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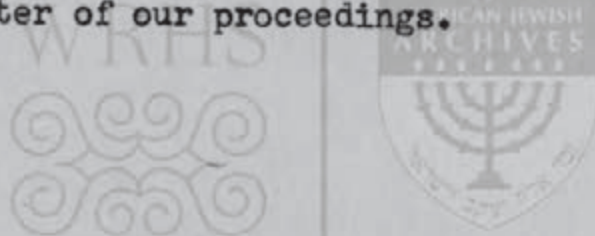
August 21, 1943.

MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. A. H. Silver
From: Mr. Arthur Lourie

I feel it my duty to draw your attention to the fact that the confidential character of our Executive Committee meeting, yesterday morning, was apparently abused in that part of the proceedings appears in this morning's press under the heading: Dr. Silver criticizes Dr. Wise's speech." (its cutting attached).

Unfortunately, this is not the first occasion on which leaks have occurred and it may be desirable to impress again on members of the Committee the confidential character of our proceedings.



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באשטעלן אויף וויערע
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קריטיקירט ד. ווייז'ס רעדע. — הרב בערלין, מעדע-
מינסקי און ד. גאלדמאן אדרעסירען די קאנפערענץ.
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(1) דר. אבא הלל סילווער איז
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נען פרייער אידישער איינוואנ
קין ארץ ישראל, אבער ניט דע
די פאדערונגען פון בילטמאר
ראם. סילווער האלט, און א
ציוניסטען זענען מיט איהם
אז דערמיט האט דר. ווייז, —
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פון ריכטער פראסקאווע, פרייע
פון דער אמעריקען דזשוואיש קא
וועלכער איז אויך פאר פרייער
שער איינוואנדערונג, אבער געט
אידישער קאמאנוועלט.

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ארץ ישראל פרא
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קריטיקירט דר. ווייזס
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MEMORANDUM

To Dr. A. H. Silver

Date September 3, 1943

From Arthur Lourie

The appointment with Sir Ronald Campbell has been fixed for Thursday, September 9th at noon. Judge Levinthal will probably not be able to participate and in that event I shall approach Dr. Goldstein in his place. I understand that Dr. Goldmann plans to accompany the delegation.

I am still engaged on revising the draft of the memorandum. Can you please let me know where I can send it to reach you.

I am enclosing some mail which arrived at this office for you.

A.H.

Goldstein
Shulman
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Rothenberg

Murray Hill 2-1160

American Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs

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41 EAST 42nd STREET
ROOM 1121
NEW YORK CITY

September 5, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I enclose a draft of the aide memoire for the British Embassy. After thinking it over I am convinced that it would be inappropriate in this document to make allegations of a widely conceived attack on the National Home on the part of the British authorities in the Near East.

I made one or two futile attempts to introduce certain of the points suggested at the recent meeting of our Executive Committee, but was forced to the conclusion that the result would be neither one thing nor the other. If we are to launch a general attack of that kind it will require a much more elaborate presentation and a more fully documented case than I think we have the material for here. On the other hand to offer generalizations on the basis of such examples as the Sulzberger articles, the Ibn Saud statement and the proposed Joint Statement on Palestine is open to ready answer by the Embassy, and will not, I believe, get us very far.

Please let me know if you have any suggestions with regard to the draft.

Yours sincerely,

Arthur Lourie
Arthur Lourie

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*We are also doing work
org. from conference
July 1943 - 1944
+ joint statement*

Sept 5, 1943
for British Embassy

DRAFT AIDE MEMOIRE

The American Jewish public has been deeply stirred by the reports prominently featured in the American press of the recent trial in Palestine of two British soldiers charged with illegal possession of arms. Had this been an ordinary judicial proceeding, and conducted as such, no problem would have arisen. Certainly we would be the last to wish to intervene in any way whatsoever with the due processes of the courts in Palestine and the proper execution of justice.

It is unhappily clear, however, both from the character of the statement of the defending counsel and from surrounding circumstances, that it was sought by these proceedings to do far more than to bring to justice persons engaged in a criminal enterprise. What should have been a routine judicial procedure was in fact converted by the defense into a propaganda forum for an attack on the Jewish leadership and war effort in Palestine. *are by implication in fact*

A first indication of this was the action taken to give maximum publicity abroad to the proceedings by specially inviting American correspondents in Cairo to come to Jerusalem for the trial. Trials for possession of arms have not been uncommon in Palestine; of recent months there have been many such in which Arabs were implicated; in no instance was an effort made, as it obviously was in this case, to focus international attention on the proceedings, and that on the basis of far-reaching insinuations, unsupported by direct evidence, against a whole people and its leadership.

The trial involved merely the sentencing of two British soldiers who had pleaded guilty to illegal traffic in arms, and who appear, despite the efforts of their counsel, Major Verdin, to portray them as innocent persons "lacking knowledge of the world and of money", to have had an unsavory record of forgery,

theft and desertion. Major Verdin seized the occasion, however, to offer offensive charges against the Jewish people in Palestine, to discredit their war effort, and to make monstrous allegations that the Jewish Agency for Palestine was working against the interests of the United Nations. In the course of a speech which appears to have been largely irrelevant to the point to issue, Major Verdin said inter alia:

- (a) That Jewish soldiers acted in a manner worthy of praise when the enemy was near the borders of Palestine and when the shadow of concentration camps like Dachau was at hand but became interested in other affairs when danger left Palestine; they then began to act in a manner prejudicial to the cause of the United Nations.
- (b) That there were many indications to prove the connection of a vast organization which was directing the gun-running activity, and the Jewish Agency. It was necessary to broadcast this fact to Allied nations who may find it necessary to revise their policy to the Jews.
- (c) That the accused should be made world famous because they had helped to detect interesting facts about the attitude of the Jews towards the war effort which might affect government policy.

Not a shred of evidence was given in support of these purely political allegations. The character of these charges and the manner in which it was sought to give them publicity in this country indicate that they were intended for no other purpose than to ^{infect} Anglo-American opinion against the Jews and their rightful claim with respect to Palestine.

Major Verdin proceeded to assert that the participation of the Jewish Agency was proved by alleging that during the preliminary investigations the accused had picked out the photograph of Mr. David Ben-Gurion, Chairman of the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine and the leader of Palestinian Jewry, as a person seen by them in company with one of the alleged arms purchasing gang in a Haifa Cafe. The

Jewish Agency for Palestine and Mr. Ben-Gurion were, of course, not party to the court proceedings and had no opportunity of answering these allegations in court. Mr. Ben-Gurion has since addressed the defending counsel's superior officer and called for an independent enquiry.

"I am advised," stated Mr. Ben-Gurion, "that there is no certain legal remedy against this slanderous attack as the officer may claim privilege by reason of his function...As a representative of the Jewish people which was maliciously attacked and as a person who was directly insulted, I desire to declare that Major Verdin acted in this matter without any regard for truth or decency...I challenge him to substantiate his allegations before any independent board of inquiry, where I may be able to face him on equal terms."

It is urged that Mr. Ben-Gurion's request for such a board of enquiry be granted. The widely publicized charges made by the counsel for the defense against the Jewish people are too grave to be allowed to pass in silence.

The Jews of Palestine number a mere half a million; but their dead are scattered on the battlefields of Greece and Syria, of Ethiopia, Libya and Egypt. Of their kinsmen in Europe more than four million have perished at the hands of the Nazis. Yet at this moment an official in Palestine has been permitted to cast doubt upon their loyalty to the cause of the United Nations and the sacrifices they have made towards it, and his allegations have been broadcast throughout the world. x

We share the deep indignation which these incidents have aroused in the Jewish community of Palestine. This wanton injury to its pride and honor is the work of a handful of mean-minded men unworthy of the great country they represent. In urging an independent inquiry we do so in the confident belief that we shall not in vain invoke British traditions of justice and fair play and that an adequate opportunity will thus be given to reply to these calumnies.

MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date September 8, 1943

From Arthur Lourie

Sir Ronald Campbell's secretary ring this afternoon to say that the new turn of events (the surrender of Italy) made it very difficult for him to meet with the delegation this week. A new appointment was fixed for Thursday next, September 16, at 12 noon.

The delegation as finally constituted included Judge Levinthal, Mr. Chaim Greenberg, and Mrs. Halprin. In view of the postponement, however, we can revise the personnel of the delegation if you so desire - a point made by Judge Levinthal when I informed him of the change on the telephone.

Please let me know if you will be able to participate next Thursday. If not, I assume the delegation stands as is.

I am sending a copy of this memorandum to Columbus.



A. L.

September 8, 1943

Mr. Arthur Lourie, Secretary
American Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Lourie:

Rabbi Silver requested me to send you
the enclosed copies of telegrams for your files.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date September 16, 1943

From Arthur Lourie

I understand that Mereminski has telephoned you about the material which he received from Turkey. I enclose a copy of the first part of the letter; the second part he has requested me to hold until your arrival here on Monday.

I have tried to reach Martin at the White House but I understand that he is no longer there and presumably he and his chief, from whom nothing has been heard for a little while, are on their way home.

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A.L.

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September 16, 1943.

Sir Ronald Campbell
Minister to the British Embassy
British Embassy
Washington, D C.

Dear Sir Ronald:

As was indicated to your secretary on the telephone yesterday, we felt that pending the conclusion of the second arms trial in Palestine, now, I believe, in its third week, it would be as well for the time being to hold over the arrangement for a Delegation to call on you.

Should it thereafter appear desirable to review the matter as a whole, I hope that we may ask you for another appointment.

I take this opportunity to enclose for your information the aide memoire which was to have been submitted by the Delegation, and which contains an expression of our views with reference to the procedure adopted in the first trial.

Very sincerely yours,

Stephen S. Wise

MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date September 17, 1943.

From Arthur Lourie

As you know, I had proposed to try to get in touch with Mr. J. M. Martin, Churchill's secretary. On inquiring in Washington, I find that he is no longer there and is presumably on his way back with his chief.

I enclose a copy of the covering letter sent under Dr. Wise's signature to Sir Ronald Campbell.



A. L.

September 23, 1943

Mr. Arthur Lourie
American Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Lourie:

Thank you for sending me a copy of the covering letter sent to Sir Ronald Campbell. In the future all such communications sent in the name of the Emergency Committee should bear the signatures of both co-chairmen.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Murray Hill 2-1160

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41 EAST 42nd STREET
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NEW YORK CITY

September 27, 1943.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I enclose copy of a letter from Sir Ronald Campbell which arrived today in answer to the memorandum on the arms trial.

The letter accompanying the memorandum was signed by Dr. Wise because the previous exchange of telegrams had been carried on by Dr. Wise in the name of the Committee. From now on correspondence of this kind will, of course, be signed either by yourself alone, as Chairman of the Executive, or jointly by you and Dr. Wise.

Yours sincerely,

Arthur Lourie
Arthur Lourie

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MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date October 26, 1943.

From Arthur Lourie

During the sessions of the American Jewish Conference I became friendly with a young Englishman, who was sent to cover the Conference proceedings on behalf of the Embassy, by the name of Rundall. He is a member of the staff of the Consulate General in New York and has had experience in the British service in Greece and in Spain. He took very full notes of the Conference proceedings, was keenly interested and was apparently personally very deeply impressed.

Rundall called on me yesterday and we had a conversation of over an hour and a half, on two subjects: 1) the secession of the American Jewish Committee, and 2) the arms trial in Palestine. He was anxious to have more information on the significance to be attached to the action of the Committee, and also whether the fact that Lessing Rosenwald was among those named as participating in the decision of the Committee implied a rapprochement between the Proskauer group and the Council for Judaism.

It is clear that developments of this kind are followed with close interest by the British representatives here. In our talk on the arms trial he referred to the anti-British tone of articles in the Jewish press and I took the opportunity of giving him a comprehensive picture of what was happening in Palestine as a result of the imposition in every field of the White Paper policy. I pointed out that so far as this country was concerned, the leaders of the Zionist movement had always made cooperation with Britain the cornerstone of its policy, but that the British Government was forcing them into an impossible situation, and that the perpetuation of the White Paper policy could only result in bitterness and friction. It was clear that Mr. Rundall accepted the point and he volunteered that he had been much impressed by the "crusading spirit" of the Conference. He realizes, of course, that even though there are differences of opinion between us and the American Jewish Committee on the political objectives in Palestine, American Jewry is unanimous on the White Paper issue.

R.L.

MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Dr. Stephen S. Wise

Date November 29, 1943.

From Arthur Lourie

I enclose a copy of a memorandum on the White Paper
which was prepared at the suggestion of a friend in Washington.

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December 2, 1943

Mr. Arthur Lourie
American Zionist Emergency Council
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Lourie:

I am returning herewith the memorandum of the Palestine White Paper which you sent me. I think it is a very fine document and I would suggest that you have it printed immediately for wide distribution among key people, particularly those in Government circles. Let me know what you do about it and how quickly you can see it through.

I am also returning herewith a memorandum on the Absorptive Capacity of Palestine which was prepared by whom I do not recall at the moment, when we were considering the memorandum which we were to put into the hands of the Chief. I think this fourteen page statement is a good one too and might very well be printed in a few thousand copies. We cannot have too many of these brochures and pamphlets. They are greatly needed. I would suggest that you take up with Mr. Montor also the idea of publishing the second brochure. You should consult, too, with the Publications Committee (Mr. Lipsky) about the advisability of issuing right soon a brochure on "Why a Jewish Commonwealth". There is, as you know, great confusion in the minds of our people about the meaning of a Jewish Commonwealth. In this brochure, clear definition should be given and answers given to the questions which are normally asked and criticisms frequently raised about the subject. It should be a short brochure, no more than five or six pages. Please let me know what you decide to do about the above matters.

The contents of the telegram of the Zionist Federation of Melbourne should be given to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency and to the Jewish papers.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

December 4, 1943

Mr. Arthur Lurie
The American Zionist Emergency Council
41 East Forty-Second Street
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Lurie:

Have you received an answer to our cable sent to Jerusalem in connection with the request of the Revisionists to join the Emergency Council. If you have not received an answer, please send them another cable urging an immediate reply.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Very cordially yours,

AHS:DB

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December 6, 1943.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you for your kind remarks about the memorandum on the White Paper. As I mentioned in my covering note, this memorandum was intended in the first place for some one in the State Department, and in view of that fact will have to be either held up or recast a little before it is put in print and distributed.

The fourteen page memorandum on the Absorptive Capacity of Palestine was prepared by Dr. Kohanski of the American Jewish Conference. In addition I prepared a six page memorandum, copy of which I enclose. This was transmitted to Mrs. Roosevelt in consequence of the interview which she had given the women's delegation. A reply has now been received from her reading as follows:

"Dear Mrs. Halprin:

Thank you for your letter. I think your statement very convincing and will turn it over to the President and his advisers."

This is, of course, very gratifying. It raises a question, however, with regard to the memorandum which F. was to have handed over personally. I am contemplating a visit to Washington tomorrow and shall, if I get an opportunity, inform him of Mrs. Roosevelt's letter and ask his advice with regard to the other memorandum.

I shall pass on to the Publications Committee your suggestions for brochures on the absorptive capacity question and "Why a Jewish Commonwealth".

Yours sincerely,

Arthur Lourie
Arthur Lourie

AL:LB
Encl.

P.S. With regard to the Revisionists, the following cable has just been received from Shertok:

"REGARDING REVISIONIST AFFILIATION WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING FIRST
ATTITUDE CONSTITUENT PARTS EMERGENCY COUNCIL SECOND WHETHER THEY
PREPARED QUIT BERGSON GROUP THIRD WHETHER IN JOINING EMERGENCY
COUNCIL THEY REALISE COUNCIL ACCEPTS AGENCY'S AUTHORITY "

I also enclose copy of a cable received today from Mr. Szold.



December 8, 1943

Mr. Arthur Lourie
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Lourie:

Thank you for your letter. I think that Mr. F. should see the Chief and should present a memorandum in spite of the fact that Mrs. R. intends to give the Chief the memorandum of Mrs. Halprin. The important thing is not so much the memorandum as to get Mr. F. to talk to the Chief about Palestine -- a thing which he has not done for a very long time. I am afraid that he will seize upon any excuse not to do it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. I hope that you will vigorously push the publication of the brochures of which I wrote to you last time. Time is of the essence. We need immediately your brochure on the "White Paper" as well as the two brochures on the "Absorptive Capacity" -- yours and Kohansky's -- and one should be published immediately on "Why a Jewish Commonwealth." These should be given the widest circulation. I hope that we may have them printed within the next fortnight.

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December 16, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I omitted to ask you yesterday whether you had come to any conclusion on the draft statements with regard to the American League for a Free Palestine. My own view is that it would be far easier to attack the Bergson group on the basis of this new organization than with reference to the Emergency Committee to Save the Jews of Europe, and that our action should accordingly not be dependent on the issuance of a statement by the Conference.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur Lourie
Arthur Lourie

AL:MW

Since dictating the above I have discussed the matter with you on the phone.

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL
342 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date December 16, 1943

From Arthur Lourie

I attach a letter which I have drafted to Mr. Breckinridge Long. Please let me know of any amendments you wish to make. Should you send the letter as it stands, wire or write me and duplicate letters will immediately be dispatched to Bloom and Mundt.

(dated Dec 3)

I have received the following in a letter from a friend in the London office of the Jewish Agency:

"Everyone seems convinced that there is 'something in the air', but nobody knows quite what. Chaim had several very comforting talks with Smuts. And, just in case (I take this to mean in case of actual negotiations. A.L.), he has invited a few people from Palestine and from your end to come over here."

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December 23, 1943

Mr. Arthur Lourie
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Lourie:

I am returning herewith the final draft of the statement to be issued on the American League for a Free Palestine. I am suggesting the inclusion in the second paragraph, following the first sentence, of the following two sentences: "It was never intended or suggested that Jews should owe political allegiance to any country other than to their land of birth or adoption. The relation of an American Jew to the Jewish National Home, when it is established, will not differ from that of any other American toward the land of his ancestral homeland."

The reason for including them is to counteract the propaganda of the Bergson people which by implication suggests that the Zionist ideology in some way involves dual allegiance and that their program is truly patriotic. It would also be helpful to restate the Zionist position on this subject in view of the covert attacks of the American Council for Judaism.

With the inclusion of these two sentences, the draft is entirely satisfactory. Please have copies of it made and available for distribution when I will give you the signal. I am waiting to hear whether the American Jewish Conference has finally decided to issue its own statement which has been twice voted by the Interim Committee. If the Conference issues its statement, we will delay the issuance of ours for a week or ten days. If it decides not to issue a statement, we will issue ours very soon. In any case you will hear from me.

With all good wishes for a happy Chanukah, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

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Sender's Name

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12-26-43

Mr. Arthur Lourie
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Lourie:

I hope that you will proceed with arrangements for a meeting which I would like to have with Mr. Hoskins. As you know, I will be in New York on the 3rd and 4th. If Mr. Hoskins will be in New York during those two days I could see him there, or if necessary, I could go to Washington on Wednesday, the 5th.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date December 30, 1943

From Arthur Lourie

I am informed that Professor Bowman of Johns Hopkins, who is a leading member of a committee on post-war policy which is responsible to the President, has received from Professor Westerman of Columbia a report on Zionism which the latter prepared at his request. The report is stated to be very anti-Zionist in character. It has been submitted to the State Department and also to the Council for Foreign Affairs. It was suggested that it might be useful to write directly to Professor Bowman asking that we be permitted to see a copy of this report and given the opportunity of submitting a memorandum in reply.

I am doubtful as to the wisdom of such action. At best, the answer we will receive is likely to be to the effect that the report is a confidential report, but that B. will be glad to receive any statement of our own that we care to submit to him. It is possible, moreover, that such a request may arouse resentment.

After discussing the matter with Neumann, I think that there are two approaches which might be worth trying out:

1. Neumann has previously had some contact with Bowman. He might get in touch with him again with the object of consulting with him in regard to the development of plans of the Survey Commission. Such a discussion might lead to opening up the wider subject.
2. Associated with Johns Hopkins are three Zionists: Abel Wolman, Albright, and Dr. Friedenwald. One or more of these gentlemen might be asked to take up the matter of the report with Bowman, and eventually a reply might be submitted to Bowman through that person, or persons.

Please let me know what you think of these proposals.

AL:MW

A.L.

December 31, 1943

Mr. Arthur Lourie
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Lourie:

The little booklet which you wrote, "The Facts About Palestine", is most excellent and I know that it will do a great deal of good. It should receive the widest circulation. Please ask Mr. Shapiro to send me a hundred copies of it at once.

And now, if you can write a similarly attractive pamphlet on "Why a Jewish Commonwealth", and have it out in a few weeks, it would be another great service.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK