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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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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 Blumenthal
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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 ZCA 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 130,620. 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 Hartzai 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 Hartzai 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 Hartzai 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 dependant 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 Maabarot (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 Kapat 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 where they 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,

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 self-explanatory. After the big sell-out at the Congress this is a form of a follow-up. The little traitor is taking revenge.

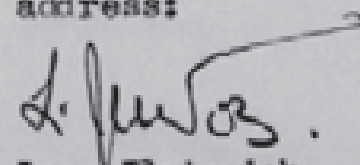
I did not reply anything since I do not consider Mr. Browdy as my employer. The ZINS was not a ZOA department, neither I nor my secretary were on ZOA payrolls. According to orders received from you over the telephone many months ago Mr. Browdy is not supposed to issue to me any orders but through you, 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 Ilatovich
Zionist Information News Service
41 East 42 Street
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Ilatovich:

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. Erowdy
President

ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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October 3, 1951

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

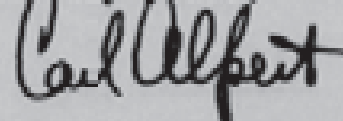
You will recall having accepted our invitation to serve as one of the Judges in our ZOA Essay Contest. I am now pursuing you for fulfillment of what that participation involves.

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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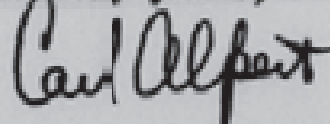
Dear Dr. Silver:

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
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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.

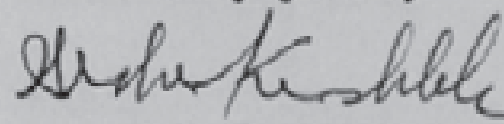
You undoubtedly recall my conversation with you in Israel. There are many and many soldiers like myself who stand ready to go into battle to drive these forces out of office provided we have you and Dr. Neumanⁿ as our generals. There can be no compromise with those at the helm. They are all small people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

ההסתדרות הציונית בצרפת
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דר' אבא הלל סילווער
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מיר האבן דעם כבוד אייך מיטצושטיילן אז אייך די סעסיע פון נאציאנאל-ראט פאר
פון אונזער פארטיי, וועלכע איז זיך צונויפגעקומען דעם 4-טן נאוועמבער אין פארז
האט אנגענומען פאלגענדע רעזאלוציע:

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וועט נאך לאנגע יארן נויטיקן זיך אין אגרויסער און שפארקער ציוניסטישער אר-
גאניזאציע. דער נאציאנאל-ראט באדויערט אין סיכות דערמיט, וואס דעם גרויסן
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לכבוד
ז"ר אבא הלל סילבר,
קליבלנד,
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ד"ר סילבר היקר,

אני מסער שמכתבי אליך מיום כ"ג בתשרי, 23.10.51, כבר הגיע לידיך, וכי בקרוב תקבל גם את הספר "הרצאות על האיסלם" לי.י. גולדציהר, אשר שלהנו אליך באותו יום.

ברצתי להגיע לאמריקה ביום 21 או 22 בדצמבר, ובינתיים עושים אנו בכנות מסויימות בקשר לעבודה, ששומה יהיה עלי לספל בה, בצורתם של ידידי המוסד, בארצות-הברית.

מסתו המפורסמת של ביאליק "הספר העברי", שעיקרה הם נר לרגלי פולתנן, תורגמה כאן לאנגלית ותירגם ב-2000 עפסיס; כן הננו מפיצים קונסרס קצר באנגלית, על פעולתו של המוסד, כדי להעמיד חוגים רחבים יותר, על עבודתנו והתוכניות הממשיות שאנו עומדים לבצען. בין השאר נתעכב בקונסרס זה, על פעולתנו האחרונה - הוצאת סלון אקדמי, על בסיס היסטורי, של הלשון העברית; מפעל זה, אשר ישתדל כנראה, על-פני 12 כרכים גדולים, ימשיך 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 מפרי מוסד ביאליק, בדרך בהיקף שנתקיים בימי הקונגרס הציוני באחרון, ושבוודאי ראית אותו.

מגברים שונים העיוו את תשומת ליבנו, שהמקום המתאים לכך בניו-יורק, הוא המוזיאון של המכון התיאולוגי היהודי, כמקום מכובד ומרכזי העלול לעודו 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 להציר לך, מה מחשיבים היינו את עצותיך, ובצעותיך.

בכבוד רב ובהוקרה



מ. גורדין

ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

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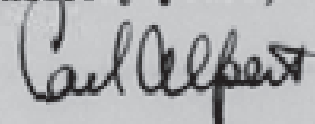
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

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 5% of the total sold to date. The Shoshana Bamarí 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. Radelheim 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 Chalutzim, 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,

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ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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,

ABRA 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,

L. E. Levintal



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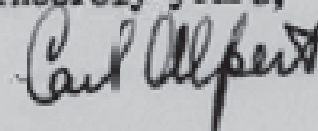
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

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 Marnon, 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 generalization 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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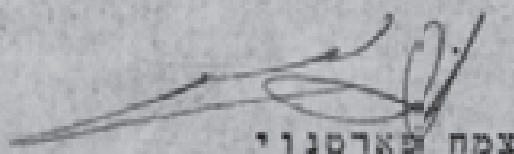
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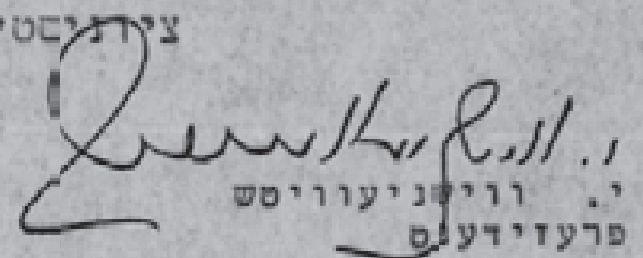
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די לאגע פון דער ציוניסטישער באוועגונג אין חוץ לארץ און מדינת ישראל דופט ארויס אין גאנצן וועלט ייזנסט געפילן פון עגמח נפש און מורא וועגן דער צוקונפט פון אונזער יונגער מדינה.

אונזער פראגנאן, אז א שטארקע ציוניסטישע באוועגונגאיז 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. לייזער ווערט אונזער איינש-טעלונג נישט געשטיצט פון אלע פארטייען אין ציוניזם און געוויסע קרייזן באטייען זיך מיט אלע פעגליכקייטן, דורך דעקלאראציעס און עפנטליכע ארויס-טרעטונגען סינימיוזירן 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 סוואכט אפ דעם איי-פלוס פון ציוניזם אויף דער יידישער גאס. די קאנסענקווענצן פון אזא איי-סטעלונג טועלט 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 פייגליכער צוליב דער קינסטליכער צעשפליטערונג וואס הערט אין אונזערע רייען. דער אנטאגאניזם צווישן די ציוניס כללים און דער פראגרעסיווער אלגעמיינער ציוניסטישער פארטיי אין ישראל ספיגלט זיך אוי-אפ געגאטיוו אויף אונזערע אקטיוויטעטן אין חוץ לארץ. מיר געפינען זיך אין א פערמאנענטער געפאר פון ספאלטונג, כאטש קיין אידיאלאגישע דיפערענצן זיינען נישט די מאסיווע. עס זיינען גענוג פערזענליכע אומצופרידענהייטן, אזא גרופע זאל אויסשפילן פאליטיק קעגן דער לייסונג פון אן ארגאניזאציע און טרעקן מיט ספאלטונג, אזא סיטואציע סוואכט 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 אריענסאציע. ביידע האבן זיך אפגעזאגט אריינצומרעטן אין דער היינטיקער רעגירונג קאאליציע, ביידע געפינען זיך אין דער קאנסטרוקטיווער אפאזיציע, ביידע זיינען קעגן דעם סאציאליסטישן רעזשים אין ישראל, ביידע זיינען פאר א פארגעשריטענעם סאציאלן ליבעראליזם אין ישראל, ביידע פארטיידיקן די אינטערעסן פון גאנצן פאלק, פון די בירגער פון אלע סיכסן אן אונטערשייד, ארבעטער, ארבעטאנער, סוחרים און פאבריקאנטן, ביידע זיינען פאר אן איינהייטליכן כול וועזן אין ישראל, ביידע טועלן אוועק די אינטע-רעסן פון פאלק און לאנד איבער פארטייאישע אינטערעסן, איז וועלכע זיינען די אידיאלאגישע דיפערענצן וואס הארעכטיקן דער עקזיסטענץ פון צוויי-אלגעמיינע ציוניסטישע פארטייען אין ישראל, ווען אין דידיאגניקסטע אנגעלע-גענהייטן און סאציאלע פאליטיקע און עקאנאמישע פראבלעמען האבן זיי במע-די זעלבע סטעלונג.

מיר ווייסן, אז עס זיינען פאראן טאקטישע און פסיכאלאגישע מיינונגס פארשידענהייטן צווישן די אנפירערענדע חברים פון ביידע גרופן אין ישראל און געוויסע פערזענליכע אינסערעסן צעטיילן זיי, איז דאס זייער רעכט און פרוויליעגע, 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 מפת 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 מפת'י הערסט אויך ניטט קיין פולקאמער שלום ביים צווישן אלע חברים, דאך האבן זיי איין פאליטישן סולחן ערוך און די פארטיי אלס גאנצע צווינגט ארויף אויף דער מינוערהייט די באטלוסטן פון דער מערהייט. וועלכע זיינען די מאכיוון וואס זאגן צו די באוועגונג קען ניטט געפינען קיין געמיינזאמע שפראך אין ישראל פאר ביידע גרופן? וועלכע זיינען די דעסטרואקטיווע כוחות וואס דערלאזן ניטט צו א פולקאמער פארייניקונג פון אלגעמיינעם ציוניזם?

פון די געטעענישן ביים 23-טן ציוניסטישן קאנגרעס און ביי דער וועל קאנפערענץ פון דער קאנפערענצאזיע פון די אלגעמיינע ציוניסטן, זיינען אונזערע רייען אפגעוואקסן 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 קאנפערענצאזיע איז א ציוויליזירטע און קען ניטט גענומען ווערן אין באטראכט אלס פולקאמער און געפיניטיווע כל זמן צוויי אלגעמיינע ציו-ניסטישע פארטייען עקזיסטירן אין ישראל, באקעמפן זיך איינער דער צווייטער און כל זמן ביידע גרופן פערזענליך צו רייזן 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 גרינסליכן 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 קאנפערענצאזיע 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 און פאר ווייטער נישט אנהאלטן, און אלע אלג. ציוניסטישע לאנדעס ארגאניזאציעס דארפן זיך ערנסט פארטראכטן בכדי געמיינזאם זוכן די וועגן פאר קאנסטאביליזירונג פון אונזער באוועגונג. מיר גלויבן אין כוח פון א שטארקן ארגאניזירטן אלג. ציוניזם. דער אלגעמיינער ציוניזם האט אין די לאנגע יארן פון ציוניסטישער אנטוויקלונג זיך ארויסגעוויזן אלס דער חוס הסדרה, און דער געוויסן פון דער ציוניסטישער באוועגונג, דער אלגעמיינער ציוניזם האט שטענדיק פארשטאנע אין מאסענטן פון קריזיסן אין דער ציוניסטישער וועלט, זיך שטעלן איבער ענג פארטייאישע אינסערעסן בכדי אויפהאלטן די גאנצקייט און אינסעגראלקייט פון ציוניזם. אבער בכדי דער אלגעמיינער ציוניזם זאל קענען דורכפירן כסלמות זיינע אויפגאבן און שפילן ווידער אמאל די ואל וואס די געטיכטע האט אויף אים ארויפגעלייגט מוז ער זיין פארייניקט און שטארק.

די פארייניקונג פון אלגעמיינעם ציוניזם איז אפהענגיק פון די אלג. ציוניסטן אין גלות, פון יעדער לאנדעס ארגאניזאציע און פון יעדן אלג. ציוניסטישן סוער. 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 אינזיאטיוו אין זייערע הענט און ארויפצווינג-
גען דער פארייניקונג, ווייל די נויטן 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 דאס באשלאסן זיך צו ווענדן צו אלע אונזערע שוועסטער
ארגאניזאציעס אויף דער גארער וועלט מיט א רוף צו טייצן אונזער אינזיא-
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 פארסנאוי

ירחמיאל וויטנבערג
פרעזידענט



מעקסיקע טראסט, ס.ב.ס, מסי"ב

אין דער זיצונג פון צענדליג-קאמיטעט פון דער אלגעמיינ-פארייניגטער ארגאניזאציע
האנדלעך (עקאנאמישע) רעפארם אין ארגאניזאציע פאנאם דעם 23-טן יאנואר 52
אין דער 49-טן ריז פארמאל, איז איינגעפירט געווארן פארגעברעך פאר-
לויפונג:

1. די צייטשטעלע אדאפטירט אין האנדלעך (עקאנאמישע) רעפארם צוריק פאר
פארגעברעך די פאליטיקע אפטייל פון די רעפארמירטע, און געבן אפדעקטע
צייטונג, און פארגעברעך די פאליטיקע אפטייל פון די רעפארמירטע, און געבן אפדעקטע
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2. דער ארגאניזאציע פארמאל אפטייל פון די רעפארמירטע, און געבן אפדעקטע
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3. דער ארגאניזאציע פארמאל אפטייל פון די רעפארמירטע, און געבן אפדעקטע
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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. Klaw, Murray Langbaum, Phil Lasser, 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 Hayesed 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 Eatzair, 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 Torday, 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

Zionist Organization of Mexico
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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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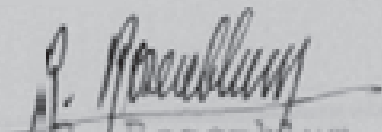
Dr. Aba Hilel Silver
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Cleveland, Ohio
U.S.A.

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, Ir. 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 \$10,000,000 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. Brewdy 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:

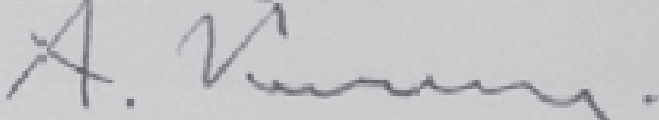
Attached is copy of a somewhat lengthy letter I sent to Mr. Leon Ilutovich, Executive Director of the Zionist Information Service. May I impose upon you to the extent of asking you to read it carefully?

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.



Aaron Neumann
Publisher & Editor

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Mr. Leon Ilutovich
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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-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 dilettantic 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 offuscate 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 Zucker-
man 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 Hayessed 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 Goldman & 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,

Alon Neumann
Alon 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 סילבר,
קליבלנד, אוהיו.

ידידי ומכובדי ד"ר סילבר היקר,

אני חקוה כי שורות אלה המצאנה אחי בכ' ואת הגברה סילבר
העדינה בקו הבריאות והשלום.

אמנם היה ברעמי לכתוב אל בכ' זה מזמן, אך סדרות הזמן
הגדלות והולכות כאן - מעד אחד, והמחשבה כי אפשר ואהיה למעמסה על
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אכל כיום, יום סאדע בכור בחיי ובהיזי בני משפחתי הקטנה,
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כל שהוא עבודו בישראל. אנא האמן לי ד"ר סילבר כי דבר כזה לא רק שלא
יהיה בו מן המעמסה אלא עונג וכבוד יוצאים מן הכלל.

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Judge Louis E. Levinthal
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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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