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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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February 24, 1954

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver

Yesterday Harold Manson told me that you were anxious to know the state of affairs regarding the income for Kfar Silver.

I am attaching a list of donations received as of today, which were specifically earmarked for Kfar Silver, and a second list of specific commitments known to us at this time.

I sincerely trust that this finds you in the best of health and send you and Mrs. Silver my warmest wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Hannah

Hannah Stein, Director
American Zionist Fund

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DONATIONS RECEIVED FOR KPAR SILVER

as of February 24, 1954

\$1,450	Mr. I. S. Turover
IL2,000	Mr. Charles M. Chizewer -- balance outstanding; Mr. Bressler negotiating
\$ 500	Mr. Morton C. Roberts - Bronx
500	Mr. Robert P. Roberts - Bronx
500	Penninsula Zionist District (Rabbi J.J. Finkle, Minyan Club of Rodef Sholom Temple)
600	Bayonne Zionist District - 1952-53
5,905.05	Westchester Region
10,000	Boston Silver Dinner
6,420	Cleveland Silver Dinner
12,246	Connecticut Region (Abe Goldstein Dining Hall)
180	Leon Kay - Detroit



COMMITMENTS MADE TO CONTRIBUTE TO KPAR SILVER
as of February 24, 1954

Phoenix Brandeis Zionist District (Harry Breverman) - expect \$3,000

Isaac Segel (Boston, Mass.) - \$1,000 to be made available in April

Masada Young Men's Zionist Dist. (L.A.)

Victorian Zionist Org. (Melbourne, Australia)

Bilu District - Bronx

Connecticut Region (Dining Hall)

Beth Abraham Synagogue Center (Dayton, Ohio, Rabbi Jos. Steinman)

Westchester Region

Bayonne, N.J. - Rose Gluckman bequest - \$4,000

San Francisco District



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February 26, 1954

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

We are having a Purim Seuda in the New York Metropolitan area with all the regions cooperating.

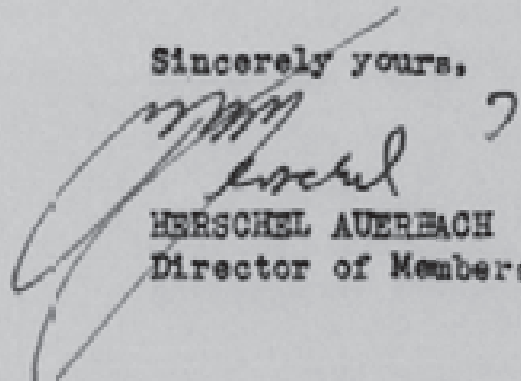
At this Seuda, we desire to honor each regional president and regional membership chairman. It is our belief that the Zionist leaders would most appreciate receiving a personally autographed copy of your book, "Vision and Victory". We would present each of these leaders with this copy at the Purim Seuda, at which we will have in the neighborhood of 1,000 people.

I am taking the liberty of mailing you nineteen (19) copies of your book and will be most grateful if you will inscribe them to each of the individuals on the enclosed list and return them to me in time for our Seuda on March 21st.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Best wishes and warm regards.

Sincerely yours,


HERSCHEL AUERBACH
Director of Membership

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Sent 3/9/54

LIST OF INDIVIDUALS TO WHOM BOOKS SHOULD BE INSCRIBED:-

- ✓ Joseph Scheinberg
Pres., Brooklyn Zionist Region
- ✓ Harold Carmely
Membership Chairman, Brooklyn Zionist Region
- ✓ Solomon Biederman
Pres., Bronx Zionist Region
- ✓ Irving Goldsmith
Membership Chairman, Bronx Zionist Region
- ✓ Walter Schwartz
Membership Co-Chairman, Bronx
- ✓ Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum
Pres., Manhattan Zionist Region
- ✓ Raphael Courland
Membership Chairman, Manhattan Zionist Region
- ✓ Julius Curtis
Membership Co-Chairman, Manhattan Zionist Region
- ✓ Jacob M. Dinnes
Pres., Long Island Zionist Region
- ✓ Irving Galt
Membership Chairman, Long Island Zionist Region
- ✓ Mosca Weinstein
Membership Co-Chairman, Long Island Zionist Region
- ✓ Bernard Buchholz
Pres., Westchester Zionist Region
- ✓ Gershon J. Feigon
Membership Chairman, Westchester Zionist Region
- ✓ Claire J. Okonowitz
Director, New York Membership Department
- ✓ Max Cohen
Director, Bronx Region
- ✓ David Eskin
Director, Brooklyn Region
- ✓ Leonard Lifton
Director Manhattan Region
- ✓ Philip Katz
Director, Long Island Region
- ✓ Earl Palton
Director, Westchester Region

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March 4, 1954

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

You may be interested in the attached copy of a letter which has just come to my attention.

I shall withhold comment on the matter at this time, but will be interested to see whether my hunch concerning future "re-groupings" will prove to be correct with respect to both Montor and Goldmann.

With warmest regards, ~~XXXX~~

Ever best,

Harold P. Manson

HPM/yr
enc.

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General Zionist Organization in Israel
33 Hashmal Street
POB 1778
Tel Aviv, Israel

February 19, 1954

Dear Mr. Torczyner:

At the King David Hotel in Jerusalem on January 9th, a meeting took place between Mr. Henry Montor, Vice-President of the American Financial Development Corporation for Israel, Mr. J. Serlin, Minister of Health, and Knesset Members Mr. H. Ariav and Mr. G. Flesch. Unfortunately, being unwell on that day, I was unable to attend.

However, I understand that the atmosphere was very cordial and the problems dealing with our assistance to and cooperation with the Independence Bond Drive in North America and other countries were discussed and clarified. Mr. Montor kindly asked to maintain close contact with us and his request was received in a favorable light. Likewise your relations with the Bond Drive were discussed and Mr. Montor expressed himself in favour of reaching an understanding with you.

A few days after his departure a meeting of the Executive was held and the talks with Mr. Montor reported. It was decided to accept his invitation that a member of the party, who would have powers to coordinate between us and the American Financial Development Corporation for Israel and yourselves, proceed to the U.S.A., and I take pleasure in informing you that the Executive has designated Mr. George Flesch, M.K., who enjoys our trust and support and who is on very cordial terms with Mr. Montor.

Mr. Flesch, who has been fully briefed, will be leaving for the U.S.A. shortly and will be glad to be of any service to you in reaching an understanding with the American Financial Development Corporation for Israel.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

(s/)

S. Bako
a/Chairman

Mr. Jacques Torczyner, Chairman
World Zionist Affairs Committee
Zionist Organization of America
145 East 32nd Street
New York 16, N.Y.

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March 9, 1954

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Mr. Fred Zirl who was a former Young Zionist District President and Chairman of the Brooklyn Young Zionist District Council, is now in Cleveland. He is located at 3508 Bendemeer Road, Cleveland Heights 18, Ohio.

He is anxious to organize a Young Zionist District in Cleveland and he is calling a small meeting of approximately 15 to 20 for sometime during the beginning of April.

I wonder whether it would be possible for you to permit Mr. Zirl to call this organizing meeting in The Temple, and whether you could step in for a minute at that time and give them a word of encouragement.

I trust that this letter finds you and the family in the best of health and spirits.

My kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours

Dr. Sidney Mark;
Executive Director

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Z. O. A. Program — Aid to Israel and Service to Our Community

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March 11, 1954

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
105th & Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. Morris Sirote called from Birmingham today to invite and urge you to be the speaker at the dinner on Saturday, May 8th, through which Birmingham raises a substantial amount for the American Zionist Fund.

Mr. Sirote feels that since you will be en route to Florida you may find it convenient to stop off for this dinner.

Will you be good enough to advise us promptly if you can accept this engagement.

In deep appreciation,

Sincerely,

DE Hirsch

David E. Hirsch, Director
SPEAKERS AND ARTISTS BUREAU

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March 11, 1954

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

It is always pleasant to convey good news.

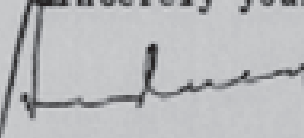
Mr. Ben Paul Brasley, an Attorney, Suite 412 Frick Building, Pittsburgh 19, Pa., has forwarded to us a State of Israel Bond for \$5000 exclusively for Kfar Silver. We are so designating these funds.

What is of equal importance is the fact that he has forwarded this Israel Bond to us in your honor. He does so as an act of gratefulness to you for your efforts in establishing the State of Israel. As a matter of fact, I understand that Mr. Brasley believes that you, above all other individuals, are responsible for the creation of the new State.

I do know that you will want to write to Mr. Brasley and tell him of your feelings.

Accept my kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,


Dr. Sidney Marks
Executive Director

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March 11, 1954

Dr. A. H. Silver
The Temple
E. 106th St., & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

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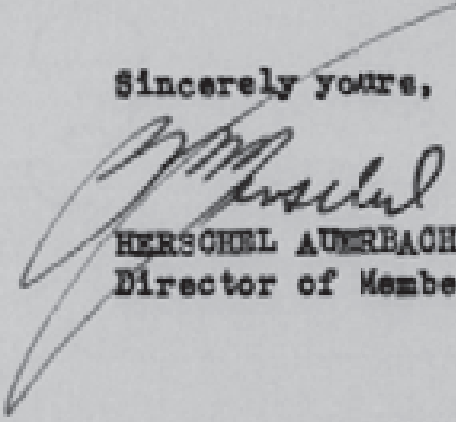
Just a note with reference to my letter of recent date concerning the books which I sent you for inscription. I know you had quite a snow storm in Cleveland and were pretty well snow bound for a number of days. This may account for our not having received these books with your inscription.

In view of the fact that our Purim Sueda at which these books are to be presented is scheduled for Sunday, March 21st, some ten days off, I would appreciate your taking this into consideration and returning the inscribed books to me.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely yours,

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HERSCHEL AUERBACH
Director of Membership

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March 15, 1954

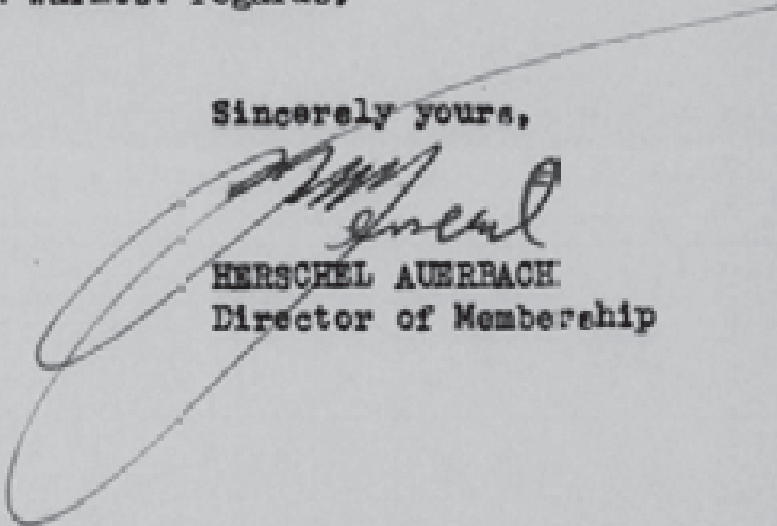
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St., & Angel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Just a note to express my thanks and appreciation for your inscriptions on the copies of your book, "Vision and Victory". We received them today and I am impatiently awaiting the presentation of these books to the individuals concerned. I know how much they will be appreciated and what a great honor these people will deem it.

Thanks again and warmest regards.

Sincerely yours,


HERSCHEL AUERRACH
Director of Membership

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INCORPORATED

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2. In consideration of the rate charged for carrying said property, which is dependent upon the value thereof and is based upon an agreed valuation of not exceeding fifty dollars for any shipment of 100 pounds or less and not exceeding fifty cents per pound, actual weight, for any shipment in excess of 100 pounds, unless a greater value is declared at the time of shipment, the shipper agrees that the company shall not be liable in any event for more than fifty dollars for any shipment of 100 pounds or less, or for more than fifty cents per pound, actual weight, for any shipment weighing more than 100 pounds, unless a greater value is stated herein. Unless a greater value is declared and stated herein the shipper agrees that the value of the shipment is as here above set out and that the liability of the company shall in no event exceed such value.

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- b. The nature of the property, or defect or inherent vice therein.
- c. Improper or insufficient packing, securing, or addressing.
- d. The Act of God, public enemies, authority of law, quarantine, riots, strikes, perils of navigation, the hazards or dangers incident to a state of war, or occurrence in customs warehouse.
- e. The examination by, or partial delivery to the consignee of C. O. D. shipments.
- f. Delivery under instructions of consignor or consignee at stations where there is no agent of the company after such shipments have been left at such stations.

5. Packages containing fragile articles or articles consisting wholly of or in part of glass must be so marked and be packed so as to insure safe transportation by express with ordinary care.

6. When consigned to a place at which the express company has no office, shipments must be marked with the name of the express station at which delivery will be accepted or be marked with forwarding directions if to be handled the express company's line by a carrier other than an express company. If not so marked shipments will be refused.

7. An immediate procedure to recovery claims must be made in writing to the originating or delivering carrier within nine months after delivery of the property or, in case of failure to make delivery, then within nine months and fifteen days after date of shipment, and suits shall be instituted only within two years and one day after the date when notice in writing is given by the carrier to the claimant that the carrier has disallowed the claim or any part or parts thereof.

8. If any C. O. D. is not paid within thirty days after notice of non-delivery has been mailed to the shipper the company may at its option return the property to the consignor.

9. Free delivery will not be made at points where the company maintains no delivery service; at points where delivery service is maintained free delivery will not be made at addresses beyond the established and published delivery limits.

Special Additional Provisions as to Shipments Forwarded by Vessel from the United States to Places in Foreign Countries.

10. If the destination specified in this receipt is in a foreign country, the property covered hereby shall, as to transportation over ocean routes and by their foreign connections to such destination, be subject to all the terms and conditions of the receipts or bills of lading of ocean carriers as accepted by the company for the shipment, and of foreign carriers participating in the transportation, and as to such transit is accepted for transportation and delivery subject to the acts, laws, regulations, and customs of overseas and foreign carriers, consignees, and governments, their employees and agents.

11. The company shall not be liable for any loss, damage, or delay to said shipments over ocean routes and their foreign connections, the destination of which is in a foreign country, occurring outside the boundaries of the United States, which may be occasioned by any such acts, laws, regulations, or customs. Claims for loss, damage or delay must be made in writing to the carrier at the port of export or to the carrier issuing this receipt, within nine months after delivery of the property at said port or in case of failure to make such delivery then within nine months and fifteen days after date of shipment, and claims so made against said delivering or issuing carrier shall be deemed to have been made against any carrier which may be liable hereunder. Suits shall be instituted only within two years and one day after the date when notice in writing is given by the carrier to the claimant that the carrier has disallowed the claim or any part or parts thereof. Where claims are not so made, and/or suits are not instituted thereon in accordance with the foregoing provisions, the carrier shall not be liable.

12. It is hereby agreed that the property destined to such foreign countries, and assemblies with foreign governmental or customs duties, taxes or charges, may be stopped in transit at foreign ports, frontiers or depots, and there held pending examination, assessments and payments, and such duties and charges, when advised by the company shall become a lien on the property.

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 For the Company	Number 1 Date 3-11-1914 Hour 1:30 P.M.
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March 15, 1954

Mr. Herschel Auerbach
Director of Membership
Zionist Organization of America
115 East 32nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Auerbach:

This is to inform you that the carton of books which you sent for Rabbi Silver's inscription was shipped to you via Railway Express on March 11th. The Railway Express people promised you would receive the parcel within two or three days. I hope they will arrive in adequate time and would appreciate hearing from you on receipt of the books.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth M. Sparrow
Secretary to Dr. Silver

March 16, 1954

Dr. Sidney Marks
Zionist Organization of America
145 East 32nd Street
New York 16, New York

My dear Friend:

Thank you for your letter of March eleventh in which you inform me that Mr. Ben Paul Brasley of Pittsburgh has forwarded to you a date of Israel Bond for \$5000 exclusively for Kfar Silver. I am writing this day to thank Mr. Brasley for his very generous contribution.

In this connection, I am somewhat disturbed by the fact that none of the funds which had been received by the ZOA earmarked for Kfar Silver have as yet been forwarded to Israel. I understand that more than \$30,000 has been received, and I know that you are earmarking these moneys, but earmarking is not enough. These funds are needed in Israel where they are engaged in building the school. I have received some disturbing letters from Israel.

I realize that the ZOA finds itself in a tight financial situation, but assuredly these funds which are now badly needed in Israel and which have been contributed by donors who have specifically earmarked them for Kfar Silver should not be used for any other purpose. The fact that an allocation has been made out of the General Zionist funds by the ZOA for this purpose in no way alters the situation. It was never intended that funds raised by the ZOA specifically for the Kfar Silver through the Zionist Fund or in other ways should be charged up against this allocation. It seems to me that whatever funds are received for the Kfar Silver should be forwarded as rapidly as possible to Israel.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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ANXIOUS FOR YOUR ACCEPTANCE IN ORDER TO ASSURE MAXIMUM
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DAVID E HIRSCH ZOA SPEAKERS BUREAU.

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March 18, 1951

Telegram

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David E. Hirsch
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115 East 32nd Street
New York, New York

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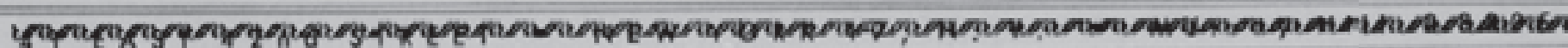


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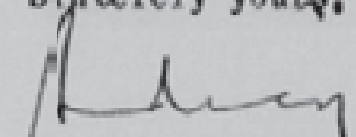
Dear Dr. Silver:

Many thanks for your letter dated March 16th. I was delighted to hear from you.

I will take up the contents of your letter with our fiscal officers. You may depend upon an immediate response.

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

Sincerely yours,


Dr. Sidney Marks
Executive Director

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Memorandum

To: ZOA DISTRICT AND REGIONAL LEADERS March 23, 1954

From: THE COMMISSION ON ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST (AZE)
Rabbi Leon Feuer, Chairman Harold P. Manson, Director

Subject: STATEMENT ON THE MASSACRE OF MARCH 17TH

The massacre at Scorpion Pass in the Negev, where eleven Israeli travelers were murdered by heavily-armed Arabs, must not be allowed to pass unnoticed by any segment of American public opinion. We must make clear the cause of such tragedies -- the persistent refusal of the Arab states to make peace with Israel and the failure of the major Powers, especially the United States, to bring about a change in the Arab attitude.

A full statement on this subject was made by Rabbi Irving Miller, President of the Zionist Organization of America, on March 21, 1954 before the National Administrative Council of the Z.O.A. We are sending it to you for your guidance and urge you to call it to the attention of newspaper editors, columnists, radio and TV commentators, clergymen and other moulders of public opinion in your community. The text of the statement follows:

The most recent Arab outrage perpetrated against peaceful Israel citizens has brought the tensions in the Middle East almost to the breaking point. The massacre of March 17th, when eleven Israelis, including women and children, were machine-gunned in cold blood while travelling by bus in the Negev, is the latest in a series of murderous acts committed by Arab states against Israel. Full responsibility for this wanton killing must be borne by the government of Jordan, whose official denials are obviously designed to evade censure by the United Nations. Such denials are contemptible coming from a government which has ceaselessly and openly threatened war against Israel, and which has deliberately and maliciously fed the flames of hatred against Israel among its people. The heavily-armed Arabs who crossed from Jordan into Israel on their errand of murder were acting in the spirit of their government's official pronouncements.

This same government of Jordan has impudently rejected the long-standing request of the United Nations Secretary General that it meet with Israel in compliance with its obligations under the Armistice Agreements. A similar increase in hostility has characterized the behavior of the other Arab states towards Israel. Egypt maintains its blockade of the Suez Canal and the Gulf of Aqaba against Israel-bound shipping, in defiance of international law, of the Armistice Agreements, of a Security Council Resolution and of public opinion throughout the free world. Syria continues to bar the way to a peaceful settlement of the controversy over Jordan water development. Iraq repeatedly calls for Israel's destruction. The King of Saudi Arabia rants about sacrificing ten million Arabs in order to wipe out Israel.

Meanwhile, our State Department continues to woo these Arab states under the slogan of "impartiality", offering American arms to nations which publicly proclaim their aggressive designs against America's only true friend in that part of the world. If our State Department

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had hoped that its policy of coddling the Arabs would result in the lessening of their intransigent attitude towards a peaceful settlement with Israel, recent events should have made it clear that the very opposite effect has been produced. The State Department's policy has only served to encourage the Arab politicians to believe that they can continue, and even intensify, their hostility against Israel with impunity.

We recall how hastily and energetically the State Department rushed forward to condemn Israel at the time of the tragic Kibya incident, which had been provoked by a long series of Jordanian attacks carried out against Israel's citizens without a word of reproof from our Government. The manner in which the Administration will act with respect to the massacre at Scorpion Pass will be carefully noted by Arabs and Israelis alike -- indeed, by public opinion everywhere -- and conclusions will be drawn by all concerned.

Finally, if we really wish to avoid the repetition of such tragedies and to save other innocent people, both Israelis and Arabs, from death and suffering, we must eradicate the cause of these incidents -- and do so without delay. There will be no end to this misery until there is peace, which Israel wants, but which the Arab states reject. The indefensible attitude of the Arab states is clearly the root of the problem, and the failure of the major Powers, especially the United States, to bring about a change in that attitude is equally responsible for the present situation. Our State Department would be playing a more constructive role if it were to concentrate on this fundamental problem. If the Arabs are told that they will no longer be appeased at Israel's expense -- and if they know that we mean it -- there will be peace. Our government should undertake to discharge this task for the sake of stability in an area which is vital to American interests and in defense of the democratic way of life.

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East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am sending you, under separate cover, a volume of "Vision and Victory", which I read again after several years. I will greatly appreciate it if you would be kind enough to autograph this volume for me and have it returned to my office in New York.

I hope my personal request will not be too much of an imposition upon you.

With many thanks and warmest regards, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Leon Blutovich
Assistant Executive Director

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March 25, 1954

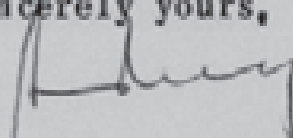
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Further with reference to your letter dated March 16th, I am bring this matter of Kfar Silver and its funds to the attention of the Finance Committee which is meeting on Monday, March 29th.

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

Sincerely yours,


Dr. Sidney Marks
Executive Director

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March 31, 1954

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Some weeks ago you asked me to make inquiries about the best procedure for sending funds to Kfar Silver. At that time I sent a memorandum to Emanuel Neumann, believing him to be in the best position to provide the information. Today I received word from Emanuel that he would see to it that the matter is properly handled after he receives details concerning the sum involved. I assume that you will wish to convey this information to him.

I have also received a reply on another matter of mutual interest which has been pending for some time. You will recall that I had discussed a Hebrew translation of "Vision and Victory" with an Israeli correspondent, Joseph Nedava, who was to interest an Israeli publisher in undertaking the publication of the book. Nedava has informed me that, despite his early optimism, the publisher concerned (Pali, I believe) has hesitated to proceed with the venture on a private enterprise (i.e. non-subsidized) basis. However, I still think that the idea is sound and intend to make further inquiries.

I imagine that you are just as disturbed as I am over the steady deterioration of the political situation. I am appalled by the blunders which have been committed by some of our friends in the Israel government -- and the public relations set-up of the Zionist movement in this country is a very bad joke. The reorganization which finally took place after almost two years of discussion and negotiation has only served to complicate matters further, and the movement is today almost totally devoid of direction in political matters. I have been trying to do what little I can from here within the framework of the new set-up, but I am the first to admit that this is wholly inadequate. I shall not trouble you with the details in this letter, but am prepared to provide you with all of the particulars if you should request them.

With warmest regards, I am

As ever,

Harold

Harold P. Manson

P.S. I just received a report that Byroade has agreed to speak at the forthcoming conference of the Council for Jewish

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April 6, 1954

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 106th Street & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Just a word to thank you heartily for autographing
the volume of "Vision and Victory".

I greatly appreciate your taking the trouble of re-
turning the volume so promptly.

With warmest personal regards, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Leon Blutwitch
Assistant Executive Director

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PLEASE WIRE WHETHER AND WHEN APPOINTMENT CAN BE

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April 22, 1954

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

As you undoubtedly know, the first Zionist District in the ZOA to name their District in your honor has been formed in Manhattan. I know the President of the District, Mr. Jack B. Cohen wrote to you and you replied affirmatively, consenting to the use of your name in that connection.

A large open meeting is being planned for Monday evening, May 24th at which time a charter will be presented to them. The principal address will be delivered by Mr. Harold Manson, who was so effective as your "Prime Minister" during the political fight for Jewish statehood between 1943 and 1948. ✓

If you would be good enough to send a congratulatory message to that meeting, it would have a most stimulating and electrifying effect upon the assemblage. Please be good enough to address your wire to

Mr. Jack B. Cohen, President
Abba Hillel Silver District
Westover Hotel
72nd Street and West End. Ave.
New York, N. Y.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

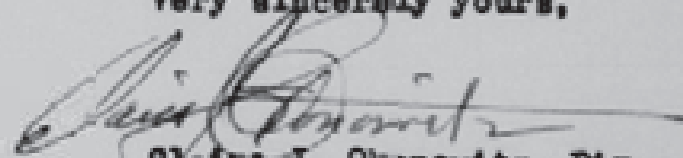
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April 22, 1954

May I add a personal note. I feel deeply honored that in the area for which I am responsible, we have consummated the organization of the first District to be named in your honor in the ZOA. To me, this achievement is something I will cherish above all others. You will be happy to learn that this District has a vast potential, both in wealth and in aggressive activities among the substantial business men who make up the backbone of the group. In the space of three months, they have already achieved a membership of close to 150. I know you will derive a great deal of Naches from this District as the years pass.

Kindest personal regards.

Very sincerely yours,



Claire J. Okonowicz, Dir.,
Metropolitan N.Y.
Membership Division

cjo:pa



cc: Harold Manson

APRIL 23, 1954

TELEGRAM

MR. HAROLD MANSON
ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

DO NOT MEAN TO BE IN NEW YORK IN NEXT FEW WEEKS.
WILL BE MOST HAPPY TO SEE MR. SAPHIR AT ANY TIME
HERE IN CLEVELAND.

REGARDS

ARBA HILLEL SILVER



מסדרות הציונית של ניו ענגלאנד

NEW ENGLAND ZIONIST REGION



ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Zionist House — 17 Commonwealth Avenue — Boston 18, Massachusetts — COpley 7-3602

PRESIDENT
Julius Stone

April 26, 1964

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 108th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

As Executor of the estate of Isaac Segal, late of Everett, Massachusetts, I have just mailed Hannah Stain a donation of \$1,000 which I was directed by my decedent to give to an educational institution in Israel and asked her to use it for Kfar Silver.

Before I went to Israel, from which we have but recently returned, my inclinations were to make such a designation because of my high regard for the historic contribution you made to the Zionist movement and the establishment of the state as well as my approval of the agricultural school which was to be established there. However, my visit resolved any doubt of the need of this type of an educational institution and the buildings already erected give evidence of creative and judicious planning.

Israel and our Z.O.A. too will benefit by the prompt completion of this important project and I look to your many devoted admirers all over our country to make the completion of the school an early reality.

Perhaps you will find it possible to lead a delegation of American Zionists to the Holy Land to join in a memorable dedication and I would ask your approval to present the suggestion at the next meeting of the N.A.C. of the Z.O.A.

Sincerely yours,

Julius Stone
Julius Stone
President



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April 29, 1954

Hand message

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

In my letter to you of April 22nd, I informed you that the first open meeting of the District being named in your honor is scheduled to be held at the Hotel Westover.

Since that time so much interest has been engendered among Manhattan people in the formation of the Abba Hillel Silver Zionist District that we felt it advisable to take a larger hall to accommodate the anticipated huge attendance. Accordingly the meeting will be held at the Hotel Manhattan Towers, 76th Street and Broadway, New York City.

Would you be good enough to address your congratulatory message to:

Mr. Jack B. Cohen, President
Abba Hillel Silver District
Hotel Manhattan Towers
76th Street and Broadway
New York, N.Y.

Kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Claire J. Skonovits

Claire J. Skonovits, Director
Metropolitan N.Y. Membership Division

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May 4, 1954

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I informed Irving Miller that you were planning to sound out Vice-President Nixon with respect to an appearance at the Z.O.A. Convention, and he was glad to know this.

As for the banquet on Saturday night, June 26th, Miller made the following points: If the Vice-President (or some other leading Republican) will speak on Thursday evening, we should have a prominent Democrat at the banquet. But if we invite Gov. Lausche we should also invite Gov. Dewey for Saturday night. Since the banquet will get under way very late due to Shabbat, it would be preferable to have only one major address. Miller would like to try Justice Douglas before canvassing others and therefore suggests that you defer any conversation on the matter with Gov. Lausche for the present.

With warmest regards, I am

As ever,

Harold
Harold P. Manson

BPM/or

May 1, 1954

Miss Hannah Stein
Zionist Organization of America
115 East 32nd Street
New York 16, New York

My dear Miss Stein:

I received a letter from Mr. Julius Stone of Boston informing me that as Executor of the estate of Isaac Selig he has forwarded to you a donation of \$1,000 to be used for Kfar Silver.

I hope that this amount will be forwarded immediately to Kfar Silver and will not suffer the fate of the many other gifts which have been designated for Kfar Silver and which have so far not reached their destination. I am very much disturbed about the whole situation, and the explanations which have been made are far from being satisfactory.

Very sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM MILLER SILVER

AMS:smm

May 4, 1954

Mr. Julius Stone, President
New England Zionist Region
17 Commonwealth Avenue
Boston 16, Massachusetts

My dear Mr. Stone:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of April 26th and for the information that as executor of the estate of Isaac Segel you have sent a contribution of \$1,000 to be used for Kfar Silver.

I need not tell you that I am very appreciative of this most generous contribution. I understand that Kfar Silver is making fine progress. I share with you the hope that it may be possible for me to attend the dedication of the agricultural school sometime next fall.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRAHAM SILVER

AB:arm

WASHINGTON, D.C. MAY 5, 1954

JULIUS MEYER
CO-CHAIRMAN 6TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
INDEPENDENCE OF ISRAEL
1 STATE STREET, BOSTON

I AM HAPPY TO SEND MY GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES TO ALL THOSE CITIZENS OF DORCHESTER AND MATIAPAN WHO ARE GATHERED ON FRANKLIN FIELD TO OBSERVE THE SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL. IN THIS SHORT TIME ISRAEL HAS MADE REMARKABLE HEADWAY ALONG THE ROAD OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS AND ALL AMERICANS FERVENTLY HOPE FOR ITS CONTINUED AND PEACEFUL DEVELOPMENT. PLEASE EXTEND MY PERSONAL REGARDS TO GOVERNOR HENNER WHO IS TO BE YOUR DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER ON THIS OCCASION. WITH ALL GOOD WISHES.



RICHARD NIXON



MAY HOSIERY MILLS

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May 7th,
1954.

Dr. A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Emanuel told me when I was in New York over the last weekend, that you were so good as to have announced your support of my candidacy for President of the ZOA. This made me feel ^{very} indeed, and I appreciate this very much.

If things work out right I shall want to enlist your full support so that we may build a stronger and more effective organization. In any case I count on seeing you at the Convention.

Thanking you once more,

Sincerely yours,

M. May
Mortimer May

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May 7, 1954

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I cannot tell you how deeply embarrassed I am over the contents of your letter of May 4.

I hope you will permit me to write these lines to you confidentially and to give you an official reply after next Monday's Inner and Finance Committees meeting. Frankly, the question involved is not only the matter of the Estate of Isaac Segel of Boston, but a far greater amount is involved.

Of course, you will appreciate that my duties are confined to fund raising and that I can only use pressure but have no jurisdiction over the dispersion of the funds.

From what I understand, Rabbi Miller undertook to pay \$50,000 in the current year to our friends who are building Kfar Silver. I am happy to inform you that we have raised very close to that amount, specifically earmarked towards the agricultural school which is to bear your name. However, the problem is one of appropriating such amount to Kfar Silver.

As I understand, we have to date transferred IL10,000 to Israel, and we are now in the process of transferring a \$5,000 bond, which we received from Mr. Brasley of Pittsburgh. We are having some difficulty in this connection, since Dr. Wirklich, the chairman of the Board of Regents of Kfar Silver, feels that he will not be able to make use of this bond, although we have ascertained that the Government will cooperate fully with him on it. In any case, this \$5,000 is in the works, so to speak, which would bring the amount transferred to date to \$10,000.

As you can well imagine, I feel as strongly as you do that all monies specifically donated for this purpose be transferred immediately and, as I mentioned above, I shall do my utmost to see that on Monday positive action is taken.

May 7, 1954

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Until then, please accept my warmest wishes and personal
regards to you and Mrs. Silver.

Sincerely yours,

Hannah Stein

Hannah Stein, Director
American Zionist Fund

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Memorandum

To: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From: Dr. Sidney Marks

May 11, 1954

Subject:

I thought you might be interested in learning that the Finance Committee has allocated an additional \$12,000 worth of Bonds to Kfar Silver which will bring the allocations to \$22,000.00.

We have written to Israel today requesting instructions regarding the funds.

My affectionate regards

and please extend them to the family

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May 11, 1954

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Although I have just learned that you have spoken to Dr. Neumann and Dr. Levine regarding the ZOA commitments to Kfar Silver, I feel that I owe you a personal note.

The matter was taken up at yesterday's Inner and Finance Committee meeting, and after consultation with Mr. Max Bressler, the treasurer, I understood that the situation now stands as follows:

\$5,000 have already been transferred to our friends in Israel. Further, a \$5,000 bond from Pittsburgh is in the process of being transferred.

In addition to these, \$12,000 in bonds have been assigned to Kfar Silver today. Thus, bringing the total to \$22,000.

That is the situation as it stands at this moment. I might mention that Rabbi Miller acknowledged his promise of \$50,000 which he made to you personally at the last Convention.

I sincerely trust that the above is, at least partially, satisfactory to you, and I take this opportunity of sending to you and Mrs. Silver my warmest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Hannah Stein

Hannah Stein, Director
American Zionist Fund

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Memorandum

To: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

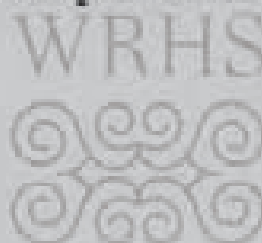
From: Harold P. Manson

May 11, 1954

Subject:

You will, I am sure, be interested in the attached text of a message from Vice-President Nixon to the Israel Anniversary Celebration of the Mattapan-Dorchester-Roxbury District in Boston.

Warmest regards.



A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Harold P. Manson", written over the American Jewish Archives logo.

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May 12, 1954

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

A short time ago you called my attention to the forthcoming history of the Jews in America by Oscar Handlin, and suggested that someone should interest himself in the volume in order to ensure that the role of American Jewry in bringing about Israel's establishment ~~was~~ properly treated. The stimulation of books which serve the interests of the Movement is one of the functions of the new department which Emanuel Neumann is heading in the Jewish Agency. I have therefore called his attention to this matter.

In this connection -- a few days ago I came across the new American edition of Paul Goodman's History of the Jews, for which you wrote an excellent introduction. (The publishers had neglected to send me a copy of the volume after it came off the press.) You will recall that I was invited by the publishers to contribute a chapter on the role of American Jewry after you called their attention to the omission of this important part of the story from the new chapter written by Israel Cohen. I was glad to note that the book jacket featured the section I contributed, but was somewhat piqued to find no acknowledgement of my authorship in Israel Cohen's preface, a courtesy which should have been routine. Of course, I was paid for my effort, but that should not have affected the normal acknowledgement.

It is, however, a small matter -- and I really should not trouble you about it, except that I recalled it in connection with your note about Handlin's forthcoming history.

With warmest regards, I am

As ever,

Harold P. Manson

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P.S. Have you been receiving the Yearbooks of the American People's Encyclopedia, ~~to~~ which I have now contributed three articles on Zionism? Z.O.A. Program—Aid to Israel and Service to Our Community

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Arieh Gelblum telephoned me yesterday in order to transmit the contents of a United Press dispatch, datelined Washington, which has been published in the Israeli press.

The dispatch quotes governmental sources as saying that at the time of your recent visit to the White House you were informed that the White House has not transmitted to the State Department any criticism of the Byroade speech and that the White House does not intend to intervene in the matter. The dispatch states further that you visited the White House on another matter, but took occasion to bring up the question of the Byroade speech. The Assistant to the President informed you that the President does not wish to interfere and is leaving everything in the hands of the State Department.

Gelblum ventured a guess that the UP approached the White House on this matter after receiving word from its correspondent in Israel that one of Gelblum's dispatches from here had mentioned that you had visited the White House, where you discussed the question of Byroade's speech.

Since the UP is a world-wide service and is used also by some newspapers in the Arab world the effects of this story can be very damaging, especially the implication that the White House is not responsive to the influence of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

I have asked Gelblum to send you the Hebrew text.

With warmest regards, I am

As ever,

Harold P. Manson

HPM/br

May 13, 1954

Mr. Harold P. Manson
145 East 32nd Street (20A)
New York 16, New York

Please INFORM GELBLUM THAT "UP" STORY IS MANUFACTURED OUT OF THE
WHOLE CLOTH. NO ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT GAVE ME ANY INFORMA-
TION WHATSOEVER CONCERNING THE ATTITUDE OF THE PRESIDENT TO
BYROADE'S SPEECH OR ~~ANY~~ CRITICISM OF IT.

MY

ABBAHILLEL SILVER



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May 14, 1954

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have released the essential facts concerning your recent conversations in Washington to the JTA, the Day-Morning Journal and to the Israeli press (Remba of Haboker and Gelblum of Zmanin). Remba and Gelblum have also cabled your denial of the inaccurate UP report of your conversation with Sherman Adams.

The report which I transmitted to the above-mentioned newspapers today was as follows:

WASHINGTON — An important conference took place at the State Department on Tuesday, May 11th between Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Secretary of State Dulles, it was learned today by the (name of newspaper). The conversation covered a wide range of subjects related to American policy towards Israel and the Middle East. Subsequently, on Thursday, May 13th, Secretary of State Dulles met with Israeli Ambassador Eban, who stated that Mr. Dulles had given him "a most important and encouraging reply concerning the high value he attaches to the friendship" between the U.S. and Israel.

Dr. Silver also conferred on Tuesday with Vice President Nixon, the (name of newspaper) learned.

With warmest regards, I am

As ever,

Harold P. Manson

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May 18, 1954

Telegram

VICE PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

EAGERLY AWAITING YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF MY INVITATION TO ADDRESS
CONVENTION ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA IN NEW YORK CITY
THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 24th. WOULD BE OF GREAT SERVICE TO
EVERYONE IF YOU WOULD ACCEPT. WARMEST REGARDS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER
THE TEMPLE
ANSEL ROAD AND EAST 105th STREET
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

1. The Convention Committee is most anxious to know whether Vice President Nixon is accepting the invitation which you extended to him. I told Harris Levine that you would undoubtedly phone me as soon as you have received a definite answer.

2. I spoke to Saphir yesterday at a reception in his honor tendered by the Confederation at the Jewish Agency. He told me he had heard that you would be in New York on May 25th to speak at ~~the~~ UJA dinner, and that he would very much like to meet you for lunch on that date -- provided that this would prove feasible for both of you. (He is not sure whether he is to leave for Israel on the 23rd or the 25th, but suggested that a luncheon meeting on the 25th could take place if he leaves on the latter date - and if you will be in town.)

3. I assume that you have seen the reports of your visit to Washington in the JTA and the Yiddish press.

4. I see by the extensive correspondence on the subject, that you have been requested to send a message to the first meeting of the Abba Hillel Silver Zionist District, which I am scheduled to address on Monday evening, May 24th. I note further that Miss Okonowitz, of the ZOA Membership Department, has suggested that this message be conveyed by me as your "Prime Minister."

Having already informed the lady that the designation was not appropriate, may I inquire how "Your Majesty" wishes to proceed - whether "Your Majesty" wishes to send a telegram directly to the meeting or prefers to have a suitable message prepared and delivered by the "Prime Minister."

Ministerially yours,


Harold P. Manson

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AFTER CAREFULLY CHECKING LEGISLATIVE SCHEDULE WITH SENATOR KNOWLAND IT APPEARS VERY LIKELY THAT THERE WILL BE NIGHT SESSIONS THE LATTER PART OF JUNE. CONSEQUENTLY BECAUSE OF THE CLOSE DIVISION IN THE SENATE I HAVE HAD TO ADOPT A POLICY OF MAKING NO ENGAGEMENTS OUT OF WASHINGTON DURING THAT PERIOD AND THEREFORE WILL BE UNABLE TO ACCEPT YOUR INVITATION TO ADDRESS THE CONVENTION OF THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA ON THURSDAY EVENING JUNE 24. I HOPE THAT I MAY BE ABLE TO ADDRESS THE ORGANIZATION AT ONE OF ITS MEETINGS IN THE FUTURE.

BEST WISHES=

RICHARD NIXON=

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May 21, 1954

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have no doubt that you already have a heavy schedule of appointments for next Tuesday in New York. However, there are a number of important matters which I am most anxious to discuss with you, and I wonder whether a meeting can be arranged in the course of Tuesday (or Wednesday?).

With warmest regards, I am

As ever,

Harold P. Manson

HPM/br

Committee for the Election of
MORTIMER MAY
as President of the
ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

521 FIFTH AVENUE
Room 2118
New York 17, N. Y.

Tel.: MUrray Hill 7-4292

May 21, 1954

Miss Price
Secretary to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Price:

I wonder whether you would be good enough
to send us the address of Mr. Irving Kane of Cleve-
land who is a member of the ZOA and a personal friend
of Mr. Mortimer May.

Your early reply will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Goldie Starker
Goldie Starker
Secretary

WRHS



May 24, 1954

Telegram

Mr. Harold P. Manson
Zionist Organization of America
115 East 32nd Street
New York 16, New York

WILL BE GLAD TO SEE YOU TOMORROW AFTERNOON AT THE ASTOR HOTEL. PLEASE
PREPARE ALSO AND TRANSMIT MESSAGE FROM ME TO NEWLY ORGANIZED ZIONIST
DISTRICT WHICH YOU ARE TO ADDRESS THIS EVENING. WARMEST REGARDS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



Memorandum

5/21

To: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From: Claire J. Okonowicz

Subject: Charter meeting of the Abba Hillel Silver Zionist District - May 24, 1954

Due to a duplication of booking error at the hotel previously indicated as the meeting place of the Silver District on May 24th, the meeting is now scheduled to be held at the Hotel Riverside Plaza, 73rd Street, bet. Broadway and West end Avenue, New York City.

Please be good enough to note the change accordingly and send your wire to:

WRHS
JACOB B. COHEN, Pres.
Abba Hillel Silver Zionist Dist.
Hotel Riverside Plaza,
73 St. Bet. Bway and West End
New York City

Kindest personal regards.



May 25, 1951

Miss Goldie Starker
521 Fifth Avenue
Room 2118
New York 17, New York

Dear Miss Starker:

You may communicate with Mr. Irving Kane
c/o The Hospital Specialty Co., 1991
East Sixty-sixth Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth M. Sparrow
Secretary to Dr. Silver

June 3, 1954

Mr. Harold Hanson
Zionist Organization of America
115 East 32nd Street
New York 16, New York

My dear Harold:

WRHS



I have this day written to Secretary Dulles
and I have also included the statement concerning
which I spoke to you this morning.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:mas
enclosure

*See copy with Dulles
correspondence*

התאחדות הציונית של ארצות הברית

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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

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

June 15, 1954

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I would appreciate receiving as early as possible, salient excerpts of your address at our forthcoming convention.

In order that I may give your address the widest possible press coverage it is important that I have the excerpts thereof by Tuesday morning, June 22, preferably earlier.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Barbarash
Ernest E. Barbarash

EEB:es

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June 16, 1954

Mrs. Sparrow
Secretary to Dr. Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. and Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Sparrow:

I am happy to inform you that I have made reservations for Dr. Silver and for his son, Dan, for Tuesday, June 22nd arrival as requested.

We are doing everything humanly possible to secure air-conditioned room and have so instructed the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

It is a pleasure to be of service.

Accept my kindest personal regards and please extend them to Dr. Silver and his family.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Sidney Marks
Executive Director

SM:dh

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June 17, 1954

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Following our telephone conversation of yesterday, I prepared letters to President Eisenhower and Governor Dewey, as well as a somewhat shorter draft of the proposed message from the President. Copies of all of these letters are enclosed.

With warmest regards, I am

As ever,

Harold P. Manson

HPM/br
encl.

June 17, 1954

Dr. Sidney Marks
Zionist Organization of America
145 East 32nd Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Dr. Marks:

Thank you so much for your prompt action in obtaining hotel reservations for Rabbi Silver and Gen.

There seems to have been a slight misunderstanding, however. The rooms will be occupied beginning Wednesday, the 23rd, rather than Tuesday, as specified in your letter. They plan to leave New York on Friday, the 25th; therefore, the rooms will be needed for a total of two nights - Wednesday and Thursday. I thought the Waldorf might like to know this so as to have those rooms available for others on Tuesday, as they must be at a premium.

Thank you very much for your courtesy.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth M. Sparrow
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

For Dr. Silver

June 17, 1954

Governor Thomas E. Dewey
Roosevelt Hotel
New York, N.Y.

Dear Governor Dewey:

It was, as always, a great privilege to meet with you and to encounter your deep understanding of the problems which we discussed.

In accordance with your suggestion, I am enclosing my letter to the President, together with the draft of a message which I believe would be proper in the present circumstances. Such a statement will, I am sure, be enthusiastically received not only at the Convention but throughout the country. However, if the President should not wish to send a message of this type, it would be preferable for all concerned to have none at all, rather than a greeting such as the one we received at last year's Convention.

Please accept my profound thanks for your invaluable help, as well as my kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Irving Miller

IM/mbr
encl.

June 17, 1954

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to extend to you a most cordial invitation to send a message to the Fifty-Seventh Annual Convention of the Zionist Organization of America, which will be opened at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City on Wednesday evening, June 23rd.

The delegates to the Convention, who will represent all parts of our country, are profoundly and gratefully aware of your historic role in saving the remnants of European Jewry for a new life in Israel. They are equally conscious of the warm friendship which you have expressed for Israel, and would be most gratified by a message from you on this important occasion.

Permit me to take this opportunity to convey every good wish to you, Mr. President, in leading our country and the free world towards peace and progress.

Respectfully yours,

Rabbi Irving Miller

IM/nbr

DRAFT OF MESSAGE

Rabbi Irving Miller, President
Zionist Organization of America
145 East 32nd Street
New York 16, N.Y.

Dear Rabbi Miller:

I am very pleased to send my greetings to the Fifty-Seventh Annual Convention of the Zionist Organization of America.

The Zionist Organization of America has rendered outstanding service to the Jewish people and to our cherished American ideals. It has been led by great American Jews, such as Justice Louis D. Brandeis, Dr. Stephen S. Wise and Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, and has many important achievements to its credit, not the least of which is the part it played in the creation of the State of Israel. No less significant is its current contribution to mutual understanding between the people of Israel and the United States, and its effort to strengthen the common interest of both countries in peace and democratic progress.

As one who had occasion to witness at first hand the tragedy of the Jewish people in Europe, I am happy to know that their remnants are today living and working productively in Israel. The deep interest of the United States in the lands and peoples of the Near East has found frequent expression in the material and moral support which we have extended to the countries of that area. The continuation of our economic assistance program for the Near East should contribute greatly to the solution of pressing economic problems that today beset Israel and the Arab countries.

The Government of the United States is bending every effort to bring about peace between Israel and her Arab neighbors, which is of vital importance

to the free world. The problems which have thus far stood in the way of a solution are not insuperable and, with good will on both sides, could be resolved in direct negotiations. This would prove to be a blessing for both Israel and the Arab states, which must inevitably share common tasks and a common destiny in the Near East.



UNITED ZIONISTS-REVISIONISTS OF AMERICA

BRIT HERUT—HATZOHAR

ברית חרות — הצה"ר

276 WEST 43rd STREET, NEW YORK 36, N. Y.

June 21st 1954

Rabbi Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. & Ansel Rd.
Cleveland Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

We are enclosing copy of our letter to the Secretary of State - Mr. John Foster Dulles - on the serious situation in the Middle East.



Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "S. Rosenberg".

S. Rosenberg
Executive Director.

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276 WEST 43rd STREET, NEW YORK 36, N. Y.

Mr. John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State
State Department
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

It is with satisfaction that we learned of your assurance, given to the Israeli ambassador, that the United States government values highly the friendship of the State of Israel. As Americans and Zionists, we firmly believe that this friendship is mutual because it is rooted deeply in the hearts of the peoples, and that it is in keeping with their best interests. At this time, when the United States is undertaking to stem the tide of world-wide Communist imperialism, it is reassuring to know that our government views Israel as a nation whose position is of importance in the alignment of forces defending the freedom and peace of the world.

However, we deem it our duty to convey to you the profound uneasiness engendered by the recent policy of the State Department towards the Arab States. Specifically, we refer to the supplying of arms to Iraq and the attempt to win the cooperation of the other Arab States with the objective of building a defense-line against Soviet aspirations in the Middle East. We must view such a policy as highly illusory and fraught with danger to the security of the United States and its democratic allies.

The record of the Arab states, in war and peace, indicates that they can hardly be considered of real military and political value. However we might wish it otherwise, they cannot be trusted as allies or friends in time of need. These States are not guided by the same democratic principles and way of life which we of the Western world cherish, and which are our main strength in the struggle against totalitarian Communism. The danger of a Communist thrust into the Middle East is so imminent that we cannot afford to waste our strength and resources on building defense positions in Arab quicksand.

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May we remind you, Mr. Secretary, that during the last war with the Nazi enemy, the Arab states had their sympathies and hopes in Hitler's camp.

Iraq virtually stabbed Great Britain in the back in her most perilous hour, despite the fact that Great Britain had been her benefactor and ally, and it was Great Britain which fought the Ottoman Empire, freed Iraq and gave her independence.

When Mussolini's fascist hordes invaded Egypt, together with the Nazi Panzer divisions, the Egyptian government did not lift a finger to defend that country's independence and to join the Allies in the fight against the totalitarian onslaught. Instead, they conspired with the invaders and the British were compelled to use force to prevent betrayal.

The spokesman for Arab nationalism, the former Mufti of Jerusalem, although appeased and coddled by Great Britain, made his wartime headquarters in Berlin, from whence he sought to rally the Arab world to oppose the Allies and support Hitler. Today, the Mufti is again active in the Arab countries, unleashing his hatred against the Western world.

There is no firm and determined anti-Communist and pro-Allied attitude on the part of the quickly shifting Arab regimes. There is no crystallized public opinion, no democratic tradition, no realization of the impending danger, no feeling of solidarity with the West. To place reliance upon the Arab states is like leaning on a broken rod.

We realize the need for the United States to build up a dam against the wave of Communism. It would be, however, highly unreasonable to expect that the Arab states can be cemented into such a dam. The martial record of the Arab armies in recent years proves conclusively that their military value is of very slight consequence.

In their onslaught on the hastily improvised, poorly armed and untrained Israeli defense forces in 1948, the Arab aggressors -- superior in arms and training, and outnumbering them five to one -- displayed such weakness that there is every reason to believe that no amount of American weapons will be able to convert them, within the foreseeable future, into a military force of real value.

In the final analysis, the strength of an army lies not only in its equipment, but in the purposefulness and integrity of its leadership, and in the spirit, devotion and determination of each soldier to fight for his cause. The Arab military machinery obviously does not possess these qualities. Why, then, waste good American money and valuable military equipment on vain attempts to achieve an impossible goal?

You will remember that President Eisenhower, in his speech before the Committee for Economic Development, in Washington,

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on May 20th, uttered a profound truth when he stated: "Now, everyone knows that no security force is any good at all unless it is one of fine morale, belief and conviction."

There can hardly be any doubt that for many years to come no Arab army, no matter how magnificently equipped, would be able to withstand, or even to delay, an attack by Communist troops. Any Arab state so attacked will be quickly overrun, and American equipment will inevitably fall into the hands of the enemy.

May we suggest, Mr. Secretary, that our State Department stop appeasing the unappeasable Arab politicians, whose power is extremely evanescent, anyway. We ask you to reconsider the entire American policy in the Middle East with a view to establishing a realistic defensible position there against Soviet encroachment.

In addition to considerations of spiritual kinship between the mightiest and smallest democracies of the free world, we beg you to take into account also the realistic value of Israel's industrial potential in peace and war.

Israel, with its young, valiant army, its fervent devotion to the ideals of democracy and freedom, should be integrated, not merely with words, but with deeds, into the ranks of the allies to defend the Middle East against a potential Soviet attack.

An Israeli military force of 10 to 12 divisions, if properly outfitted with the most recent developments in the military field, can be America's most effective first line of defense in that region.

It is to America's best advantage to take into account the industrial and technological potential of the State of Israel. In World War II, the then embryonic industry of that country played a decisive role in the defense of the Eastern Mediterranean, and the continuing growth of Israeli industry is a factor which cannot be overlooked.

In the ideological struggle between the free and the enslaved world, the voice of Zion, in the land of the Bible, the cradle of religion, which gave the democratic world the human values by which we are inspired and live, will add strength to the democratic camp in its fight for the dignity of man, for justice and liberty.

Respectfully yours,

Leo Wolfson, President

Joseph L. Beder, Exec. Chairman

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AMERICAN ZIONIST COMMITTEE
FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS
1737 H Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

ARE WE REALLY IMPARTIAL?

The 1300-page transcript of the hearings before the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on the 1954 Mutual Security Act deals with many controversial aspects of the American aid program to the Near East and also with some of the political issues which affect the relations between Israel and the Arab states, and our own policy in that area.

After reading the transcript, we believe it desirable and necessary to submit some comments, in the hope that we may be helpful in clarifying some of the issues that were raised.

We wish to make clear that we were impressed by the objective evidence submitted by officials of both the Department of State and the Foreign Operations Administration on the justification for the continuation of economic assistance to the Near East. On the other hand, we are deeply disturbed by the political testimony submitted by some of the officials of the Department of State, for in our judgment they reveal that the implementation of American policy in the Near East is not faithful to our professed impartiality.

Economic Aid to Israel

Both Assistant Secretary of State Henry A. Byroade and Mr. Norman S. Paul of the Foreign Operations Administration reported to the Committee on the effective use that Israel has made of the assistance which our government has rendered to that country in the past.

"The funds in Israel have been used well," Mr. Byroade said (p. 205), while Mr. Paul recorded all those factors in Israel's economy which have brought about a substantial improvement and which promise that Israel is on the way to economic independence (p. 210).

It is our hope that economic aid to Israel will be continued on the level of the last year and will not be reduced, for it would be unfortunate if the progress that has been made would now be arrested by an untimely and premature reduction in our assistance.

We would refer to two issues raised in the hearings:

1. The allocation of funds in the area.
2. Israel's agricultural development.

The Fallacy of Mechanical Comparison

The claim is sometimes made that we have been unfair to the Arab states because we have given more aid to Israel than we have allotted to them. This criticism is buttressed by mathematical calculations showing that the per capita figure for Israel is far greater than that for the Arab countries. Both Mr. Arthur Z. Gardiner (Politico-Economic Adviser, Bureau of Near Eastern, South Asian and African Affairs, Department of State) and Mr. Paul have dealt effectively with this question, for Mr. Gardiner has reported to the Committee of the "demonstrated need" and the "demonstrated ability" to make use of aid in Israel (p. 653) and how it has been difficult to get engineering projects started in the Arab countries, some of which have not needed our assistance. Thus, Mr. Gardiner points out, "there is no such case of need to feed Syria" and "Iraq clearly doesn't need the money."

For a concise statement on this issue, one should turn to the letter written by Mr. Paul to Congressman Javits, which may be found on page 1188 of the record and which reads, in part, as follows:

"2. Levels of aid are not determined by population numbers.

"3. In view of the many considerations entering into the granting of economic assistance, it is misleading, if not impossible, to compare the needs of Israel on the one hand and the Arab states on the other in terms of total magnitude or per capita benefits. The nature and source of these needs differ from each other and change with time. Quite different economies are involved, as you point out, and many other factors--the existence of an emergency, the need for support to assure national survival, the availability of suitable and adequately engineered projects, absorptive capacity and willingness to comply with United States legislative conditions--may have a bearing not revealed through such comparisons. It is only fair to add, however, that the substantial oil royalties available to some Arab states do not lessen the needs of others and that the demands of large-scale refugee resettlement may yet be an important factor in the Arab states as well as Israel.

"4. Individual Arabs in prominent positions have advocated that the United States government aid to Israel and the Arab states 'be equated at zero', and the Arab League is on record as denouncing aid to Israel. In part, because of Arab preoccupation with the Palestine problem, there was a period in which there was relatively little Arab interest in aid for them-

selves, despite a serious accentuation of economic imbalances attended by social unrest. In recent years, however, there has been a growing appreciation of the need to meet some basic economic problems. As a result there is a great deal of present interest in an economic aid program, and negotiations with several of the Arab states are now in progress."

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Israel's Agricultural Development

A recurring theme in the hearings is the belief of some members that Israel has failed to turn its new immigrants into farmers and that accordingly its agricultural development has been unsatisfactory.

Every fair-minded person will recognize the difficulties of transforming middle-class townsfolk--refugees from concentration camps and ghettos who have never touched the soil--into productive farmers, especially when starved and eroded lands must be reclaimed from centuries of neglect and desolation. Moreover, it should be borne in mind that Arab border raids are not innocent perambulations. They are designed to terrorize Israel's border settlements and force Israel's new farmers to retreat from remote areas to the cities. Yet, despite these great handicaps, Israel has made remarkable agricultural progress. Thus, Mr. Gardiner, replying to this criticism, points out that between 1948 and 1952, the urban population in Israel doubled, while the rural population tripled, showing that an increasing proportion of the Jewish population in Israel is going to the land. The rural population was 320,000 as of December 31, 1952 (p. 602) and Mr. Gardiner points out that the Israel farmers are up against the difficulty that the "countryside is less safe" than the cities.

The most striking facts may be found in the statistics submitted by Mr. Paul (pp. 1189-91). Between 1948 and 1953, the cultivated area in Israel expanded from 412,000 acres to one million; the irrigated area from 72,000 to 160,000. The value of agricultural products, exclusive of citrus, doubled. Vegetable production almost tripled. The number of cases of citrus fruit exported rose from 3,864,000 in 1949 to 7,965,000 in 1954, as of May. These gains could not have been accomplished if it had not been for the fact that Israel was devoting a great deal of its concern and attention to the recruitment and training of farmers from its urban population and to the development of its agricultural economy. The Israelis have been forced to live on the most austere diet since the state was established and they regard agricultural self-sufficiency as their major need and undertaking.

The Political Testimony

In any discussion of the continuing Arab-Israel conflict, it is difficult to distinguish between propaganda and fact. Yet, everyone who has followed history since 1948 knows that the Arab states went to war against the 1947 United Nations decision in an effort to prevent Israel's establishment and that, having failed and now hoping to recoup their defeat, they have since blockaded and boycotted Israel's economy, rejecting all proposals to enter into any direct negotiations.

But the testimony submitted by Mr. Gardiner would seem to shift responsibility for the lack of peace from the Arab states to Israel. Throughout his testimony, he calls upon Israel to make concessions to the Arab states in advance of any peace negotiations. He makes no such demands upon the Arab states, who are therefore permitted to infer that, until Israel makes such concessions, they are not obliged in any way to deal with Israel.

This is most regrettable, for it appears to us that we have now abandoned any pretense of avowed impartiality. The Arab states are fortified in their refusal to answer the summons of the United Nations to sit down to discuss peace with Israel, as Jordan has recently refused to do, and they are encouraged to exact larger and larger concessions from Israel and from our own country as the price for the abandonment of their hostility.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles has condemned the Soviet Union for its "attempts to create pre-conditions" to a conference "which will gain for it many of the results which it would hope to get out of the conference." It would seem that the Communist policy which Mr. Dulles has so roundly condemned is quite similar to the Arab policy which Mr. Gardiner seemed so determined to defend.

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What do we ask from the Arabs?

It is instructive to record Mr. Gardiner's answers to the questions put to him by Congressman Jacob K. Javits of New York. Mr. Javits asked Mr. Gardiner, "What is it we expect of the Arab states? . . . what do we represent to them that we want them to do?" Mr. Gardiner replied:

"We would like to see the Arab states develop their economies. We would like to see them better off materially. We would like to see them grow more food in their own countries. We would like to see them continue to develop their

mineral resources, and particularly their oil, in an orderly and effective way.

"We still place high value on the importance of that resource to the free world in general. We would like to see them develop more stable governments. We would like to have them able to develop the police, the gendarmerie and the military forces which would increase their resistance to subversion. We would like, in due course--and it will take many years--to develop genuine defensive strength in that region so it does not remain a power vacuum." (p. 628)

All this, of course, is most commendable, but in this preliminary reply to Mr. Javits' question, Mr. Gardiner does not disclose that we are asking the Arab states to revise their anti-Israel policy in any way.

Continuing his questioning, Mr. Javits elicited from Mr. Gardiner that we have been making some representations to the Arab countries on refugee resettlement and that we have deplored border incidents. But if our Department of State is asking the Arab countries to comply with United Nations decisions and to call off their illegal boycotts and blockades and to sit down and talk peace with Israel, Mr. Gardiner is keeping that a secret.

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What do we ask from Israel?

On the other hand, when Mr. Javits asked Mr. Gardiner, "What have we represented to Israel that we want of her?" Mr. Gardiner replied:

"We would like to see Israel develop and maintain the resources of its country. We would like to see Israel take steps to compensate the Arab refugees. We would like to see Israel take steps to unfreeze still further the frozen bank accounts of the Arabs. We would like to see Israel reach terms with the United Nations regarding the division of the waters of the Jordan River so that it will be possible to erect in the Jordan Valley structures for a dependable supply of water which will increase the agricultural potential of the Jordan Valley.

"We would like to see Israel consider still further possibilities of repatriation of the Arab refugees, realizing full well that repatriation can only be a partial solution of the Arab refugee problem.

"We would like to see Israel adopt a more conciliatory attitude toward the Arabs and to be ready to suggest measures of conciliation, bearing in mind the fact that Israel has been the victor in the struggle between the Jew and Arab.

"We would like to see Israel take steps to reassure the Arabs that they have no further intentions to expand the State of Israel." (p. 632).

The remarkable contrast between these two statements is a revealing indictment of current policy. It shows that Mr. Gardiner associates himself with Arab demands upon Israel and that he has become an apologist for the Arab refusal to make peace. There is no longer any doubt as to why Arab belligerence against Israel has mounted during the last year and why peace is further off than ever before.

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The Myth of Israel's Expansion

Mr. Gardiner takes seriously alleged Arab fears that Israel must inevitably expand because of its immigration policy. Here there is a startling difference of opinion between him and his superior, Mr. Byroade. In his May 1 speech, Mr. Byroade dwelt upon Arab fears of Israel expansion, but he was fair enough to refer to this as "a specter which does not seem to be based upon reality." (p. 475).

But Mr. Gardiner insists that the Arabs do have cause for alarm. He said:

"I think that if you listen to certain influential Israeli leaders, you have every cause for alarm. When they talk about the possible increase in the population to 4 million people, particularly. . . as of the next two or three years."

Mr. Gardiner knows, as Mr. Byroade himself testified, that immigration to Israel has fallen off almost completely and is virtually balanced by emigration.

Mr. Paul submitted official statistics showing immigration figures into Israel: In 1948 - 102,000; 1949 - 240,000; 1950 - 170,000; 1951 - 174,000; 1952 - 23,000; 1953 - 10,000 (p. 606). Thus, it will be seen that immigration into Israel began to fall after 1951, following the mass expulsion of the 120,000 Jews of Iraq. It has since gone down because sources of immigration have

dried up. And Mr. Byroade said:

"Immigration is stopped to the point where the numbers outgoing exceeded the incoming in the last three to four months." (p. 482)

Under the circumstances, it is difficult to understand why any official of the Department of State should accept Arab propaganda on this issue without challenge. It is not new propaganda. It is a myth that goes back many years. As far back as 1930, when the Jewish population of all Palestine was only 160,000, a British Commission reported that there wasn't room for any more settlers. Yet, today, there are 1,669,000 Jews and Arabs in Israel (which is smaller than Palestine) and the country is still far from crowded. In 1929, the population density for Palestine was 96 people per square mile. Today, the population density in Israel is 211, but that is not a high figure by any means. It is much higher in many other countries. It is 739 in Belgium, 679 in the Netherlands, 537 in the United Kingdom, 306 in Switzerland, 267 in Denmark, all countries which, despite their large populations, have a higher per capita income than Israel. Even Lebanon, Israel's northern neighbor, has a population density of 330. If population density were the criterion, then Israel would have more to fear from Lebanon than Lebanon from Israel.

If our State Department were really persuaded that Israel had no more room for more people, then it should, once and for all, stop asking Israel to accept the return of some of the Arab refugees. In truth, Arab propaganda on this issue goes down in clashing contradiction. On the one hand, the Arabs insist that Israel is overcrowded and must reduce its immigration lest it be compelled to burst its frontiers and seize their territory. On the other hand, pro-Arab spokesmen in our country call upon Israel to increase its population by accepting the return of Arab refugees and, simultaneously, to make the country even more crowded by ceding some territory to its neighbors as a concession to win peace.

What can Israel do to reassure its Arab neighbors that it will not expand? The more crucial question is what the Arabs should do to reassure Israel that they will not attack. The truth is that Israel has repeatedly offered to enter into a peace treaty with the Arab states, based on existing frontiers. It is the Arabs--not the Israelis--who want to change the frontier, for the Arabs are always demanding that Israel surrender territory in advance of any negotiations.

Finally, it is a fact that the Great Powers have guaranteed the frontiers. If America's guarantee is not enough to assure the Arabs, then what effective guarantees can Israel give?

The Substance of the Issue

But we cannot close the discussion of the issue of Jewish immigration into Israel without putting upon the record our distress and our dismay that one of the most dramatic and humanitarian undertakings in history has been smudged and smeared by an unwholesome and discreditable acquiescence in tawdry propaganda.

The State of Israel was not created as an end in itself. It was established so that there might be some place in the world where the door would be open, and where Jews would be welcome, where Jews might enter as of right, and not on sufferance. The international community, the United Nations, recognized the need for the fulfillment of this age-long aspiration after the holocaust of World War II, in which six million Jews were murdered. There was an urgent need to provide sanctuary for the survivors, who had no place to go, after their liberation from the concentration camps. (There is utterly no foundation for the suggestion that the Zionists, because of their preoccupation with Israel as a national homeland in some way defeated plans to settle Jews elsewhere. All Jewish organizations, Zionist and non-Zionist, joined in advocating legislation to liberalize our own immigration laws, so that Jewish refugees might come into this country).

Jews everywhere in the world are proud of the restoration of the Jewish people to its ancient homeland. And American Jews are doubly proud because of our own great country's contribution. There could be no more sordid anti-climax to this great historic redemption than to suggest that the Jewish state should now post a sign in the harbor of Haifa: "No more Jews may enter here." Only one completely insensitive to the long history of twenty centuries of dispersion and wandering could entertain a proposal twisting the Jewish state into a sardonic caricature.

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Arms for Iraq

We have, on previous occasions, registered our misgivings about the Administration's proposal to make arms available to Iraq, a country which has never signed an armistice agreement with Israel, which forced virtually all of its Jewish population to flee in 1951, and which mobilizes anti-Israel sentiment in the Arab League. We find it difficult to accept the enthusiasm of Mr. Byroade and Mr. Gardiner for their plan to place arms at the disposal of the Iraqi government. We question Mr. Gardiner's belief that the furnishing of arms to Iraq "can turn out to be a stabilizing force in the area." We fear that, once again, as in Syria and in Egypt,

the Department of State is reposing its confidence in regimes which cannot have stability because they are undemocratic and do not derive their strength and support from the consent of those they govern.

It remains our conviction that the arms that we send to Iraq are more likely to be used against Israel, or for the purposes of internal repression, than for the defense of the region against international communism. We do not believe that we will win the friendship of the people of Iraq if our weapons are used in the streets of Baghdad against them.

Finally, we detect a curious contradiction in the testimony submitted by Mr. Byroade. In justifying our assistance to Iraq, he has stated:

"There is a new spirit in Iraq. For the first time, you have the government of that country going around making open and effective anti-Communist speeches." (p. 485)

A few seconds later, Congressman Vorys called Mr. Byroade's attention to the recent Iraqi "speech from the throne" which emphasized Iraq's anti-Israel policy. He asked whether this was typical of the public viewpoint of the Iraqi government. Mr. Byroade replied:

"It is typical of some of the speeches that are made for domestic political purposes."

We are not inclined to dismiss the anti-Israel speeches so lightly for these issue from the highest Iraqi officials -- from the throne itself. If Mr. Byroade discounts these as speeches "intended for domestic political purposes," how can he be so sure that the open and effective "anti-Communist speeches" to which he previously referred here are not being made for external political purposes?

What device does Mr. Byroade use to determine when an Iraqi political speech is to be regarded as legitimate and taken seriously?

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Conclusion

In conclusion, we believe that Arab-Israel peace can be attained if our government makes it clear to the Arabs as well as to the Israelis that we want peace. Representatives of Israel and the Arab states must sit down in direct negotiations looking towards a reconciliation of all outstanding problems. They must

be urged to take this course as the one means of securing cooperation for development and defense so essential if the threat of international Communism is to be met in the Near East. We do not believe that there is any ready-made peace plan that can be imposed upon the parties, and negotiations must be freely carried out without external coercion or pressure. We shall not gain peace in the Near East if we are defeatist or if we gloss over the failure of the Arab states to respond to their international obligations. It is not impartiality to bring pressure against one side and to pamper and coddle the other.

We reaffirm our conviction that America can continue to contribute effectively to peace and defense in the Near East by our great economic assistance programs. We believe that the Congress of the United States must be commended for its support of these programs in the past and trust that this support will be continued.

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Dear Dr. Silver:

I did not want to allow this Convention to go by without sending you a line of personal appreciation for your most inspiring speech last Thursday night. It really did something to all of us and I can still feel the excitement and reverberations that you created.

I understand from Dr. Levine and Mr. Goodman that they discussed the Kfar Silver matter with you, and that you now understand the problems which faced us in this connection. I am really sorry about your justified dissatisfaction, but you will now have learned what happened at this end. I am sure that this matter will be more satisfactorily handled in the current year.

You may remember, over the past two years our Baltimore Zionist District has been most anxious to have you at its annual AZF dinner. I have again been requested to find out whether you could see your way clear to being the guest of honor on December 8, at their annual AZF dinner. They have promised a net income of \$10,000. This money can, of course, be earmarked for Kfar Silver, if you so desire.

As soon as I have your reply, which I do hope will be in the affirmative, you will of course receive an official invitation from our friends in Baltimore.

I look forward to a favorable reply, and send you and Mrs. Silver my cordial regards.

Sincerely yours,

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The Zionist Swan Song

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver's speech at the 57th annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) last week was not only the highlight of the meeting, but also its *raison d'être*. Practically the entire interest of the convention seemed to revolve around that address and the meeting was clearly called to provide a platform for it.

The speech was a crucial one and will doubtless go down as the swan song of the Zionist movement in America. That movement has been hard pressed and on the defensive ever since the emergence of the State of Israel. During the last year its position had become desperate. It was attacked on all sides, by enemies and friends, in Israel and outside it, from within and from without. Nationalists like Ben Gurion attacked American Zionists for not being nationalistic enough on the ground that they are not leaving their American homes and settling in Israel. Anti-nationalists attacked them as too nationalistic on the ground that they still cling theoretically to *Kibbutz Galut*. Liberal Zionists, like Rabbi Mordecai M. Kaplan, Rabbi Eisenstein and Maurice Samuel, counselled a modified "New Zionism".

Worse than this ideological offensive, however, was the new critical attitude to Zionism on the part of the State Department and other branches of the government. It was in order to meet this attack from all sides, to retrieve the rapidly losing position, to stem the tide of criticism, that Rabbi Silver was called in to save the ZOA, which he led in its days of power and success, from complete disintegration.

Rabbi Silver responded to the call, despite the fact that the rank and file of the ZOA cast him and his group aside to follow Ben Gurion as soon as the State was established and Silver's usefulness seemed to be over. His speech can be described as the last plea of a good defense attorney before the verdict is brought in by the jury, or as the last attempt of a general to rally his retreating army to make a final stand and even to launch a counter-offensive. It was a speech delivered by a master orator who has clearly not lost the power of swaying and carrying his audiences. It called forth a momentary echo of past glory and enthusiasm. But it failed definitely in its chief purpose. It made no dent in the great encircling movement of the attacking forces. It did not stop the retreat of his own army. It did not even permanently raise its morale by providing it with a plausible justification for continuing the lost fight. The best and the worst that can be said about the speech is that it was a swan song, an attempt to recapture a melody of better days, and to build upon it as if it were a solid foundation.

A Revival of Militancy

Rabbi Silver seemed aware of this fact. He reminisced nostalgically about his appearance and a speech he delivered on the same platform eleven years ago when he carried the Zionist movement in a militant decision to adopt a resolution calling for

the immediate establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth. He called for a revival of that spirit and for a repetition of performances of those days. He dismissed the internal liberal critics of Zionism by saying "There are people who are calling for a new Zionism, for new definitions and new philosophies. Unfortunately, I have none to offer to you. What we need is not a new philosophy, but a renewed dedication to the great cause to which we, by our efforts in the past, have contributed so much, but which is not yet fully consummated." His was an appeal for a return to the past, to the era of militant American Zionism, when American Zionists spearheaded and sponsored the terrorist movement which fanned the embers of early nationalism into the flames of Israeli chauvinism of today. It was evident that Silver and the bulk of American Zionists still live in the memory of those 'glorious' days of their greatest success and that they are blind to the fact that a new world has arisen during the last decade, and that they cannot repeat successfully past performances. This was exactly what Silver tried to do.

It was a speech just as uncharitable in spirit and as militant in words as any of eleven years ago. He attacked the State Department with the same bitterness and in the same intemperate language as Zionists attacked the British Foreign Office a decade ago. He charged that Messrs. Byrourke and Gardiner did not speak for their Department and did not reflect the thoughts and feelings of President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles on the Middle East. He implied that the State Department spokesmen were not motivated by the interests of the United States in their Middle East policy, but by personal bias against Israel which, he broadly hinted, was of an anti-semitic character—an insinuation openly used by Zionists against the late Ernest Bevin and still widely used today against any non-Jew opposed to the excesses of Zionism.

Worse still, he revived with a new vigor the contemptible technique of American Zionists of smearing every anti-Zionist Jew as a "traitor" and "informer"—a technique which more than anything else has degraded the organized American Jewish community during the last quarter of a century to the spiritual level of totalitarian nationalistic extremists who, like McCarthy, equate their party with the entire nation and make disagreement with them equivalent to treason. Like most Zionist rabbis, he forgot that he was not only a political Zionist, but also a spiritual leader of Jews and appealed to hidden fears and passions of his listeners to arouse their hatred and contempt for fellow Jews who do not share his particular brand of militant Zionism. In short, he made an open bid to arouse hates and hysteria of eleven years ago as a means of renewing and transferring the fight of Zionism against Great Britain to American soil.

History Cannot Be Repeated

What has not been realized by Rabbi Silver and American Zionists now in their desperate effort to save their movement is: (1) that history cannot be repeated by merely repeating

external tactics of procedure and propaganda (2) that the political situation in the United States now is not the same as in England a decade ago; that the United States at the height of its world leadership is not likely to yield to organized Zionist pressure as did England; (3) that Israel of today no longer has the same humanitarian and emotional appeal to the non-Jewish and Jewish world that the Jewish National Home had before it became a state and when millions of Jews were still in danger of Nazi extermination; (4) that the bulk of American Jews (and even of American Zionists) will not place the interests of Israel above those of the United States when a choice between the two will have to be made.

Above all, Rabbi Silver and the ZOA failed to realize the all important fact that the time when Zionism could be of political help to Israel has passed. Unlike a decade ago, Zionism is no longer a help, but a political millstone on the neck of Israel, and the sooner Zionists outside Israel stop "helping" the new State with anything but economic aid and relief, the healthier it will be for all. For Israel, if it is to have peace, must become another State in the Middle East, while Zionism cannot exist without dreams of a World Jewry with world frontiers and world power. The sooner this dangerous ideological dream is separated from the political reality of Israel, the better for all.

—william zukerman

NEWS IN REVIEW

Churchill for "Arab Rights and Legitimate Zionist Aspirations". Winston Churchill, in his press interview in Washington stated that he was a Zionist from the days of the Balfour Declaration. Peace between Arabs and Israelis, he said, was possible. Old Palestine 2,000 years ago supported more people than there are now in the area. "We not only can greatly increase the population of the area, but we can bring harmony there which will be a security and not an element of anxiety in the Middle East. Let us be tolerant and let us be friendly, and let us support Arab rights and help the legitimate Zionist aspirations."

While antisemitism in its old-fashioned forms of open hate-propaganda and rowdiness is definitely on the decline in the United States now, nevertheless it is assuming new forms which are more serious than is generally recognized. This is the sum total of a number of reports submitted to the annual conference of the National Community Relations Advisory Council (NCRAC) in Atlantic City. Specifically, the reports claimed that there is still much discrimination against Jews in employment in large industrial, commercial and banking enterprises. This discrimination is not being felt at present because employment is high among Jews. But it may become a danger in the future when unemployment will rise. "In 1944, the principal concern of Jewish community relations agencies was antisemitism in its most direct expression—Nazi inspired literature, the canard of the domestic antisemitism that Jews had finagled the United States into the war, physical assaults on Jews, desecration of synagogues and the like," stated Isaiah Mindoff, General Secretary of NCRAC and he recommended that Jewish community relations bodies should deal with "the underlying causes rather than with the surface manifestations." Jewish agencies must be "advocates of great positive purposes rather than being mere watchmen of our own rights." (The NCRAC is the coordinating body, representing the American Jewish Congress, the Jewish Labor Committee, the Jewish War Veterans, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and a number of local Jewish communities which generally lean more toward nationalistic concepts. It does not include the larger and older American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League which broke away from NCRAC two years ago.

Conditions on the Israeli-Jordan frontier have deteriorated following a new incident at the border settlement of Mevoot Betar at which three Israelis were killed. The United Nations Armistice Commission, from which Israel withdrew several months ago, found that the Israelis were killed when they crossed into Jordan territory. This has further increased the tension and is largely responsible for the rejection of an American-British-French proposal for strengthening the UN truce machinery with a view to lessening tension. Among the proposals was one that Israel should return to the Truce Commission because its absence from the Commission makes thorough investigations harder, if not impossible. Israel however, holds out against returning to the Commission and demands the replacement of General Vagn Bennike, the present chairman of the Commission whom it accuses of anti-Israeli bias. This the Western Powers refuse to do.

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A bill was introduced in the Israeli Knesset to limit foreign language newspapers in the country and place them in a second-class category as compared with the dominant Hebrew language newspapers. Among the foreign languages is included also Yiddish. The bill has called forth considerable criticism, both in Israel and among pro-Zionists in this country. The opposition to the bill is based on two points: First, why discrimination against foreign language in general? Is not such discrimination an undemocratic act against which Jews in particular have always protested in all countries of their abode as a minority? Secondly, and more important, why should Yiddish be included among the foreign languages to be discriminated against in a so-called Jewish State?

It was this second point that aroused the protest of even Zionists and pro-Zionists in Israel and in this country. The American Yiddish Writers Union, the Jewish Labor Committee, the Congress for Yiddish Culture and the Yiddish Pen Club have issued an official statement protesting against the absurdity of classifying Yiddish, which is the language of the bulk of the Jewish people as a foreign language in Israel. On the other hand, *Davar*, the official organ of the government Mapai Party (Socialist), in an editorial of June 3rd, states the official Israeli position toward Yiddish as follows:

It will be impossible to crystallize a new Israeli society; it will be impossible to overcome the diaspora mentality and habits of dependence and slavery, if Hebrew is not to be the only language in the home and in the State, in the workshop, business and every-day life. The schools and the Army are already helping considerably to solve this problem. But they alone will not be able to accomplish this task in our generation. It requires comprehensive social activities and it requires a State law.

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The first eye-witness report by an American newspaperman on Birobidjan was published last week in the New York Times by Mr. Harrison E. Salisbury, its Moscow correspondent. Birobidjan now has a population of 200,000 including an estimated 100,000 Jews. But there is nothing to show, except for a few signs in Yiddish and in Russian and a Yiddish Communist newspaper entitled *Birobidzhaner Shtetn* with a circulation of 1,000 copies, that the place is an Autonomous Jewish Province and the Soviet equivalent of Zionism that it was supposed to have been when it was started twenty years ago. An article on the history, background and failure of this Soviet "Zionist" project will appear in the next issue of the Jewish Newsletter.

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Seventy-two American Jews have answered Israel's call for the Ingathering of the Exiles and will leave the United States to settle permanently in Israel this summer. Thirty have already left on the S. S. *Jerusalem* last week. They included businessmen, professionals, students, teachers and members of Zionist Youth Aliyah groups.

More on the "Dangerous Master Plan"

A reader and friend of the *Jewish Newsletter* who is also a leader of a well-known American Jewish organization and was present at the famous meeting at which Dr. Goldmann's plan for unifying and coordinating the activities of all American Jewish organizations in behalf of Israel was discussed and accepted, has criticized rather sharply our report of the meeting ("A Dangerous Master Plan", *JN*, June 7). Our friend, who prefers to remain anonymous, claims that neither the facts about the proposed new body nor the Diarist's interpretation of them are correct. He writes:

Your article, "A Dangerous Master Plan" is totally inaccurate. First of all, this is not a new central and over-all Jewish body. It is merely a form and a procedure. There are no commitments to votes and there is no staff or financial provision. This is merely an opportunity for heads of organizations to consider the impact of Israel on American Jewry. This is not limited to political matters at all. If it were what you call it, I would not have associated myself with it. You are so wrong as to mislead not only your own thinking, but that of the readers who will be exposed to this completely inaccurate report.

Diarist writes in response: I have before me two reports of the meeting by two of the highest official sources of Zionist propaganda which fully confirm the facts and interpretation of our report. One is by Mr. Boris Smolar, editor of the *Jewish Telegraphic Agency*, official mouthpiece of the Jewish Agency, the highest body in the World Zionist movement. In a lengthy article, entitled "Plan to Create a Council of Jewish Leaders in America," in the *Jewish Daily Forward* of May 23, Smolar describes Dr. Goldmann's plan as the "creation of a Council of Jewish leaders of all trends". Smolar continues:

The creation of such a Council is particularly important now because the time is approaching when the State Department will attempt more than once to exert pressure on Israel and when American Jewry will have to express more than one dissatisfaction with the actions of the State Department.

An editorial in *Der Yiddisher Kempfer* of June 4 greets the new body as "an Important Beginning" which will lead to a complete unification of American and world Jews in behalf of Israel. The editorial admits that Zionists had a much wider plan for the new organization to include all activities in behalf of Israel. But they found that the non-Zionists are not yet ready for such a plan. They, therefore, agreed to the formation of this body which will for the time being be limited in scope to political activities.

We are certain that when the representatives of the larger Jewish organizations will get used to working together in this field, they will cease to fear a wider coordination. They will quickly reach a real Jewish American council in questions pertaining to the State of Israel. And when that second step is achieved, we will come with our further plans in which, in our opinion, lies the possibility of minimizing, if not abolishing entirely, the chaos which dominates American Jewry in the field of organized representation.

How is one to account for these obvious contradictions in the facts and interpretation of an event as it is presented in the official Zionist press and to non-Zionist leaders? The only way to reconcile the differences is to remember that Zionists, like most other ideologists, have no scruples about the use of double talk. They speak one language when they address a meeting of non-Zionist leaders whom they want to win over for a strategic plan and they speak another language when they address their own followers. True leadership in our days consists in being able to hear the still voice of truth through the din, clatter and confusion of propaganda double talk.—Ed.

Ben Gurion Is Prophet of Youth in Israel

By Our Israeli Correspondent

The speech delivered by Ben Gurion in Sheikh Munis near Tel Aviv, at the special rally of Israeli high school youths on June 10, has definitely destroyed the legend that Ben Gurion retired from political life. It has clearly confirmed the theory that from Sde Boker, Ben Gurion wishes to play the role of a prophetic leader of youth. He believes that from Israeli youth will arise a new generation, free from the psychology of the galuth, which will effect the unification of the new Israeli nation.

Cynicism in Place of Zionism

In his speech, Ben Gurion stressed three historic aims of Israeli youth: (1) moral purity; (2) settlement on the frontiers of Israel, and (3) the integration of the new immigrants. With these three aims are bound up all the hopes of the leaders of Israel. In the Babel of tribes which is Israel, the school youth of Israel is the only unifying force whose language and culture is Hebrew. And it is this youth that can lead to the unification and the blending of all Jews in Israel into one nation. It is the youth which also has to bear the burden of national defense which, under present Israeli conditions, makes Israel a land consisting entirely of frontiers. Youth must also create a new spirit free from the old diaspora mentality.

Unfortunately, it is several years already that the leaders of Israel have been witnessing a moral degeneration of Israeli youth. It is no secret and the entire Israeli press has written about it many times. Israeli youth is not what it was expected to be. It does not have the idealism which it had during the years of the Israel-Arab war. Youth does not join the Zionist youth organizations. It is generally not interested in politics and in state problems. "Zionism has become a mockery among Israeli youth. 'You speak Zionism' is equivalent now to saying 'you talk nonsense'."

Israel is flooded with pornographic and semi-pornographic books and journals which are being read mostly by youth. The young people do not attend the various cultural institutions, but they fill the cinemas, cafes and various places of entertainment. The attempts to bring together young people of the different immigrant groups have so far failed. There is still a sharp distinction between the so-called white and dark youths. There is no response to the constant appeals to youth to settle on the land or to settle in the Negev. Of course, the economic conditions are probably mostly responsible for that. In former years the Halutzim youth acted differently and made great sacrifices in clearing up the swamps and building the kibbutzim. It is this moral disintegration that is causing alarm to the leaders of Israel.

Will the Speeches Help?

It is too early to attempt an analysis of the tragic problem of youth in Israel and to predict what will happen. But it is worth mentioning that the older Zionist generation is not without responsibility for the present mood of the youth. That generation brought up youth in a spirit alien to the Jewish people of the entire world. It awakened in youth great aspirations in connection with the emergence of the State of Israel. All these aspirations have collapsed when youth saw that the State of Israel is a small state dependent mostly on relief from abroad and subject to constant danger from its neighbors. Ben Gurion spoke about doing away with poor and rich. But who can take seriously such advice at a time when in the leadership itself the distinction between rich and poor is growing daily? Israeli youth is disappointed in Zionist idealism and it is doubtful whether Ben Gurion will succeed in awakening it.

Jacob Bacht

American Jews and Israel: Discussion

Israel as a Moral Center

By Lessing J. Rosenwald

In your point IV — Israel as a spiritual, moral, cultural center (*Jewish Newsletter*, June 21) I have this feeling:

Israel may, in time, be just that. If so, Israel can only become such through demonstrated merit. No fiat or law or propaganda can make her such, now or in the future, unless she can prove to the world that the world should emulate her for these qualities. If Israel does merit it, the world will *voluntarily* accept such leadership; it cannot be *compelled* to do so. If Israel does not merit it, no amount of *persuasion* can *force* the world to believe or accept such a hollow formula. If Israel is sincere in her desire to be such a center, her course is obvious — she must so conduct herself as to bring about such an exalted position. If Israel is not constituted to permit such self-inspection, she cannot attain the status which she is now demanding “on faith,” and without the substance to promote it.

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American Jews at a Turning Point

By Lester L. Stern

Permit me the privilege of a few lines in your publication and to thank you for the excellent editorial “The Turning Point” in your May 10, 1954, issue. American Jews may well hope that the turning point, which I believe you have accurately indicated is at hand, means a turning point in their attitude as well as in the foreign policy of the United States.

It has been apparent for a long time that American Jews have failed to realize the difference between Zionism as an idea and Zionism as the agency of a state which is not alone foreign to American Jews but which considers itself to occupy a Messianic role for the purpose of “saving” all Jews from all dangers at all times and in all places. That this is no fanciful evaluation of the Israeli-Zionist position has been made abundantly clear in the official and unofficial attacks made by both Zionists and Israelis on the two recent speeches of Assistant Secretary of State Henry A. Byroade.

When everything is said and done, all that Mr. Byroade attempted to do was to define a relationship between American Jews and the State of Israel which, in the American pattern, is the normal relationship of any American citizen to any foreign state. In this effort, Mr. Byroade has been severely attacked by both Israelis and American Zionists and, except for the American Council for Judaism, there has been no indication from any organization of American Jews that they resent these Zionist-Israeli attacks which, in effect, say that Mr. Byroade is Assistant Secretary of State for all Americans except those of Jewish faith; and that where Americans of Jewish faith are concerned and where the State of Israel is involved, the relationship is one of special and intimate character over which the Assistant Secretary for all of the American people has no competence of jurisdiction. It seems to me there can be no other fundamental evaluation of these Zionist-Israeli efforts to repudiate and to discredit Mr. Byroade.

Secondly, I should like to say in this letter, that a change of attitude on the part of American Jews reflecting the turning point which you indicate has come, would be recognized when the old “hush-hush” attitudes are clearly discarded by the so-called “non-Zionist” organizations. There is no longer any sense or logic in the so-called “defense agencies” attempting to smear public discussion of all aspects of the relationship of American Jews to Israel by saying that such discussion, in public, is “washing dirty linen”. In this day and age when American foreign policy is one of the most widely discussed and closely scrutinized phenomena

of our world, Jewish organizations that are at all abreast of recent developments must now recognize that this question, which they have for so long attempted to hide like a skeleton in the closet, is now firmly and irrevocably in the public domain.

The Government of the United States has given its answer. The Zionists have given theirs. The Government of Israel has given theirs. The non-Zionists, as usual, have remained silent hoping that some as yet uncharted wind will blow the problem away. And the American Council for Judaism, as you correctly point out in your editorial, has given its answer consistent with its whole history. American Jews cannot say that they have been deprived of the opportunity to make their choice in freedom and in full view of all of the facts. The only thing which is now to be determined is whether or not—and to what extent—they will exercise the prerogative of their freedom.

Bankruptcy of Political Zionism

By Klaus Niemeyer

It was fascinating to learn from the *Jewish Newsletter* that Rabbi Eisenstein now proclaims the Ingathering of the Exiles, i.e., the heart and core of Zionism, to be a “limited doctrine.” Without disrespect to the High Priests of Reconstructionism, may one ask whether there is such a thing as a limited doctrine? Is it not a conviction that has lost its persuasiveness, or a dogma deprived of its authority? For all practical purposes, it would seem to mean a doctrine for others, or, in the rabbi’s own words, “Israel for the persecuted Jews of all lands and for those who wish to fulfill themselves as Jews by living in Israel”.

As one might expect from the erudite and high-minded founders of Reconstructionism, their integrity does not allow them to deny the logic of the obvious facts. Zionism is not, was not, and never will be anything more than just this doctrine limited to these two groups of Jews. This is how it started: Palestine as a haven for the physically or spiritually homeless. Nobody has ever been against it. No State of Israel was needed to make room for the victims of persecution; self-realization as a Jew was accomplished easier under the British Mandate than by becoming an Israeli citizen.

What Rabbi Eisenstein said means, in effect, that political Zionism is bankrupt, and that, though the State of Israel was established under its flag, it never did or will mean anything more than the much-maligned refugeeism plus a trickle of tribal sectarianism. Yours was a temperate and overly modest report on a magnificent vindication of the *Jewish Newsletter* and what it stands for, forecasting the time when Zionists of all shades of opinion will have to reconstruct themselves to facts, not theories (since such are the facts of their own lives) and admit, without delicate intellectual embroidery, that they have been horribly mistaken; that for the American Jews, Israel means schizophrenia instead of the hoped-for survival of Judaism, and that, incidentally, the U.S.A. is the only country where an ordained “rabbi in Israel” can still find receptive audiences for limited doctrines. For myself, I’d rather be without any doctrine.

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Approximately 2,000 non-Jewish Americans adopt Judaism annually in order to marry Jewish partners, according to a report submitted to the Annual Convention of American Reform Rabbis. Applications are made to Reform, Conservative and Orthodox rabbis.

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415 returnees left Israel last month. Of these, 115 returned to Turkey and Persia. The others went to various European countries.

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July 6, 1954

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

I received a letter from the General Zionist Organization of Peru asking to convey to you their invitation to come to Peru in the fall to launch their United Israel campaign.

I am sure you recall our conversation regarding Latin America last year when you indicated that you would not be able to go there during the coming Autumn. I advised our friends in Peru accordingly, but promised to convey their invitation to you.

You may have heard about the planned Latin American Conference of General Zionists scheduled for September 3-6 in Santiago, Chile. Our people in South America on several occasions expressed their sincere desire of having either you or Dr. Neumann at this Conference in which, most likely, representatives from ten to fifteen Latin American countries will be present.

Would you be good enough to let me know whether there is any possibility for you to attend the Latin American Conference. I know how busy you are during the pre-holiday season, but perhaps you could make an exception at this time.

With warmest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Leon Ilutovich
Assistant Executive Director

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July 16, 1954

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road and East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I take pleasure in sending you under separate cover a copy of the Congressional RECORD of Thursday, July 15th, in which I have had inserted your address before the 57th annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America last June 24th, which I thought would be of interest to you.

With warmest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

George H. Bender
GEORGE H. BENDER

GHB/ct

July 28, 1951

The Honorable George Bender
The House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

Permit me to acknowledge your kind note of July sixteenth enclosing the copy of the address which you had inserted in the Congressional Record on July fifteenth. I need not tell you that I am very appreciative of this thoughtful act.

My attention has also been drawn to the fact that you read into the Record the editorials which appeared in the Cleveland newspapers on the occasion of the announcement of the establishment of Abba Hillel Silver Park.

I trust that you are well. With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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לכבוד
ד"ר הרים לוי
יו"ר המחלקה למפעלי חו.א.א.י. בישראל.

ד"ר לוי הנכבד,
הרינו להביא לידיעתך ולהשגחת לבך שבחוד הנועה "ישראל הצעירה" שהינה השלוחה של
המדרגות הציונים הכלליים שמסרתה ללכד בהוכחה נוער בגולה ובישראל, להנכס ולהדריכם לפי
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לאחר הנאמרים שעשינו להשגחת משרה זו, ברור לנו כבר עתה כי עוד יחלוף זמן עד אשר
יקבע לנו המקום להתישבות ויוקצב לנו החקציב המיועד לכך.

כרם, אנו חוששים מאוד שאם חברינו ישארו בודדים כל אחד במקומו, עלול גרעין זה
להתפורר. לכן שמהנו מאוד להצעת הקורטריון של כפר סילבר, הנכון לשכן במקום את החברים
ולהעסיקם בעבודות הקמה המוסד החנוכי והמשק החקלאי וע"כ האופשר השטרם החברתית
והחקלאית של חברינו.

הננו לנדגיש במיוחד שעלית הגרעין שלנו לכפר סילבר איננה מטרה בפני עצמה
אלא יש לראות בהחנה ביניים, חברתית ומועילה כי וחר שבאמצעותה נגיע למטרתנו הסופית -
יסוד נקודה חקלאית עצמאית.

אנו מאמינים שהטבר קצר זה של חכמיתנו ישכנע את מנהיגי חו.א.א.י. והכ"ר הועדה
ההשגחה שכב' עומד בראשה, להגיש לנו את עזרתם.

לבסוף, הרינו לבקש את וצדחכם לחת לקורטריון של כפר סילבר את האמצעים והכלים
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של הנוער הציוני הכללי.

להשגחה כב' אנו מצפים.

בתודה מראש
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August 5, 1954

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

You will be reading this soon after returning from what I hope was an exceptionally good summer vacation with Mrs. Silver.

You heard probably that I am A.Z.F. Chairman this year - a stern harness which May - Neumann - Goodman contrived to slip over me.

Our plan is to get started early and raise as much money as possible for the American Zionist Fund early in the year. Fortunately a number of the important committees are responding by fixing early dates for their A.Z.F. annual dinners. It is our disposition to call on you only when it is absolutely necessary and when it is important enough to the Z.O.A. and the A.Z.F.

Two communities are pressing to conduct their A.Z.F. dinners in your honor; Pittsburgh, on Sunday evening, October 17th, and Baltimore, on Wednesday evening, December 8th. Please let me know as early as you can whether you can make yourself available on these dates. If we are lucky enough to get the favorable answers which we hope you can give, we would prefer (if you approve) for you to allow us to confirm the dates to the communities from the New York office. It will be more beneficial to A.Z.F. that way.

Both functions are extremely important for pace-setting purposes to send off our A.Z.F. campaign for a good start. While we'd like an answer on both as soon as you can do it, an earlier answer is due to Pittsburgh.

Best regards!

Sincerely yours,

Herman L. Weisman

Herman L. Weisman

HLW/n

*delivered via
Paul Hanson*

A in Detroit Oct. 17th

Please reply to:
73 Staverton Road,
N.W.2.

11th August, 1954.

and Dr. S. Neumann.
Mr. P. Bernstein,
Telaviv.

Dear Mr. Bernstein, and Dr. Neumann,

As Chairman of this Committee, I deem it my duty to draw your kind attention to the following.

From 1946 until this day the World Zionist Organisation has been without a President. This unfortunate state of affairs is due to one cause alone, viz. the opposition of the Weizmann caucus to the election of Dr. Silver as President. (It may be of interest to state that the centre of this caucus was the British Commonwealth Group formed by Rev. A. Baum, an employee of the London Zionist Federation acting on the instructions of Bakstansky & Co. The same Baum was later found to have embezzled large sums from the Zionist funds).

The consequences were tragic indeed. My friends and I have no doubt that thousands of young Jewish lives would have been saved had Dr. Silver been President during the struggle in Israel.

The forthcoming Zionist Congress must elect Dr. Abba Hillel Silver as President of the World Zionist Movement, and it is our duty to take steps betimes to ensure his election.

Israel is in great danger, Britain is still very hostile. The fate of Israel depends almost exclusively on Washington. Dr. Silver, the well-known Republican, is the only man who, as President of the World Zionist Organisation

could move the present Republican administration in our favour. Mr. Silver is, in any case, the most fitted to be President of the World Zionist Organisation, but in present circumstances it would be a crime and a national betrayal to elect any other than Mr. Silver.

We General Zionists know from our bitter experience in London, that the Progressives and their associates are ever ready to sacrifice the vital interests of our people and of the state of Israel for the sake of their narrow selfish personal and party advantages. They will certainly use every trick to prevent Silver's election. It is the considered opinion of our organisation here that it is the prime duty of General Zionists in all parts of the world to mobilise without delay all forces needed to elect Silver as President. This may, with the help of the Almighty, bring about a new and happy era in Israel and a revival of Zionism in the rest of the world.

We have had enough of the regime of Locker and Co.





HOTEL RICHMOND, GENÈVE

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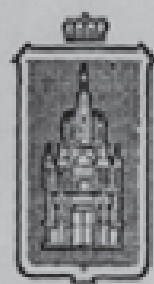
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My dear Dr. Solov -

Arrived in Geneva yesterday after a most encouraging stay in Israel. I realized there that for you to stay away from Zionist meetings (and this includes the meeting of the Actions Committee) and the time you see of Israel itself, both the land and the people, the more optimistic you become. They have made definite progress and it can be seen everywhere you go except in the offices of the Agency or the KKL.

By this time you have probably heard from the committee for the Kfar Solov. There has been a temporary modification of their plans to open the school this year. Because of



HOTEL RICHEMOND, GENÈVE

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The lack of funds, they are settling - to
these 15 youths - and their families - to
start work on the soil. This will make
it possible not only to put to use the
splendid facilities there but will also
have the advantage of preparing for the
opening of the school next year and
at the same time give training in
agriculture to a considerable number of
General Zionist young men and women
who would otherwise not have that opportunity.
I am bringing complete details on the
Kfar Silver plans to you and I hope
to get together with you for a
detailed discussion.

Your very generous contribution
of a 5000 bond was a great gift
to the morale of the Committee. I had



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to organize the entire leadership of
the Party to get a fair rate of exchange
for the bond, but just before I left I got a
call from Jerusalem that they had succeeded
in getting a £1.60 rate for it. Incidentally
your associate - Dr Stone - sent \$400 which
could bring only \$1.30

I committed the \$200,000 to \$100,000
for the coming year. And we are going to spend
it if I have to wring it out of ~~them~~ ^{our American friends}. The
project is tremendously important, has made
a beautiful start, and its successful completion
is essential to maintain our dignity and
self respect -

My best to your dear Virginia -
And I hope we can get together soon.
May I hear from you.

Sincerely yours,
Marjorie

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Aug 12/1954

Dear Mr Silver,

Enclose copy of letter.

which we have sent to Israel &
hope they will understand the
impence.

May I have your comments
on my letter on p. 10 of the
Jewish Chronicle of Aug 6th.
With best wishes
Yours sincerely
S. Landman

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August 23, 1954

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Following our meeting in Cleveland, which was of great help to me in formulating my plans for the new Department of Public Information, I went on to Toledo where the work for the coming year was surveyed in detail by Leon Feuer and myself. He will serve as the active Chairman for the new department. Our friends here were of course gratified to learn that you agreed to serve as Honorary Chairman.

Immediately upon my return to New York I raised the question of Kfar Silver with those who are most directly concerned with the project. Abe Goodman said that you have every right to feel strongly on the matter, but assured me that it is being dealt with in accordance with the promises made to you. Jacques Torczyner, who had been delegated to effect the bond transfer, assured me that he is not neglecting his responsibility and that the transfer should be concluded within a matter of days. Emanuel Neumann is returning today and will surely be in touch with you on Kfar Silver, as will Harris Levine who is due back in the course of this week.

As for the \$1,000 contribution in Sol Cohen's name -- the enclosed copy of a memorandum to me from Hannah Stein is self-explanatory.

I am hopeful therefore that the entire question is being disposed of in a proper manner and that you will be in a position to include AZF functions on your calendar of activities without being inhibited by the Organization's past performance on Kfar Silver.

Meanwhile, Baltimore is pressing us for a definite answer from you on the dinner that they are planning for December 8th. Their anxiety is understandable since they report that the Histadruth campaign will be running in competition with us and that the Histadruth people are spreading the word that the guest

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

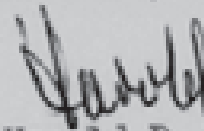
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speaker at their dinner, which will take place during the same period, will be Harry Truman. I have already made it clear to some of our friends in Baltimore that if you accept their invitation and if it turns out that Truman will be speaking for the Histadruth at approximately the same time, they must not make the ZOA function a "Republican" affair as against the Histadruth's "Democratic" dinner.

Please let me have your reply on this matter as speedily as possible since Miss Stein must get in touch with the Baltimore District.

With warmest regards, I am

As ever,



Harold P. Manson

HPM/br
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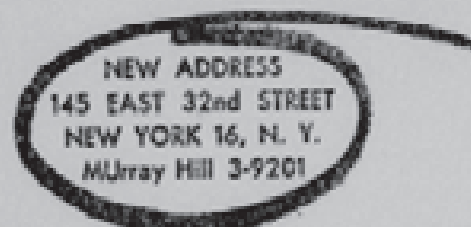
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August 24, 1954

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

1. I believe Harold Manson mentioned to you in Cleveland, that I will be leaving this coming Sunday, August 29th, for South America, to attend the Latin-American Conference of General Zionists in Santiago, Chile, on September 1-5, as official ZOA representative. Mr. Chaim Ariav will attend the conference in behalf of the Israel General Zionist Party.

After the Conference I plan to visit Buenos Aires, Argentina; Montevideo, Uruguay; and Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo, Brazil. If everything goes well, I expect to be back in New York on September 17th.

You no doubt recall our previous correspondence in connection with invitations sent to you from Argentina and other Latin-American countries to visit them. You indicated that you could not make it this year, but that the possibility exists that you may be able to go to South America to open the United Israel Appeal campaigns in Argentina, and perhaps a few other countries in the spring of 1955 (beginning of winter in that part of the world).

Needless to say, it would be wonderful, if you could permit me to inform our friends in South America, that you would accept their invitation to visit Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Uruguay and Peru, or one or two of the above mentioned countries this coming spring. Your presence would, of course, add prestige and strength to the General Zionist organizations on the eve of the Zionist Congress.

I know how crowded you are for time, but I would like to ask you to prepare a message of greetings to the conference. If I receive it in New York by Friday, I will still be able to prepare a Yiddish translation.

2. From the Convention Issue of the "American Zionist News Reporter" and from other ZOA press releases you may have learned about the establishment of the new Department for ZOA Activities in Israel. The Department, which

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

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August 24, 1954

was established by the new administration right after the Convention, is under my direction and it will centralize all present and future ZOA projects and activities in Israel, including Kfar Silver and the ZOA House. It will also serve as the only channel of communications and liaison between the ZOA and Kfar Silver in Israel and the ZOA in New York.

This step has been long overdue and I hope it will introduce coordination and order in a previously rather chaotic situation.

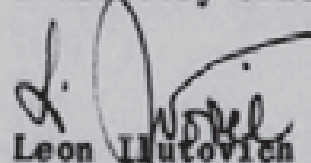
At the same time, Mr. May appointed a Committee for ZOA Activities in Israel with Dr. Harris Levine as Chairman, and Messrs. Moses Torczyner and Meyer Pesin as Vice-Chairmen. The Kfar Silver Committee, with Mr. Meyer Pesin as Chairman and the Kfar Silver Department with Hannah Stein, was, of course, abolished and included in this new Department.

In accordance with the terms of reference for the new Department and Committee the AZF will continue its fund raising efforts for the overall ZOA Program both here and in Israel as in the past. This new Department and Committee will concentrate exclusively on individual large donations, legacies and bequests for the ZOA House, Kfar Silver and any activities the ZOA may undertake in Israel in the future, both from ZOA members, as well as non-Zionists. Of course, this limited fund raising effort of our Department will be closely coordinated and cleared with the AZF.

I am writing all this since I thought you would be glad to learn about this new set-up.

With warmest personal regards, I am,

Yours very sincerely,



Leon Ilutovich  
Assistant Executive Director  
Zionist Organization of America

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August 27, 1954

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Dr. Harris J. Levine has just returned from Israel and has asked me to transmit to you the enclosed copy of a letter sent to him by the General Zionist Youth organization in Israel.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Leon Ilutovich  
Assistant Executive Director

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enc.



August 30, 1954

Mr. Harris J. Levine  
2116 Grand Avenue  
New York 53, New York

My dear friend:

I want to thank you for your lovely letter which you sent me from Geneva. I am grateful to you for having successfully carried out the transmission of my contribution to Kfar Silver. I have not yet heard from Dr. Neumann with reference to the \$2,500.00 which I gave him out of the Silver Foundation Fund for the same project. My latest information is that the ZOA has not yet effected the bond transfer which it promised to do last June. I am happy that you have undertaken the responsibility for the ZOA commitment to the project. I am confident that under your chairmanship the funds allocated for it will be transmitted promptly.

If I have followed the reports of the Actions Committee meeting in the public press, the same old singsong--  
baiting the American and ~~holding down~~ *hanging on* to the double Shekel.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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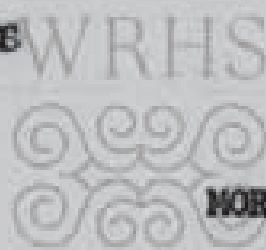
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ROBERTO ARON  
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ON BEHALF ZOA TAKE PLEASURE GREETING OUR FELLOW GENERAL ZIONISTS  
LATIN AMERICA STOP MAY YOUR CONFERENCE STRENGTHEN OUR SPIRITUAL TIES  
AND FURTHER GENERAL ZIONIST PURPOSES TO WHICH WE ARE DEDICATED AND  
WHOSE REALIZATION IS URGENTLY REQUIRED FOR WELFARE ISRAEL AND OUR  
MOVEMENT WARMEST REGARDS



MORTIMER MAY

PRESIDENT ZOA

cc: Mortimer May  
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver ✓  
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PLEASE CONVEY MY WARMEST GREETINGS LAT IN AMERICAN CONFERENCE GENERAL ZIONISTS  
STOP INCREASINGLY CRITICAL SITUATION CONFRONTING ISRAEL OUR MOVEMENT ON  
WORLD SCENE MAKES IMPERATIVE FULLEST MOBILIZATION JEWRY LED BY ZIONIST MOVEMENT  
STOP EVENTS RECENT YEARS HAVE DEMONSTRATED INDISPENSABILITY GENERAL ZIONIST  
PRINCIPLES AND IDEALS FOR SOLUTION ISRAELS MAJOR PROBLEMS STOP MAY YOUR  
DELIBERATIONS ADVANCE THESE HIGH PURPOSES WARMEST REGARDS

ABBA HILSEL SILVER

cc: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver ✓  
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ZOA LEADERS ENDORSE CANDIDACY OF MORTIMER MAY FOR PRESIDENCY

DR. EMANUEL NEUMANN HEADS NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF SPONSORS

FOR MAY'S ELECTION

New York, N. Y.:— The candidacy of Mortimer May of Nashville, Tenn. for the presidency of the Zionist Organization of America was announced today following a meeting of sixty leaders of the organization, who gathered here to exchange views on the forthcoming 57th Annual National Convention and the future program of the ZOA. Mr. May's candidacy was unanimously endorsed by the meeting, in which ZOA Regional and District leaders participated.

In making this announcement, the ZOA leaders, headed by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, member of the Jewish Agency Executive, also stated that a national Committee for the Election of Mortimer May is in formation. Other leaders who joined in endorsing Mr. May include: Abraham Goodman, Chairman of the ZOA Inner Committee; Rabbi I. Usher Kirschblum, National Membership Chairman; Dr. Harris J. Levine, President of the Jewish National Fund; Jacques Torczyner, Vice-President; Herman L. Weisman, National Chairman of the ZOA Economic Committee, and others among whom are many national officers, Regional Presidents and leaders of ZOA key districts from areas throughout the country.

These men led the campaign which, two years ago, culminated in the election of the present ZOA administration.

"Surely, Mortimer May is eminently qualified to stand at the helm of the ZOA," they stated. "His attainments in the leadership of our organization, where he now serves as Chairman of the National Administrative Council, his contributions to American Jewish life and to civic affairs, his intellect and his personality have already won him a place of honor in American Jewry. We are confident that the membership of the ZOA will heartily approve his candidacy."

Mr. May formerly served as Chairman of the National Executive Committee of the ZOA and as its Vice-President. He is also a member of the Actions Committee of the World Zionist Organization.

Mr. May is a graduate of Columbia University and holder of the Phi Beta Kappa key and is recognized as both a scholar and one possessed of keen and penetrating political acumen. He has attended many World Zionist Congresses as a ZOA delegate and participated in the formulation of Zionist policy. He has been a close associate and supporter of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Emanuel Neumann.

Mr. May is Vice-President of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds and is an executive board member of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. He serves on the following boards: American Association for Jewish Education, United Israel Appeal, American Fund for Israel Institutions and on the Board of Governors of the American Financial and Development Corporation for Israel.

In recent years, Mr. May has visited Israel several times and he is intimately acquainted with its development and problems.

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