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

I had no occasion to speak to you on the subject while you were in New York, since our time was so completely given over to other matters and I had no opportunity to see you personally.

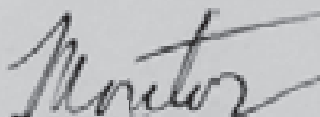
I thought I ought to tell you confidentially, however, that Mr. Herman Schulman, Chairman of the Public Relations Committee of the American Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs, has approached me with the suggestion that I take a leave of absence from the United Palestine Appeal in order to do the public relations program for the Emergency Committee.

As far as my own mind is concerned, there are quite a number of obstacles that would have to be hurdled. Whether you were approached on this subject by other people, I do not know, but certainly even the contemplation of such a project would be out of the question without consultation with and guidance by you.

What is your thought in this matter?

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor

Executive Director

HM:FE

March 4, 1943

Mr. Herman Shulman
39 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Shulman:

I have given very careful consideration to the very gracious invitation which you extended to me on behalf of the Emergency Committee. I regret to inform you that under the circumstances that now prevail I cannot accept your invitation. I shall, of course, always be ready to extend cooperation on the same basis as every one else in the movement.

The purpose of this note is to suggest that you would undoubtedly wish to proceed promptly to obtain another person since I am completely out of consideration.

With many thanks for your thought of me, I am

Cordially yours,

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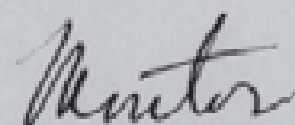
Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter which I have addressed to Mr. Herman Shulman, Chairman of the Public Relations Committee of the Emergency Committee.

I have done this in order to avoid any more "pressure."

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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ROBERT A. HESS
Plankinton Building
Milwaukee

(Undated)

Sept. 1, 1943

Mr. Joseph A. Padway
736 Bowen Building
Washington 5, D.C.

My dear Joe:

I acknowledge at once the receipt of your good letter of the 28th of August, enclosing as it does the letter of the 24th of August from Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald (which latter letter contained as enclosures (1), "A Tentative Statement of The American Council for Judaism, Inc." and (2) a reprint of Mr. Rosenwald's article in the magazine LIFE. I also acknowledge in connection with this, your reply to Mr. Rosenwald of the 28th, and I am, of course, flattered by your reference to me, and because you refer to me as your "collaborator", and because you believe that my "reaction" would be yours, I am at once charged with the responsibility of giving you that reaction which, may I say parenthetically, I think would be yours, even though you didn't hear my views on the subject.

Let's analyze for a moment. What is this "American Council for Judaism", and who are the men who espouse its cause? Unfortunately, Joe, there remain in Jewish life a remnant, who (because they still live among the flesh-pots) would sacrifice all of those things that contain in them the eternal values, that their position continue to be maintained. They are men, by and large, of wealth, and they are men who just won't read the handwriting on the wall (there are always those who with their eyes open are blind, and those whose ears hear not). They are men who can't even interpret current history, and they are men who take refuge in the nebulous hope that that which happened elsewhere (i.e., Germany, Austria, France, later Holland, and now Denmark) can't happen here. There are men like these in Germany. Peculiarly enough, the remnant that are here are the descendants of those men of Germany who sought to escape their Judaism via the media of Reform, assimilation, intermarriage, and apostasy, and I point to the tragic fact that when Fascism and Hitlerism raised its ugly head, the escape that those men sought availed them naught, and they were caught in the maelstrom of the viciousness of that hate of Fascism and Hitlerism, and were indeed the first to feel the effect of that hate. Unfortunately, men like Rosenwald can't or won't interpret what has happened as having any possible reference to what might happen here. Unfortunately, their Judaism is what Heinrich Heine once called it when he said, "das Judentum ist nicht ein religion - es ist ein unglück", but whatever it is they seek to justify it and justify it in minimizing it to the abstract.

Now, my dear Joe, while you were here at the hospital, you read "THE WORLD OF SHOLOM ALEICHEM", and then I brought you, if you will recall, Stefan Zweig's "THE WORLD OF YESTERDAY". Judge for yourself, my dear Joe, which world had men of the substantive in its men who had in

Wasn't it the world of your father and father's fathers? Wasn't it the world of East European Jewry? I remind you that we Jews had excesses even before the rise of Hitlerism. We had our pogroms (Kishinov - Bialystok). True, as Abe Sacher so well puts it in his foreword to the Hillel edition to "THE WORLD OF SHOLOM ALEICHEM":

"The contemporary world has devised so many new weapons and techniques of hate that the reaction and the brutality of the last generation appear, by contrast, as almost affectionate fratricide."

But nonetheless there were pogroms and fear of pogroms; there was poverty and insecurity, but the world of Sholem Aleichem could take its poverty and insecurity. It could go to its death when that need be, with a "shma-yisroael" on its lips, but the world of Stefan Zweig and the world of those German Jews of which the Lessing J. Rosenwalds are the American successors, gave nothing to the Jew in the nature of support, and the only surcease was the surcease of suicide (you recall, of course, that Mr. Zweig ended his life in Brazil last year).

Now, the right of suicide is a personal right, but the philosophy (God save the mark) of Rosenwalds contemplates race suicide, and I reserve the right as a Jew to hope for the continuance of my people, the American Council for Judaism, Inc., to the contrary notwithstanding. Mr. Rosenwald fears Zionism and Palestine. Mr. Rosenwald and that little coterie of rabbis, whose gilded temples the Rosenwalds support (but rarely attend) are fortunately in the minority, though they make themselves felt by the twin power of wealth and place. This is not the first time in Jewish history that we have "protest rabbiner". They prototype the "protest rabbiner" Theodore Hertzl met in Germany when he announced his conversion to Zionism, and published his famous "Judenstaat". Whenever, Joe, the masses of our people sought relief and escape from the inhibitions and prohibitions of the times and places in which they lived, whenever the masses sought home and homeland and place in the sun, those Philistines always supported by their paid rabbinate - protested. Peculiarly enough, the type is common in history - always the well placed, always the wealthy, always those who feel that they are the historic exception, and that when anti-Judaism and anti-Semitism become rampant, they will not feel the scourge, forgetting that the anti-Semite doesn't make the very fine distinctions they would make.

Joe, the American Council for Judaism is a misnomer. Who in God's name are they to speak in the name of Judaism? Since when are they the keeper of the scroll? Since when have they, and they alone, kept aloft the eternal light? If anything, they would give it up - all of it; yes, all of it, if they could be accepted by the Cabots and the Lodges, and they have no right, and I, as a self-respecting Jew, refuse to give them the right to interpret Judaism for me.

A better answer than that which I give you now was made to Mr. Rosenwald by Chaim Greenberg, the editor of the "JEWISH FRONTIER". That really was magnificent, and I am having a copy of that sent to you through my friend, Mr. Cruso. Read it, Joe, and then you tell me what the answer to Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald should be on your part.

Yes, this man is the son of the late Julius Rosenwald. It was Julius Rosenwald, you remember, who in his lifetime gave millions for YMCA's for colored boys, but didn't give to Palestine. It was Rosenwald who lived through the halcyon era of the turn of the century, but who didn't live long enough to see that that security which he thought was permanent (as built up through Sears Roebuck) stands today on the sheerest of quick-sands if America is to repeat Germany's experience in relation to its Jews.

A Judaism so colorless, so osteopathic, so meaningless, so void of any of the values that make up my Judaism, as is contained in the rather shabby purpose of the American Council for Judaism, is one of which no man with respect for his tradition, will subscribe to.

I think I have made answer as I see it. It may be strong, but I feel strongly. You can temper it to suit your purpose, but I know that by and large, you must feel about it as I do, and that your reply to Mr. Rosenwald will be in keeping with those feelings.

And now, my dear Joe, I am, with my very best to you,

Sincerely,

P.S. I shall speak to you before the week is over in reply to the more personal letter that I received with the one touching this matter we are now discussing.



ROBERT A. HESS
Plankinton Building
Milwaukee

September 1, 1943

Mr. Pincus Cruso
Jewish Frontier
275 Seventh Ave.
New York City

Dear Mr. Cruso:

I have a letter from my very good friend, Joseph A. Padway, enclosing a letter received from Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald dated August 24th, and reading as follows:

"Dear Mr. Padway:

"There is a matter of some importance that I believe you are also interested in, that I would like to talk over with you. I will telephone you about it in the course of next week.

"Meanwhile, to acquaint you with the subject, I am enclosing a "Tentative Statement of Principles" and a copy of an article I wrote recently for Life Magazine.

"It will be greatly appreciated if you would read these prior to my phone call.

"Thanking you in advance, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) Lessing J. Rosenwald"

Joe made reply to Mr. Rosenwald under date of August 28th, as follows:

"Dear Mr. Rosenwald:

"On my return to the city I find your letter of the 24th.

"I have been so busy in the past few years with matters involving labor that I have not had the opportunity to keep closely in touch with the subject about which you have written to me. However, I have for many years been a Zionist and still am. I do not think I can subscribe to all of the principles set forth in your digest. However, my chief collaborator on subjects of this nature has been my very close and dear friend, Mr. Robert A. Hess of Milwaukee. I am sending to him your letter together with the enclosures for his reaction to the same. I am quite certain that my views will coincide with his, and when I hear from him I will again communicate with you.

"With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours.

(Signed) Joseph A. Padway"

I am writing to Mr. Padway today as per copy of letter enclosed. A reference you will note in my letter is made to Chaim Greenberg's reply to Rosenwald's diatribe in a recent issue of LIFE and I would ask that you be good enough to send a marked copy of Chaim Greenberg's article to Mr. Padway with a covering letter addressing him: Joseph A. Padway, General Counsel, American Federation of Labor, 736 Bowen Building, Washington 5, D.C.

I should like to have Joe have the benefit of Greenberg's views. You will, won't you?

And now, with kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

ROBERT A. HESS



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JOSEPH A. PADWAY
Washington, D. C.

Sept. 6, 1943

Mr. Robert A. Hess
Plankinton Bldg.
Milwaukee, Wisc.

Dear Bob:

Thanks for your very fine letter of the first, dealing with the Rosenwald letter. You have said everything I feel, but a hundred times infinitely better than I could say it. With a few of the personal references to Rosenwald deleted from the letter I think it ought to be published in some form or the other. In any event, I shall express your sentiments as my own if Rosenwald does call on me to discuss the subject.

I am leaving for New York so I am making this letter very short. However, I intend to be there about a week and I will write you from there.

With my love to Sarah, the family and yourself, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Joe

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Some months ago Weisgal suggested to me that I do him a personal favor and prepare some notes that might be used as a basis for a program by the Emergency Committee. I did this for him on a purely personal basis. I do not know whether he officially submitted it to the Emergency Committee. I thought, however, that, since a copy of this is available, I might send it to you for such ideas as it might offer.

Since I do not know under what auspices or in what form this may have been made available to the Emergency Committee, I would ask you to regard it as a personal communication from me.

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With kindest personal regards, I am

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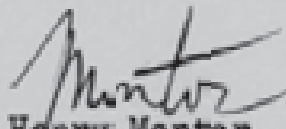
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September 22, 1943

Mr. Henry Montor
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Montor:

The name of Mr. Sam M. Gross, an outstanding citizen here and a member of The Temple, was used in connection with the meeting held here by the Council for Judaism last Monday. I wrote to Mr. Gross, and I am sending you the enclosed correspondence. It is very revealing.

I am inclined to believe that quite a number among the hundred whose names were used were drawn in under similar false pretenses. It might be well to consider the drafting of a letter to be sent to the hundred whose names appeared in the New York Times, plus the report of the meeting of the American Jewish Conference, where the Council was denounced, an account of which appeared in the New York Times, as well as the statement of the 900 Rabbis which was previously published by the Emergency Committee. My guess is that quite a number of these people will resign as did Mr. Gross. I would suggest that you draft such a letter before you come to Cleveland so that we can discuss it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

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Dear Dr. Silver:

I am transferring to you promptly a letter which has come from Congressman Samuel Dickstein, asking you if you would testify before his Committee on the resolution which he has introduced.

I do not know how you feel on the subject of giving public testimony on this particular question. However, I believe that in view of many other things, it would be most desirable to maintain a friendly relationship with Mr. Dickstein. I hope that you will forgive me if I enclose a suggested draft that you may want to dispatch to Mr. Dickstein, the exact language, of course, to depend on whether or not you feel that you would wish to give testimony before the House Immigration Committee when you are next in Washington.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor

Executive Director

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(1) Judge Samuel I. Rosenman will see you at the White House on Tuesday, October 12, at three o'clock p.m. This is part of the series of engagements being made for you when you are in Washington on October 11 and 12.

(2) Dr. Israel Goldstein, during a lengthy discussion with me of certain matters affecting the Emergency Committee, told me that Judge Rothenberg has agreed to head the JNF. This would eliminate him from the UPA picture. The more I think about the alternatives we discussed, the more I feel it will be received very well in the country.

(3) I should like to make a further observation with respect to the lady who you think ought to be substituted for the name originally suggested as Chairman of the Research Committee. I imagine that pressure may be brought to bear on you with respect to this particular woman, as, undoubtedly, with respect to everybody else seeking appointments, or for whom appointments are being sought.

A professional research worker, with competence, as in the case of Dr. Berkson, realizes that research is part of a machinery. The Chairman of the Committee is the one who is supposed to establish policy. The woman whose name you now suggest has been constantly identified with the opposition to the Jewish Commonwealth. It may create difficulties. She has also been identified with the present administration within her organization, which, I understand, is shortly to be replaced by a more militant Zionist point of view.

(4) In accordance with your request, Arthur Lourie is arranging for a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Emergency Committee on Tuesday, October 5, at four o'clock p.m. I hope that by that time the back of the Allotment Committee situation will have been broken.

(5) As a result of our conversation in Cleveland, I called Dr. Goldstein with reference to his letter to you to say that you were planning to name Joel Gross as Chairman of the

Committee on Community Contacts, and Rabbi Milton Steinberg as Chairman of the Committee for Intellectual Mobilization.

Dr. Goldstein, who has had very limited contact with Joel Gross, if any at all, seems terribly anxious that Mr. Gross should not be appointed to that post. I cannot tell whether it is because Dr. Goldstein personally does not like Mr. Gross, or whether he is trying to get him for a specific ZOA task.

He asked that I see him further in regard to this matter. I do not share Dr. Goldstein's view at all, and told him so.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

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Henry Mentor
Executive Director

HM:ET



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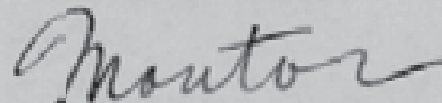
You will recall that I spoke to you about a meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal. Since you are going to be in town on October 18th and 19th, I have taken the liberty of giving your assent to a luncheon meeting of the Executive of the U.J.A. on Tuesday, October 19th, at 12:30.

I am wondering whether during your visit on the 18th and 19th, even though you will be terribly busy, it might be advisable to arrange for a meeting with the J.D.C. representatives to finish up 1944 business and at least get the organization set up. Would you want me to initiate negotiations for such a meeting with Joe Hyman?

May I tell you again how magnificently you presented the U.P.A. case at the Allotment Committee meeting. I have never seen anything done as cogently and persuasively. I think that that speech was worth \$300,000.

With kindest personal regards and looking forward to the pleasure of seeing you soon again, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:BG

October 6, 1943

Mr. Henry Montor
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Montor:

I am sending you a statement of my accumulated traveling expenses of recent weeks. I have indicated in each instance in whose behalf the trip was made.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Enc.

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October 7, 1943

Mr. Henry Montor
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Montor:

I am inclined to believe that it would be better to wait before we take up with the J.D.C. the matter of the 1944 Campaign. A little cooling off period will be very helpful....

As far as the Executive Committee meeting of the UJA on Tuesday, October 19 - I wish you would let me know what it is all about.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Dear Dr. Silver:

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Henry Monitor

I have tried to the largest extent possible to disengage myself from the work of the U.P.A. and the U.J.A., although the transition is not as easy it might sound because there were many activities which I was carrying on which will take time to explain to one person, perhaps even to more. Insofar as the Emergency Council is concerned, these represent some of my activities:

(1) I spent approximately four hours with Charles Rosenbloom on Wednesday, October 6th, going over the entire budget with him. The position that we took was that we were trying to establish the general limits of a budget with the understanding that each functioning committee will fix a budget within this general framework. It was thought desirable to draw general lines, financially, as to what was possible. There are a number of items which were considered and cast aside for the time being to be taken up later on if there should be sufficient pressure from circumstances. The budget was in the neighborhood of \$550,000. I am now trying to arrange the first meeting of the Finance Committee, since my talks with Mr. Rosenbloom were personal in character, for next Wednesday, October 13th. The letters signed by Mr. Rosenbloom and yourself have gone off to Dr. Goldstein and Judge Rosenblatt. They will be followed up.

(2) I spoke to Mrs. Jacobs about the Research Committee. She felt that she would have to see you first, as she had indicated at the Emergency Council meeting, before taking the position. I said that I knew what was in your mind; that you were terribly busy; that you would be in Washington next week; and that I would be glad to discuss the problem with her and why you had made the several remarks that you did as to the position of the Research Committee in relation to the political program of the Emergency Council. I am meeting with her tomorrow morning. Tomorrow I am also meeting with Dr. I. B. Berkson. I asked Mrs. Jacobs how she felt about Dr. Berkson. She approved heartily. This seems to have been the attitude of everybody to whom I have mentioned Dr. Berkson's name.

Mrs. Jacobs advises me that he is now receiving \$7,500 from the Esco Foundation. That is the basis on which I will proceed.

(3) Joel Gross is tied up with law business and will not be free for a meeting with me to discuss community relations until next Wednesday afternoon.

(4) I have had a long preliminary talk with Herman Shulman about the American Palestine Committee. A letter announcing the appointment of members of his committee is going out. A copy of it was sent to you. The name of Mrs. Halprin had also been removed and the name of Mrs. Epstein substituted. The other name which you eliminated had also been eliminated by us. The names of Henry Monsky and Judge Ralph Hertz of Cleveland are being added. I am meeting again with Mr. Shulman tomorrow to discuss two events in particular: (a) the Christian Conference in New York and (b) a large function of the American Palestine Committee in Washington.

(5) The most serious problem facing the Emergency Council is that of staff. The present staff is completely inadequate. By that I do not mean that the members of it are unsatisfactory, but merely that there is not enough, by far, personnel to handle the widely expanded job that we are now planning. Interviews for this purpose take a great deal of time. Sometimes I get the feeling that I am getting nowhere because so much time is wasted on these trivial matters. I recognize, however, that two or three weeks must elapse before the machine, as such, can be set up, if not necessarily perfected. We are actually creating from the ground up.

(6) The problem of space is extremely serious. As you know, one could not possibly fit the staff that we are acquiring within the limited space now held by the Emergency Committee. I have discussed the question of enlarging this space so that it would run from 43rd Street down to 42nd Street on the long, narrow strip which the Emergency Committee now occupies on the 11th floor. But even if we were to acquire the total space, which would cost approximately \$9,000, it would not be fully adequate to meet our needs. Far more important, however, than the amount of space is the type of space now occupied by the Emergency Committee. With the exception of two or three rooms, the entire area is dark. Lights must be used constantly. The impression is one of dreariness. To people who come to an office to attend meetings once a week, this may not seem significant. But it has an important psychological effect on people who work in an office, whether they be stenographers or executives. It is my thought that the efficiency of the Emergency Committee is 50% less than it might be with even the same people because of the dismal atmosphere in which the people work. I am, therefore, scouting around for quarters that would be within a stone's throw of the present building. There is a possibility, for example, of space in the building in which the U.J.A. has offices. I am hoping to have this problem disposed of within the next few days. It is the most serious problem we face from a technical point of view, since all plans for acquiring equipment, making shifts, etc., are dependent on the physical place we are to occupy.

(7) I have had a long talk with Weisgal, who I believe will be one of the most useful assets of the Emergency Council. I propose to send him a memorandum of the things which he is expected to do. My thought is to utilize every single one of the fine contacts he has made. A service which he has rendered which is of inestimable value is the publication in LIFE

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in tomorrow's issue of the nine-page layout on Palestine. It is due to him, and to him alone, that this appears. It is probably the finest piece of pro-Zionist material that has appeared in a national publication of the importance of LIFE. His effectiveness on this score, as well as in many other directions, will be integrated by me into our program.

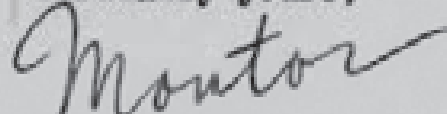
(8) I have not yet been able to manage the time for a meeting with Mr. Lipsky on the subject of publication. This will undoubtedly take place within the next day or two. For the moment, the basic items will be: (a) a Confidential Bulletin, which is described in the attached memorandum which I have sent to Mr. Lourie. It is extremely important that we maintain contact with our people all over the country and give them a sense of the confidence we repose in them; (b) the publication intended for circulation among some 10,000 people of a lay character, whether Christian or Jews--most of them, of course, will be Christians. The exact scope of this is still to be defined. The plans up to this time are, I am afraid, quite inchoate.

(9) Joel Gross tells me that he is writing to you about Rosenman, so there is no need for me to add anything on that subject.

I am terribly regretful that you could not manage to see the Treasurer. I am informed that he is the most important personality in the city which you are visiting next week, insofar as our interests are concerned. He has done many things and is said to be the greatest friend of our work who actually does something about it. I am suggesting that the attached letter be sent by you from Cleveland.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:BG
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October 8, 1943

Mr. Henry Montor
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Montor:

Would you undertake to answer
this letter?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

SIMILAR LETTER SENT TO: MISS JEANNETTE LEIBEL, HADASSAH
RABBI MAX KIRSHELM, MIZRACHI
DAVID WERTHEIM, POALE ZION

October 11, 1943

Mr. Simon Shetzer
Zionist Organization of America
1720 Sixteenth St., N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

The American Zionist Emergency Council will issue a confidential bulletin describing activities which cannot be announced to the press or carrying information which it is vital that key people throughout the country should have. It will be available in no other form. It will certainly not compete with any other source of information issued by the four organizations comprising the Emergency Council.

But the material will be genuinely confidential. Therefore, we must have on the list receiving it only those who have a proper regard for the meaning of that word. Would you be kind enough to let me have the names and addresses of Z.O.A. people throughout the country who should be on that list. It is intended that a maximum of some 500 people receive this bulletin. The aim of the bulletin is to break down the wall which exists between the national Emergency Council and the work which local leaders are called upon to do without taking them into confidence as to what is really happening in the political picture.

Your promptness in making available your list of names -- each of them carefully chosen and sponsored by yourself for reliability -- would be most helpful.

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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I will be in New York on Oct. 27 and
could arrange to attend Leichterman
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SINCE YOUR SCHEDULE FOR WASHINGTON TUESDAY OCTOBER NINETEENTH HAVE CANCELLED

YOUR APPOINTMENT VAN PAASSEN. DO YOU WISH TO GIVE HIM ANY CONVENIENT TIME ON

MONDAY. ARE THERE ANY APPOINTMENTS IN WASHINGTON YOU WISH ME TO MAKE FOR YOU.

WIRE WESTERN UNION.

HENRY MONTOR

Sender's Name _____

Address _____

Tel No. _____

American Zionist Emergency Council

41 EAST 42nd STREET
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.
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October 13, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

A dinner is to be arranged by Mr. Jacob Leichtman, a close friend of Senator Mead, so that a group of intimate friends may hear the Senator in Mr. Leichtman's home.

The date for this dinner is dependent upon your time schedule. It should of course be as soon as possible. Could you let me know by wire or otherwise what date would best fit in with your schedule of visits to New York?

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Director

EM:ET

October 13, 1943

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I would suggest that you turn this letter over to the Publications Committee.

I wish you would send me a few pamphlets published by the Jewish Agency for Palestine: (1) The Jewish Case Against the Palestine White Paper and (2) Documents relating to the Balfour Declaration and the Palestine Mandate.

There was also issued by our Government a booklet on the Palestine Mandate containing all the relative official documents. I should like to procure a few copies of it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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OFFICE OF TELEPHONE

IT IS PROPOSED THAT MEETING WITH DR WISE GOLDMANN ETCETERA BE HELD AT BREAKFAST MONDAY OCTOBER 18 AT 830 AM AT COMMODORE. THIS SEEMS MOST CONVENIENT FOR ALL CONCERNED. KINDLY WIRE CONFIRMATION. WOULD YOU WISH A LUNCHEON ARRANGED FOR TUESDAY WITH CONSTANTINE BROWN WELL KNOWN FOREIGN COMMENTATOR WHO WRITES FOR WASHINGTON STAR AND IS WIDELY SYNDICATED? HE HAS BEEN MUCH UNDER INFLUENCE OF LAZARON AND IS MOST ANXIOUS TO MEET WITH YOU I THINK THIS WOULD BE ADVISABLE SINCE HE IS IMPORTANT WRITER. KINDLY WIRE=

HENRY MONTOR.

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October 15, 1948

Mr. Henry Montor
Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Montor:

I am enclosing herewith for the archives a memorandum on my visits in Washington last Monday and Tuesday. Please see that anyone who makes any contacts for us sends a similar memorandum. I should like to see these memoranda as they arrive. I have sent a copy of this memorandum to Dr. Wise.

You might perhaps make Mr. Lourie custodian of these archives. They are to be kept confidential and are not to be circulated except by direction.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Place

Cannot meet Wise Alderman breakfast
Monday Committee N.Y. Zionist Region
requested meeting 9 a.m. Perhaps
time can be found Sunday evening
Will be pleased to meet Constantine
Brown luncheon Tuesday.
Silver

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HENRY MONTOR

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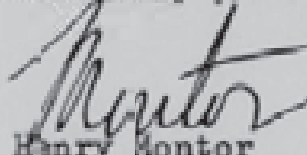
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter from Archie Greenberg, National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans, together with a copy of the letter which I have taken the liberty to write to him in reply.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:BC

October 20, 1943

Mr. Archie H. Greenberg
Jewish War Veterans of the United States
276 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Greenberg:

Thank you for your note of October 12th.

I was glad to have seen how quickly you implemented your kind offer of cooperation by attending the meeting of the American Palestine Committee of the Emergency Council. I know that your services will have great value. It is my hope that as the burden of work which I have undertaken becomes lighter in the coming months, that I will again have an opportunity of paying my respects to the fine group of men who constitute the membership of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States.

There are several directions in which you can be of enormous value and I take it for granted that these will be discussed in the American Palestine Committee. Have you given any thought to the subject of contacts with leaders of the American Legion in connection with our aspirations and achievements in Palestine? It would be very helpful indeed, for example, if those who represent the American Legion at Washington were enabled to have a "friendly" picture of what our Jews in Palestine are doing for the war effort and what the American Legion can contribute to the solution of the Jewish problem through facilitating the establishment of the Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine.

I would appreciate having your suggestions in this matter.

Very cordially yours,

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Abba Hillel Silver
Chairman of Executive Committee

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JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES
National Headquarters - 276 Fifth Avenue - New York, N.Y.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
American Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs
41 East 42 Street, Room 1131
New York City

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I received your letter of October 4th, expressing the kind sentiments for my welfare and congratulating me upon my election as National Commander. I am grateful for your expressions.

I am sure that the members of the Executive Committee will sincerely regret your inability to be with us at our meeting this coming Saturday. We always revere the name of Dr. Silver and on many occasions are boastful of the fact that you have honored us by acting as our National Chaplain. I hope at some future date you will be able to participate at one of our meetings and the men may again renew the friendship of the past.

The Jewish War Veterans of the United States is fully in accord with your idea that unity of Jewish action is of vital importance now more than ever before. We believe that the American Jewish Conference indicates clearly to the world that the Jews are neither divided nor in conflict with each other insofar as the knowledge of what we want.

We of the Jewish War Veterans also realize, more than ever, that we must seek the aid and assistance of our National leaders, such as yourself, who will interest those who are eligible to become members to join with us so that in the event we experience, in the post-war period, the unpleasant happenings of the pre-Pearl Harbor days, we will not be unprepared. We are the living symbol of the Jewish patriotism to our beloved country.

Looking forward to our meeting at some future date, and with kindest personal regards, I am,

Respectfully yours,

ARCEIE H. GREENBERG
National Commander

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October 25, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a note which I received from Dr. Wise. It will give you the information you wished on the subject of the Immigration Bill hearing.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

Henry Kontor
Henry Kontor
Executive Director

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October 22, 1943

TO HM from SSW

I have that memorandum of yours which should have been answered before this, inquiring whether Dr. Silver should appear before the Dickstein Committee. I feel that Dickstein is merely using us in order to build up a bigger majority at the next election. If he really wanted refugees admitted, he would not have proposed his name, which makes it a Yiddish thing. I confess I find it well to steer clear of almost everything that Dickstein is doing. His chairmanship of that committee is a calamity to us and I personally do not believe that Dr. Silver should appear before that committee.

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October 25, 1943

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I read the "Confidential Bulletin" and I approve of it. I would suggest that you keep in mind the following things:

- 1) The Bulletins should be sent to a very restricted and reliable group of people.
- 2) I am not sure that the name "Confidential Bulletin" is the happiest one. The idea of its being confidential ought not to be in the title.
- 3) You will have occasion frequently to attack the Palestine Administration. As far as possible use the term "Palestine Administration" or "Colonial Office" rather than "England" or "Great Britain". We will have to appeal to England as well as to our own country to repeal the White Paper. Our position is that the historic line of Great Britain on Palestine has been detoured by the bureaucracies both in the Colonial Office and in Palestine.
- 4) It is not always wise to suggest the people whom we contacted in Washington. The opposition will probably come into possession of these bulletins and may proceed at once to contact the same people in order to counteract our influence.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL
41 East 42nd Street
New York City #17

MEMORANDUM

October 29, 1943

To : Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From: Mr. Henry Montor

Attached hereto is a copy of a column by Raymond Clapper, dated October 25th. It has certain observations with respect to American Allied interests in the Middle East which have great implications for our work in Palestine. We might be able to use this point of view to emphasize that the suitable democratic Jewish community in Palestine will be far more valuable to American industry than an Arab hegemony in the Middle East.

HM:JB
Encl.

November 1, 1943

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I would appreciate receiving about fifty copies of Dorothy Thompson's address delivered at the UPA Conference in Philadelphia.

A few people have spoken to me about the desirability of having an article on Zionism in the Saturday Evening Post. I do not know whether we have been exploring that possibility.

I would suggest to our Publications Committee that it should consider at once an American edition of Ernst Frankenstein's "Justice for My People", a copy of which is available in the Zionist archives in our office. I read the little volume this summer and it is admirable.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

November 1, 1943

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

Please set the next meeting of the Executive of the Emergency Committee for Monday, November 15, and of the full committee for the evening of the same day. They would then be the regular meetings of the third Monday of the month. Our meeting, last Wednesday, would then take the place of the meeting which should be held on November 1.

2) I find it increasingly difficult to get hotel accommodations when I get to New York. Last week the Commodore, where I have been stopping for many years, had no room and after waiting a full day, I was finally able to get accommodations at the Henry Hudson. I wonder whether it would not be wise, in view of my frequent visits to New York during the next six or eight months, to rent a room or two either at the Commodore, or at some hotel close to our offices. I don't know how expensive that would be. Please look into it.

3) I am enclosing herewith a letter which I received from Mr. Louis Lipsky concerning the Committee on Publications. I notice that he speaks of an inner committee and recommends some names. Some of those named are already on other committees. I do not think that this overlapping is advisable. It is important to have one representative at least of each party on each committee. But there are enough in the total membership of the Emergency Committee and among the alternates to select from them. I should like, if possible, to have soon a complete list of all the committees and their constituent members.

4) What final arrangements have you made about a Research Director? Is it Berkson or Kohansky?

5) Please ask Mr. Weisgal to send me a full report of the Executive Committee meeting of the American Jewish Conference yesterday.

6) What progress is the American Palestine Committee making in the direction of its campaign for a large-scale membership?

7) What has been done with the telegram protesting Dr. Morgenstern's address which was to be signed by alumni of the College? Has that been given

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to the press?

8) Has the bi-weekly "Palestine" been put to print?

9) I am enclosing a letter which I received from Mr. Riegelman about the NRS. What shall we do about it? He asks for an early conference.

10) I would suggest that instead of holding the meeting of the Executive Committee the first Monday in December, that it be held on the last Monday in November, that is, November 29; and the second December meeting as planned originally, on Monday December 20. The next three meetings of the Emergency Committee would then be held on November 15, November 29 and on December 20.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BE

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P.S. 1) You may be interested in the enclosed letter of Mr. Farb of Houston, Texas and the principles adopted by Congregation Beth Israel to which Schachtel has recently come. (The gentleman who will under no circumstances become a Chaplain).

2) Only one who accepts these principles can become a first class member of the congregation with voting privileges -- a sort of Aryan clause in a congregational life. The principles are those of the Pittsburgh Conference adopted fifty years ago by a handful of Reform Rabbis. They overlook all the more recent decisions of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

3) Some time ago you sent out letters to members of the American Council for Judaism asking them to reconsider their membership on that body. What responses did you have?

4) You may be interested in answering this letter of Mr. S. Jacobson of Nova Scotia.

November 2, 1943

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

You will recall that Ambassador
Steinhardt suggested the advisability of seeing
Hopkins. You might try to arrange a meeting
with him for me for next Monday along with the
other engagements which you are making.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

November 2, 1943

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I am enclosing herewith a memorandum of my contacts in Washington last Friday. I suggest that these be circulated only to the following:

Dr. Wise as Co-Chairman
Dr. Nahum Goldmann, as Director of the Political Bureau
of the Jewish Agency
Louis Lipsky, as a member of the Jewish Agency

A report will of course also be given to the meeting of the Executive of the Zionist Emergency Council. I do not believe that it is wise to circulate too many copies of these confidential reports.

I have as yet received no reports of any contacts which Dr. Goldmann may have made for the Jewish Agency in the last few weeks. Please impress upon him that we must receive such reports regularly.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Enc.

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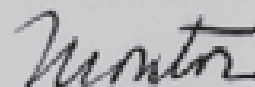
Dear Dr. Silver:

This will acknowledge your letter of November 2nd with a copy of your notes on conversations with Governor Lehman, Mr. Stettinius and Mr. Welles. These have been circulated to Dr. Wise, Dr. Goldmann, Mr. Lipsky and Meyer Weisgal. (the latter makes material available to Dr. Weizmann).

I shall take up with Dr. Goldmann the question of reports of activities in Washington.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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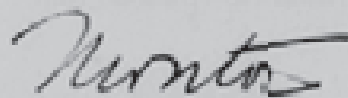
Dear Dr. Silver:

I am sending to you fifty copies of Miss Thompson's address at Philadelphia.

Judge Levinthal was in touch with Ben Hibbs, editor of the "Saturday Evening Post". It is likely that Edgar Snow is going to Palestine. You will recall him as the famous correspondent who spent many years in China. Mr. Weisgal, Chairman of the Special Services Committee, has already been in touch with the literary agent of Edgar Snow and is arranging to meet with Mr. Snow at the earliest possible opportunity. Mr. Weisgal, among his other activities, has also been in touch with William Hard, the roving editor of the "Readers' Digest". He is meeting with Mr. Hard shortly.

The question of Ernst Frankenstein's "Justice For My People" will be submitted to the next meeting of the Publications Committee which is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, November 10, at 4:00 P.M.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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November 4, 1943

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

This will acknowledge your letter of November 1st, with those items I shall deal seriatim.

May I use this letter to confirm your schedule in Washington on Monday, November 8th, when you will meet with Mr. Morgenthau at 11 a.m., and with Lord Halifax at the British Embassy at 12 noon. It is of course a very crowded schedule, but I thought it desirable not to miss this opportunity with the British Ambassador in view of what hinges upon your conclusions as a result of that meeting. I have no doubt that Mr. Morgenthau would find it possible to meet with you again in the afternoon. I have also put in motion the effort to get either Mr. Hopkins or Mr. Baruch. You will hear from me probably even before this letter reaches you. Mr. Lourie called W. D. Hayter to arrange the Halifax appointment.

The meetings have been scheduled as you suggest. That is, for November 15th there is a meeting of the Executive Committee in the afternoon, and the full Committee in the evening. A further meeting is to be held on November 29th of the Executive Committee, and on December 20th there will be a meeting of the Executive Committee in the afternoon and of the full Committee in the evening. I am wondering whether the large gap between the last two meetings may not give rise to criticism.

We are looking into the matter of getting housing accommodations. I shall report to you as quickly as possible. In any event, it would be desirable to have this space for yourself first, and we can utilize the rooms for other friends who may come to town as part of our hospitality program. It is certainly an impossible situation for you to have to come to town and sit around all day waiting for the elementary housing accommodations.

With respect to the question of overlapping membership on the several committees, I do not know how we can solve the particular situation. The mere fact that there are a large number of members on the Emergency Committee does not mean; a) that all of them are equally equipped to do certain types of work; and b) that each of them is available when called upon to do the work of a certain committee. Several of them have many other responsibilities, either in the Zionist field or professionally. We would handicap ourselves very gravely if we were to rely on letterhead committees. I happen to feel that Mr. Lipsky's idea of a working committee is sound, because he has selected people who are interested in the particular type of work he is doing who might be expected to attend meetings. We have had some rather disastrous experiences in the last two weeks of meetings being called and a very poor attendance resulting. The best attendance that I have seen thus far in any of these meetings was recorded at the Finance and Personnel Committee which met for breakfast at the Sherry-Netherland last Monday, when nine people were actually present.

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I shall be sending to you within the next two or three days as complete a list as is available at the present time of all the functioning committees. Several of them have not yet created their full committees, such as the Research Committee and the Contact with Postwar Groups and the Labor Relations Committee. I have not even had an opportunity of meeting with Mr. Max Zaritsky. However, I have been after Mr. David Wertheim who has been our very helpful contact with him and as you will have heard before this, the C.I.O. at its Convention in Philadelphia adopted a resolution on the White Paper and the Commonwealth; copies should go forward to you within the next day or so when the text reaches me.

I believe that I shall have to rule Dr. Berkson out of our consideration despite the lengthy conferences I have already held with him including one for about two hours when Mrs. Jacobs was present. Undoubtedly, his reputation as a great scholar may be deserved but he does not seem to have a flexible mind and to adjust himself to the needs of a working organization. He feels that research must be a pigeonhole all by itself with no contact with the sordid world of everyday affairs. That is not my idea at all of the usefulness to which a research department can be put. I have hesitated long before coming to this conclusion because I confess that I stand in awe of scholarship, and particularly since Dr. Berkson was so highly recommended by everyone concerned. I am meeting with Dr. Kohanski tomorrow and shall then make up my mind about going forward with him.

Mr. Weisgal did not attend the meeting of the Executive Committee of the American Jewish Conference last Sunday. It happened that the day before Max Reinhardt went into his last death agony and Weisgal was called to the bedside by Mrs. Reinhardt. He stayed there for almost three days in succession as a friend of family helping out in all the arrangements, including finally the funeral. I am informed however that the Executive Committee was very poorly attended. Mr. Monsky himself did not attend. No real action was taken. The only decision was to convene a meeting of the interim committee this coming Sunday. Presumably, you will not be able to attend. I shall try to make it my business to attend that meeting although I do not like to barge into places where I am not expected and not invited. However, I feel that the Emergency Council has a stake in the decisions to be made. Another difficulty with regard to my attendance this coming Sunday is that as a result of a discussion between Joel Gross, Leon Feuer, Simon Shetzer and myself, the fieldmen of the Zionist Organization are being called in this coming Sunday for a meeting to begin at 2 o'clock. At that time, we shall give these fieldmen who are out in the communities an idea of what the Emergency program is all about and try to utilize the best of them for quick visits to the communities so that proper emergency committees may be set up.

Insofar as the American Palestine Committee campaign for membership is concerned, the details have all been worked out. The final action has awaited Mr. Shulman's visit to Washington. This has been delayed because of business he has had to attend to here. He went to Washington yesterday and will be there today also. He carried with him a series of letters, some to be signed by Senator Wagner, and some which I hope will be signed by Will Rogers, Jr. as Secretary of the American Palestine Committee. Mr. Shulman has made an appointment with Mr. Rogers in the hope of getting him to take the latter post. He would certainly be a great asset. As soon as these approvals are given we shall go forward at once.

November 4, 1943

The telegram prepared by Joshua Leibman was circulated among the alumni of the Hebrew Union College. Apparently, Rabbi Leibman issued the text of his telegram from Boston for I saw the story in the Jewish Morning Journal yesterday on the front-page. I have not seen a copy of the actual text as issued from Boston. A wire was sent to Liebman asking that he send the list of Rabbis who actually signed. The thought in suggesting that the telegram be issued from Boston was that it would secure better publicity than if it were part of a long series of statements from New York publicity channels. One's hopes do not always work out however. The publication, Palestine is in the stage of what is called dummying-up. Mr. Lipsky does not always agree with the editorial ideas of Miss Schwartz and myself. On several occasions, I am afraid, that Mr. Lipsky's ideas do not comport with my conception of what the communities need and what the average laymind stand. Mr. Lipsky lives a rarified atmosphere of great intellectual precision. He feels, for example, that Palestine should not contain any articles of emotional value, whether these are by men like Louis Bromfield or by other authors of outstanding note. He thinks that Palestine should be on the plane of a philosophical or scientific magazine. It is because there are these disagreements, at this early stage at least, that we are delayed. I hope that Mr. Lipsky will forgive me if, after a while, the decision is made that it is better to get the material out than to have it argued about for weeks and months on end at New York. One of the great tragedies has been that these things took such long debates with the result, as you put it at the last meeting of the Emergency Council, the group "talked itself into inactivity".

I note that you have written to Mr. Riegelman, suggesting a meeting with the M.R.S. and J.D.C. on November 15th and 16th. I shall be looking forward most eagerly to word of the reply which you receive from Mr. Riegelman. I have not heard from Mr. Joseph Hyman since I last spoke to him on Friday. He had said at that time he would scout around among his people to let me know when it would be possible to arrange another date since he could not seem to arrange a meeting to coincide with the several dates that I suggested to him.

I note in the letter from Mr. Farb of Houston together with the statement of principles of his Congregation. I hope you do not mind that I turned this over to the Jewish Press Service, with which since I took over in the Emergency Council I have had very little contact because of the overwhelming nature of my present task.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Montor
Henry Montor
Executive Director

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I met this afternoon with Lee Wood, Executive Editor of the World Telegram, for the purpose of asking that the Scripps-Howard newspapers launch a nation-wide campaign against the White Paper. I gave him the full background of our situation, during which he inquired why it was that the President hadn't expressed himself in the matter.

During our discussion the following points were made:

(1) He will personally endorse a policy involving the Scripps-Howard national chain participation in attacks on the White Paper. He will submit the matter to Mr. Roy Howard, the head of the chain, and to Mr. Parker, editor-in-chief of the Scripps-Howard newspapers.

(2) He suggested that prior to his meeting with these people, which he said he would be prepared to do as soon as necessary, that a series of three articles be written, giving the story of the White Paper. He remarked that the people of America knew nothing about the White Paper, and felt that the Zionists had been derelict in not bringing the matter to the attention of the American public.

When I suggested the names of the signatories to the articles, which he suggested be some 600 words in length, he indicated instead that I write the articles and that my name be used, on the ground that people liked to feel that the articles had actually been written by the people themselves, instead of having been ghosted.

He said that these three articles should be so written that the editorial writers of the Scripps-Howard newspapers would have material on which to base their editorials in the coming months.

(3) I raised the question of advertising to tell our story. He recommended advertising. He said that the American people knew nothing of the situation, and that advertising, if it were done intelligently, would be the best means of reaching a maximum number of people. He emphasized the need of using advertising not for the splurge, but to present facts which readers could digest very quickly.

Cordially yours,

Montor
Henry Montor
Executive Director

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November 4, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I am enclosing herewith an itemized account
of the expenses involved by Rabbi Silver in connection
with the Zionist Emergency Council.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJM

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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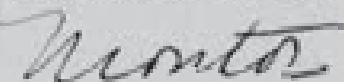
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto are copies of memoranda and conversations which Dr. Goldmann has had during the period from September through October 29th. This material was given to me by Mr. Weisgal. You will note the several conversations on October 28th and 29th with Mr. Ben Cohen, Isadore Lubin and Mr. Leary of the Near East Department.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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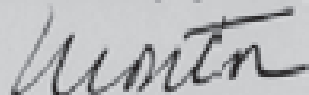
Dear Dr. Silver:

A crisis has arisen in the affairs of the Publications Committee. You asked me some time ago how the publications were going. I told you there were delays, but they are not delays for which this office is responsible.

Attached hereto is the dummy of the publication's first issue. It really is ready to go out, but Mr. Lipsky is holding up the issue. He wrote a piece which he insists should be the lead editorial. I realize that he is Chairman of the Publications Committee and has authority in the matter, but I take my responsibilities sufficiently seriously as to feel that nothing ought to go out about which there is serious question as to policy. Mr. Lipsky's editorial piece, of which I enclose a copy, has an approach which I think is quite undesirable. It is a harangue against the United States Government for its failure to take "moral leadership" in the period since the last war. I know that this is an attitude which Mr. Lipsky has expressed on quite a few occasions from the platform. I do not believe it fits into the first issue and into the editorial policy of that first issue of a publication intended to go to a great many assorted Christians who would undoubtedly resent an approach to them based on a castigation of the United States Government and its relationship to international problems.

I would appreciate it greatly if you would telephone me upon receipt of this material, since the publication is being held up.

Cordially yours.



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

Mr. Lessing Rosenwald is making his anti-Zionism a life work and going at it in a prodigious, systematic manner. Attached hereto is an exchange of correspondence between Mr. Rosenwald, Mr. Joseph Padway and Mr. Robert Hess. Mr. Padway is general counsel of the American Federation of Labor.

As you know, Mr. Hess is one of our fine Zionist friends. He is, incidentally, coming to New York next Thursday, and I am trying to integrate him into our operations.

Cordially yours,



Henry Minton
Executive Director

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MEMORANDUM

To Abba Hillel Silver

Date November 9, 1943

From Henry Mentor

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter addressed to the Zionist Organization of America and referred to us. It is from Mr. Mortimer May, Chairman of our Emergency Committee in Nashville, and one of our best leaders. This suggestion made by one of the members of his organization seems to me to be so striking, I would be grateful for your prompt advice as to what might be done, if anything, in this matter. It has extremely interesting public relations possibilities. Quick action is of course essential, if any action whatever is deemed appropriate.

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MAY HOSIERY MILLS
436 Houston Street
Nashville 10, Tenn.

October 21, 1943

Zionist Organization of America
1720 - 16th St., N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

One of our members, Mr. Clarence Bernstein, has asked me to write you in regard to an idea that he has regarding the Pope. He believes that in view of the nature of the danger that threatens Rome that the Pope will want to move elsewhere and he thought that it would be a wonderful gesture if the World Zionist Organization would offer the Pope a haven for the interim in Jerusalem. It was his thought that this might come either directly from the World Zionist Organization or be an effort, on the part of the latter, to have same done by the British Government. This whole thing may be fantastical, but I always am anxious to present any ideas that seem original and, if it seems to have any merit, trust that it will have your early consideration as, of course, it must be done soon to have any value.

Personally I do not know what to say about it as it has many implications which those of us who are not so close to the scene find it hard to judge.

Zion's greetings.

Sincerely yours,

M. May

Mortimer May:IM

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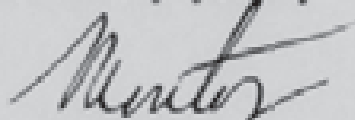
Dear Dr. Silver:

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee, it was decided to appoint a sub-committee of three lawyers to study the question of whether the Emergency Council should or should not be incorporated. These tri-headed committees never work and yet we go through with this foolishness. Since the decision has to be acted on, may I ask you to approve of the following three:

Joel Gross
Herman Shulman
Judge Morris Rothenberg

If you will wire me, I will try to arrange a meeting as quickly as their joint calendars will permit.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:ER

November 9, 1943

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

In connection with the enclosed item - I think it would be highly desirable for Mr. Monsky to go to Houston, and for Rabbi Heller to do likewise. I don't think that it would be smart strategy for me to go down there because of my official position. It would look altogether too pointed.

I would suggest that you send copies of Dorothy Thompson's pamphlet, "The Future of the Jew", to the officers and Board of Trustees of the Houston congregation. I am sure that you can get their addresses in a Houston Directory. I am enclosing herewith their names.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
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November 9, 1943

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I am enclosing herewith a memorandum of my visit to Washington, yesterday. Please send copies of it to the others who have been receiving it and make sure that Mr. Lourie also sees these memoranda.

Miss Kraus could not arrange a meeting with Hopkins. His schedule was too crowded for the day. She regretted it very much and hoped that on my next visit to Washington she would be notified in advance so that arrangements can be made.

When I see you in New York next Monday I will discuss with you my next visit to the Capitol.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL
41 East 42nd Street
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M E M O R A N D U M

November 10, 1943

To : Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From: Mr. Henry Montor

A meeting was held in New York on November 9th to organize the New York Section of the American League For a Free Palestine. I asked Miss Kinereth Dashkin, one of the American Zionist Emergency Council employees, to attend the meeting and to report on what happened.

Attached hereto is a copy of her memorandum covering the proceedings.

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November 11, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I assume that since your letter of November 9th addressed to Mr. Arthur Hays Sulzberger is marked "Copy", an original letter actually went to him.

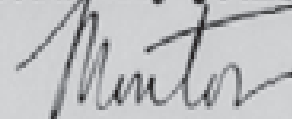
I regard your answer as the finest statement of the case against the Times that I have ever read. It is cogent; it is documented; it is persuasive.

It would seem to me that the letter could be most useful. I think we must make our minds up that Mr. Sulzberger will continue to be ever more venomous in his expression of anti-Zionism. In view of the fact that the New York Times occupies such an important place in the eyes of official Washington as of many other influential citizens and inasmuch as the Times' columns are being filled every day with all kinds of stories which are designed to undermine the Zionist movement, it is essential to begin attacking the New York Times itself.

My recommendation is this: that we engage a full page in the New York Times, or if that is not available, in the New York Herald Tribune, for the publication in full of your letter of November 9th to Mr. Sulzberger. I think that your letter can do more to discredit the New York Times and to establish the basis of Zionist policy than all the clichés which are usually the substance of pro-Palestine arguments. I do wish that you would give this consideration.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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NEW YORK N.Y.
November 16th, 1943

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MR. FRANK BERMAN
612 EDMONT AVENUE
CHESTER PENN

THE CAMPAIGN TO SAVE THE JEWISH PEOPLE OF EUROPE FROM COMPLETE ANNIHILATION IS A RACE AGAINST TIME. OUR REPRESENTATIVES ENGLAND, PALESTINE, TURKEY CABLE US FAVORABLE POSSIBILITIES FOR RESUCE. CONSIDERABLE FUNDS NEEDED BY THEM FOR WORK IN THESE COUNTRIES. OUR TREMENDOUS EFFORTS AND ACTIVITIES OF PAST FEW WEEKS - MASS PETITION MOVEMENT, TRIBUTE TO SWEDEN AND DENMARK, WEEK OF COMPASSION BY 6000 CHRISTIAN CHURCHES, PROTEST AGAINST OMISSION JEWISH DISASTER FROM MOSCOW STATEMENT ON ATROCITIES, CULMINATED YESTERDAY IN INTRODUCTION JOINT CONGRESS RESOLUTION IN SENATE AND HOUSE FOR IMMEDIATE CREATION GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY TO DEAL WITH PROBLEMS OF SAVING JEWS OF EUROPE. IMPERATIVE TO MOBILIZE PUBLIC OPINION THROUGHOUT COUNTRY TO FORCE PASSAGE RESOLUTION AND ENABLE OUR OFFICE WASHINGTON, LONDON, PALESTINE, ENGLAND, TURKEY TO CONTINUE WORK ON LARGER SCALE. EFFORTS MUST BE ACCELERATED. WE APPEAL TO YOU FOR RENEWED AND EXTENDED SUPPORT. EVERY PASSING DAY DOOMS THOUSANDS MORE. WE RELY ON YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION. PLEASE MAIL CHECK MRS. JOHN GUNTHER, TREASURER. CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS COMMITTEE ARE TAX EXEMPT.

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Dear Dr. Silver:

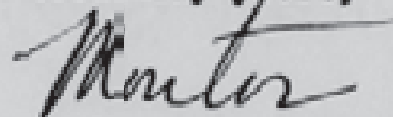
During his last visit to Washington Mr. Weisgal met with Joel Wolfsohn for the purpose of inviting him to accept the post of Public Relations Director in Washington. Mr. Wolfsohn has gone to Denver and will return on November 29th. He will then give the answer. This would involve the retirement from the post he now occupies.

Mr. Weisgal also met with Mr. William Hart, the Roving Editor of Readers Digest, who has indicated his desire to be most cooperative. This is a renewal of an old friendship between Mr. Weisgal and Mr. Hart. Mr. Weisgal also saw Mr. Edgar Ansel Mauer who has undertaken to do a lengthy piece on American policy affecting Palestine.

Professor Eli Ginzburg has expressed a request that you meet with a group of Washington people on your next visit to Washington on a Monday or Tuesday evening. When would it be convenient for you to do so?

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:ED

American Zionist Emergency Council

CONSTITUENT ORGANIZATIONS

Hedassah, Women's Zionist Organization of America
Mizrachi Organization of America
Poale Zion-Zeire Zion of America
Zionist Organization of America

41 EAST 42nd STREET
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.
Murray Hill 2-1160

November 13, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Commodore Hotel
New York City

Dear Dr. Silver:

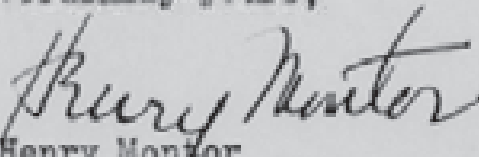
This is to remind you that you have the following three dates in Washington tomorrow, Friday:

11:00 A.M. - Wallace Murray	State Department
2:00 P.M. - Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr.	Senate Office Building
3:00 P.M. - Congressman John W. McCormack	House Office Building

I assume that you will call Elihu Stone at the Zionist office or the Roosevelt Hotel to make arrangements for him to accompany you. I think it of the utmost importance that he be with you on the two latter appointments.

With best wishes for a successful visit, I am

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:FE

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Henry Wood

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MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date November 22nd, 1943

From Mr. Henry Monitor

Attached herewith is a copy of a telegram apparently sent broadcast by the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe.

It seems to me that the telegram is subject to severe rebuke on the ground that it gives the impression that the Emergency Committee is raising funds for relief purposes.

My suggestions would be (1) that Dean Alfange and Sigrid Undset be seen immediately to be told that a statement of condemnation of this malpractice is to be issued; (2) that the American Jewish Conference take special note of this telegram and undertake to send a telegram of criticism to every Welfare Fund in the country, since the latter are being approached for funds.

HM;sh

MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date November 22nd, 1943

From Mr. Henry Monitor

I think you will be interested in seeing this "MEMORANDUM" by Prof. Carl Freidrich, Professor of Government at Harvard University. This is the document with respect to which Mr. Neumann is supposed to have been working for a long time.

The document gives the impression of being hastily done. It shows an ignorance of the basic sources and a biased interpretation of those sources available to the writer. Some of the language is that of a high school senior and not of an academic person. It is completely useless, in my judgment, not because it betrays conclusions hostile to our work but because it reveals lack of scholarship and bias in research. Basically, the writer (I can hardly believe that it was actually written by a Professor at Harvard) has confused two facts. It is a fact that ever since the war the United States Government had no consistent foreign policy, if it had any at all. That absence of policy was reflected in the attitude to all countries. But the writer concludes that in the case of Palestine and the Jewish National Home this absence of policy was a studied policy of indifference, if not hostility. It is a non-sequitur, which completely forgets the nature of American foreign policy for a generation.

HM:sh

November 24, 1943

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

Please send copies of my letter to Mr. Arthur Hays Sulzberger to the following with a note that you are sending it to them at my request.

Dr. S. Margoshes
Dr. Louis I. Newman - Congregation Rodeph Sholem
Dr. Milton Steinberg
Emanuel Neumann
Dr. Israel Goldstein
Henry Monsky

I would appreciate it if you would send me a half dozen or so copies.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:DK

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November 26, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

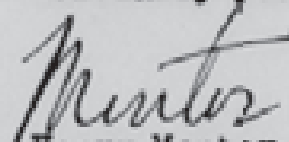
Dear Dr. Silver:

The representatives of the Jewish Legion, which served in Palestine during the last war, wanted to have the cooperation of the American Zionist Emergency Council in making representations to the British Ambassador against the White Paper. I trust it has your approval that this request for cooperation was gratified. A delegation of five former Legionnaires will go to Washington on Monday to meet with the British Ambassador, and in their capacity as men who fought to conquer Palestine with the British, will give their own point of view on the illegality and inhumanity of the White Paper.

The American Zionist Emergency Council is financing the trip to Washington.

I understand from Mr. Lourie that the memorandum to be submitted to the British Ambassador was submitted to him, and he went through it.

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:FE

November 30, 1943

Rabbi Julius Gordon
Congregation Shaare Emeth
830 Delmar Boulevard
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Rabbi Gordon:

We are anxious to have our current mobilization of public opinion against the White Paper result in the introduction and passage of a Resolution in Congress, since, as you know, the Congress unanimously endorsed the Balfour Declaration in 1922; and the Senate, in 1925, ratified the American-British Palestine Mandate Convention, which approves British trusteeship of Palestine based on the Balfour Declaration.

It would be an historic service on your part if you could enlist the support of Senator Bennett C. Clark. A visit by you and members of the local Emergency Committee to Washington to see him would be incalculably important.

Please do let me know what is possible.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

HM:PRX

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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COMMISSION ON PALESTINE SURVEYS
Administrative Office

521 Fifth Avenue
Room 1903
New York City

November 30, 1943

Mr. Henry Montor
American Zionist Emergency Council
41 East 42 Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Montor:

I beg to reply to your letter of November 29 with reference to the work of the Economic Studies and Planning Committee.

1) Dr. Silver has made a similar statement to me. He thought that the Emergency Council can presently appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to a maximum of \$20,000 for this work.

2) Dr. Silver also suggested that at a later time the Council may be able to spare additional funds for this work. That would depend on circumstances, including, of course, the state of the exchequer.

3) In our discussion I had pointed out to Dr. Silver that in the opinion of the members of the Committee with whom I had discussed the question of budget, the sum of \$15,000 or even \$20,000 would be inadequate since a program of the nature contemplated would require \$50,000 or \$60,000. The solution envisaged by Dr. Silver was twofold: (a) That the work be done through or in conjunction with some agency other than the Emergency Council itself, which is engaged in this type of work or which is prepared to go into it; (b) that the sum provided by the Council should be made available in the form of a grant or contribution and that it be supplemented by funds which may be secured from other sources, preferably from private individuals who may be interested.

4) It was agreed that I canvass the situation further, consult my Committee, sound other groups and individuals before a final decision is made. I am in the process of doing so now.

5) One arrangement which I am tentatively considering is to have the Commission on Palestine Surveys established by the Jewish Agency with the formal approval of the Emergency Committee, broaden its scope so as to include the wider program of Economic Studies and Planning. This possibility would depend on the agreement of the members of the Commission and Dr. Weizmann, as well as upon the availability of the necessary funds, partly from the Emergency Council and partly from other sources. Under such an arrangement, if it can be effected, the Council, through its Sub-Committee on Economic Studies and Planning, may place the sum of \$15,000 or \$20,000 at the disposal of the Commission, with the understanding that this sum would be used to finance certain studies

Mr. Henry Montor

November 30, 1943

of interest to the Emergency Council. There may, of course, be other solutions.

- 6) I would appreciate a full expression of your own opinion on the whole matter, and particularly constructive proposals.
- 7) I have requested the Mizrachi, Poale Zion and Hadassah to designate their respective representatives on the Committee and will advise you when such nominations are forthcoming.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

EMANUEL NEUMANN

Emanuel Neumann

EN/M



November 30, 1943

Rabbi Max Shapiro
Congregation Beth David
135 N. W. 3rd Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Max:

We are anxious to have our current mobilization of public opinion against the White Paper result in the introduction and passage of a Resolution in Congress, since, as you know, the Congress unanimously endorsed the Balfour Declaration in 1922; and the Senate, in 1925, ratified the American-British Palestine Mandate Convention, which approves British trusteeship of Palestine based on the Balfour Declaration.

It would be an historic service on your part if you could enlist the support of Senator Claude Pepper. A visit by you and members of the local Emergency Committee to Washington to see him would be incalculably important.

Please do let me know what is possible.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Henton
Executive Director

HM:PFE

Copy

November 30, 1943

Mr. Sol P. Benassy
96 Whitehall St., S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Benassy:

I know of your earnest desire to be of service in the program which we have undertaken to bring about the abrogation of the White Paper on Palestine. I am, therefore, enclosing herewith a copy of a letter written today to Mr. Julian V. Doehn, which I am confident will be of interest to you. Anything you can do to help will be deeply appreciated.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montar
Executive Director

HM:PFM

Copy

November 30, 1943

Mr. Daniel Frisch
512 Insurance Building
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Dan:

I know of your earnest desire to be of service in the program which we have undertaken to bring about the abrogation of the White Paper on Palestine. I am, therefore, enclosing herewith a copy of a letter written today to Rabbi Israel Chodes, which I am confident will be of interest to you. Anything you can do to help will be deeply appreciated.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

HM:FE
Enc.

Henry Montor
Executive Director

November 30, 1943

Mr. Herman P. Taubman
808 Gulf States Building
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Taubman:

We are anxious to have our current mobilization of public opinion against the White Paper result in the introduction and passage of a Resolution in Congress. Since, as you know, the Congress unanimously endorsed the Balfour Declaration in 1922; and the Senate, in 1925, ratified the American-British Palestine Mandate Convention, which approves British trusteeship of Palestine based on the Balfour Declaration.

It would be an historic service on your part if you could enlist the support of Senator Tom Connally. A visit by you and a good Texas delegation to Washington to see him would be incalculably important.

Please do let me know what is possible.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

C O P Y

November 30, 1943

**Mr. Sol Brachman
706 Trinity Building
Fort Worth, Texas**

Dear Mr. Brachman:

I know of your earnest desire to be of service in the program which we have undertaken to bring about the abrogation of the White Paper on Palestine. I am, therefore, enclosing herewith a copy of a letter written today to Herman F. Taubman of Dallas, which, I am confident, will be of interest to you. Anything you can do to help will be deeply appreciated.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

**Henry Montor
Executive Director**

**HM:PFE
Enc.**

C O P Y

November 30, 1943

Mr. Joe Weingarten
808 Prairie Avenue
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Weingarten:

I know of your earnest desire to be of service in the program which we have undertaken to bring about the abrogation of the White Paper in Palestine. I am, therefore, enclosing herewith a copy of a letter written today to Herman P. Taubman of Dallas, which, I am confident, will be of interest to you. Anything you can do to help will be deeply appreciated.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

HM:PFE

Henry Mentor
Executive Director

November 30, 1943

Mr. Joseph L. Hecht
511 Bush Street
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mr. Hecht:

We are anxious to have our current mobilization of public opinion against the White Paper result in the introduction and passage of a Resolution in Congress, since, as you know, the Congress unanimously endorsed the Balfour Declaration in 1922; and the Senate, in 1925, ratified the American-British Palestine Mandate Convention, which approves British trusteeship of Palestine based on the Balfour Declaration.

It would be an historic service on your part if you could enlist the support of Senator Carter Glass. A visit of a good Virginia delegation to Senator Glass' home would be incalculably important.

Please do let me know what is possible.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

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Henry Montor
Executive Director

November 30, 1943

Mr. James L. White
313 McCormick Bldg.
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Jim:

We are anxious to have our current mobilization of public opinion against the White Paper result in the introduction and passage of a Resolution in Congress, since, as you know, the Congress unanimously endorsed the Balfour Declaration in 1922; and the Senate in 1925 ratified the American-British Palestine Mandate Convention, which approves British trusteeship in Palestine based on the Balfour Declaration.

It would be an historic service on your part if you could enlist the support of Senator Elbert Thomas, who is a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Could you determine whether he plans to return to Utah for the Christmas vacation? If not, a visit by you to Washington to see him would be incalculably important.

Please do let me know what is possible.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

HM:PFH

Henry M. Porter
Executive Director

November 30, 1943

Mr. Barney Baron
403 Fourth St.
Sioux City, Iowa

Dear Mr. Baron:

I know of your earnest desire to be of service in the program which we have undertaken to bring about the abrogation of the White Paper on Palestine. I am, therefore, enclosing herewith a copy of a letter written today to Dr. Abraham G. Fleischman of Des Moines, which I am confident will be of interest to you. Anything you can do to help will be deeply appreciated.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:PFE
Enc.

November 30th, 1943

Mr. Abraham G. Fleischman
1105 Equitable Building
Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Mr. Fleischman:

We are anxious to have our current mobilization of public opinion against the White Paper result in the introduction and passage of a Resolution to Congress, since, as you know, the Congress unanimously endorsed the Balfour Declaration in 1922; and the Senate, in 1925, ratified the American-British Palestine Mandate Convention, which approves British trusteeship of Palestine based on the Balfour Declaration.

It would be an historic service on your part if you could enlist the support of Senator Guy M. Gillette. A visit by you and a good Iowa delegation to Washington to see him would be incalculably important.

Please do let me know what is possible.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:FE

November 30th, 1943

Rabbi Israel Chodes
2916 Washington Boulevard
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Rabbi Chodes:

We are anxious to have our current mobilization of public opinion against the White Paper result in the introduction and passage of a Resolution in Congress, since, as you know, the Congress unanimously endorsed the Balfour Declaration in 1922; and the Senate, in 1925, ratified the American-British Palestine Mandate Convention, which approves British trusteeship of Palestine based on the Balfour Declaration.

It would be an historic service on your part if you could enlist the support of Senator Frederick Van Nuys. A visit by you and members of the local Emergency Committee to Washington to see him would be incalculably important.

Please do let me know what is possible.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:FE

November 30th, 1943

Rabbi Sholom H. Epstein
1415 West 4th Street
Waterloo, Iowa

Dear Rabbi Epstein:

I know of your earnest desire to be on service in the program which we have undertaken to bring about the abrogation of the White Paper on Palestine. I am, therefore, enclosing herewith a copy of a letter written today to Dr. Abraham G. Fleischman of Des Moines, which I am confident will be of interest to you. Anything you can do to help will be deeply appreciated.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially your,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:PFE
Enc.

November 30, 1943

Mr. Jack Wolfe
Iowa Pringtin and Supply Co.
407 Grand Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Mr. Wolfe:

I know of your earnest desire to be of service in the program which we have undertaken to bring about the abrogation of the White Paper on Palestine. I am, therefore, enclosing herewith a copy of a letter written today to Dr. Abraham G. Fleischman of Des Moines, which I am confident will be of interest to you. Anything you can do to help will be deeply appreciated.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:PFE
Enc.

November 30, 1943

Mr. Philip W. Lown
Mill Street
Auburn, Maine

Dear Mr. Lown:

I know of your earnest desire to be of service in the program which we have undertaken to bring about the abrogation of the White Paper on Palestine. I am therefore, enclosing herewith a copy of a letter written today to Mr. Israel Bernstein, which I am confident will be of interest to you. Anything you can do to help will be deeply appreciated.

With kindest regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

HM:PEK
Encl.

Henry Montor
Executive Director

November 30, 1943

Mr. Charles Strull
101 Realty Building
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Mr. Strull:

We are anxious to have our current mobilization of public opinion against the White Paper result in the introduction and passage of a Resolution in Congress, since, as you know, the Congress unanimously endorsed the Balfour Declaration in 1922; and the Senate, in 1925, ratified the American-British Palestine Mandate Convention, which approves British trusteeship of Palestine based on the Balfour Declaration.

It would be an historic service on your part if you could enlist the support of Senator Alben W. Barkley. A visit by you and members of the local Emergency Committee to Washington to see him would be incalculably important.

Please do let me know what is possible.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:PEF

November 30, 1943

Mr. Elkan C. Voorsanger
135 W. Wells St.
Milwaukee, Wisc.

Dear Elkan:

I know of your earnest desire to be of service in the program which we have undertaken to bring about the abrogation of the White Paper in Palestine. I am, therefore, enclosing herewith a copy of a letter written today to Mr. H.D. Schwartz, which I am confident will be of interest to you. Anything you can do to help will be deeply appreciated.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

HM:PRK
Enc.

Henry Montor
Executive Director

November 30, 1943

Mr. Israel Bernstein
119 Exchange St.
Portland, Maine
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Dear Mr. Bernstein:

We are anxious to have our current mobilization of public opinion against the White Paper result in the introduction and passage of a Resolution in Congress, since, as you know, the Congress unanimously endorsed the Balfour Declaration in 1922; and the Senate, in 1925, ratified the American British Palestine Mandate Convention, which approves British trusteeship of Palestine based on the Balfour Declaration.

It would be an historic service on your part if you could enlist the support of Senator Wallace W. White, Jr. A visit by you and members of the local Emergency Committee to Washington to see him would be incalculably important.

Please do let me know what is possible.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM: PRK

November 30, 1943

Mr. Robert A. Hess
161 W. Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisc.

Dear Bob:

I know of your earnest desire to be of service in the program which we have undertaken to bring about the abrogation of the White Paper on Palestine. I am therefore, enclosing herewith a copy of a letter written today to Mr. H.D. Schwartz, which I am confident will be of interest to you. Anything you can do to help will be deeply appreciated.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:PRK
Enc.

November 30, 1943

Mr. Morton Cashner
Consolidated Insurance Agency
46 Husbaum Building
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mr. Cashner:

I know of your earnest desire to be of service in the program which we have undertaken to bring about the abrogation of the White Paper on Palestine. I am, therefore, enclosing herewith a copy of a letter written today to Mr. Joseph W. Hecht, which I am confident will be of interest to you. Anything you can do to help will be deeply appreciated.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Mentor
Executive Director

HM:PFZ
Enc.

November 30, 1943

Mr. Robert Schapiro
339 Cumberland St.
Portland, Maine

Dear Schapiro:

I know of your earnest desire to be of service in the program which we have undertaken to bring about the abrogation of the White Paper on Palestine. I am, therefore, enclosing herewith a copy of a letter written today to Mr. Israel Bernstein, which I am confident will be of interest to you. Anything you can do to help will be deeply appreciated.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

HM:PRK
Enc.

Henry Montor
Executive Director

November 30, 1943

Mr. Philip Slomovitz
The Jewish News
2114 Penobscot Bldg.
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Phil:

We are anxious to have our current mobilization of public opinion against the White Paper result in the introduction and passage of a Resolution in Congress, since, as you know, the Congress unanimously endorsed the Balfour Declaration in 1922; and the Senate, in 1925, ratified the American British Palestine Mandate Convention, which approves British Trusteeship of Palestine based on the Balfour Declaration.

It would be an historic service on your part if you could enlist the support of Senator Arthur Vandenberg. A visit by you and members of the local emergency Committee to Washington to see him would be incalculably important.

Please do let me know what is possible.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

HM:PRK

Henry Montor
Executive Director

C O P Y

November 30, 1943

**Mr. Archibald Silverman
210 Blackstone Boulevard
Providence, R.I.**

Dear Mr. Silverman:

We are anxious to have our current mobilization of public opinion against the White Paper result in the introduction and passage of a Resolution in Congress, since, as you know, the Congress unanimously endorsed the Balfour Declaration in 1922; and the Senate, in 1925, ratified the American-British Palestine Mandate Convention, which approves British trusteeship of Palestine based on the Balfour Declaration.

It would be an historic service on your part if you could enlist the support of Senator Theodore Green. A visit by you and members of the local Emergency Committee to Washington to see him would be incalculably important.

Please do let me know what is possible.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

**Henry Montor
Executive Director**

HM:RK

November 30, 1943

Mr. Charles J. Rosenbloom
512 Union Trust Building
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Charles:

We are anxious to have our current mobilization of public opinion against the White Paper result in the introduction and passage of a Resolution in Congress, since, as you know, the Congress unanimously endorsed the Balfour Declaration in 1922; and the Senate, in 1925, ratified the American-British Palestine Mandate Convention, which approves British trusteeship of Palestine based on the Balfour Declaration.

It would be an historic service on your part if you could enlist the support of Senators Joseph F. Guffey and James J. Davis. A visit by you and members of the local Emergency Committee to Washington to see them would be incalculably important.

Please do let me know what is possible.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

HM:PMK

Henry Montor
Executive Director

November 30, 1943

Mr. Julian V. Boehm
Union Central Life Insurance Building
14022 Peachtree Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Boehm:

We are anxious to have our current mobilization of public opinion against the White Paper result in the introduction and passage of a Resolution in Congress, since, as you know, the Congress unanimously endorsed the Balfour Declaration in 1923; and the Senate, in 1926, ratified the American-British Palestine Mandate Convention, which approved British trusteeship of Palestine based on the Balfour Declaration.

It would be an historic service on your part if you could enlist the support of Senator Walter F. George. A visit by you and a good Georgia delegation to Washington to see him would be incalculably important.

Please do let me know what is possible.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:PFH

December 1, 1943

Mr. Milton Kutz
3104 Dupont Building
Wilmington, Delaware

Dear Mr. Kutz:

We are anxious to have our current mobilization of public opinion against the White Paper result in the introduction and passage of a Resolution in Congress, since, as you know, the Congress unanimously endorsed the Balfour Declaration in 1922; and the Senate, in 1935, ratified the American-British Palestine Mandate Convention, which approves British trusteeship of Palestine based on the Balfour Declaration.

It would be an historic service on your part if you could enlist the support of Senator James M. Tamm. A visit by you and a good Delaware delegation to Washington to see him would be incalculably important.

Please do let me know what is possible.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HMP:K

December 1, 1943

Mr. Ben V. Codor
Jewish Federation of Delaware
100 East 7th Street
Wilmington, Delaware

Dear Codor:

I know of your earnest desire to be of service in the program which we have undertaken to bring about the abrogation of the White Paper on Palestine. I am, therefore, enclosing herewith a copy of a letter written today to Mr. Milton Katz, which I am confident will be of interest to you. Anything you can do to help will be deeply appreciated.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

HMA:YB

Henry Menter
Executive Director

December 1, 1943

Mr. Aaron Finger
2305 Harrison
Wilmington, Del.

Dear Mr. Finger:

I know of your earnest desire to be of service in the program which we have undertaken to bring about the abrogation of the White Paper on Palestine. I am, therefore, enclosing herewith a copy of a letter written today to Mr. Milton Katz, which I am confident will be of interest to you. Anything you can do to help will be deeply appreciated.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:PTB
Enc.

C O P Y

December 1, 1943

Mr. Theodore Strimling
321 N. Highland Ave.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Strimling:

I know of your earnest desire to be of service in the program which we have undertaken to bring about the abrogation of the White Paper on Palestine. I am, therefore, enclosing herewith a copy of a letter written today to Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin, which I am confident will be of interest to you. Anything you can do to help will be deeply appreciated.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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Encl.

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C O P Y

December 1, 1943

Mr. Gustave L. Goldstein
453 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Gus:

I know of your earnest desire to be of service in the program which we have undertaken to bring about the abrogation of the White Paper on Palestine. I am, therefore, enclosing herewith a copy of a letter written today to Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin, which I am confident will be of interest to you. Anything you can do to help will be deeply appreciated.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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C O P Y

December 1, 1943

Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin
636 S. Hobart Boulevard
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Rabbi Magnin:

We are anxious to have our current mobilization of public opinion against the White Paper result in the introduction and passage of a Resolution in Congress, since, as you know, the Congress unanimously endorsed the Balfour Declaration in 1922; and the Senate, in 1925, ratified the American-British Palestine Mandate Convention, which approves British trusteeship of Palestine based on the Balfour Declaration.

It would be an historic service on your part if you could enlist the support of Senator Hiram Johnson. Senator Johnson is a member of the Foreign Relations Committee. Could you canvass the ground to see whether it is deemed desirable to approach him on this subject? There has, I know, been hesitancy in the past. I have no advice to offer, but I am wondering if the attempt to enlist his support might not be appreciated by him.

Please do let me know what is possible.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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December 1, 1943

Mr. Harold J. Goldenberg
Oak Grove Hotel
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Goldenberg:

We are anxious to have our current mobilization of public opinion against the White Paper result in the introduction and passage of a Resolution in Congress, since, as you know, the Congress unanimously endorsed the Balfour Declaration in 1922; and the Senate, in 1925, ratified the American-British Palestine Mandate Convention, which approves British trusteeship of Palestine based on the Balfour Declaration.

It would be an historic service on your part if you could enlist the support of Senator Henrik Shipstead. Could you canvass the ground to see whether it is deemed desirable to approach him on this subject? There has, I know, been hesitancy in the past. I have no advice to offer, but I am wondering if the attempt to enlist his support might not be appreciated by him.

Please do let me know what is possible.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HJM:FE

December 1, 1943

Mrs. Irving Levy
V. 1472 First National Bank Building
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Levy:

I know of your earnest desire to be of service in the program which we have undertaken to bring about the abrogation of the White Paper on Palestine. I am, therefore, enclosing herewith a copy of a letter written today to Mr. Harold J. Goldenberg, which I am confident will be of interest to you. Anything you can do to help will be deeply appreciated.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HMP:FB
Enc.

December 1, 1943

Mr. Jesse B. Calmenson
716 Pioneer Building
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Jesse:

I know of your earnest desire to be of service in the program which we have undertaken to bring about the abrogation of the White Paper on Palestine. I am, therefore, enclosing herewith a copy of a letter written today to Mr. Harold J. Goldenberg, which I am confident will be of interest to you. Anything you can do to help will be deeply appreciated.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:PFE
Enc.

December 2, 1943

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

1) I have not yet received copies of the Sulzberger letter. I need about a dozen. Please send ~~some~~ also to Mr. Jacob Billikopf who writes me confidentially that he has seen a photostatic copy of Sulzberger's letter to me. I am wondering whether in view of the wide circulation which is being given to Sulzberger's letter it would not be desirable to publish both letters in the next issue of the New Palestine.

2) I was not satisfied with the format or contents of the first issue of "Palestine". Others have commented rather unfavorably. I know that first issues are always hard to get up and that it will be some time before the magazine rights itself. I think the format should be a little larger, something of the type of Niebuhr's periodical, or should have at least a distinctive type and a different paper. I spoke to Mr. Lipsky about it. I would let his committee work out its problems and assume full responsibility.

3) I am hoping that our publicity department will give large scale and extensive publicity to the campaign of the American Palestine Committee presenting it as a new and major effort headed off by the heads of both political parties and reaching out to tens of thousands of leading Americans in support of the Jewish National Home. If we wait too long the League for Free Palestine will get into the picture in a very large way and completely eclipse our campaign. News releases should be made to the daily press both English and Jewish.

4) I have not yet received Goldmann's transcript of the conversation which we had with Wallace Murray on November 19.

5) The Cleveland Zionist Society will have its annual Chanukah meeting and party on December 22. I would like an outstanding man to address this meeting inasmuch as the Society has had no important meeting this season. Can you suggest someone? Would you get in touch with Pierre Van Paassen. Who else draws well in Zionist circles and is available for that day?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

December 2, 1943

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

Thank you for sending me the letter addressed to Mr. Paul Baerwald by Mr. Herbert S. Benjamin. I should like to know what response Mr. Baerwald sent to Mr. Benjamin.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

APS:BX

December 3, 1943

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I would appreciate it if you would let me have a list of the financial commitments made so far by us in engaging the services of certain people to do our work. I would like to have a general over all picture of our financial commitments as of the moment.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

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December 4, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

You will recall that several weeks ago I spoke to you about my desire to withdraw from the Emergency Council. I indicated at the time that I would leave this pending until after we had moved and the machinery was working more smoothly.

We are now in a stage where I can carry out what I had intended. I am, therefore, withdrawing from the Emergency Council to my own work in the United Palestine Appeal. Please believe that this resignation is not submitted for "bargaining" purposes or for any other reason except my considered determination not to continue in this present work.

I would not have written you this note were I not fully conscious of all its implications. I shall, of course, continue with whatever current projects have been initiated, but not after January 1st. There will be ample opportunity by that time to induct a successor.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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DECEMBER 3, 1943

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To HENRY MONTOR

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December 6, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

This will acknowledge your letter dated December 2 which I received today.

Your letter must have crossed a shipment from me of copies of the Silver letter. An additional twelve copies are being sent you under separate cover. I am sending one to Mr. Jacob Billikopf, in accordance with your suggestion.

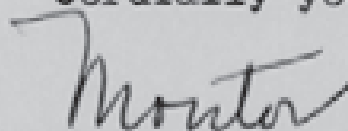
You will recall my earlier observation that I regarded your letter to Mr. Sulzberger as one of the finest pieces of Zionist propaganda that has been written. I even felt that it was sufficiently good to be used as the text for a full page advertisement. If we are to succeed in neutralizing the New York Times we must blast the New York Times as a focus of anti-Zionist agitation. Otherwise the Times will continue to be regarded as a neutral organ, and as a paper which must obviously be fair to Jewish things because it is owned by a Jew. I certainly heartily approve publication in full in the New Palestine. Would you want me to carry this forward with the editor, or will you communicate directly with him? ✓

I am giving instructions to Mr. Manson, our new publicity director who was formerly the assistant to Mr. Eenen, to go forward with a large-scale publicity campaign on the enlarged American Palestine Committee. Under separate cover I am sending you a plan of advertising which would use the American Palestine Committee as its source. This would tie in with your own thinking as to the need for large-scale publicity on this aspect of our work.

The transcript of Dr. Goldmann's conversation with Wallace Murray on November 19 was handed to you in the folder at the last meeting of the Emergency Council. Apparently you did not have an opportunity to read it. A copy thereof is going to you herewith.

Mrs. Shepard of our Speakers' Bureau will check on the availability of Pierre van Paassen or someone equally good for the meeting of the Cleveland Zionist Society, and will wire promptly.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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December 6, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In accordance with your request I am sending you herewith a statement of commitments undertaken by the American Zionist Emergency Council for the period from October 15, 1943 through October 15, 1944.

These are commitments as of this time, and will, of course, be increased as we go along.

I am also sending you herewith an accounting of receipts and disbursements for the period from October 15 through November 26, 1943.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Montor
Henry Montor
Executive Director

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December 7, 1943

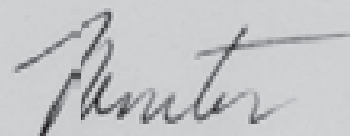
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith are copies of letters that have gone to key people in the communities represented by Senators who are members of the Foreign Relations Committee. I shall send you copies of replies as they come in, so that you may have a picture of the attitude as sensed by these contacts.

On Monday, Rabbi Feuer spoke to me from Washington after a meeting with Elihu Stone and Leo Sack. Rabbi Feuer told me that they had agreed between them to spend the next week seeing members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Copies of the material being sent to you have gone to Rabbi Feuer.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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To Mr. Henry Montor

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Street and No. 342 Madison Ave.

Place New York

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Sender's Name _____

Address _____

Tel. No. _____

December 7, 1943

Mr. Henry Montor
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Montor:

I am enclosing an article which appeared Tuesday in the Jewish Morning Journal. It is clearly placed by the Bergson group as part of their campaign to launch their League for Free Palestine. I did not know that the Morning Journal was lending itself to that campaign. The matter is very serious and I believe you should get in touch with Mr. Jacob Fishman at once. I think, too, an article on the American Palestine Committee should appear as soon as possible in the Morning Journal to point out that the Zionist Emergency Council is doing that which this writer, Isaac Zar, has in mind.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

P.S. Inasmuch as I am to be in New York next Monday through Wednesday I am wondering whether you can't arrange for the meeting with Mr. Hillman.

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December 7, 1943


Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter from
Mr. Neumann and a copy of my reply to him.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:TBB
Encs.

December 8, 1943

Mr. Henry Montor
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Montor:

I would suggest that you take up the matter of the publication of the Sulsberger correspondence with the editor of the New Palestine.

I recall that some effort was made to arrange a meeting with Mr. Baruch. I do not recall what eventuated. I think it is important to talk to him. I do not know him personally, never having met him. I wonder who in New York is close to him to arrange such a meeting between him and me.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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December 9, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

This will acknowledge your letter dated December 7th with regard to the material appearing in the Jewish Morning Journal in the form of an article by Isaac Zar. I am speaking to Mr. Fishman about the problem, and am having Mr. Isreeli, who is a very alert and competent newspaper man, do what he can.

May I point out again that a great many of the misunderstandings which have arisen in the Yiddish press are due to the fact that the Yiddish press has had no opportunity of meeting you and of getting some clear idea of the manifold ways in which you are trying to influence the scene for the furtherance of our Zionist objectives. I had asked Mr. Isreeli to communicate with you by telephone to urge that Tuesday evening be made available by you for a meeting with the Yiddish press.

As your calendar stands at the moment, it involves:

- 1) A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Emergency Council at 4 P.M. Monday, December 13th.

A meeting with the full Emergency Council at 8 P.M. Monday.

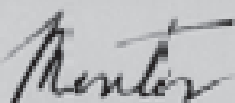
- 2) At the suggestion of Dr. Goldwasser, I am trying to arrange a meeting with the JDC for Tuesday morning, December 14th. In the meantime, a meeting has been arranged with the JDC at 10 A.M. Tuesday at the UJA office.

On Tuesday, December 14th, at 4 P.M. there is a meeting of the Administrative Committee of the UJA.

It would therefore be possible insofar as the schedule I have before me is concerned, to have a dinner meeting with the Yiddish newspaper men.

I am trying to arrange another meeting with Mr. Hillman for you.

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:MD

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

MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date December 10, 1943

From Henry Montor

Please note that copies of "Shall The Door Be Shut?", a pamphlet devoted to the White Paper and containing the text of the 1939 speech by Winston Churchill, has gone to every member of the House of Representatives, every member of the United States Senate, every Governor in the United States and to every newspaper editor in the United States.

HM:BG

CC: DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

December 10, 1948

Dr. I. B. Barkson
Esco Foundation
8 West 40th Street
New York City

Dear Dr. Barkson:

This is to put into writing the conversation we have had on this subject on many occasions.

This is an invitation to you to join the staff of the American Zionist Emergency Council in the capacity of Director of the Research Department. The salary is at the rate of \$9,000 annually.

It is my understanding that you will be available for such service beginning January 1st or as soon thereafter as you can terminate the work which you are now doing for the Esco Foundation.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:BG

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Published Monthly by HABONIM, Labor Zionist Youth

December 16, 1943

Dr. Atba Hillel Silver
Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

We have received innumerable requests from our readers in many cities for clarification of the circumstances surrounding the Rogers-Baldwin Resolution that has been introduced in Congress. We feel that it is of utmost importance for responsible Zionist leaders to clarify the issues that have been raised, specifically in connection with this Resolution and more generally in connection with the group that is sponsoring it.

The problems presented by our readers are as follows:

To what extent would this Resolution be effective in solving the problems it raises?

What action has been taken by the official Zionist bodies with regard to the Resolution?

What action has been taken in connection with the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe?

What steps are being taken to tackle the problems they have brought into the open: the need to rescue the Jews in Europe and the dissemination of propaganda about the Jewish position and demands today?

How will those liberal forces which have lined up with the Emergency Committee to Save the Jews of Europe be utilized to further the work of responsible Zionist bodies?

We have requested a number of individuals to express their opinions on these matters and we will appreciate it very much if, as soon as possible, you will send us your answers to these questions. We are anxious to include this discussion in our forthcoming January issue which goes to press at the end of next week. We will, of course, not quote your letter directly if you so indicate.

I hope that you find it possible to respond to this request.

Sincerely yours,

(signed)
Shirley Lashner
Managing Editor

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I SHALL PROBABLY NOT ATTEND THE MEETING OF THE ZOA EXECUTIVE DECEMBER 21.

REQUEST THAT YOU PRESENT REPORT FOR THE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE. REGARDS.

A H SILVER

Sender's Name

Address

Tel No.

December 19, 1943

PERSONAL

Mr. Henry Montor
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Montor:

I would appreciate it if you would give me some information about the Independent Press Service. At the time of the Columbus Convention, a meeting was held at which funds were solicited from the Zionists for the Independent Press Service. I recall that I made a pledge myself. I am wondering whether those funds are being collected and who the treasurer is.

At the time we discussed a grant to the JTA, a few weeks ago in New York, it was also suggested that a similar grant be made to the Independent Press Service. Has that been done?

Are you continuing your connections with this Press Service? If not, who is the present editor? I note that the Service has recently been circulating a series of articles by Mr. Lipton on Zionism which seem to have the new "ideologic slant" of the Bergson group. I note that the same Mr. Lipton is a member of the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe, and that Miss Babette Deutsch is on its Executive Board. Is this the same Miss Deutsch who has been writing for the Independent Press Service?

The most recent "Information Bulletin" of the American Council for Judaism, on page four, quotes with delight from a recent article by Mr. Ribalow, circularized by the Independent Press Service, called "Has Zionist Education Failed in the United States?". At the time this article appeared, I meant to write you about it and ask you what particular purpose such an article serves at this time, but in the rush of work, I neglected to do so. I am wondering whether the Independent Press Service, in its desire to be "independent", is not leaning over backwards.

You know of course that both the American Jewish Conference and the Zionist organizations of America are preparing to attack and expose the irresponsible activities of the Bergson group. From what you told me in our conversation, last week, you do not approve of the proposed expose. I am wondering whether your attitude will be reflected

Mr. Montor

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December 20, 1943

in the Independent Press Service.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX



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December 20th, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Elihu Stone has written to me from Washington to urge that the Palestine Resolution be introduced promptly so that there can be a basis on which to approach Senators and Representatives.

He has also suggested the text of a Resolution as he would like to see it drawn up. I have suggested to him that he draft such a Resolution which could be submitted to you.

He feels that there are certain passages in the Rothenberg-Shulman Resolution which are not appropriate for Congressional action.

Is it your view that:

A. A Resolution can be introduced before January 10th when Congress reconvenes, or

B. That such a Resolution must await a meeting with the President.

The introduction of a Resolution would undoubtedly give to all the work of the Emergency Council a focus which would galvanize the activities of its followers throughout the country.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:SH

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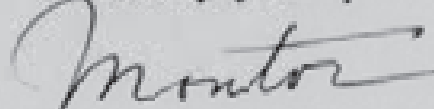
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter addressed to you by the Managing Editor of "Furrows", one of the Zionist Youth publications, which seems quite well edited.

Since the request is for a personalized reply, I thought that you would prefer to deal with it directly instead of through the normal publicity channels. Would you prefer that this office prepare the reply?

Cordially yours,



Henry Monter
Executive Director

HM:SE
Enc.

December 21, 1943

Mr. Henry Montor
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Montor:

Do you have any stationery that may be used as page two of a letter written on the same stationery on which this letter is written? Your office sent us this stationery last week and I thought that you might perhaps be able to match it. Please send us about two hundred sheets, if you have it.

With best wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

December 21, 1943

Mr. Henry Montor
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Montor:

I am enclosing a letter from Mrs. Rose Jacobs. Please send to the New Palestine a note of the transfer of the material from the Esco Foundation to the Emergency Council, and an expression of the gratitude of the Emergency Council which was voted at the last meeting. I am also enclosing a copy of the terms for the transfer of the collection which I have signed, as well as the inventory of the material loaned to us.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BX

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December 22, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

This will acknowledge your letter of December 19th referring to the Independent Jewish Press Service. Following the meeting at Columbus, to which you refer, I dropped any editorial participation in the Independent Jewish Press Service. I could not carry that and my other work as well. The personal relationship that I had with the Independent Jewish Press Service through the editorial supervision given by Miss Neumark was severed many months ago. Mr. J. L. Teller, who was for many years one of the star reporters of the Jewish Morning Journal, assumed complete editorial direction and management.

I have not always had time to read the Jewish Press Service material as rapidly and as regularly as I would have liked, but from time to time I have seen items which have displeased me greatly. The series of articles by Mr. Lipton is a case in point. When I learned that the several articles that had appeared were merely the beginning of a long series, I called Mr. Teller and gave him my views on the subject. He also discussed the matter with Dr. Goldstein, I understand. Mr. Teller informs me that some seven or eight articles which he had had in his till from Mr. Lipton and which were to discuss the Zionist movement in the same terms will not appear, although they had been officially scheduled. There have been several other instances of this kind. I know that they do not represent any malice on the part of Mr. Teller, who is a very good Poale Zionist. But you are probably correct in assuming that an editor's reverence for the word "independent" may sometimes lead to injudiciousness. I believe that the several talks that I have had with Mr. Teller should prove helpful.

Mr. Teller is one of the coming younger journalists and I think should be encouraged in the proper way. In fact, I should like for him to have a special interview with you when you are next in New York. It is this kind of personal treatment which has won for the Emergency Committee people some of their most enthusiastic press friends. I am certain that your capacity to win such friends is incomparably greater. During your interview with Mr. Teller you could drop some hints or observations which would go far to strengthen what has already been said to him.

As to the attack on the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People, I am trying, rightly or wrongly, to take into account that

December 22, 1943

intangible element called "public relations". Whatever may be their methods, the Emergency Committee people have fastened themselves upon the imagination or the admiration of great numbers of people—Jews as well as non-Jews. It has been my thought that activity on the part of the American Jewish Conference and the Emergency Council would go far toward eliminating the effectiveness of the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People as a nuisance.

Incidentally, Mr. Kenen showed to me yesterday the statement that had been drafted for release by the American Jewish Conference. I found it temperate and very well written. I do not think that sober-minded people could object to that kind of statement.

One of the qualms that I have had with respect to the Emergency Committee arises out of the fact that many months ago, after we had discussed the matter, I met with Mr. Bergson. I was in no position to do anything but conduct an exploratory conversation. I could not commit anybody to anything. However, a suggestion was made that we consider further the possibility of a consultative arrangement whereby we would be mutually advised of each other's activities, with the thought in mind of controlling the Emergency Committee actions. You will recall that no further action was taken in this matter. Others who had dealt more intimately and for a longer period with Mr. Bergson feel that I was naive in assuming that any sound results could come out of such collaboration. In any event, I feel that some responsibility may attach to me for failure to carry through on our original conversation.

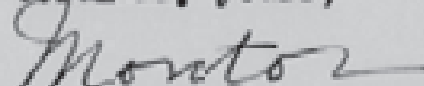
Insofar as the Independent Jewish Press Service is concerned, I have determined that the severance of my editorial relationship shall continue permanently. Some of my friends feel that it is still terribly important to maintain an effective interest in it to guide it a little more strongly and to use it for its countervailing value. Perhaps you might even consider the advisability of your becoming President of the corporation.

I mention the above in answer to your question as to whether any attitude I may have with respect to the tactics to be observed concerning the Emergency Committee will be reflected in the Press Service. It cannot be.

At the time of the meeting at the Biltmore Hotel between Dr. Wise, Dr. Goldman, Mr. Lipsky and yourself, it was agreed that the sum of \$2,500 for a six-month period should be granted to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency and a similar sum to the Jewish Press Service. As you know, the check for \$2,500 has already been forward to the JTA. The check for the Jewish Press Service has not yet gone forward. I had planned to see that it is transmitted before the end of the year.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:BO

American Zionist Emergency Council

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December 23, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

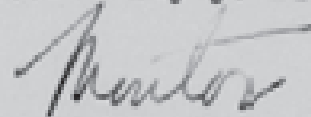
Dear Dr. Silver:

Rabbi Wolf Gold has advised me that he is meeting next week with Professor Arbez, whom he identifies as the Dean of the Catholic University at Washington. He believes that there may be some possibility of Professor Arbez arranging an appointment with the Apostolic Delegate in Washington. He asked whether this would have our approval.

I told him that you had discussed Rabbi Gold's relation to the Catholic hierarchy and that I had indicated that you thought Rabbi Gold could do an excellent job.

Accordingly, I told him that if he could meet with the Apostolic Delegate for exploratory purposes there would be no objection. I trust that this meets with your approval.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:LF

December 24, 1943

PERSONAL

Mr. Henry Montor
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Montor:

I shall be very happy to see Mr. J. L. Teller. I would suggest that no money from the Emergency Committee be forwarded to the Jewish Press Service until I will have had a chance to talk to Mr. Teller. I recall that Mr. Teller recently had an article in the Jewish Morning Journal praising the program of Bergson's League for a Free Palestine.

Taking all the scattered facts into consideration, we may have to reconsider the whole subject at a forthcoming meeting of our group.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date December 28, 1948

From Henry Montor

Attached hereto is a comment from Dr. Carl Hermann Voss of the Christian Council on Palestine on the suggestion made to him to make inquiry about the feasibility of using advertisements on the Christian Council in Christian publications.

Do you agree to the thought that the Emergency Council would finance advertisements in the New York Times and other papers along the lines suggested by Dr. Voss?

HM:BO
Enc.



December 29, 1943

Mr. Henry Montor
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Montor:

I approve heartily of Dr. Carl Hermann Voss' suggestion about getting a Resolution denouncing the White Paper signed by an influential list of signatures published in a large advertisement under the imprimatur of the Christian Council on Palestine. I would suggest that you request Dr. Voss to go ahead with it so that the advertisement may appear without much delay. Please suggest to him that included in the advertisement there should be a reference to the Jewish National Home and the Jewish Commonwealth.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

December 29, 1943

Mr. Henry Montor
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Ave.
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My dear Mr. Montor:

I should like you to present at the meeting of the Emergency Council next Monday a financial statement for the last three months since the re-organization of the Emergency Council. The statement should indicate total expenditures as well as commitments for the remainder of the year. I should like to have the members of the Emergency Council know the monthly rate of expense at which we are operating.

You may wish to go over those figures with Mr. Shapiro before the meeting, and perhaps also with Mr. Rosenbloom, the Treasurer.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AMS:BX

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December 29, 1943

Miss Bessie Kline
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Kline:

You were kind enough at our instance to obtain a stenographer for the meeting of the Emergency Council in Cleveland on December 11th and 12th. I had assumed that the person would be a stenotypist.

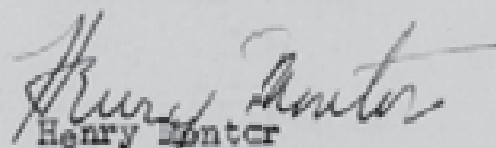
The gentleman who actually took the notes, Mr. Herman I Toll, seems to have been from another age. Not only did he take notes by hand but he actually used one of the old-fashioned pens which must be dipped in an ink bottle.

I am not surprised therefore that on December 23th, two weeks after the meeting, we have not had a line although we were urgently in need of the transcript of the proceedings.

My intention in writing to you is not to complain, but merely to apprise you of this gentleman's capacities of which undoubtedly you were not aware. I assume that you will not wish to recommend him to anybody else.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,


Henry Kantor
Executive Director

HM:MD