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March 3, 1959

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver 1855 Ansel Rd. Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

On March 25, we are publishing THE SWORD AND THE PROMISE, a first novel by Benjamin Siegel, which I hope may be of some interest to you. It has all the outward aspects (which obviously we have done nothing to minimize) of a conventional historical novel: but the author prefers to think of it as a contemporary novel that happens to be set in the Second Century A.D., and if, in the midst of a busy life, you have a chance to read it, I hope you'll see what he means.

I take pleasure, in any case, in sending you an advance copy, and if by any chance you feel able to let us know your opinion of it, both we and the author would feel honored and grateful.

Sircerely yours,

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Associate Editor

March 4, 1959 My dear Rabbi Heller: I received your letter of February 27th and I have tried to trace down the galley proofs of your forth-coming book "Israel's Odyssey". I regret very much that due to my absence from the city, these galley proofs have either been mis-laid or lost and I am sure you will be able to obtain fresh proofs from your publisher. I regret that the pressure of work since my return from abroad will not make it possible for me to do many things which I would like to do at the moment - including the reading of your manuscript. I trust that you will understand. With warmest regards and all good wishes for your new book, I remain Very cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS : bfm Rabbi A.M. Heller 500 Church Avenue Brooklyn 18, New York

# THE DROPSIE COLLEGE FOR HEBREW AND COGNATE LEARNING PHILADELPHIA

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

March 4, 1959

Dear Dr. Silver:

After having heard from Mr. Ben-Horin about his visit to Cleveland, I wish to express my deep appreciation to you for your great kindness and helpfulness. I also wish to welcome you officially as an Honorary Patron of the World History of Jewish People.

You know from Mr. Ben-Horin about the progress we made so far in launching the History project. I, too, feel that the initial reaction is encouraging and am hopeful of further progress.

With my best wishes,

Cordially yours,

Abraham A. Neuman

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

# TAU KAPPA ALPHA FRATERNITY CASE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY 10900 EUCLID AVENUE CLEVELAND 6, OHIO

SPEAKERS BUREAU

March 16, 1959

DEBATE CLUB

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver 19810 Shaker Blvd. Cleveland 22, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In 1908 eleven men met in the chamber of the Lieutenant-Governor of Indiana and founded Tau Kappa Alpha. Its purpose, then as now fifty-one years later, was to bring together those who had distinguished themselves in forensics. Last year, at our Golden Anniversary Banquet, Tau Kappa Alpha choose to commend you for your fine activities in the field of forensics and the related field of human relations. We have noted that just recently you received the Human Relations award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews. May we express our congratulations to you for being so honored.

The Case Chapter of Tau Kappa Alpha invites you to honor us by accepting an honorary membership in our chapter. If you decide to accept this offer please reply to Tau Kappa Alpha, c/o William C. Lynch, Case Institute of Technology, Cleveland 6. Ohio. If you have any questions they may be answered by calling John L. Safko, Secretary of the Case Chapter of Tau Kappa Alpha, at GA=1-3147.

I hope that we may welcome you as a homorary member of Tau Kappa Alpha.

William & Lynch

William C. Lymch

President, Case Chapter

Tau Kappa Alpha

March 16, 1959

Dear Friend:

The undersigned are planning to send the following statement to the United States Attorney General, and to publicize it at the same time. We are inviting you to join with us in sending it for these purposes. You will find a convenient return slip at the end of the statement.

#### STATEMENT ON THE CASE OF ASBURY HOWARD

Mr. Asbury Howard is a prominent Negro citizen of Bessemer, Alabama, (near Birmingham.) He has lived there for 42 years and for 41 of them has been a member of Starlight Baptist Church. He served as its Sunday School superintendent for 27 years and is currently a member of its Board of Deacons. He makes his living by operating a gas station and is also employed by the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers of which he is Eastern Vice President.

He was Vice President of the NAACP Bessemer Branch until it was forced out of business by the \$100,000 fine imposed on it by the Alabama Supreme Court for refusing to produce its membership list. He is also President of the Bessemer Voters League, a local Negro organization formed to advance the right of Negroes to register and vote.

In Jaruary 1959 he went to a local sign painter and engaged him to reproduce a cartoon on a canvas a yard and a half square to be hung on the walls of the Voting League's meeting hall. The cartoon, which had appeared in the Kansas City Call, depicted a Negro in chains saying: "Lord help all Americans to see that you intended human beings to have the same rights."

Mr. Howard had the painter add: "Vote Today For a Hetter Tomorrow."

Before it was finished, police Chief Baron took the canvas from the painter. When Mr. Eoward acknowledged that he had ordered it made, he was arrested by the Chief without warrant.

A few days later Mr. Howard was found guilty by Judge James Hammonds of violating a city ordinance prohibiting the publication of "intemperate matter tending to provoke a breach of the peace, or any matter prejudicial to good momals." The City Prosecutor summed up the city's case by stating: "It is my opinion that showing a man in chains is prejudicial to good order." Mr. Howard was fined \$105 and sentenced to five months in jail by the State Court. Appeal has been denied and he is serving sentence pending an effort to get the case before a Federal court.

When Mr. Howard left the court room after the above conviction, he was attacked while still in the City Hall on the floor below the court room by forty or more white men and badly beaten. There were fifteen or more policemen in the vicinity of the attack. The only agreet they made was of Mr. Howard's son who sought to protect his father and who was charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

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Dear Robbi Killed: we regret having to un this

The undersigned agree with the American Civil Liberties Union that a "flagrant violation of the First Amendment" is involved in Mr. Howard's conviction for seeking to reproduce a newspaper cartoon and to have a canwas with this cartoon in a meeting hall where legal assemblies of a political society are held.

We furthermore agree that the beating of an American citizen by a mob in the presence of local police is a grievous violation of civil liberties which is a legitimate concern of "all Americans who believe in the sanctity of law and fair treatment by law enforcement officials."

When it is necessary, the federal government should act to safeguard

these principles.

We agree with the ACLU, furthermore, that a de facto conspiracy occurred when, in violation of the federal civil rights law, police officers stood by as a citizen was assaulted in the City Hall of his community while he was there under compulsory process. This compulsory appearance entitled him, as a minimum to police protection while there. The whole concept of law and orderly community life is undermined and rendered a mockery when citizens can be subjected to violent physical attack in the acquicscent presence of the police.

We, therefore, join with the ACLU in calling on the Department of Justice to order an immediate investigation of the Asbury Howard case to determine whether the federal civil rights law and other laws guaranteeing the safety and the liberties of American citizens have been violated, and to take appropriate action following such investigation.

What has happened to Mr. Howard is a flagrant instance of the suffering to which our Negro fellow-citizens, not only in the South but elsewhere, are subjected in their efforts to abolish various forms of discrimination, to secure the right to vote and the free exercise thereof, and to enter fully into their heritage in our democracy.

We are deeply grieved by the sight of these afflictions. We hope that in spite of them the Negro people will continue their nonviolent struggle

to achieve rull citizenship and pledge them our support.

Norman Thomas Reinhold Niebuhr Harry Emerson Fosdick Liston Pope A. J. Miste

# ZioristOrganization of America

145 EAST 32nd STREET . NEW YORK 16, N. Y. . MURRAY HILL 3-9201

March 16th, 1959

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

The Hadoar people have asked me to urge you to change your mind about appearing at their event of Monday, June 8. I have already advised them that they can assume that the reason you gave for being unable to come to New York at that time is the real and only one. (Many people find it difficult to understand that you take the Rabbinate seriously.) However, I promised to relay their remewed request.

Unless I hear from you to the contrary, I shall advise them in a few days that you regret that you are unable to make the requested change in your schedule.

Ever best,

Harold P. Manson

HPM/d

# CURTIS INDUSTRIES, INC. 1130 EAST 222 STREET CLEVELAND IF, OHIO MORRIS ABRAMS PRESIDENT Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple (1)

The Temple State Park East 105th. & Silver Park Cleveland, Chio

Dear Abba:

It was a great pleasure to have lunch with you last Friday. I enjoyed the opportunity of exchanging views with you.

As usual after we had parted I thought of many things I should have liked to say. It seems to me that one reason why we should work new for setting into motion procedures for revising the U.N. Charter is that the likelihood of a summit meeting where some real settlements can be made is extremely remote. I feel that a statement and actions on our part proving that we are willing to strengthen the United Nations might go a long way towards reducing world tensions and providing the basis for ultimate settlement.

Under separate cover, I am sending you a copy of the book by Grenville Clark and Louis Sohn called "World Peace Through World Law". I am sure, Abba, you will enjoy reading the introduction and find this book useful as a reference on how the charter might be revised.

Cordially yours,

MORRY



#### THE WORLD PUBLISHING COMPANY

119 West 57th Street · New York 19 · N. Y.

March 17, 1959

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 135th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It was my pleasure to work with you at various times when I was an editor for The Macmillan Company, and I want to give you my new address and telephone number, and tell you that I have become special projects editor for The World Publishing Company.

I would, of course, appreciate the opportunity to meet you again, if you are in New York City or to visit you in Cleveland. I have a specific idea in mind which I would appreciate an opportunity to discuss with you.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Coffey

Thomas P. Ceffey

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March 20, 1959 Mr. William C. Lynch President, Case Chapter Tau Kappa Alpha Fraternity #0900 Euclid Avenue Cleveland 6, Ohio My dear Mr. Lynch: Thank you for your letter of March 15th. I shall be very happy to become an honorary member of the Case Chapter of Tau Kappa Alpha. With warmest regards, I remain Very cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS : bfm

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#### TELEGRAM

March 20, 1959

RABBI DAVID POLISH BETH EMET SYNAGDOUE RIDGE AND DEMPSTER EVANSTON, ILLINOIS

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OF YOUR TWENTY FIFTH YEAR IN THE RABBINATE AND WISH
YOU CONTINUED SUCCESS AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE ON\*
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COMING YEARS

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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March 20, 1959 Mr. Morris Abrams Curtis Industries, Inc. 1130 East 222nd Street Cleveland, Ohio My dear Mr. Abrams: Let me thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me Clark and Sohn's "World Peace Through World Law". I hope that I shall have the time before long to read at least parts of it. It was pleasant to have had lunch with you the other day. With warmest regards, I remain Very cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER ARS :bfm

March 23, 1959 Mr. Thomas P. Coffey The world Publishing Co. 119 West 57th Street New York 19, New York My dear Mr. Coffey: Thank you for your kind note of March 17th. I have no meeting scheduled for New York in the rear future but should you come to Cleveland. I would be very happy to see you. With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain Very cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS: Efm

BETH EMET THE FREE SYNAGOGUE Ridge at Dempster Evanston, Illinois RABBI DAVID POLISH, D.H.L. March 24, 1959 Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple 1855 Amsel Rd. Cleveland 6, Ohio My dear friend: Because my family and I are on the eve of our departure for Israel, I cannot write a personal letter in gratitude for your message on the occasion of my twenty-fifth anniversary in the Rabbinate. Nevertheless, I am deeply aware of all who helped make this time in my life so meaningful by their thoughtful and warm greetings. I hope that all of my friends know how fortunate I feel for having "been kept in life, sustained, and brought to this day." I pray that God's blessings will abide with you always. Cordially. bc

KC

Coconut Grove Playhouse Miami, Florida March 30, 1959

THEATRE

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Helen Keller, the renowned humanitarian who, against the odds of her own deafness and blindness, became the world's acknowledged leader in work for the deaf and the blind, will be 80 years old in June 1960. Will you join me in honoring her on that event by lending your name and moral support to the "Helen Keller World Crusade for the Blind?"

The Crusade is being organized by the American Foundation for Overseas Blind in recognition of Miss Keller's earnest desire that her work for the blind overseas should be perpetuated and expanded through the work of the Foundation, which she helped to establish more than forty years ago and in which, since World War II, she has served as International Relations Counselor. With nine-tenths of the world's blind population concentrated in countries where the development of services to aid them has been most neglected, the importance of this work cannot be overestimated.

Your identification with the Crusade committee would be of great value. This body will not have any active responsibilities. Fund-raising will consist primarily of the mail appeal program which has been used successfully by the Foundation for many years, and no meetings are contemplated with the possible exception of a meeting to launch the appeal. As members of the committee become acquainted with the work of the Foundation, it is hoped that they may become interested enough to take an active part in assisting its development program, but they will not be pressed to do so.

I am proud to have been a close friend of Helen Keller's for the past twenty years. Through Miss Keller I have been privileged to participate in many activities, both rational and international, in behalf of the blind. Through her I became a director of the Foundation. Now I am honored to have been made Chairman of the Crusade, and hope that in the near future I may have the pleasure of receiving your acceptance of this invitation.

Very sincerely yours,

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P.S. Since I am on tour, I should appreciate your addressing your reply to the American Foundation for Overseas Blind, 22 West 17th Street, New York 11, N. Y.

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

March 30, 1959 Miss Katherine Cornell American Foundation for Overseas Blind 22 West 17th Street New York 11, New York My dear Miss Cornell: Thank you for your letter of March 30th. I shall be very pleased to join you in lending my name to the "Helen Keller World Crusade for the Elind". With all good wishes, I remain Very cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS : Efm

#### Zionist Organization of America

145 EAST 32ND STREET . NEW YORK 16, N. Y. . MURRAY HILL 3-9201

Merch 31, 1959.

Dr. Abbs Hillel Silver The Temple Ansel Rd. & 105th St. Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Leo Weltzer of our Seattle Zionist District has advised us that you will be in Seattle on June 22nd, in connection with the Bond Drive.

Mr. Meltzer inquires whether you would be good enough to remain for the following day in order to have lunch with the Seattle Zionis: leadership so that your presence there could help to reactivate and stimulate the ZCA work in the community.

Would you please be good enough to let me know at your earliest convenience whether you could remain in Seattle for a luncheon on June 23rd.

Very sincerely yours,

Claire J. Ckonowitz, Director SPEAKERS' AND ARTISTS' BUREAU

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#### General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists 6840 EASTERN AVENUE NW.,

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"ADVENTIST" WASHINGTON "GEN TRAL CONFERENCE" WASHINGTON, D.C.

March, 1959

Rabbi Abba Eillel Silver The Temple Tifereth Israel Association E. 105th St. Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

In the field of religion, Seventh-day Adventists have much in common with their Jewish brethren. Our mutual respect for and observance of the seventh-day Sabbath of the fourth commandment, from Friday sunset to Saturday sunset, our strict observance of the provisions of the health laws of Moses, and our reverence for the Torah, the prophets, and all of the writings of the Hebrew Bible, provide many delightful grounds for mutual feeling of love and respect.

Thinking that perhaps in your study of comparative religions, you might be interested in the Seventh-day Adventist concepts of the Torah, the patriarchs and the prophets, we are sending to you without charge or obligation a free copy of the book Patriarchs and Prophets by E. G. White. This volume covers a period dating from creation down through the time of King David. It is a work that will present forthrightly our understanding of Old Testament times, men, and prophecies.

After you have had opportunity to look through this book, we would appreciate receiving your comments.

With good will and good wishes to you and to all the members of your congregation, I am

Fraternally yours,

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F. A. Mote, Ceneral Conference Secretary

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Rev. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio
Dear Dr. Silver:

This year marks the twentieth anniv.
Shuster's association with Hunter College, an

This year marks the twentieth anniversary of George N. Shuster's association with Hunter College, an association that has given the College inspiring and fruitful leadership. To our regret, the President has announced his firm intention to retire from the College at the end of the year so that he may use the years shead for writing and public service.

April 3, 1959

We plan to honor Dr. Shuster in such a manner that all the alumni and students of the College as well as other friends of the President may participate. Our plans have crystallized into a threefold tribute:

- An oil painting of President Shuster to be hung as a cherished possession of the College.
- The publication of a volume containing a selection of his writings on education.
- 3. A gift to the George N. Shuster Faculty Fellowship Fund, a much needed project designed to support faculty research. This Fund was initiated a few years ago; it has recently been augmented by a substantial gift from James and Evelyn Picker, which has made possible the initial operation of the Find; its further endowment is considered by the President of central importance to the vitality of the College.

Because Dr. Shuster's services to the College and the Community have been so distinguished we wish to assemble a list of sponsors of comparable distinction. We more you will permit us to use your name as an individual sponsor of this tribute to the President. Organizational sponsorship will be provided by every division and department of the College Community, including the various faculties, the student body, the administrative staff,

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the Alumni Association, and the Association of Neighbors and Friends

A card is enclosed for your reply. May we hear from you by April 20?

Yours sincerely,

Ethel G. Berl Executive Secretary

For the Planning Committee:

John J. Meng (Co-Chairman) Dean of Administration

Mina Ress (Co-Chairman) Dean of Faculty

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Jewell H. Bushey, Chairman Executive Committee of the Faculty E. Adelaide Hahn, President Alumni Association

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TO EXPRESS DEEP CONCERN OF AMERICAN PEOPLE OVER BRUTAL COMMUNIST OPPRESSION IN TIBET AND MOBILIZE SUPPORT FOR TIBETAN REFUGEES FLEETING RED TERROR WE ARE ORGANIZING AD HOC AMERICAN EMERGENCY COMMITTEE FOR TIBETAN REFUGEES UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF LOWELL THOMAS. AMERICAN PEOPLE RESPONDED GENEROUSLY DURING HUNGARIAN FIGHT FOR FREEDOM. WE CAN DO NO LESS FOR SIMILAR STRUGGLE NOW GOING ON IN

April 6, 1959 Claire J. Okonowitz Director Speakers' and Artists' Bureau Zionist Organization of America 145 East 32nd Street New York 16, New York My dear friend: Permit me to acknowledge your letter of March 31st. I regret that I will not be able to meet with the members of the Seattle Zionist leadership the day following my appearance in Seattle for Israel Bonds. I plan to leave for Portland the next day. With all good wishes, I remain Very cordially yours. ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS:bdm

A. J. Muste Rm. 1601, 1133 Broadway New York 10, N. Y. For further information, call: WA4-7874, or L08-8200 Release Wednesday, April 8, 1959 EDUCATORS, CLERGY AND CIVIC LEADERS CALL ON ATTORNEY GENERAL TO INVESTI-GATE CONVICTION AND BEATING OF BESSEMER, ALABAMA NEGRO LEADER. Over sixty leading educators, clergy and other citizens from all parts of the country have joined in an appeal to the Attorney General of the United States to investigate the case of Asbury Howard, N.A.A.C.P. and Voters League leader in Bessemer, Alabama, who was sentenced recently to six months in jail and \$105.00 fine for ordering a canvas poster which was to be hang in the Voters League Hall. He was severely besten by forty or more white men, with fifteen or more police standing around, while still in the City Hall, on the floor below the court room. The poster reproduced a cartoon showing a Negro in chains saying: "Lord help all Americans to see that you intended human beings to have the same rights." Underneath, Mr. Howard placed the legend: "Vote Today For A Better Tomorrow." The appeal to the Attorney General was initiated by Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, theologian and Vice President of Union Theological Seminary, New York; Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, Minister Emeritus of Riverside Caurch, New York; Dean Liston Pope of Yal∈ University Divinity School; Norman Thomas Socialist leader and Rev. A. J. Muste, Secretary Emeritus of the Fellowship of Reconciliation. Other signers include Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Cleveland, Ohio; Frank P. Graham, former U. S. Senator and President, University of North Carolina; Emily Greene Balch, Nobel Peace Prize Winner; Norman Cousins, Editor, Saturday Review; J. Robert Nelson, Dean of the Divinity School of Wanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.; Bishop Richard S. Emerich, Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Michigan; Henry S. Commager, historian; Edmond Cahn, Professor of Law, New York University; President Herbert Gezork of Andover-Newton Theological Seminary, Newton, Mass.; Huston Smith, Professor of Philosophy, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and President John A. Mackay of Princeton Theological Seminary. (continued on p. 2)

Cleanor Roosevelt Diamond Jubilee Dinner

A Tribute to Freedom in Mrs. Possevelt's

Wednesday, May 27 6:30 p.m. Grand Ballroom, Hotel Shermai A Tribute to Freedom in Mrs. Roosevelt's 75th Year by Madame V. L. Pandit and other distinguished people

April 8, 1959

ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY
430 South Michigan Ave., Chicago 5

W# 2-3580

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

My dear Doctor Silver:

On May 27, the Eleanor Roosevelt Diamond Jubilee Dinner will be held in Chicago. For this significant occasion Madame Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit will fly from London to honor Mrs. Roosevelt in her 75th year. Other distinguished people will also speak.

We are in process of organizing a national honorary committee of friends and admirers of Mrs. Roosevelt who would like to be identified with this Diamond Jubilee -- whether or not they can be present on May 27.

We would be honored to have you join this Honorary Committee.

There are no responsibilities connected with serving on this committee except that the committee will be listed on stationery, invitations, and program. Naturally, if your schedule can be arranged, we would like you to join the speakers table and advance reception for Mrs. Roosevelt and Madame Pandit.

The event culminates a three-year Development Frogram to underwrite educational and capital improvements of Roosevelt University, founded and named for Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1945. However, there will be no solicitation at the dinner. A part of the dinner program will include a rededication of the University in honor of both Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, and funds contributed to the University this year will be presented in Mrs. Roosevelt's honor.

It would be helpful if we could have your acceptance by April 15.

Very sincerely yours,

Chester Bowles

Ralph JY Bunche

National Co-Chairmen of the Dinner

Committee Honorary

Rabbi BARNETT R. BRICKNER 7"? (1892-1958)

### FAIRMOUNT TEMPLE

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Young People's Congregation

Executive Secretary ALBERT J. KOOSED

April 9, 1959

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have just learned to my great embarrassment that, through some error, neither you nor any of our Cleveland colleagues received an invitation to the dedication ceremonies for the Barnett R. Brickner Auditorium of Fairmount Temple, scheduled to take place this Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The committee in charge of this event specifically requested that such invitations be sent, feeling that all the friends of our late Rabbi Brickner would want to be informed of this occasion.

May I assure you at this late date that we would be greatly honored if you find yourself free to be with us for the service which will not last more than one hour and fifteen minutes. If you do plan to come, won't you please call me or the temple office. We would want you to march in the procession and to occupy a seat on the bimah.

My very cordial greetings.

Sincerely.

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Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld

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pas. Of course I recall our conversation of last Fall when I extended a special invitation to you personally, and I am aware of the fact that you expected that you would be otherwise engaged on April 12th. If your schedule has changed, do give us the joy of extending a last minute welcome to you.

THEATRE

April 15, 1959

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

am delighted that you have accepted my invitation to be a member of the national committee for the "Helen Keller World Crasade for the Blind."

I shall be assisted in the organizational work of the Crusade by Mr. John D. Lloyd, Director of Information and Development of the American Foundation for Overseas Blind. I have asked him to send you the plan for the Crusade as well as information about the Foundation and its activities.

As Chairman of the Crusade, I wish to express my sincere gratitude for your acceptance and to assure you that your presence on the committee will greatly enhance the tribute Miss Keller so richly deserves.

Cordially,

Katharine Corne Ll

Cleveland, April 18, 1959

Cardinal Stepinac Day Committee 2061 Wyandotte Ave. Cleveland 7, Ohio

Rabbi Silver Abba Hillel 19810 Shaker Blvd. Shaker Heights, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver.

We are very happy to inform you that on May 3, 1959, we shall celebrate a memorable event - CARDINAL STEPINAC DAY, the objectives of which are outlined in the enclosed proclamations. For this solemn observance we shall have a very fine program, at which the John Carroll University Glee Club will sing. We shall have other attractions, too.

Since Archbishop Stepinac, during the critical war years, has been raising his voice of authority in defense of the persecuted Jewish people, we are very confident that you and your faithfulk will help us to honor this great man. Please, encourage and urge your people to attend our program on that Day, so that all of us may coyrageously demand freedom for the man, who was defending all the persecuted in the time when it was dangerous to do so.

Herewith we kindly ask you to be our distinguished guest at the solemn banquet and also at our fine program.

Hoping to receive a positive reply, we remain

Sincerely yours,

Very Rev. Megr. Tomislav Dr. Firis

President

John Proels

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple East 105th and Silver Park Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

A number of us are working as a committee which is planning a celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the founding of Lambda Chapter of Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity to be held at The Oakwood Country Club on Saturday, May 16th at 6:30 p.m.

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Your early interest and service to Zeta Beta Tau in Cleveland at a time when the world was still relatively uncomplicated is something that the "old timers" still regard as the key to the Fraternity's healthy continued existence in Cleveland.

We would like to have you as our guest at this dinner and if you would consent to do so, to close the meeting with a toast to the future.

We sincerely hope that you will be able to b≥ with us on May 16th.

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# HEADQUARTERS STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND Offutt Air Force Base Nebraska

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver Congregation Fifereth Israel East 105th Street and Ansel Road Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I was most disappointed that you were unable to visit our headquarters for a Strategic Air Command briefing and tour on 16-17 December 1958, however, I have scheduled another briefing at the headquarters for a relatively small group of religious leaders on 29-30 June 1959 and you are cordially invited to attend.

A C-97 Stratocruiser will depart Mitchel Air Force Base, Hempstead, New York, departing on 29 June. Guests should arrive at Mitchel Base Operations between 2:00 and 2:30 p.m. Dinner will be served en route. A passenger stop will be made at O'Hare Field for members in the Chicago area. Those desiring to join the group at O'Hare should report to the Air Force Base Operations between 5:00 and 5:30 p.m. Landing at Omaha is scheduled for 8:00 p.m. If neither of these points is convenient, please advise me of your mode of transportation and estimated time of arrival, and I will have a member of my staff meet you and escort you to the base where you will be billeted in our new guest house at a charge of approximately \$11.00 which will include your quarters and meals. I would appreciate it if you would plan your arrival in Omaha on the evening of 29 June.

Briefings will begin at 8:30 the following morning and will continue until 3:30 p.m. A tour of the underground Command Post will be included. You should be able to depart Offutt Air Force Base by 4:00 p.m. Bus transportation from Offutt to Omaha air and train terminals will be provided for you if you so desire.

Please let me know if you are able to accept this invitation. For your information, I have attached a list of those to whom invitations are being extended.

Sincerely,

THOMAS S. POWER

General, USAF

Commander in Chief



Encl:

Invitation List

#### INVITATION LIST

Dr. J. W. Behnken, President The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, St. Louis, Mo.

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Dr. Harold C. Fey, Editor CHRISTIAN CENTURY, Chicago, Ill.

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Rev. Ralph Gorman, C.P., Editor, THE SIGN, Union City, N.J.

Bishop S. L. Greene, President, Bishop's Council, Atlanta, Georgia

Rev. Emmett G. Hass, State Secretary, Disciples of Christ, Lincoln, Nebr.

The Very Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh (CSC, STD) President, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Ind.

Dr. George F. Hill, Lake Ave. Baptist Church, Rochester, N.Y.

Dr. William D. Hudgins, Vice-President, Southern Haptist Convention, First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss.

Reverend J.H. Jackson, President, National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., Chicago, Ill.

Dr. Alfred Jensen, President American Evangelical Lutheran Church, Des Moines, Iowa

The Most Rev. Arthur C. Lichtenberger, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church,, New York, N.Y.

The Right Rev. Henry I. Louttit, D.D., Chairman Armed Forces Div., Nat'l Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Winter Park, Florida

Dr. Duke K. McCall President Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Congregation Fifereth Israel, Cleveland, Ohio

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Dr. Guy E. Shiplet, Editor, THE CHURCHMAN, New York, N.Y.

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His Excellency Most Rev. Christopher J. Weldon, D.D., Springfield, Mass.

His Excellency Most Rev. John J. Wright, D.D., Pittsburgh, Pa.

May 1, 1959 Mr. F.A. Mote General Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists 6840 Eastern Avenue, N.W. Takoma Park Washington 12, D.C. My dear Mr. Mote: Permit me to thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of the book "Patriarchs and Prophets" by Ellen G. White. I shall read it with a great deal of interest. With all good wishes, permit me to remain Very cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS:bfm

May 1, 1959 The Very Reverend Msgr. Tomislav Dr. Firis President, Cardinal Stepinac Day Committee 2061 Wyandotte Avenue Cleveland 7, Ohio My dear Dr. Firis: Please pardon the long delay in answering your good letter. I have been away from the city a good deal of the time. Thank you very much for bringing to my attention Cardinal Stepinac Day on May 3rd. I brought this celebration to the attention of our people. I should have been very happy to attend the banquet on May 3rd. Unfortunately, I have a wedding scheduled for that evening. With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain Very cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS:bfm

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THE VICE PRESIDENT HAS ASKED ME TO INVITE YOU TO
ATTEND A ONE DAY RELIGIOUS LEADERS CONFERENCE AT
THE SHERATON PARK HOTEL IN WASHINGTON DC ON MAY 11TH.
THE CONFERENCE WILL BEGIN AT 930 AM THE PURPOSE OF
THE MEETING IS TO SEEK SPECIFIC WAYS THROUGH WHICH
THE MORAL COMMITMENT TO THE NATIONAL POLICY OF EQUAL
JOBS OPPORTUNITY CAN BE IMPLEMENTED. I WOULD APPRECIATE

#### TELEGRAM 5/6/59

TO:

JACOB SEIDENBERG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
THE PRESIDENTS COMMITTEE ON GO ENMENT CONTRACTS
WASHINGTON DC

I REGRET THAT A PREVIOUS ENGAGEMENT WILL MAKE

IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO ATTEND THE RELIGIOUS

LEADERS CONFERENCE ON MAY 11th.

ARRA HILLEL SILVER

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May 6, 1959

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

My Dear Dr. Silver:

You may remember my name from our telephone conversation in 1956 when I was here. I am the chairman of the Hoard of Trustees of the United Aged Home in Jerusalem which I know is so dear to your heart. You may be interested to know that I was nominated to the Board as a designee of the Ministry of Social Welfare of Israel of whose Social Rehabilitation Department I am the director.

I am here for a snort visit in connection with the urgent necessity to raise means for a new building project for the Home.

I would like to visit you in Cleveland and discuss this matter with you. I know how busy you are and I shall try to take as little of your time as possible. Please advise me when I could come to your study in Cleveland to wisit you.

I lock forward to the pleasure of seeing you and remain.

Sincerely yours.

Maron Schuda Sokolik

AJS:BS

May 11, 1959 General Thomas S. Power Commander in Chief United States Air Force Headquarters Strategic Air Command Offutt Air Force Base Nebraska My dear General Power: Let me thank you for your gracious invitation to visit your headquarters for a briefing and tour on June 29th and 30th. I regret that I was unable to attend the first meeting in December of '58. I shall try to attend this year although my plans for the latter part of June are not complete and I may not be in the country at that time. Barring such a contingency, I shall be pleased to be with you. With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain Most cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS : Lfm

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May 12, 1959

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver Silver Park and East 105th Street Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I thought perhaps it would be nelpful if I gave you some information about the program for the 50th Anniversary Celebration of Lambda Chapter of Zeta Beta Tau.

We would like you to conclude the dinner with a "toast" or "charge" to the future. Some of the highlights which will precede your part in the program are as follows:

Presentation of a contribution of not less than \$5,000 to be divided between the Western Reserve University Scholarship or Student Loan Funds, and the Zeta Beta Tau Foundation, Inc. for a 50th Anniversary Annual Scholarship. Acceptance on behalf of the Foundation by Stanley Fishel, National President of Zeta Beta Tau.

Three undergraduate members will receive scholarships from the Zeta Beta Tau Foundation, Inc.

Presentation to William C. Treuhaft of the "President's Award" as ZBT's "man of the year." (Bill is out of the country, but arrangements were made to tape record his acceptance.)

Memorial program for deceased members conducted by Rabbi Alan Green.

Acceptance of the scholarship contribution by a representative of Western Reserve University, who we expect will describe the University Circle Development Program.

We will look forward to your presence at the Oakwood Country Club this Saturday, at 10:00 p.m. and will reserve a place for you at the extreme left end of the speaker's table.

Cordially yours,

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May 18, 1959

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

My Dear Dr. Silver:

I am referring to my letter of May 6th in which I maked you to let me visit you in Cleveland in order to discuss means of raising funds for a new building project for the United Aged Home in Jerusalem.

May I ask you to send me a reply to my letter in the very near future, since my stay in the United States will be of short duration.

I am approaching you again, because I feel that this matter is quite urgent.

I am eagerly looking forward to hearing from you and seeing you in your city.

Sincerely yours,

Clara Johns Vafantile

AJS:BS

- (b. .. May 20, 1959 Mr. Aaron Jehuda Sokolik United Aged Home 145 Nassau Street New York 38, New York My dear Mr. Sokolik: I wish I could reply affirmatively to your let:er of May 18th. I am not in any position to participate in any new campaigns to raise funds. I have been through a wringer for Israeli fund-raising projects during the past year. With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain Very cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS :bfm

THE CHURCH OF THE COVENANT PRESBYTEMAN 11208 EUCLID AVENUE CLEVELAND 4, OHIO May 20, 1959 Dear Rabbi Silver: Whether or not you consciously intended it to be so, your sermon on last Sunday as reported in Monday's PLAIN DEALER is regarded by many as an answer to my sermon on May 3 as reported in the PLAIN DEALER on May 4. If there was no conscious connection, of course you cannot be responsible. If there was, I regard it as unfortunate that one friend finds it necessary to reply to another from pulpit-to-pulpit and from newspaper-to-newspaper, especially without consulting a text to determine what actually was said. It is especially unfortunate if you based any reply you may have been making to me on the content of the "con" letters which appeared in the Letters to the Editor column of the PLAIN DEALER. all of which effectively missed the point of my sermon. As you will see from reading the enclosed text, there was no personal reference to Senator Kennedy nor to any other individual Roman Catholic person. The question with which I was dealing, and only parenthetically and briefly at that, was the practical possibility of a Roman Catholic president being free from the wrong kind of influence, meaning influence designed to controvert the First Ammendment to the Constitution and so give the Roman Catholic church a position of preference in the light of two facts: the announced intention of the Roman Catholic church irstitutionally to dominate any country where it has a majority control for its own advantage and the known totalitarian control of the caurch over its members through the power of excommunication from the sacraments and of excommunication from membership as a last resort. Something approaching the ultimate logical outcome of this policy may be seen in modern Spain, Colombia and Bolivia. I do not desire controversy nor anything but a continuation of our friendly relationship. If your reported regret that religious intelerence "still exist; in the souls of some" referred to me or included me, then you are forgiven if you have seen such intolerence in my spirit or attitude towards you personally or towards your faith. We may indeed have widely differing opinions and judgments, but I devoutly hope that we always may differ as friends and brothers. Faithfully yours, June B. Laylor Harry B. Taylor Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple East 105th Street and Silver Pk. Cleveland 6, Ohio

THE STATE AS GOD'S SERVANT



May 3, 1959

The Church of the Covenant Cleveland, Ohio

The Reverend Harry Bertrand Taylor, D. D.

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ... For rulers . . . are God's servants for your good.

Romans 13:1-4 (RSV)

Here in Romans and elsewhere the Hible clearly states that government has a service to give to God. However, the passage in Romans 13 and a very similar one in I Peter 2 probably are the most explicit in the Bible regarding the relation of the Christian and the church to the state. We hardly need to remind ourselves that this is a crucially important question all over the world today. Political problems involving the state and the church and all citizens have become the most fateful problems for all the world's people. Therefore, the question concerning the state as God's servant or something else is the problem of our time.

First of all, let it be noted that the basic proposition that the state is God's servant does not enjoy universal acceptance. There are several contrary points of view regarding the matter. One view, stated very bluntly, is that the state exists for no end except itself. It is an end in itself, and the church is allowed to exist only by state suffrance. Fortunately this is not a widely held view in this country. Another view which is held by many people springs from a low view of government and politics as at best necessary evils. How could anything as dirty as politics resambly be useful to God? How could anything as tainted, not to say positively rotten, as governmental political structures be of service to God? Since the state inevitably is involved in compromise and power politics, how can political and its institutions fail to be beyond the Christian pale? Thus, even while of necessity they live political lives, such fistidious persons essentially reject the state as ungodly by its very nature.

Then there is the view of those who accept both religion and the state but who feel that the two are absolutely and mutually exclusive. They are very sensitive towards the doctrine of the separation of church and state. They have some knowledge and memory of history conterming past offenses of the state against the church and of the church against the state, mostly in Europe, so that they are inherently suspicious of national governments and of churches with any political character at all. This doctrine of the separation of church and state is important. Its purpose is not, however, to make the functions of the state totally secular, which is often the practical result, but to keep the church and the state sufficiently distinct so that they will be free of each other's possible comination and that so they will be able to perform their quite different services to the one true God. Unfortunately most American Protestants probably limit their concern to the hoperul desire that the Roman Catholic church never will run our government. This is a good hope, and it is exactly on a par with the hope that the Pretestant church collectively never will run our government either.

Parenthetically and personally I will say that on the issue of a Roman Catholic president it is unfortunate that this has to be a consideration. It makes for poor interfaith relations and for disunity in the body politic. It is quite conceivable to me that a Roman Catholic person individually could make an excellent president. However, the ultimate totalitarian logic of Romanism which gives absolute control of the individual's life to a co-called infallible institution claiming the status of a foreign political as well as ecclesia tical power is all against the probability that a Roman Catholic president would be free of the wrong kind of influence by his church, that is, influence seeking special privileges for that church in particular. If

pressure were applied by the church and he resisted it successfully, he would be put into a precarious spiritual position. Such pressure would not necessarily be applied; but the Roman Catholic church appears to have a power complex, it has announced political ambitions and it is wise in its strategy. In the last analysis it would have to be a matter of the individual man's personal integrity in accepting the office of president while acknowledging the supremacy in his personal life of a foreign ecclesiastical and political power, and this practical possibility seems very like an impossibility.

Then there is the view of those people who look askance at the church, any church, which professes to believe as our Presbyterian church most certainly does that a full and correct interpretation of the gospel focuses Christian attention on the political, economic and social spheres of life. "The church is the church, the state is the state, and never the twain shall meet" - this is their essential slogan. "Keep religion out of business and politics!" they declaim, little realizing that this is precisely the creed of all dictators, past and present. Business and politics have everything to do with the well- or ill-being of persons, and Christian faith must of necessity be concerned with them or abandon all but its exclusively and narrow and improperly interpreted "spiritual function." Such an artificial split in Christian faith is unthinkable. It is concerned with all of life, with the total spectrum of personal and social experience. We claim that Christian faith must penetrate and direct politics and government and social life totally if they are to be redeemed from evil and ultimate ruin. This is vastly different from claiming that a particular institution of religion should exercise such control or be accorded a position of preference by government. The doctrine of the separation of church and state refers to institutional separation, not to the inculation of the state against penetration by religious ideas and values and standards of judgment. It is the separation of church and state, not of religion and the state. In this sense perhaps after all the state may indeed be God's servant. In fact, it may conceivably at certain times be God's best and really only effective servant.

Second, when we are considering a subject like this, we need to be careful lest we claim too much and too clear guidance from Bible proof texts. The New Testament was written during a period in which the state as we know it today did not exist. For the New Testament writers the state meant the authority of the Roman Empire, including the emperor and his governors who ruled the provinces. There is little in New Testament teaching dealing directly with political life which is specifically applicable to the experience of Christians living in a democratic society who themselves share substantively in the authority of the state.

There are two opposing views of the state in the New Testament. In the first view the state is a God-given institution which is necessary totorderly human life and to which Christians owe obedient allegience. This is the spirit of the passage in Romans and of the very similar passage in I Peter 2. This latter passage contains these words: "Be subject for the Lori's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him. . . . Fear God. Honor the emperor" (I Peter 2:13-17 - REV). Like the passages which exhort servants to accept their state of servitude with submissive obedience, these two passages have been greatly mismsed in the interests of tyranny. Of course this is wrong. But there remains the permanently valid recognition that God orders human life through government and that without government, even poor government at times, seciety would fall into anarchy. Certainly in the relatively democratic states today these remarkable words are true: "For rulers are

not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of him who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good" (Romans 13:3,4 - RSV). Remember that verse the next time you see through your rear view mirror a police car bearing down upon you! Admittedly this is an optimistic view of the state's capacity to distinguish between right and wrong and to administer justice truly, but it states the positive relationship which moral citizens should have with duly constituted authority.

But the other New Testament view is almost the exact opposite of that and is extremely pessimistic. Perhaps it is best expressed by the Book of Revelation which was written at a time of persecution and in a situation where the conflict between the worship of the emperor and Christian loyalty to God was most acutely felt. Whereas Paul described government as "God's servant for your good," John described it as a blasphemous beast making war upon the saints. The chief positive value of the Book of Revelation, which has served the negative purpose of confusing a vast number of people and of leading them into esoteric cults like Jehovah's Witnesses, is to sound a clear and direct warning against an absolute state with pretensions that have become demonic and no longer serve God effectively at all. While this is not to be taken as explicit political advice, it does teach us clearly that the Christian should not always of necessity obey the governing authorities.

What these two views say to us is that there must always be a critical tension between the Christian and the church and the state. The state may be a relatively good servant of God, and as such it deserves the loyal and obedient support of Christians. However, the Christian can never accept uncritically the slogan, "My country, right or wrong." The state is under the judgment of God as truly and as fully as every other institution, for the state must serve God as the only ultimate justification for its existence. The state does not exist for its own sake any more than the church or any other institution does. But the state may exceed its proper bounds, as we in our time know from experience as real as those who lived under the demonic pretensions of the Roman Empire against which John wrote Revelation. Competent scholars believe as I do that Paul also would have taken the same view of emperor worship. His martyrdem is evidence that there were limits to his obedience to state authority too. They also point out that the author of Revelation would not necessarily have rejected the state in anarchistic fashion except for the state's demonic religious pretensions. Professor Rudolf Bultmann has written thus on the point:

The hatred toward Romewhich breaks out in Revelation rests not upon a rejection of the existing civil order on principle but upon indignation over its demand of emperorworship, at which Christian obedience naturally draws the line. For that reason one must not regard the attitude of Revelation as contradictory to the general Christian acknowledgement of the civil order (Theology of the New Testament, Volume II, quoted in John C. Bennett's Christians and the State, p. 32).

There are two great passages in the New Testament, one from Jesus and one from Paul, which express this proper tension between both the Christian person and the Christian church on the one hand and the state on the other. One is Jesus' word, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's" (Matthew 22:21; Mark 12:17 - RSV). While that incident with the Roman coin does not give clear rules regarding

our human loyalties to the state and to God, it does two important things. It allows for the positive role of the state, even a relatively evil state like Rome, and it makes clear that there are things that belong not to the state but to God. This matter of primary and secondary loyalties is made more clear in Paul's word in Acts 5: "We must obey God rather than men." There can be no doubt that the Christian gospel makes God supreme even in the realm where Caesar was permitted to exercise political power. Because of his doctrine of the kingdom of God, Jesus could have held no other conviction. God has his own way with political states which exist by his grace. If the vertical line to God is established in the state, then it has hope for ultimate survival; otherwise it has not. This is the meaning of that fine verse in Psalm 33: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." This means that there is power coming down from God. We say this knowing full well that the best which any state can do to approximate the kingdom of God is very relative indeed. But the Roman Empire collapsed because it had no such vertical allegience, as has every godless or pagan state since history began. What each state needs humbly to recognize, as does our own country in all of its early historic documents at least, is that there is no authority ultimately except from God and that those that exist have been instituted or at least permitted by God.

Thus, while we may not legitimately claim too much or too specific guidance from the Bible for the relation of church and state and for the relation of the Christian citizen to his government, we may say that the Bible recognizes a proper servant role for the state. We may say positively that a condition of creative tension should always exist between the church and the Christian on the one hand and the state on the other and that the Christian always must proclaim and act upon the faith that where the right of conscience are invaded the state must be resisted, but that otherwise the Christian must accept and discharge the obligations of his citizenship as coming from God himself.

Finally, then, the responsible Christian must do precisely what Jesus Christ did, ramely, enter the political arena and live in a way that is responsible both to his political citizenship and to his primary loyalty to God. In the biblical view the church and the state are not in two different worlds. They are in the same world, and God has not avoided the political arena. In coming into the world, God's Son came as much into the world of political relationships as into the world of spiritual reality.

Recall for a moment how true this was of Jesus. He was involved in the thick of the political tension which existed between the Jews and Rome. The great issues of his day were equally religious and political. They involved the choice of rebellion under the leadership of the Zealots versus collaboration with the enemy after the example of the Sadducees. Jesus even brought this tension right into the circle of his disciples. Simon was a Zealot as was Judas in all probability. Matthew and the others probably were quite sympathetic with the other side. But while Jesus was involved of necessity in the political situation, he did not take political sides at this point. He did not depend on either insurrection and revolution on the one hand or the existing regime on the other to bring in the kingdom of God.

Thus while Christianity has a definite relation to political matters, it works through peaceful penetration rather than through forceful scercion. God works through the state, but Christianity cannot be identified with any political party or government. Similarly Christians and the church can

never acknowledge a state's total claim upon human life. We may indeed "render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's," but we must maintain our ultimate devotion to God. The difficult if not almost impossible question is where and when to draw that line. Certainly it calls for constant vigilance, constant careful thought and constant action. It calls for study and prayer through which the Christian seeks God's guidance for himself and for his church in the existing political situation. The sum of the matter, then, is that Christians can live peacefully under even a relatively good government if the nature of Christianity is really understood. It is only a totalitarian government that Christians must resist, and by the same token only a totalitarian government need fear the church.

The Bible holds out the possibility that Christians may cooperate with governments in producing a just and righteous society with equal rights for all men. Because the legitimate power of the state comes from God, justice and law and order are expressions of God's righteousness. But in actual practice it is a never ending task for the Christian and for the church to see that this is and continues to be so. It requires knowledge, sensitivity, responsivility and courage. The Christian is called to run the calculated risk involved in expressing an absolute allegience to God and his kingdom, which includes the risk of having his intention, like that of his Lord, misunderstood and so of having to share the suffering of his Lord at the hands of the state.

## Let us pray.

O God, we thank thee for all just and righteous states whose God thou art and for all governments which maintain order at home and seek peace abroad. Perpetually save and refine such, we pray thee, that they may be servants for the building of thy one kingdom upon the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May 22, 1959 My dear Dr. Taylor: I was rather surprised to receive your letter of May 20th. My address at the Temple last Sunday, "A Catholic President in the White House?", was in no way an answer to your sermon as reported in the Plain Dealer on May 4th, or to the Letters to the Editor which appeared following your sermon and which I did not read. The subject of a Catholic President has been widely discussed recently in the press of the country and in numerous magazines - both secular and religious. It is, as you undoubtedly know, a national issue and not a local one and an issue which will gain in prominence as we approach the elections of next year. I discuss such national issues from time to time in my pulpit. I regret that the proximity of my address - which, by the way, was the last of the season - to your own on "The State as God's Servant" gave you the impression that mine was by way of an amwer to yours. I am having my lecture mimeographed. There has been quite a demand for it. In a day or two you will receive a copy of it. On reading it you will realize, I am sure, how utterly without basis is the suspicion that my reference to religious intolerance, still existing in some quarters, did in any way refer to you. I am surprised that you could possibly entertain such a thought about me, knowing of the high admiration which I have always had for you and knowing our happy and friendly relationship through the years. With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain Very cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS :bfm Mule 5/25/59 Dr. Harry B. Taylor The Church of the Covenant 11205 Euclid Avenue Cleveland 6, Ohio

THE CHURCH OF THE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAM 11205 EUCLID AVENUE CLEVELAND 6, OHIO May 26, 1959 Dear Rabbi Silver: Thank you very much for your reply to my recent letter seeking reassurance for my own faith that you would not directly attempt to answer my sermon with another sermon. I had to write as I did because the accident of proximity in time between the two sermons raised this question in many minds. It will be a pleasure to inform the considerable number of people who are wondering about it that there was absolutely no connection but only an unfortunate near coincidence. Of course it is true that all of us discuss such national issues from time to time, and it would be strange indeed if we were identical thinkers! With cordial regards and great good wishes for a fine summer season, I am as always, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Templa East 105th Street at Ansel Road Cleveland 6, Ohio



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May 26, 1959

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As a member of our anniversary year honorary committee we want you to have a permanent memento of this historic year and our gratitude for your service.

Under separate cover we are sending a brenze desk weight in the form of our anniversary insignia. Please accept it with our appreciation.

Sincerely yours y ustin

H. Vance Austin Managing Director

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June 2, 1959

Dr. A.H. Silver The Temple East 105th and Ansel Road, Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

These are the resolutions approved by the United World Federalists General Assembly. A resolution on the China situation is in the works now.

I trust they will be of some interest to you.

I would like to re-emphasize that we are a political action group. We spend a large portion of our time helping elect the right leaders to rum our government.

Cordially yours,

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#### POLICY

REPORT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

Thirteenth General Assembly
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The Policy Committee recommends no change in the present policy statement except the insertion of the following new section under Immediate Steps to follow the section on United Nations:

## International Court

- 5. Adopt Senate Resolution 94 rescinding the Connolly
  Reservation to the acceptance by the United States of
  the compulsory jurisdiction of the International Court
  of Justice.
- 6. Incorporate in all future treaties, conventions and other international agreements provisions for their binding interpretation by the International Court of Justice whenever any international dispute arises with reference thereto.
- 7. Make greater use of the International Court of Justice in the disposition of other international disputes of a justiciable nature.
- 8. Urge other nations through diplomatic channels to take similar action.

And to renumber in sequence the paragraphs on Disarmament and Economic Development.

### RESOLUTIONS

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## CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTIONS ON UN CHARTER REVIEW

The United World Federalists support SCR 25 and HCR 147, which call upon the President of the United States to initiate high-level studies in the executive branch of the Government to determine what changes should be made in the Charter of the United Nations, and the charters of other international organizations to which the U.S. is a party, to promote a just and lasting peace through the development of emforceable world law and which look toward the early holding of a United Nations Charter Review Conference.

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CALL FOR LEADERSHIP. . . . . .

We commend the leaders of our own and other countries who have, during recent years made stirring statements in support of the principle of world law.

Public opinion polls have indicated that a substantial majority of the American people favor participation by our nation in a system of world law.

Fowever, in the meantime the race toward massive nuclear preparedness goes on space and is likely to culminate in var as have all arms races in the past.

THEREFORE. . . . . .

The 1959 Assembly of the United World Federalists calls upon those leaders who have expressed support of the principle of world law to pursue immediate, vigorous and positive action toward the attainment of enforceable world law, through United Nations Charter revisions, improvement of the processes of the UN and any and all other means which present possibilities of bringing about this result.

Adopted by 13th General Assembly

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U. N. POLICE

The United World Federalists urge the United States to continue to press for the establishment of a permanent United Nations Peace Force.



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NUCLEAR TEST. . . .

Each bomb test marks an additional step toward more nuclear weapons and increases thereby the imminence of the danger of destruction of civilization by accidental or deliberate use of such weapons.

Each nuclear weapons test further contaminates the atmosphere of the earth and causes an as yet undetermined increase in the number of harmful mutations and other biological dangers to humanity.

Failure to reach international agreement for UM controlled nuclear testing makes more likely the obtaining of nuclear weapons by more and more nations, whether through their own development program or through gifts of such weapons from existing nuclear powers, and thus increases the danger of nuclear war.

We believe the suspension of nuclear weapons testing offers the most promising present hope for achieving a break in the armament race and for taking a first significant step toward arms control agreement.

We believe that an agreement in this field under effective UN control, could ease tensions and lead to further progress toward universal disarmament.

We fully recognize and support the inescapable logic of the United States position that effective agreement for the banning of nuclear weapon tests would be a step of much less importance than an UN inspected and controlled agreement for the cessation of the production of nuclear weapons.

We believe, however, that the type of UN inspection and monitoring established to police the test suspension agreement could set a pattern for the type of control that would be necessary for additional steps toward disarmament and could thus constitute significant progress toward the UWF goal of world peace under world law.

THEREFORE, UNITED WORLD FEDERALISTS. . . . . . .

Urge the United States: to continue to pursue serious negotiation with the Soviet Union and all other present and potential nuclear powers for an international agreement for suspension of testing of nuclear weapons under effective UN control, and further calls on the U.S....

To recommend to and vigorously advance in the United Nations the creation of an international inspection and monitoring system with the necessary instruments throughout the world to verify compliance by all parties with the test suspension agreement.

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#### OUTER SPACE

Efforts are now being made in the United Nations to take steps toward United Nations regulation of peaceful uses of outer space.

However, the present rivalry in launching objects into outer space poses a dangerous threat to man's survival unless controlled.

This matter must obviously be dealt with on an international basis.

The United Nations, as presently constituted, has neither the authority nor the powers effectively to control and regulate the uses of outer space.

Now, therefore, we urge the United States government to seek establishment in the UN, by amendment of the Charter or by any other effective means, of adequate control and regulation of all uses of outer space in the interest of human survival. Approved by 13th General Assembly

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The United World Federalists urge the United States to continue and amplify technical assistance and economic aid to areas requiring such assistance both directly and through the United Nations. We also urge measures to encourage trade and private investment in less economically developed areas.



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#### THE BERLIN CRISIS

The Berlin crisis now disturbing the world illustrates the need for the early adoption of United World Federalists objectives.

The peace of the world cannot be left to the unilateral decisions of any nation. In situations similar to the Berlin crisis, we need a United Nations able to maintain the peace, which it cannot now do. We therefore urge the strengthening of the United Nations soon and by such stages as the nations can be induced to accept.

United World Federalists believe that the nations involved in the Berlin crisis should employ to the fullest the facilities of the United Nations both in working out such solutions as may be possible and in implementing any agreements which may be developed.

United World Federalists urge that, as a step to peace and security, any agreement for arms control and limitation im Germany and Central Europe be inspected by and guaranteed by a Peace Force, deriving its authority from the United Nations.

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While United World Federalist members may not agree on all the details or presume to have all the answers, and reserve the right as citizens to support or reject specific steps or UN charter amendments, we do agree that a just and lasting peace requires a world federation with the limited powers necessary to maintain law and order on the world level.





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"An American Association for World Peace

Through Enforceable World Law by Strenthening the United Nations"





OFFICE OF LOUIS B.SELTZER EDITOR

June 2, 1959

#### Dear Rabbi:

You have made us at The Press, and in particular myself, very happy on many occasions by your thoughtfulness.

Your presence on our opening program yesterday to bespeak divine intercession is appreciated not only by all of us at The Press but by Roy Howard, Charles Scripps and all others.

If your ears burned, as the saying goes, it was because at lunch we were expressing our tremendous regard and admiration for you.

You are indeed one of the world's truly great.

Cordially,

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

June 3, 1959 Dr. S. Bernstein 252 West 85th Street New York, N.Y. My dear Dr. Bernstein: Permit me to thank you for your kindness in sending me a re-print of your article on the I know that I shall read it with a great deal of pleasure. With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain Very cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS :bfm

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June 3, 1959

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

I am eagerly awaiting a reply to my letter of May 22, in which I asked you to lend your name to the new American Committee of the United Aged Home now being formed with the coject of helping to realize the building of a geriatric rehabilitation center.

The residents of the Home need new buildings urgently. The lending of your name to this enterprise will be such a great asset to the fulfillment of their long-hoped-for dream.

I hope that I shall receive your reply - I do hope an affirmative reply - in the very near future, for I am returning to Jerusalem within a short time.

Cordial regards.

Sincerely yours,

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Claren M. Solobe Aaron Jehuda Sokolik Chairman of Board of Trustees, Jerusalem

June 5, 1959 Mr. Aaron Jehuda Sokolik Chairman of Board of Trustees United Aged Home 145 Nassau Street New York 38, New York My dear Mr. Sokolik: In reply to your letter of June 3rd, I am pleased to lend my name to the American Committee for the United Aged Home which is now being formed. With all good wishes, I remain Very cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS:bfm

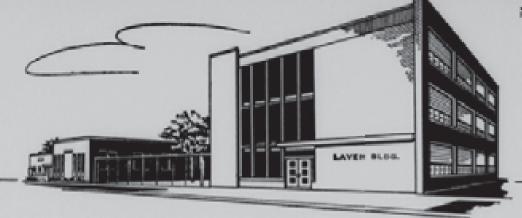
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June 5, 1959

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are writing to request your help in a matter of major importance to our community - the fate of Yeshivath Beth Yehudah, our local all-day school.

Yeshivath Beth Yehudah has an enrollment of close to 600 all-day pupils ranging from the nursery level to a post-high school Beth Hamidrash. In addition, it operates several afternoon schools with over 300 children. Our local Jewish Welfare Federation gives partial subsidy for the latter, but has so far refused to give any support to the all-day school.

We have pressed for years for a reconsideration of this policy; but as late as last December a study committee reaffirmed their position.

- "There are sharply divergent views in the community concerning the relationship of the day school to public education," and
- "Community funds are limited and must be used principally for the United Hebrew Schools, 'a community school' network of afternoon classes."

We have now carried our case to the highest Welfare Federation councils, for the financial situation of our school is such that only a Federation subsidy can sawe it from collapse.

Our position has been that

 We do not ask for a subsidy for the all-day school as such; we only request that the same per capita support given to our afternoon pupils be given to the all-day pupils;

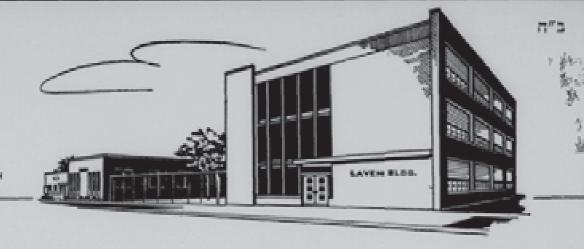
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> The so-called "community school system" may be satisfactory to many parents, but a Federation, acting for the whole community, cannot impose a school system upon the many parents that want a more intensive and traditional education.

Above all, we pleaded that - disregarding all legalities - a big school that makes an immense contribution to the educational and religious standards of our city should not be permitted to founder for lack of \$40000 to \$50,000.

The opinion has been expressed that this is not the Federation's responsibility, and that we should refuse to accept more pupils (especially poor ones) if we cannot raise enough funds for them. Such a view, in cur estimation, cannot be morally defended, and we cannot accept it.

This coming Wednesday, June 10, the matter will come up for a decision before the Federation Executive Committee.

At this crucial moment, we appeal to you to come to our help by giving expression to your feelings on the subject.

We know of your dedication to the need for maximal Jewish education as transmitted through the all-day schools; your conviction that children must not be refused such an education because of inability to pay; and your belief that a Federation cannot erase, but must synthesize and further all constructive educational efforts in the community.

It is, we admit, unusual to make a request such as curs. However, at a time of crisis, unusual steps must be taken. We are convinced that a statement of your position on the issues involved would carry immense weight. In the circumstances, we trust that you will forgive us for approaching you, and will strike a decisive blow for the ≪ause of maximal Jewish education.

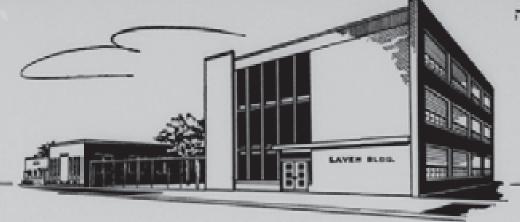
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We naturally hope that you will grant our request. Necessarily, you would have to be the judge of how to put your position on record - by a letter to the Executive Committee of the local Federation, 163 Madison, zone 26, WOodward 5-3939; by a call to the president of the Federation, Mr. Max M. Fisher, 15911 Wyoming, zone 38, Diamond 1-5000, or JOrdan 4-6814 (res.); or by a statement addressed to the Yeshiva itself.

Thanking you in advance for your sympathetic understanding, and may you have the "אול" to keep the doors of our Torah institution open

Respectfully yours,

Isadore R. Cohen Hon, President

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#### MELIORANDUM

THE BETH YEHUDAH REQUEST: The Beth Yehudah Schools ask that all its pupils receive the same subvention that, at the present time, is only given to its afternoon pupils. The present subsidy to the afternoon school pupils is \$24,750. At the same rate, the day school pupils subsidy would amount to about \$48,000. Figuring savings in fundraising and office expenses, the institution asks for \$64,000 for the entire school.

THE ROLE OF BETH YEHUDAH IN THE COM-MUNITYS The Beth Yehudah schools operate a network of two days school and four afternoon school centers which make a recognized and long-established contribution to the entire community by previding an intensive and traditional Jewish education to all those in the community who seek it. The overwhelming majority of Detroit youngsters in institutions of higher Jewish learning come from Beth Yehudah. The preliminary report on Detroit Jewish education by Dr. Engelman highlights the educational achievements of Beth Yehudah as compared to all other Jewish schools in the city.

THE MEEDS OF BETH YEHUDAH: Because it is open to all in the community, and because many of its pupils come from lower income classes, Beth Yehudeh has to carry the burden of very many youngsters who cannot pay adequately for the education which they seek. Despite the lowest salary scale in the community, and radical economies, the institution is so deeply in debt to its staff and creditors that its existence is in danger. Only the extension of the communal subsidy to its entire student body can remody this.

WE BELIEVE THAT:

- 1. A community like Detroit cannot permit a nationally recognized educational institution to perish.
- No logical reason has been given why pupils attending an afternoon program should receive a subsidy, and pupils attending a more intensive program in the same institution should not receive the same, just because their time of study is different.
- 3. This distinction cannot be justified by a professed need to concentrate almost all funds upon a so-called "community school program" which serves less than half of the pupils in Detroit Jewish schools, and which in any case would not be endangered by a subvention such as requested.
- 4. If Beth Yehudah were forced to close its doors, and its pupils would enter "community" schools, communal funds would be called upon to provide the same or a larger amount than is being requested.



#### NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

TWENTY WEST FORTIETH STREET . NEW YORK 18, N.Y. . LOngacre 3-6890

June 12, 1959

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

Dear Dr. Bilver:

This year, 1959, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People celebrates its Golden Anniversary. It is fifty years since the Call for its founding was issued by a group of public-spirited men and women of both races and all faiths, and the record of those years has more than vindicated their decision. That you have watched the Association's progress with sincere, sympathetic and thoughtful interest is not the least of the blessings for which we are thankful in our Jubilee Year.

Because we were founded in New York City, it is fitting that our fiftieth annual convention be held here, and our delegates from all parts of the country will accordingly be in session here, beginning July 13 next. The convention will be based in the New York Coliseum and will close with an open public meeting in the Polo Grounds on Sunday afternoon, July 19.

We should be deeply honored, and our delegates and guests would be greatly inspired, if you could accept our invitation to be present at the Polo Grounds meeting and to extend greetings to those who will gather there. Distinguished representation of the Protestant and Roman Catholic communities will also be sought, in a joint witness to the concept of God's Fatherhood which is common to all our faiths.

May I add my personal plea for your favorable consideration?

We would of course take care of the expenses you would incur in being with us.

Very sincerely yours,

Roy Wilkins

Executive Secretary

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple E. 105th and Silver Park Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

All of as at Park were delighted to have you and Mrs. Silver as our guests on the occasion of our 90th Anniversary dinner. You added much dignity to the entire affair. As is your custom, you speke brilliantly.

Rabbi Cohen has asked me to add his thanks to ours for your having been with us that evening.

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#### RABBI ARMOND E. COHEN

CLEVELAND, OHIO

June 15, 1959

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

Dear Friend,

I am sure that you know, but still I want to put in writing, how grateful I am for the eloquent and gracious manner in which you spoke of our congregation and of my work at the time of our anniversary celebration.

One of the things for which I am deeply grateful is that this large part of my career has been spent in the community which has been under your rabbinic leadership. However short I know I have come of the goal, yet I recognize that undoubtedly I have been pursuing the standards that you have set as a rabbi.

With every prayer for a continued warm and strengthened relationship, I am

Sincerely

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Dear Dr. Silver,

Thank you for the opportunity you gave me to discuss with you the research I am undertaking in Israel. I have noted your suggestion to elaborate Part IV of my Outline.

Since my intentions were to concentrate on those elements which could lead to the applicability of the Ulpan methods to American Jewish Education, I was particularly pleased to receive your comments.

I am deeply appreciative to you for the interest you have shown in regards to my obtaining a fellowship or scholarship. I am convinced that if there is a possibility of receiving a grant, that you will have been instrumental in effecting it.

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June 17, 1959 Mr. Boy Wilkins Executive Secretary National Association for the Advancement of Colored People 20 West 40th Street New York 18, New York My dear Mr. Wilkins: I deeply appreciate your letter of June 12th and your gracious invitation to attend the exercises at the Polo Grounds on July 19th in connection with the Golden Anniversary celebration of the Mational Association for the Advancement of Colored People. I need not tell you that it would have given me great pleasure to accept your invitation and to attend this significant meeting. Unfortunately I have to be in Cleveland that day to officiate at a wedding of members of the Temple family - an engagement which was made with me some time ago. I therefore must, most regretfully, decline your invitation. Were it on some other day, I should be most happy to come. With warmest regards and congratulations on the occasion of this auspicious celebration, I remain Very cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS : bfm

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June 23, 1959.

Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have just returned from a visit to Israel. In the course of my travels through the country, I visited Kfar Silver.

This was my first opportunity to visit the Agricultural Training Institute Kfar Silver. I know you will be pleased to hear that I had an exceedingly favorable impression of Kfar Silver. I was impressed by the management, by the students, and by the beauty and usefulness of the land and buildings. I am certain that Kfar Silver will render a significant contribution to the agricultural and economic development of Israel and her people.

Permit me to congratulate you in sponsoring this wonderful institution. I know that it will reflect glory and credit to you in the years to come.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours

June 26, 1959 Judge Henry Ellenbogen Court of Common Pleas Pittsburgh 19, Pennsylvania My dear Judge Ellenbogen: Thank you so much for your kind note of June 23rd. I was delighted to receive your letter and your impressions of Kfar Silver. I am pleased with the fine progress which this school is making and I hear most gratifying reports about it. With all good wishes and hoping to see you soon again, I remain Most cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AllS:b&m

Law Offices Jower 1-3344 Dan W. Duffy 1101 Superior Building Dan'H. Suffy Bart J. Mc Intyre Beenard Friedman Cleveland 14, Chio William Patrick Day George B. Hinde Hyman Friedman June 23, 1959 Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver c/o The Temple Ansel Road Cleveland, Chio My dear Rabbi: Several weeks ago, at your Sunday sermon, you preached on the subject of tolerance with reference to the possibility of a candidate, for the presidency, of the Gatholic Faith. I was so impressed with the contents of your speech that I took the liberty of forwarding it on to my good friend, Senator John F. Kennedy, and I am enclosing herewith a copy of his reply to me which, I feel, you would be interested in receiving. Sincerely, BF/es Encl.

JOHN F. KENNEDY " Massachusetts UNITED STATES SENATE Washington, D.C. June 5, 1959 Mr. Bernard Friedman 1101 Superior Building Cleveland 14, Ohio Dear Mr. Friedman: I'm indeed grateful to you for taking the time and trouble to send me the Plain Dealer clipping reporting Dr. Silver's sermon of May 17th. His tolerant and thoughtful approach to this yexing problem is surely an inspiration to those Americans who really desire a solution. Thank you for your thoughtfulness in bringing it to my attention. With every good wish to you and Dan, I am Sincerely, /s/ John F. Kennedy John F. Kennedy JFK:ecg

June 26, 1959 Mr. Bernard Friedman 1101 Superior Building Cleveland 14, Ohio My dear friend: Thank you so much for your letter of June 23rd and for a copy of the letter which you received from Senator Kennedy. I was very pleased to read it. I received this morning a copy of the Congressional Record of June 22nd which contained my address " A Catholic President in the White House?" which had been inserted into it by Senator Lausche. With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain Very cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS :bfm



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Dear Rabbi A.H. Silver;

I believe that you remember me from the time many years ago that I was in contact with you in matters of Jewish learning and have enjoyed to hear your opinion about different subjects.

Now it is with great pleasure and satisfaction that I send you my new book in 2 volumes (de luxe edition) entitled "The Philosophy of Judaism", a product of 25 years hard labor. It was my intention to give to the Jewish people a course of education of the Jewish philosophy and thinking, which shall embrace all the epochs of the Jewish history. It seems to me from the letters that I receive from the readers, that have more or less achieved my goal.

I am sending you this book as a gift with request to read it and to let me know your opinion about this contribution to the Jewish literature.

I am also planning to translate these volumes into English for our Jewish youth and also for non-Jews, who have desire to know what Judaism is. In this regard I would appreciate if you will give me your opinion if I shall translate the whole book as it is, or cmit some of the chapters and maybe I have to add others that are not in the book.

Awaiting your opinion about it, I remain,

sincerely yours,

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וויסנשאפט.

אידישן הויו.

לעאן קרייש מאל: .מיר באַמראַכי סען דר. צבי כהבים גרוים ווערק אלם גרעסטען אוישטו פון אונוער ביים. די דאויבע צחיי ביכער, חאס בארייכערען אויף א סיינענו אופן אושער קולמור, ודעי לפן אויך זיין א גוטפר און נייפר אַנהויב פון פאַרשפרישען ואָס אידישע בוך און רפם אירישפן חיספן צחישפן אידפן אין אַמעריקע אין דער יועלט בכלל".

לואים הינאל: .דער מארבאנד משרלשב, ודשם השם ארויסבעבעבן דשם דאויבע מאנומהנטאלע וופרק .די פילאואי פיע פון אידעומום" איז שסאלק מיס זיין דערברייכונג. זום איז אַ הערק פארין הייני סיבען דור און אויך פאר די קומעבריבע בנורות".

מ. אשער בון יטש: ברויסע אידי־ שע משסען ב"שנרושען ארום, זוכען און מארשען און חייסען נים חי בוצוקומען צו אוגוערע ברויסע בייסטיגע קחשלען. -די פילאואפין פון אידעוטום" חעט איצט ניין מער זיי וער בעסטער אינגויייוערי.

\_ איים ליבער מאן: "די שינאואטיע פר אידענטום" איז בעשריבען גערארען פים ברוים קפנטניש. עם איז אַ דוערק פים השלכעו דער מחבר איו אוימנעהאקסען פון קיבורוים אן. עם איו זיין לעבענסי

## דר. צבי כהן

(עטלעכע ביאָגראָפישע שטריכן)



דר. צבי כהן

געבוירן אין לאוויטש (ווארשעווער נוי בערניע). פוילן, כ"ה תפון, תרנ"ה אין א בערניע). פוילן, כ"ה תפון, תרנ"ה אין א הסידיש־ובגישער פאמיליע, זיין פאטער, הרב הג' ר' יצחק הכהן ז"ל, איז געווען אן אייניקל פון רבי ר' העניך הכהן פון אלעקסאנדער זצ"ל, אלט אינגל גע'שמ'ט אלס עילד. געלערנט פון 12 ביז 16טן יאר ביים סאכאטשאוועו רבי, הרב הנאון ר' אברהנ'לע זצ"ל (דער קאצקער רבינ׳ס איידעם) ופון וועלכן ע" האט געקראגן סמיכה אייף רבנות. שנעטער געווען רב מורצע צייט.

ער האָט שטודירט אין די אוניוועדזיי טעטן פון וואָרשע. מינפען און ווין (ביי פראָפ. זיגמונד פרויד) און דערנאָך אין בערלינער אוניווערזיטעט. וואו ער האָט געקראָגן דעם טיטל דאַקטאַר פילאַזאַפיע. מיט ז צייט שפעטפר שטודירט אין מיט ז צייט שפעטפר שטודירט אין אמעריקע אין דראפסי יאלעדזש און גע־אַמעריקע אין דראפסי יאלעדזש און גע־ענדיקט מיט א צווייטן נייטל פון דאַקטאַר פילאַזאָפין. לעקטשורט אין פיל קאַלע־דושעס און אוניווערזיטקטן.

אַנגעהויבן שרייבן פרי אין געדרוקט דערציילונגען, לידער ארן אַרטיקלען אין הזמן״, הצפירה״, המעורר״ אין אַנדע־ רע העברקאישע צייטונגען און זשורנאַלן, מיטגעאָרבעט אין אונזע״ לעבן״ היינט״

(אין וופרשע). "פריינד" און "לאדושער טאגעבלאט". "לאדושער פאלקסבלאט" און אנדערע (אין לאדוש). אין אמעריקע מיט־ געארבעט אין פיל צייטונגען און זשור־ נאלן. זייט 1930 מיטארבעטער פון "פאר־ ווערטס".

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver 19810 Shaker Boulevard Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi:

I am happy in writing you these few lines to make it known that our Chapter "Dodoni" of the Panepirotic Federation of America was proudly awarded the Eleventh Bi-Ennial Convention of the Federation to be held in Cleveland, Ohio and will convene in the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel on July 23, 1959 to July 27, 1959.

We wish to extend to you and Mrs. Silver an invitation to attend the national convention banquet of this convention to be held Saturday, July 25, 1959 at 6:30 P.M. at the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel, as our guests.

Please let us hear from you.

Sincerely,

William Barker General Chairman

Convention Committee

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July 15, 1959 Mr. Louis B. Seltzer Editor The Cleveland Press 901 Lakeside Avenue Cleveland 14, Ohio Dear Mr. Seltzer: In accordance with our phone conversation this morning, I am herewith enclosing the letter which Dr. Silver received from Mr. William Barker regarding the Panepirotic Federation banquet. Any information you can give us about this organization will be very much appreciated. Sincerely yours, Beatrice F. May (Mrs.) Secretary to Dr. Silver Enclosure: Letter dated 7/9/59



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July 20, 1959

Dear Mrs. May:

Upon inquiry I find this is a perfectly good organization with an equally good purpose.

The people who are associated with it are among the most active in the Greek-American community.

Mrs. Seltzer and myself are planning, if all goes well, to be there.

Cordially

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July 21, 1959

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Ansel Road at East 106th St. Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

Please accept with our compliments Judge Bernard A. Rosenblatt's book, "The American Bridge to Israel's Commonwealth", that is just off the press.

It is a very interesting book and one that I hope you will enjoy reading.

With all good wishes to you and Mrs. Silver.

Very cordially yours,

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July 21, 1959 Mr. William Barker, General Chairman Convention Committee Panepirotic Federation of America 978 East 131st Street Cleveland 8, Ohio My dear Mr. Barker: Please permit me to thank you for your kind letter of July 9th. I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness in inviting me and Mrs. Silver to attend the national convention banquet of the Panepirotic Faderation at the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel on July 25th. It would have given me a great deal of pleasure to attend the function. Unfortunately an important Temple function which I must attend will deprive me of the pleasure of being with you. With warmest regards and all good wishes for a very successful banquet, permit me to remain Very cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS: 1g

July 22, 1959 Mr. A. Kotzer Rishon Le-Zion Israel Shikum Sela My dear Mr. Kotzer: Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of the volume "Hanish Racates which you have graciously dedicated to me. I know that I will read it with a great deal of pleasure and I am grateful to you for your dedication. With warmest regards, I remain Very cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS::bfm VIA AIR MAIL

July 29, 1959 Mr. Mendel N. Fisher Executive Director Jewish Nacional Fund 42 East 69th Street New York 21, New York My dear Mendel: Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of Judge Rosenblatt's book, "The American Bridge to Israel's Commonwealth". I know that I shall rend it with a great deal of pleasure and profit. With all good wishes, I remain Very cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SHAPE AHS :bfm

THE MUTUAL BENEFIT LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 520 Broad Street, Newark 1, New Jersey OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT July 31, 1959 Dr. Abba H. Silver The Temple East 105th Street and Ansel Road Cleveland, Ohio Dear Rabbi Silver: Many months ago I came to you through an introduction from our mutual friend and my associate Matty Matson, to ask if you would serve as a member of the Advisory Council for the Effective Citizens Organization. You tentatively agreed to undertake this assignment with the promise being made that the duties involved would in no way be arduous. It is contemplated that this Council will meet not more than once a year, or more frequently should the Council members so direct. During the past two years I have been attempting to obtain the consent for service in this group of some of our most distinguished American citizens. The task has not been hurried because we wanted certain individuals on the Council and in many cases it has not been possible to make the proper contacts expeditiously. For your information, I am attaching a copy of the membership as it is now proposed. With the exception of Cardinal Spellman, George Humphrey and Frank Pace, we have at one time or another during the past two years received acceptances from the others with our assurance that final acceptance would not be asked for until such time as each member could see the completed list. The purpose of this letter is to ask if we can still count on your participation. Attached you will also find a manual of the Effective Citizens Organization which will outline for you our present program. There are other phases of our work which are in the process of development; especially those relating to the creation of several research centers to be established on college or university campuses throughout the country.

July 31, 1959 Dr. Abba H. Silver -2-I would be glad to discuss this with you by telephone if you would indicate your desire to do so. Your consideration will be appreciated. Cordially yours, H. Bruce Palmer President

August 3, 1959 Mr. H. Bruce Palmer President The Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company 520 Broad Street Newark 1, New Jersey My dear Mr. Palmer: Replying to your kind letter of July 31st, I shall be very pleased to serve on the Advisory Council for the Effective Citizens Organization. With all good wishes, I remain Very cordially yours, ABFA HILLEL SILVER AHS:bfm



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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It was very kind of you to agree to contribute a short piece to our symposium for the Encyclopedia Yearbook, and we appreciate your taking the time to do it for us.

Me shall look formard to receiving the material between now and September 15.

Sincerely yours,

Marian Lockwood
Editor in Chief
Encyclopedia Yearbook

Dr. Jacob Kabakoff, Dean

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September 3, 1959 Joseph Persky, President

PURPOSE: The purpose of this newsletter is to relate in a breezy and informal fashion recent happenings in and around the Institute of Jewish Studies. It is intended for circulation among members of the Institute Board, sducational directors, leading rabbis, Federation lay and professional leaders and friends of the Institute. "Inside the Institute" will appear periodically and will be limited to one page for quick reading.

FACULTY: Mrs. Shoshana Shechter, of Israel, who has done such a fine job in teaching our Hebrew Ulpan classes, is our first full-time appointee to the Institute faculty. The Jewish Community Federation has granted us a special allocation to make this possible. Mrs. Shechter will participate in a pilot project which will reach out to the various congregations, many of which have already indicated their interest in an augmented teacher-training program. We regard the appointment of our first full-time faculty member as a major step towards the achievement of our goal—to become a College of Jewish Studies.

WIPANIM: An exciting Neshef and Closing Assembly marked the conclusion of our summer Hebrew Ulpan courses, which encompassed some 70 people. The all-Hebrew program, which was prepared by the students, was excellent. Mrs. Rose Kaufman gave a magnificent talk in Hebrew, and several of the other students participated in dramatic skits. To indicate how the Ulpan idea has taken hold, we are pleased to report that a special Ulpan for the Couples to Israel Mission sponsored by Federation, was held during August. Beginning October, we shall continue with Ulpan courses on the elementary, intermediate and advanced levels.

HEBREW CADET TEACHERS PHOGRAM: Park Synagogue and Fairmount Temple have already indicated interest in this program for the graduates of congregational Hebrew high schools and other qualified students. The program, which will be inaugurated this fall, will be open to young people of all congregations who are presently juniors or seniors in high school.

MISCELLANEOUS: Our Planning Committee for a Women's Organization of the Institute has been working diligently under the temporary chairmanship of Mrs. Hilda Bogcmolny . . . Information on the Rabbi Brickner Israeli Scholarship, which will make it possible annually for a college student to study at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, is included in our Announcement of Courses, which you will soon receive . . . Four of our students, Michael Kaye, Elliot Lefkowitz, Jack Levin, and Larry Mervine, have returned from a profitable summer at Camp Sharon, the Hebrew teachers' training camp . . . Dr. Kabakoff has authored an article on "Bialik's Works in English Translation" for the current Jewish Book Annual, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the poet's passing . . . Mr. Joseph Guzik, of our Beth Midrash staff, spent the month of August at the Graduate School of Yeshiva University working on his doctoral dissertation.

September 10, 1959 Miss Marian Lockwood Editor in Chief Encyclopedia Yearbook The Grolier Society Incorporated 575 Lexington Avenue New York 22, New York My dear Miss Lockwood: I am enclosing herewith a brief statement on the question which you submitted for including in your Encyclopedia Yearbook. With all good wishes, I remain Very cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER ARS : bfm

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Announces...

# A SIX-POINT PROGRAM OF EXPANDED ACTIVITY

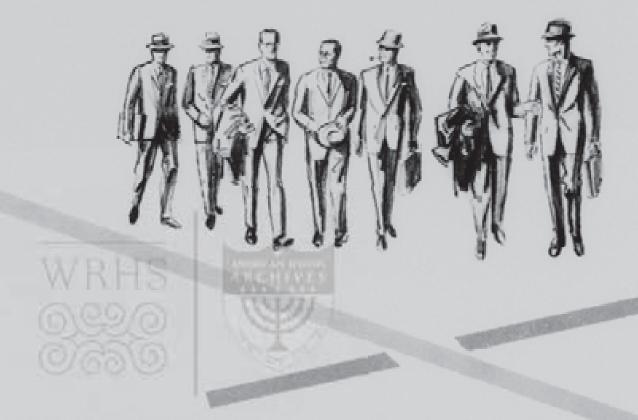
to accelerate and support the awakening of the American business world to its full responsibility in the political field.

# **EFFECTIVE CITIZENS ORGANIZATION**

The business community's most effective instrument for

- · Stimulating businessmen to accept a greater share of political responsibility.
- · Training businessmen in the operations and techniques of practical politics.





Now, to assist increasing numbers of business groups in their political-education activity and to help each businessmen increase the value of his work with the political party of his choice, ECO intensifies its efforts in six major functions:

- More Research
- More "Practical Politics Workshops"
- More Information and Guidance
- New Regional Research Centers
- New Training Workshops
- Better Coordination with Active Groups

# Business accepts political responsibility

Fortune magazine reports: "The American ecrporation is rediscovering politics." A headline in the New York Times reads: "Business Widens Drive in Politics." Business Week tells of a major oil company which is instituting a long-range program to urge its employees, shareholders, and dealers to become politically active.

These are three of many examples which can be cited as evidence of a major trend in U.S. business circles today. Businessmen are abandoning their head-in-the-sand attitude toward politics and are realizing more and more that their political effectiveness is essential to their business effectiveness.

# ECO leads the way

The Effective Citizens Organization (ECO) has been at the forefront in this movement to stimulate the American businessman to take a more active and effective role in politics. Since 1954 (when news items like those quoted were virtually unheard of), ECO has been working with hundreds of American companies — large and small — on campuses of the nation's leading colleges and universities.

As a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, ECO has been training business leaders, giving them the incentive and the know-how needed to allow them to play their full role in the preservation and strengthening of our competitive enterprise system.

# ECO accepts the challenge ahead

The increased political interest and activity noted in all quarters of the business community in recent months have brought into focus the need for ECO to broaden its services. As a result, ECO Officers and its Board of Directors (drawn from the top ranks of the U.S. business world) have launched an expanded program of essential activities.

ECO intends to be ready and able to support in every way the awakening of American business to its full responsibility in the political field.

# ECO'S SIX-POINT PROGRAM OF EXPANDED ACTIVITY



#### 1. ECO Research Service . . .

#### Filling the Greatest Single Need in This Field Today

Because more and more companies are becoming aware of their political responsibilities, the need has increased for serious, penetrating research in the field of business participation in politics and government.

Many questions must be answered if business is to become a genuinely effective force working for good government through good politics. How can a company best motivate its people to become active in grass-roots politics within the party of each individual's choice? How can a company best train its people in the techniques of practical politics?

As individual businessmen become increasingly active in political affairs, the need increases for research studies to aid each personally in making the most effective contribution possible. Election codes, statutes governing political parties, established political procedures vary widely from state to state and even county to county. How can the businessman become most effective locally, within the party of his choice? What types of training and what kinds of source material will help him to increase the value of his contribution in the political arena?

In broad aspects like motivation and training, and in applied aspects like local procedures and personal effectiveness, this is research which must be done—and is not currently being done by any government, educational, or business institution.

ECO has accepted the challenge and is pushing ahead to fill this greatest single need in the area of business participation in politics and government.

# 2. ECO "Practical Politics Workshops"...

#### Carrying the Message to More and More Companies

ECO 'Practical Politics Workshops" are two-day seminars on practical politics for the businessman. They are conducted by the ECO national organization in cooperation with a key college or university. Workshops have been held at Boston University, Michigan State, Notre Dame, Princeson, Southern Methodist, Stanford, the University of Southern California, and other leading educational institutions.

The Workshops are strictly nonpartisan. Local officers of both parties are invited to the seminars to discuss each party's structure and operation on the state and local level.

ECO "Practical Politics Workshops" have been one of the organization's most



effective means of (1) motivating businessmen to perform a distinct service in the cause of good government and (2) giving them practical political knew-how to ensure the effectiveness of their political activity.

These Workshops will be continued and expanded as an important missionary means to arouse more and more companies to work actively in developing the political awareness and effectiveness of their employees.

# 3. ECO Regional Centers . . .

#### Key Colleges in Selected Areas Multiply Research and Training Effort

ECO is actively working with a number of colleges and universities in several geographical areas across the nation with a view toward establishing Effective Citizenship Regional Centers.

These Centers will be staffed by ECO-trained personnel who will provide continuing research and will aid in ECO's training efforts. They will primarily serve husinessmen within the region in which they are located. They will concentrate on research concerning the political structure, operations, traditions, and trends of their respective states.

These Regional Centers will go far in meeting the ever-increasing demand for research facilities and programs to support businessmen in becoming vocal and effective in the field of practical politics. They will also constitute an important adjunct to the ECO "Practical Politics Workshops" and to other political-training programs.

# 4. ECO Training Workshops . . .

#### "Training the Trainers"

ECO is planning a series of special training sessions to which business firms can send selected representatives who will then be qualified to set up political training programs within their own companies. By "training the trainers," ECO staff members will multiply their political education efforts and will enable scores of companies to concentrate in depth on the problem of making the management team an effective force working for good government through good politics in the party of each individual's choice.

The ECO staff is also developing an Effective Citizenship Program, which will contain all the materials necessary to conduct a course similar to that given

at ECO "Practical Politics Workshops."

This combination of "trained trainers" and a packaged Effective Citizenship Program will enable individual firms or several smaller firms working together to become their own political-education training centers.

#### 5. ECO Information Service . . .

#### Clearing House for Source Material on Effective Political Programs

Because ECO led the way in stimulating and training U.S. businessmen to become politically alert and active, it has become the first organization to which American companies turn for information and guidance after deciding that they want to help their employees develop political know-how.

ECO files contain descriptions of political programs and training undertaken by nearly every U.S. firm which is active in this field. ECO staff members know what is being done, how effective it is, how much a company would have to spend to initiate a successful program, what problems might arise, how other companies have solved these problems. All this information is available to the business world through ECO — and, in many instances, only through ECO.

As more companies establish programs, as more business people speak in the political arena, ECO's role as an information clearing house becomes increasingly important. Here again, this is a challenge which ECO has accepted, knowing that each item in its files makes its staff better able to serve all who come to it for information and guidance.

# 6. ECO Coordinating Activity...

#### Cooperating with Business, Trade, and Civic Groups to Get the Job Done

One of ECO's primary objectives is to stimulate trade and civic groups to foster the political-education process among their members. ECO materials and concepts have been adapted for use in programs developed by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the Illinois Manufacturers Association, the Synacuse Manufacturers Association, and many other city and state business and civic groups.

ECO has under way an aggressive program to inspire more organizations to become more active in the political-education field and to work closely with all trade and civic groups who accept the responsibility for the political education and stimulation of their members.

ECO will also continue to urge management to include in its corporate structure a high-level staff member to devote time and attention to political matters affecting the company, its employees, and the communities where the business operates. In large corporations, this activity calls for a Director of Public or Governmental Affairs.

ECO furnishes interested companies with a job description for this office and case histories of successful accomplishments where such offices have been established. As a direct result of these ECO activities, several major corporations have created this post in top management. This activity, too, is being pushed forward on all fronts.



# What You Can Do...

- Make use of the services which ECO is prepared to provide to help increase your personal effectiveness in the political party of your choice.
- Bring ECO and its services to the attention of your management personnel — to encourage the establishment of political-training programs within your company.
- Arrange to have an ECO "Practical Politics Workshop" held in your area — to be sponsored by a local educational, civic, or business group.
- Support ECO financially. Individual memberships are \$100; Sustaining memberships are \$250-\$500; Corporate memberships begin at \$500.

For additional information on each of these activities which you can undertake today, write or phone:

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ECO was organized in 1954 at Chicago, Ill. The original stimulus came from a group of business leaders who had held office in the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce.

This group had a dedicated belief that business participation in grass-roots politics is essential if this nation is to have laws that are not constantly inimical to our competitive free enterprise system.

In the first years of its existence, ECO made formal studies of what needed to be done to spark active and effective business participation in politics. In 1956, it began its "Practica Politics Workshops," actively training key businessmen in political scructure and techniques. During 1958, it broadened its activities in the six vital areas described in this booklet.

To date, ECO has provided its services to more than 200 companies. It has trained hundreds of top-rank business representatives at its "Workshops." It has gained the active support of scores of business leaders who have served energetically as its Officers and Directors. It has already won the financial backing of more than 50 major corporations.

from desk of ABBA HILLEL SILVER

"Tarael's Odyssey" relates the epic of Jewish wandering, homecoming, and national rebirth with the resultant achievements and problems. The book concisely tells the story of Zionism and the struggles of the infant State of Israel for survival in the face of Arab opposition and United Nations' threats of sanctions.

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The author, a life long student of Jewish affairs with a scholarly background made an extensive on the ground study of the facts, figures and problem
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