט מיט שרעק נאכגעפאלגט די האלטונג פון דעם געשטעלט, וועלכער האט באדארפט נישט מער, ווי מאכן איין ושעסט, בכדי צו האבן געשענקט דאס לעבן. קען אלע פרעזעדענסן האט מען ווידער אפגעלייגט די עמוקעווע צו דאס און דאס מיט דער איינצי-קער האלטונג, אז דער מאן וועט אינ-צווישן געבראכן ווערן דורכן לאנגן אויסווארט, און סוף-כל-סוף אונז - טערשידיקן.

ווען מען האט זיך איבערצייגט, אז עס איז נישט מעגלעך צו ברעכן די אנטשלאסנקייט פון דאזיקן מענ-טש, האט מען אים אויפגעהאנגען. פון דעמאלט אן הערט מען נאך - נישט דערן וועגן דעם מאן, וואס זיין נאמען איז געווען דב גורנער.

יעדעס יאר זענען טויזנטער יונגע ישראל - בירגער עולה קיין תל-א-ווען עס האט געקעמפט יוסף טרוט-פערדא, א מאנומענט איז אויפגע-שטעלט געווארן צו דעם אנדערע פון מרדכי אנלעוויטש, דעם קעמפער פון ווארשעווער געטא. ס'איז געגרינדעט געווארן א מונדאציע לכבוד דער בא-רימטער פאראשויסטין חנה סענעש. פאר דב גורנער אבער - גארישט.

יוסף מילנער

וירטשאפט און סטראטעגיע

וויילונג איז זיך צו דערמאנען יע-נע יארן פון שיינע אידעאלן, ווען און מיר זאגן מיט א (קרעכץ):

— ווי נעמט מען יענע צייטן? איינער פון די חברים האט מיר געזאגט: "ס'איז געווען 1907, אין א זאל אויף דער "רי-גלאסער", ווי עס האט זיך געפן - נען אונזער יידישער סטודענטן-פא-ריין. טאקע דער פאריין און דער זאל, ווי טאדאר הערצל אליין איז געקומען צו אונזערע סטודענטן, אונזערע בכורים, וועלכע זענען שוין דאן געווען דיפלאמירט - און זיי פארגעלייגט די ערשטע בלע-טער פון "יידישטאט". בערגאר לא-זא האט גערעדט וועגן קאמף מיט אנטיסעמיטיזם און וויטאקאר באש-וועגן לעסינגס, נתן החכם..."

אין א ווינטער-זאונט 1907 האט מען אונז פארזאמלט, ווייל צופע-לען איז אנגעקומען אויף א רורכ-רייזע פון דאשן-לציון קיין פאריז איינער פון די עלטסטע, "בילו" - פיאנערן ד"ר ניסין, און ער האט געדארפט לייענען א רעפעראט. מיר האבן געשלאנגען אלע זיינע ווערטער. מאקס נאדרי, ד"ר אל-סנדר מארמארעק און פיל אנדערע זענען געווען מיט אונז, און צווישן אונז.

דער נאסט האט זיך אפגעשטעלט אויף צוויי דערשיינונגען פון דעם קינפטליקן פרייען ארץ-ישראל (ער האט באשטימט געזאגט: "פאלעס-טינע"). ווירטשאפט און פארטיי-ריקונג פון לאנד.

איך דערמאן מיך ער היום זיינע טעזעס, און מיין חבר האט זיי מיר באשטעטיקט. דער "בילו" - פיאנער האט אנטוויקלט די פאגלנדיקע טע-אריע:

— מיר זענען א פאלק פון סוח-רים אין ארץ ביין זיכער דאס ווירט-שאפטלעך וועט ארץ-ישראל בלעזן און פארצווייגן זיך. מיר וועלן שא-פן א מסחר מיט די ארומיקע לענ-דער און מיט דער נאנצער וועלט.

זענען דען נישט אמאל געשוואמען יידישע - האנדלס שיפן פון אנד, ביי מאנפאליע, און פון אנדערע דרום - פראנצויזישע פארשטעטע? ס'איז געווען שוין אין גלות א גרוי-סער יידישער האנדלס-פאלאט, וועל-כער פלעגט פירן סחורות אין גא-ענטן מורחל... און פארוואס זאלן די זעלבע שיפן נישט געמען אן א-נ-דערן מארשטוט: פירן סחורות פון ארץ-ישראל קיין מארסיי, האמבורג ניו-יאָרק?

מיר זענען אלע געזעסן פאר-טרויסטע און גליקלעכע. און קען דען זיין אנדערש? דער "בילו" - פיאנער איז דאך גערעכט. ארץ-ידיש-ראל וועט ווירטשאפטלעך זיין אין די ערשטע רייען פון עקספארט און אימפארט - לענדער. יידישע סוחרים האבן געבראכט זייד פון כי-נע קיין פערסיע און דייטשע יידן האבן פארפלייצט די וועלט מיט זייער ערע כעמישע רעפארמאטן און א-נ-דערע סחורות. און דא האט ד"ר ני-סין פלוצלונג אונז אויפגעוועקט פון טרוים און מיט א הויכן קול אויס-גערופן:

— יא, איך בין רואיך פאר דער ווירטשאפט פון ארץ-ישראל... אבער וואס מיר שרעקט איז נאך אן א-נ-דערע זאך: מיר זענען סוחרים שוין פון דורדורות, אבער א לאנד וואס האט שיפן, גרענעצן, פאבריקן און אן ערד-ווירטשאפט רופט ארויס קנאה. ווי וועלן מיר נעמען גענוג-ראלן?

איך דערמאן מיך אויך דעם שמי-כל פון אלכסנדר מארמארעק. ער האט צוגעשאקלט מיטן קאפ, ווי איי-נער זאגט: — ער איז גערעכט!... ווי וועט מען נעמען פארטיידיקער מיט ביסק, מיט קאנאנען (דאן האט מען נאך נישט געקענט אויף-נען און לופט - פלאטייעס)?... און גענעראל? און סטראטעג?... און ווידער האט זיך צעפלאקערט א דיסקוסיע. איינער פון אונזערע (המשך אויף זייט 12)

די "קאנווענציעלע ליגנס" קעגן מגבית

פערסע, היינט הייסן זיי: טונים און מארגן... ווער ווייסט ווי זיי וועלן הייסן? און פארנעמט נישט, אז תמיד איז "דער ייד שולדיק" — דאן וועט איר האבן מער פארשטענדליכע פאר מנבית און איר וועט נישט זוכן קיין אויסרייד.

נישט די רעפארמאציע - געשיכטע, נישט דער אנטציוניזם און נאך וויר ניקער די פעקלעך באפרייען פונם חוב צו געבן פאר מנבית.

זוכט נישט אזוי לייכט צו בארואי קן אייער געוויסן. היינט נישט איר פאר אנדערע, עס קען, חלילה, קומען דער מאמענט, ווען דאס זאל ווערן א פראג בלעם פאר אייד.

מיר מיינען, אז ווען נאך 10.000 דונאס ערד ווערט פרוכטבאר גע- מאכט, און ווען נאך איין הינדערפארם שאפט פלייש, און נאך איין דארה ווערט באוואסערט, קען דאס בעסער דערנערן אלע יידן אין ישראל, ווי די אזוי גוטע פעקלעך פון אייד.

אן דער מנבית — ווי שמעלס איר אייד פאר די עליה פון יידן, וואס מוזן פארלאזן זייער געבורטסלאנד באפון, אין געאייגעניש מיט א ביטל טל שמאטעס אין דער האנט?

הערט אייד בעסער צו — מיט א יידיש אויער — צו די וועלטספראבלעך מען, וועלכע האבן נאך נעכטן געהיירט פון: רומעניע, אונגארן, פוילן און פון דער אנדערער זייט — איראק און

ביי דער שווערער, אבער וויכטיקער ארבייט פאר דער מנבית טרעפט מען אפט יידן, וועלכע באנוצן זיך מיט טענות, וואס דערמאנען דאס באקאנטע ווערטל: "ווער איז שולדיק? דער ייד און דער... צוקליסט!"

איין ייד זאגט זיך אפ צו געבן געלט פאר מנבית, ווייל די "ישראלדיגערונג" האט פארקויפט זיינע הייליגסטע גע- פילן צו די דייטשן, אן אנדערער דרייט זיך ארויס דערמיט, וואס מנבית איז "ציוניזם" און ער האט מיט "ציוניזם" גאר נישט צו טון... א דרי-טער שיקט פעקלעך פאר קרובים אין ישראל, אן אנדערער שיקט גאר צו סתם יידן און טענהט, אז ער וויל פאר זיין געלד זאל געניסן, ווייניקסטענס איין פאמיליע...

פאקעטן פון פראנקרייך קיין ישראל

די פעקלעך זענען שטרענג כשר, זיי אנטהאלטן די וויכטיקסטע שפיין - פראדוקטן ווי רינדערן און קאלב - פלייש, קאווע, צוקער, קאסא, גע- טרינקטע מילך, פוטער, פלוימען, ווא, זייער אאזוי... די פראדוקטן זענען איינגעפאקט אין פיר סטאנדארדירטע פעקלעך. א פעקל "סטאנדארד" קאסט 3.000 פראנק, פאמיליעל - 6.480 פראנק, "עקאנאמיק" - 2.530 פראנק און "בעבע" פאר קינדער - 3.600 פראנק.

די פראנצויזישע רעגירונג האט בא- גרענעצט די צאל "קער" - פעקלעך, וואס מען מעג ארויסשיקן פון פראנק- רייך יעדן חודש, די וואס וועלן פלי- ער איינצאלן קענען האבן די זיכער- קייט, אז זייער קרוב וועט אין משך פון די נאענטסטע אכט - צען טעג שוין האבן באקומען דאס פעקל. די איינצאלונגען און אינפארמאציעס קען מען באקומען אין ביורא פון "היאם", 27 רי דע בערי, פאריז 8.

דערלויבט צו שיקן "קער" - פראנצויזישע רעגירונג

א דאנק אן אפמאך צווישן דער פראנצויזישער רעגירונג און דער א- מעריקאנישער ווילטעטיקייט - געזעל- שאפט "קער" וועט מען פון איצט אן שיקן "קער" - פאקעטן פון פראנקרייך קיין ישראל.

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מיר וואלטן געקאנט אנטרייבן א נאנץ בוך וועגן די אויסריידן, מיט וועלכע יידן באנוצן זיך און מאכן א- זוי ארום קאנסורעניז דעם גרויסן דענקער מאס נארוי, וואס האט א- געשריבן א ווערט: "די קאנווענציעלע נעלע ליגנס".

די אלע טענות, וועלכע יידן באנו- צן, כדי אויסצודרייען זיך פון זייער הייליגסטן חוב — קאן מען א- רופן: "קאנווענציעלע ליגנס", ווייל עס איז דאך קלאר, אז ווער עס וויל געבן פאר מנבית, זוכט נישט קיין אויסרייד. דער אבער, ביי וועמען זיין הארץ איז נאך נישט רייף פאר א נא- ציאנאלער טאט, — דער האט א נאנ- צו, "סטאק" מיט סיבות, וועלכע זענען נישט מער ווי קאנווענציעלע ליי- גנס.

מיר זענען איבערצייגט, אז די אלע יידן האבן זיך נאך נישט אפגעגעבן קיין דיונהשכונ פון זייערע טענות און דערפאר וואלטן מיר געוואלט צו- זאמען מיט זיי באטראכטן — א ביסל ברייטער — דעם פראבלעם, למשל, פון שיקן פעקלעך — אנטשטאט געבן פאר מנבית, דער פראבלעם, וועלכע מיר רעכענען אויך צו צו די קאנווענ- ציעלע ליגנס — איז אבער ענלעך צו אן אמת.

זשאק און פערציע קאהן זענען גליקלעך מוריע צו זיין זייערע חברים און פריינט וועגן געבורט פון זייער טעכטערל מלכה

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די קאנסורעניז און אז עס וועט דורכגעפירט ווערן א שטופנווייזע אפשטאנע פון די פארשידענע קאנס- ראן, ווייט ארויס דאס האנדלס - מיניסטעריעס א טענדענץ אין א פארשטער ריכטונג, וואס צילט צו קאנסענטרירן אלע מער און מער מס- חר אין די הענט פון "באטמטע".

"א סך סוחרים האלטן", זעצט פאר דער "טוימס", "אז די רעגירונג, וואס איז דאמינירט פון מפא", וועל- כע פון איר זייט באהערשט די הס- תדרות, האט מורא פאר אמת'ע קאנ- קורענץ, ווייל געוויסע גרויסע הסתר- רות - אונטערנעמונגען און קלענערע פאבריקן אין קיבוצים זיינען אזוי נישט פראדוקטיוו, אז זיי וואלטן נישט געקענט אויסהאלטן אן רעג- רונגס - אונטערשטיצונג."

יוניארק (צינס). — די ישראל- רעגירונג נישט איבער קאנצעסיעס צו עקספלאטירן די מינעראלן פון נגב דעם, סולל בונה, וואס איז די רי- זיקע קארפאראציע, דאנערטאליט דורך דער "הסתדרות" און אזוי ארום שטופט זי ארויס אנדערע גר- פן, ווערט געזאגט אין "ניו יארק טוימס", אין א טעלעגראפישן בא- ריכט פון זיין ישראל-קארעספאנ- דענט, ד. א. שמירט.

דער זעלבער באריכט זאגט וויי- טער, דאס "טראץ די אפיציעלע צו- זאגן, אז עס וועט אונטערשטיצט ווע- רן די ישראל-רעגירונג.

מפא"י - ווייטער קעגן איינהייטלעכע שול-וועגן

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— ווייסט איר דען נישט דאָס
אין איטאליע איז דאָ א ייד, א נע -
נעראל אַטאַלענג, א קריגס-מינים -
טעז? — האָט איר דען נישט גע -
הערט וועגן אן אמערוקאנישן אד -
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נישן פלאַט, ביי קובאַ, און זיך גר -
סם געווען פאַר דער אינקוויזיציע?...
און דאָ אין פראַנקרײך זענען דאָך
פאַראַן אין דער אַרמיי יידישע קאָ -
לאַגעלן און גענעראַלן און סתם א -
פּיצירן!...

אַבער דער עולם האָט נישט גע -
גלויבט, מען איז געווען זיכער דאָס
מיר וועלן האָבן קרעמלעך אָבער
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נישט גענעראַלן. נאָך ווירטשאַפּט -
לעך וועט מען טראַומפירן!

מען קען זאָגן : „מי יגלה עפר“,
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סין און ווייזן אים, אז מיר האָבן א
מדינת-ישראל און ער איז דאָך —
זאָל ער מיר מוחל זיין אויף יענער
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מען. איר אַרמיי, אירע גענעראַלן,
איר סטראטעגיש ווערט באוונדערט
פון יעדן, יידן און נישט-יידן. אָבער
ווירטשאַפּטלעך?

די שונאים האָבן, זעט אים, אין
פאַרלוף פון קנאַפּע צוויי טויזנט
יאָר אויסגעטראַכט אויף אונז א מע -
שה און אפילו אונז אליין אייגענע -
רעדט דאָס מיר זענען גרויסע סוחר -
רים, וואָזנען קען, און פאַרשטייען
אן... עס. אז אָך און אז וויי...
לעבן זאָלן אונזערע סטראטעגן,
אָבער ווי ווערט מען פטור פון די,
וואָס ווירטשאַפּטן און ווייסן נישט
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Dr. Peretz Bernstein
General Zionist Organization
33, King George Street
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My dear Dr. Bernstein:

Permit me to acknowledge your kind letter of June 14th. Since then, of course, the Convention of the Zionist Organization of America has come and gone, and the action taken at the Convention and the election of Rabbi Miller to the presidency is known to you. I believe that the results are highly satisfactory. I should have liked to have seen the identification resolution phrased a little more positively and definitively, but the importance of the resolution, of course, does not lie in the actual wording but in the people who will carry out its intent and in the defeat of all those forces who violently opposed the resolution. I am persuaded that in Rabbi Miller and the administration which was elected the General Zionists of Israel will find loyal friends and supporters.

I would suggest that close contact should be established by the General Zionists in Israel with the Z.O.A., and that the important projects of interest to General Zionism in Israel be discussed with Rabbi Miller at the earliest opportunity. I should also like to recall to your mind a suggestion which I made when I was in Israel last, that some permanent representative of the General Zionists of Israel be in the United States and act as a liaison agent.

I am leaving for a few weeks' vacation and for a much needed rest. Upon my return to the United States early in September, I shall meet with Rabbi Miller and the leaders in the new administration and shall endeavor to give them whatever cooperation and support I can.

With warmest regards to all our friends in Israel, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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LIST OF OTHER ELECTED OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

New York, Sunday, June 15, 1952:- Rabbi Irving Miller of Woodmere, L.I., was elected president of the Zionist Organization of America for the ensuing year by a vote of 654 as against 371 votes for Abraham A. Redelheim. The votes were cast by secret ballot.

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GENERAL ZIONISTS ORGANIZATION IN ISRAEL

May 18, 1952

My dear Dr. Silver:

I suppose you have already received my telegram asking you to act - as you think fittest - with regard to Mr. Browdy's declaration made at the banquet of the opening celebration of the ZOA House to the effect that the ZOA is an independent organization which does not identify itself with any party of either America or Israel.

I know quite well that the ZOA resolution adopted earlier by the National Executive and or administrative Committee and confirmed by the Convention of last summer may not actually have been one of identification with the Histadruth Hasionim Haklaliim in Israel, and certainly did not have the practical effects which could have been expected from it even in the terms it was adopted. But the public understood it to be the expression of a more or less intimate connection between the two organizations, and therefore, received the renunciation of Mr. Browdy with pained astonishment.

You certainly have heard about the ferocious attack which Mr. Ben Gurion launched in the Knesseth against us in order to impress Mr. Browdy and his colleagues with the necessity of severing the connection between ZOA and our party, and I believe I may suppose that Mr. Ben Gurion made it his express condition for his attendance at the banquet that such a declaration be made. It is, of course, most regrettable that the Prime Minister of the State of Israel should sacrifice everything and everyone to his party - politics, and I cannot recall having witnessed so humiliating a spectacle as a ZOA president, earlier defamed and stigmatised in the Knesseth by Mr. Ben Gurion as one of the bankrupt Zionist leaders, crawling before him by attributing to him all the credit of establishing the State, by studiously avoiding any mention, even in general of the role played by American Zionists, and of course by you personally, or Mr. Newman, who was present.

But however distressing all this may be, we are at present primarily concerned with the undesirable effect which must be expected from an official repudiation of the "identification" resolution by the first convention of the ZOA, and this is what Mr. Browdy and his friends mean to achieve, by all means, obviously by orders of Mr. Ben Gurion. Anyway, Mr. Browdy admitted that this was his main purpose.

Until now I did not wish to bother you either with our affairs or with those of the ZOA which are troubling us, irrespective of any nominal or real "identification". But now I feel that I am permitted to ask you to use your enormous influence, as of old, in the way you deem fittest, to prevent a reversal of the "identification" resolution. We are not interested in its reaffirmation. But if it is attacked, it ought to be vigorously defended, for its repudiation would do a lot of harm, though its practical significance may not have been as great as many people hoped and expected.

I would be glad to hear from you and remain, with kindest regards,

Cordially yours,

/s/ P. Bernstein

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