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American Federation of Labor, 1943.

October 22, 1943

Mr. William Green, President
American Federation of Labor
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Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Green:

I have just received the Report issued by the American Federation of Labor which contains the proceedings of the session of its convention on Friday, October 8, 1943 and read the full text of the resolution which was adopted unanimously by the delegates protesting the Nazi persecutions of the Jews in Europe, proposing measures for rescue, and re-affirming the American Federation of Labor's endorsement of the Jewish National Home in Palestine.

Will you permit me to express to you, and through you to the great body of freedom-loving American citizens embraced by the American Federation of Labor, the profound gratitude and appreciation of the American Zionist Emergency Council which represents all the organized forces in the United States concerned with the reconstruction of the Jewish Commonwealth in the ancient land of Israel for the magnificent resolution which was adopted at the convention, and for the deep motives of justice, brotherhood and good will which it represents. The American Federation of Labor has always stood as a mighty bulwark in defense of human rights everywhere, and has a noble record in championing the cause of the oppressed and the persecuted.

I wish to express to you an especial thanks for re-affirming at this time the traditional sympathy and interest of the American Federation of Labor in the upbuilding of the Jewish National Home in Palestine, and for its demand for the abrogation of the White Paper whose policy would shut the doors of Palestine against Jewish immigration next March, and would extinguish the last hope of our tortured and manacled brethren in Nazi dominated Europe.

Most cordially yours,

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November 9, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
American Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs
41 East 42nd Street, Room 1121
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

I am pleased to learn that you approved the action of the recent Convention of the American Federation of Labor through its adoption of a declaration protesting Nazi persecutions of Jewish people in Europe, proposing measures for their rescue and reaffirming the American Federation of Labor's endorsement of the Jewish National Home in Palestine.

This declaration was adopted by unanimous vote of those in attendance at the convention. It represents a renewal of the expression of representatives of the American Federation of Labor in opposition of the torture and persecution which have been imposed upon Jewish people in Europe, and in favor of the open door for persecuted Jewish people, in Palestine.

As a further expression of the attitude of the American Federation of Labor upon this subject I enclose a copy of a message which I addressed to a meeting in New York held under the auspices of the Zionist Organization of America for the purpose of bringing about the application of the Balfour Declaration relating to Palestine, both in spirit and in letter.

I read your letter with a feeling of deep appreciation. Be assured of my purpose to do all that lies within my power to prevent continued persecution of Jews in Europe and to provide a refuge and a homeland for them in Palestine.

Sincerely yours,

(signed)
William Green
President,
American Federation of Labor.

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