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National Conference for Palestine of the United Jewish Appeal,
1943.

United Palestine Appeal

FOR THE DEFENSE AND UPBUILDING OF THE JEWISH NATIONAL HOME IN PALESTINE

PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND (KEREN HAYESOD) and JEWISH NATIONAL FUND (KEREN KAYEMETH)

41 EAST 42nd STREET, NEW YORK CITY

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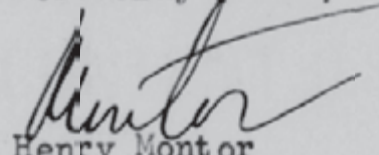
Dear Dr. Silver:

The location of the conference at Philadelphia will be the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel on April 17th and 18th.

There is only one difficulty, however, and that is that on 72 hours notice or without notice, the army may take over the hotel for additional numbers of WAACS. This, of course, might be true of any hotel in a metropolitan center. It is a hazard which, I assume is tied up with any convention at this time.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:BC

HERBERT H. LEHMAN
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 15, 1943.

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My dear Dr. Silver:

I am in receipt of your letter of March eighth inviting me to attend the National Conference for Palestine to be held in Philadelphia on May first and second.

I greatly appreciate the invitation and wish that I could avail myself of it. Unfortunately, however, it is not possible for me to do so. As you can well imagine, I am under very great pressure of work which keeps me continuously in Washington. I have been so busy in setting up the work of the organization and in planning for future operations that for the time being I have found it quite impossible to accept any invitations save of an official character. As a matter of fact, I never can tell in advance what calls may be made on me, or, in fact, where I may be on any specific date. Under the circumstances, I am forced for the present to ask to be excused from accepting any invitations which would call me away from Washington. I am sure that you will fully understand the situation.

May I send my heartiest greetings and good wishes to the officers and delegates to the National Conference. I am certain I need not assure you of my continued very great interest in the economic and spiritual development of Palestine.

Very sincerely yours,

Herbert H. Lehman

Herbert H. Lehman

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
United Palestine Appeal,
41 East 42nd Street,
New York, New York.

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WESTERN UNION

WASHINGTON DC

APRIL 7, 1943

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER
UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL 41 EAST 42 ST

REPLYING YOUR WIRE APRIL SIXTH APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS
IN INVITING ME TO TAKE PART IN AND SPEAK AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE
FOR PALESTINE SUNDAY MAY 2ND AT BELLEVUE STARTFORD HOTEL PHILADELPHIA.
REGRET HOWEVER THAT PRESENT PLANS CALL FOR MY BEING OUT OF THE COUNTRY
WITH TRUMAN COMMITTEE AT THAT TIME WHICH MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME
TO ACCEPT. YOU MAY BE SURE THAT IF I WERE TO BE HERE I WOULD BE
GLAD TO BE WITH YOU AND WHILE THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT THE TRUMAN
COMMITTEE TRIP MAY NOT TAKE PLACE NEVERTHELESS I DO NOT FEEL JUSTIFIED
IN ASKING YOU TO WAIT TEN DAYS FOR THAT TO BE DEFINITELY DETERMINED.
PLEASE ACCEPT MY BEST WISHES FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE MEETING I BELIEVE
THAT PROGRESS IS BEING MADE ALONG THE LINES IN WHICH YOU ARE INTERESTED
BOTH IN WINNING THE WAR AND SECURING A JUST AND LASTING PEACE. YOURS
SINCERELY.

HAROLD H. BUETON US SENATOR FROM OHIO

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April 8, 1943

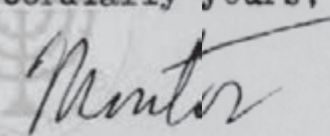
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto for your records is a copy of a wire from Senator Harold Burton. In order not to delay matters much longer, an invitation was extended to him.

HM:JB
Encl.

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

WASHINGTON

9 April 1943

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I greatly regret that I am unable, because of the press of official business here, to accept your invitation to be present at the National Conference for Palestine. It was most kind of you to invite me and I know you will understand how difficult it is for me to get away from Washington at this time.

The problem of the Jewish people in conquered Europe is one which lies very close to the heart of those things for which the United Nations fight. Our victory, to be a true victory, must ensure that never again will race or creed be allowed to serve as the excuse for the persecution of the innocent and helpless.

Faithfully yours,

Frank Knox

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
National Chairman,
United Palestine Appeal,
41 East 42nd Street,
New York, New York.

STATE OF INDIANA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
INDIANAPOLIS



HENRY F. SCHRICKER
GOVERNOR

April 12, 1943

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
National Chairman
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd Street
New York City

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your letter of April 9 is gratefully acknowledged. I wish to commend the high purpose of the National Conference on Palestine, and to express my hope that the noteworthy program of reestablishing Palestine as the home land for the Jewish race meets with success.

Very cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Henry F. Schricker".

Henry F. Schricker
GOVERNOR

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

COLUMBIA

OLIN D. JOHNSTON
GOVERNOR

EDWARD W. CANTWELL
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

April 12, 1943

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, National Chairman
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd Street
New York City.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of April 9th and wish to state that I am wholeheartedly in sympathy with the movement to relieve conditions for Jews throughout the world.

I have already sent a resolution to the General Assembly of South Carolina, requesting that they go on record as turning Palestine back over to the Hebrew people.

If I can be of any further service to you in this connection please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Olin D. Johnston", written over a horizontal line.

Olin D. Johnston
Governor

ODJ:r



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Executive Department

State House, Boston

LEVERETT SALTONSTALL
GOVERNOR

April 13, 1943

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
National Chairman
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Governor Saltonstall would be very glad to have
read the following message from him to the National
Conference on Palestine:

"The sufferings and risks of oppressed Jews abroad are steadily growing more serious. But we may take comfort and hope in the knowledge that here in America the brotherhood of all races and creeds is growing steadily more firm, and that the United States is indeed as one in advancing toward the goal of a world in which tolerance and freedom will prevail.

"The building of a Jewish homeland is remarkable as one of the few really positive and constructive efforts being made by the human race today. Let us hope that the nations concerned can effect a prompt and satisfactory solution of the problem. And although Americans are not the possessors of such a natural sanctuary, we have the resources which people of every creed are generously offering to mitigate the hardships of this greatest forced migration in history."

Sincerely yours,

Russell Gerould
Russell Gerould
Assistant Secretary
to the Governor

RG:AP

TENTATIVE OUTLINE OF A PROGRAM
FOR NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR PALESTINE --APRIL 17 - 18

Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia

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Submitted to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
March 1, 1943

"UNITED FOR VICTORY"

CONFERENCE

Saturday afternoon, April 17 -- Oneg Shabbat

"Songs of Palestine"

By A.W. Binder and his choir

PALESTINE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

What Jews Have Done for Arabs
(speaker to be selected)

Palestine's Absorptive Capacity
Prof. Ernest Bergmann (assistant to Dr. Weizmann)

Refreshments served

Saturday night, April 17 --

Judge Louis E. Levinthal, Philadelphia, presiding

William E. Sylk, Chairman, Philadelphia U.P.A.)
Mark Sugarman, Chairman Eastern Pennsylvania U.P.A.) Greetings
Leon Sunstein, President, Philadelphia Allied Jewish Appeal)

JEWISH PEACE AIMS

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Joseph E. Davies, Chairman, President's War Relief Control Board *
Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York *
Herbert H. Lehman *

(* means one of the alternatives will be selected. Eliminate names not desired)

Sunday morning, April 18

Dr. Israel Goldstein, presiding

PROGRESS IN 1942

Financial Report. Charles J. Rosenbloom, Treasurer
Palestine's Gift to Jewish Morale. Chaplain Julius Mark
Panorama of the Jewish Agency. Bernard A. Rosenblatt

Sunday luncheon, April 18

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, presiding

Dr. Chaim Weizmann

Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr. *
Elmer Davis, Office of War Information *
Justice Felix Frankfurter *
Wendell Willkie *
Norman Davis, President, American Red Cross *

Sunday afternoon, April 18

Louis Lipsky, presiding

Dr. Nahum Goldmann
Vice President Henry Wallace *
Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox *
Lord Halifax *
Mrs. Clare Luce *
Rabbi Joshua Liebman, Boston (who has been most helpful to U.P.A.)
Judge Morris Rothenberg

Presentation of Resolutions

Sunday banquet, April 18 (this item dependent on circumstances. If rationing proceeds swiftly, hotels may cancel all banquets)

Dr. Stephen S. Wise presiding

Sol Bloom, Chairman, House Foreign Relations Committee *
Senator Walter George, Chairman, Senate Foreign Relations Committee *
(both men to be interviewed personally beforehand for invitation)
Pledge of Support by Community Leaders
e.g. Albert Schiff, Columbus; Joel Gross, Newark; Judge Kaplan, Boston
Senator Arthur Vandenberg, Michigan



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
SPRINGFIELD

DWIGHT H. GREEN
GOVERNOR

April 19, 1943

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
National Chairman United Palestine Appeal,
41 East Forty-second Street,
New York, New York.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The continuing persecution and slaughter of Jews in Europe profoundly shocks the American people. Such revolting barbarity strengthens our firm resolve to see to it that those who brought about the present world cataclysm and its unspeakable cruelties are permanently stripped of power.

The natural longing of Jews for a country of their own, for a secure place in their ancestral homeland, awakens a ready sympathy and quick understanding among Americans. We are still a youthful people - we have not forgotten the hard struggle our forefathers waged for independence.

As one who shares that understanding and that sympathy, I am glad to send my most cordial greetings to the leaders and officers of American Jewry, and their friends, as they assemble in Philadelphia for the National Conference on Palestine. I extend my best wishes for a well-attended, constructive meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Dwight H. Green

Governor



State of Washington
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
Olympia

Arthur B. Langlie
Governor

April 20,
1943

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
National Chairman, United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd Street
New York City

Dear Sir:

WRHS



It is to be hoped that the national conference in Philadelphia on May 1 and 2 may work out a practical post war program for resettlement of the uprooted and persecuted Jews of Europe.

The Jewish people - in greater measure than any others - have been the objects of Nazi cruelty and barbarism. A permanent haven for them after Victory should be approved by all thinking people of the United Nations.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur B. Langlie
Governor of Washington

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MESSAGE TO THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR PALESTINE

Under auspices of the United Palestine Appeal, Hotel Bellevue-Stratford
Philadelphia, Pa. May 1 and 2, 1943
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FROM HONORABLE ARTHUR B. LANGLIE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
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STATE OF WASHINGTON
Executive Department
OLYMPIA

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signed (ARTHUR B. LANGLIE)

Governor of Washington

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FROM HONORABLE M.Q. SHARPE
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
M.Q. Sharpe
Governor

Pierre, South Dakota
April 21, 1943

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
41 East 42nd Street
New York City, New York.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Responding to your letter of April 9, will say that I think that the effort of the Jewish National Home in Palestine is worthy of commendation, and I join with the many citizens of our country who, I am sure, will support that objective. I view the Jewish people exactly in the same light as other people and that is, we are all absolutely equal and entitled to equal rights, privileges, and immunities as natural citizens of the world, wherever we may be. I am certain that the persecution of Jewish people in any part of the world awakens a feeling of resentment in any fair-minded human being.

I wish your conference every success and I am sure that it will attract much public approval and support. Hoping that such will be the case, I am

Yours sincerely

signed (M.Q. SHARPE)

Governor



M. Q. SHARPE
GOVERNOR

PIERRE

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New York City, New York.

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Governor *M. Q. Sharpe*



State of New Mexico

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Santa Fe

JOHN J. DEMPSEY
GOVERNOR

April 21, 1943.

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National Chairman
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver:

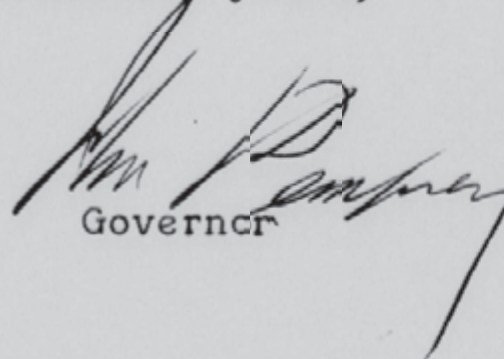
On the occasion of the National Conference on Palestine I am happy to express my greetings and good wishes for success of your project for the upbuilding of the Jewish Homeland in Palestine.

The continuing horror of brutality against the Jews in Nazi dominated Europe makes more pertinent the subject of the Jewish National Home in Palestine.

All Americans can join in the goal of the United Palestine Appeal for a permanent haven and homeland for the persecuted Jews in their ancestral country.

May the day not be too far away when we can see an end to brutality and a beginning of opportunity for the persecuted peoples of the world.

Sincerely yours,



Governor



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
HARRISBURG

April 22, 1943

My dear Doctor Silver:

It is a distinct privilege for me to extend to the delegates of the United Palestine Appeal assembled in Philadelphia a hearty welcome, and I offer my profoundest wishes for the success of your Conference.

I am deeply impressed with the purposes that animate your meeting--to assist in the War effort, and at the same time, to consider a Post-War program. As War-time Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I am confronted with similar problems. We are at present mobilizing all our resources with one objective in view, and that is, to win the War speedily and successfully, but we are not unmindful of the problems that will face us when peace comes and we are laying our plans so that we may be ready to handle the difficult problems which will come in the wake of the peace.

I have known the Jewish people of America on the battle-fronts of World War I and in the camps of World War II, and I can testify to the patriotism and self-sacrifice which they have shown. I am likewise impressed with the contributions of the Jewish people in America towards the upbuilding of Palestine as a home land for stateless and homeless Jews. As a matter of fact, I have joined hands with a large group of patriotic non-Jewish Americans who have enlisted in the cause of fostering and promoting this idea.

One of the greatest achievements since World War I has been the progressive and constructive planning of the Jewish people in Palestine. Even though curbed by a limited policy in effectuating the Balfour Declaration, the Jewish people have performed a miraculous piece of work in agriculture, science, culture and government in Palestine, the original National home of the Jewish race.

In your letter to me you state:

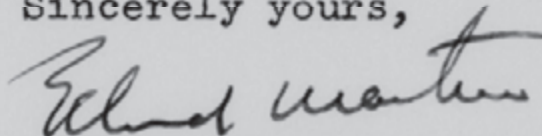
"We all hope that when the horror of this present war is forgotten, there will flourish in Palestine a home where the wandering, disinherited, harrassed Jews who have no permanent haven will at last find peace and freedom in their ancestral homeland."

I heartily concur in this sentiment. In this great World War in which we are engaged, we welcome efforts such as are promoted by the United Palestine Appeal and allied movements toward re-building Palestine not only as a haven of refuge, but as a homeland in accordance with the Scripture.

It is an American ideal to support all freedom-loving peoples in their strivings toward self-realization, and I feel sure that the Jewish people of America, by supporting your movement, will enhance the dignity and honor which they have contributed to their native land.

As Governor and profound believer in the American Way of Life, I want you all to know that I bid you Godspeed in your efforts for making Palestine a reality for the Jewish people.

Sincerely yours,



EDWARD MARTIN
GOVERNOR OF PENNSYLVANIA

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
National Chairman,
United Palestine Appeal,
Bellevue-Stratford Hotel,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.



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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER, NATIONAL CHAIRMAN UNITED
PALESTINE APPEAL=41 EAST FORTY SECOND ST=

IT IS REGRETTABLE THAT I FIND MYSELF UNABLE TO TAKE PART IN THE EXERCISE DURING THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR PALESTINE THIS YEAR. OF COURSE WE ALL SYMPATHIZE MOST DEEPLY WITH THE TRAGIC EVENTS WHICH ARE TAKING PLACE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND WHICH BEAR DOWN WITH PARTICULAR FORCE AND WITH ESPECIAL CRUELTY AND INHUMANITY UPON THE PEOPLE OF THE JEWISH RACE. OUR NATION, TOGETHER WITH THOSE ALLIED WITH US, IS GIVING ALL IT HAS IN MANPOWER AND TREASURE TO RESIST AND THEN TO PUNISH THOSE WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE HEATHENISH BARBARITIES PENDING THE TIME OF VICTORY. THOSE OF US WHO ARE ACTIVE ARE GIVING EVERY EFFORT TO ALLEVIATE IN EVERY POSSIBLE TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT WAY THE SUFFERINGS AND DESTRUCTION OF PERSECUTED PEOPLES WHEREEVER THEY MAY BE. MANY OF US BELIEVE THAT THIS GREAT HOLOCAUST WHICH THREATENS CIVILIZATION INDICATES WITH CLEARNESS THE NECESSITY FOR A WORLD ORDER BASED UPON JUSTICE WHICH WILL PREVENT ITS RECURRENCE AND BRING ENDURING PEACE AND HAPPINESS TO MANKIND=

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IN OUR EFFORTS AND OUR THOUGHTS CONCERNING THESE IMPORTANT MATTERS, WE ARE OF COURSE UNABLE TO SUPPORT, EVEN BY IMPLICATION, ANY SOLUTION WHICH MIGHT TEND TO COMPROMISE THE SECURITY OF OUR ARMED FORCES, OR TO INVOLVE US IN CONTROVERSIAL POLITICAL QUESTIONS. THE UNPARALLELED EFFORTS AND GENEROSITY OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE TO SUCCOR THOSE IN DISTRESS HAS WON THE ADMIRATION AND PRAISE OF ALL RIGHT THINKING PEOPLE EVERYWHERE=

:MYRON C TAYLOR.





STATE OF MICHIGAN
EXECUTIVE OFFICE
LANSING

HARRY F. KELLY
GOVERNOR

April 26, 1943

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
National Chairman, United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Will you please convey to the National Conference on Palestine this expression of my sincere regard for the efforts of American Jewry to further the upbuilding of Palestine as the Jewish Homeland.

The plight of homeless Jews is one that calls for continuing activity, constantly increasing in scope as the enormity of the post-war problems of their resettlement becomes apparent.

The vital importance of the Jewish National Home in Palestine as a place of refuge and security for these uprooted, starved and oppressed people merits the moral and financial support of everyone interested in humanitarian principles.

To the leaders of American Jewry who are gathered at the Philadelphia Conference, I am happy to bring the voice of the State of Michigan in encouragement.

Cordially yours,

Harry F. Kelly.
Governor

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A Time to Remember

A Great People Rebuilding a Great
Land for the Great Day of Victory

“United for Victory”
National Conference for Palestine



May 1 and 2, 1943

Hotel Bellevue-Stratford
Philadelphia, Pa.



Chaim Weizmann

World Jewry's First Statesman

United For Victory United For Redemption



DOROTHY THOMPSON

*America's Foremost Woman
Spokesman for Democracy*



DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

*American Jewry's Spokesman
for Palestine*



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Tribune of the Jewish People

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and other distinguished personalities

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER
41 East 42nd Street
New York City

Dear Dr. Silver:

I accept the invitation to attend the National Conference
for Palestine in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on Saturday evening,
May 1, and Sunday, May 2, 1943.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

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ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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cordially invites you to attend a

"UNITED FOR VICTORY"

National Conference for Palestine

to pledge wartime support to the Yishuv
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MESSAGE TO THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

From Lord Wedgwood

AMERICAN JEWRY IS ABLE TO PLAY A TREMENDOUS PART IN THE RESCUE
OF THE REMNANTS OF EUROPEAN JEWRY AND THE UPBUILDING IN PALESTINE
OF THE JEWISH COMMONWEALTH. YOUR EFFORTS IN THE UNITED PALESTINE
APPEAL CAN STIMULATE THE CONSCIENCE OF THE WORLD TO THE REALIZA-
TION THAT THE SOLUTION OF THE QUESTION OF JEWISH HOMELESSNESS
IS NECESSARY FOR WORLD RECONSTRUCTION.

REDOUBLE YOUR EFFORTS AND HAVE FAITH IN THE FUTURE OF YOUR PEOPLE.



[undated]

MESSAGE TO THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

From Barnett Janner
Chairman, British Zionist Federation

BRITISH ZIONISTS SEND THEIR GREETINGS TO YOUR NATIONAL CONFERENCE
OF THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL. WE ARE DETERMINED TO MAKE A TRE-
MENDOUS EFFORT THROUGH THE NATIONAL FUNDS COMMENSURATE WITH THE
TRAGIC SITUATION OF OUR PEOPLE FOR THE UPBUILDING OF OUR COUNTRY.
WE WISH YOUR ATTEMPT TO SUSTAIN PALESTINE JEWS IN THE WAR EFFORT
AND FOR THE BUILDING OF THE JEWISH COMMONWEALTH EVERY SUCCESS.



[undated]

MESSAGE TO THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

From Viscount Cecil

IF THE NAZIS DESIRED TO PROVE TO THE WORLD HOW ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY WAS THE PERMANENT DESTRUCTION OF GERMAN MILITARISM, THEY COULD NOT HAVE DEVISED A MORE CONVINCING OBJECT LESSON THAN THEIR TREATMENT OF THE JEWS. WHEN THAT IS ACCOMPLISHED IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO BUILD A NEW AND EFFECTIVE SETTLEMENT OF THE JEWISH QUESTION WHICH MUST, AS I THINK, TAKE THE FORM OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JEWISH STATE IN PALESTINE.

MAY YOUR CONFERENCE BE VIGOROUS AND SUCCESSFUL



[Undated]

MESSAGE TO THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

From Lord Snell

BEST WISHES FOR THE SUCCESS OF YOUR CONFERENCE. MORE THAN
EVER BEFORE IT IS NECESSARY AT THE PRESENT TIME THAT THE
ENTHUSIASM AND SELF-DENIAL OF THE SUPPORTERS OF THE JEWISH
NATIONAL HOME SHOULD MATCH THE IMPORTANCE OF THE HOUR.



[Undated]

MESSAGE TO THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

From Lord Davies

1943

THE NAZI BARBARIANS DECREE THE EXTERMINATION OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE IN EVERY COUNTRY. THIS IS A CHALLENGE TO THE FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES AND BELIEFS OF THE ENGLISH SPEAKING PEOPLES TO THE TRADITIONS OF FREEDOM AND JUSTICE, NO LESS THAN TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE MAGNA CARTA DECLARATION AND THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE. WILL THEY REFUSE TO ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE?

IN THE DARKEST DAYS OF THE LAST WAR THE BALFOUR DECLARATION CONTAINED AN EXPLICIT PROMISE TO THE JEWISH PEOPLE WOULD BECOME THE CITY OF REFUGE AND A NATIONAL HOME. THIS PROMISE HAS STILL TO BE IMPLEMENTED. AT PRESENT IT IS HEDGED AROUND WITH ALL SORTS OF RESTRICTIONS WHICH PREVENT THE FREE FLOW OF JEWISH IMMIGRANTS INTO THE COUNTRY. THESE RESTRICTIONS HAVE PLAYED INTO THE HANDS OF HITLER AND THE TERRORISTS AND THEY ARE THE LAST SHREDS OF THE POLICY OF APPEASEMENT WHICH BROUGHT THE UNITED NATIONS TO THE VERGE OF DISASTER. THEY CAN ONLY BE REMOVED BY THE COMBINED ACTION OF THE ENGLISH SPEAKING PEOPLES. IT FOLLOWS THAT ALL AMERICAN AND BRITISH CITIZENS WHO STILL CHERISH THE PRINCIPLES AND TRADITIONS UPON WHICH THEIR INSTITUTIONS ARE FOUNDED DEMAND THAT HITLERS CHALLENGE BE ACCEPTED AND THE GATES OF PALESTINE AT ONCE THROWN OPEN TO JEWISH IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

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MESSAGE TO THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

From Lord Melchett

1943

IT IS BECOMING CLEARER THAT OUR GENERATION IS WITNESS TO THE SLOW UNFOLDING OF A PERIOD UNPARALLELED FOR ITS TRAGEDY IN THE HISTORY OF OUR PEOPLE. WE CAN ONLY HOPE THAT THE MASSACRES INITIATED BY THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT IN 1942 AND 1943 WILL MARK THE CLIMAX OF THIS EPOCH AND THE REACTION WHICH APPEARS TO HAVE SET IN THROUGHOUT EUROPE AND AMONG THE UNITED NATIONS, SIGNALIZED BY THE GREAT TRIBUTE PAID BY THE BRITISH HOUSE OF COMMONS TO THE SUFFERINGS OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE, WILL BE SUSTAINED AND WILL GO FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH WITH AS MUCH ENERGY AND VIGOR AS THE WICKED ANTI-SEMITIC DOCUMENTS FLOURISHED IN THE PAST DECADE.

WHETHER THIS IS TRUE OR WHETHER GREAT DISASTERS STILL TO BEFALL ARE HIDDEN FROM US TODAY, BUT IN EITHER EVENT THE WORK OF BUILDING PALESTINE IS OF PRIME IMPORTANCE. THERE CAN BE NO OTHER ANSWER TO THE PERSECUTED MASSES OF EUROPEAN JEWRY OR TO THE WORLD AT LARGE THAN THE SETTLEMENT OF THE JEWS UPON THEIR OWN LAND IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY.

THERE IS NO OTHER COUNTRY THAT CAN HEAL THE JEWS BOTH IN BODY AND SOUL. THEREFORE IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF PALESTINE BE MAINTAINED, INCREASED AND SUPPORTED WITH THE UTMOST POWER WE CAN SUMMON AT THIS TIME IN ORDER THAT WE MAY OBTAIN AND DEVELOP THAT SOIL WITHOUT WHICH ALL OTHER SCHEMES ARE FRUITLESS.

[undated]

MESSAGE TO THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

From Sir Syndham Deedes

THERE IS ONLY ONE SOLUTION FOR THE JEWISH QUESTION, AND THAT IS TO REBUILD THE NATIONAL HOME IN PALESTINE, A TASK WHICH MUST BE CARRIED OUT FOR THE MOST PART BY THE JEWS. BUT YOUR FRIENDS, OF WHOM I AM PROUD TO BE ONE, ARE NOT STANDING IDLY BY. IN THE NAME OF GOD AND HUMANITY WE ARE DOING ALL WE CAN FOR THE VICTIMS OF NAZI PERSECUTION AND FOR THE FUTURE OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE.



[undated]

MESSAGE TO THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

From A. Creech Jones M.P.

I GREET YOUR CONFERENCE AND HOPE IT WILL FORTIFY THE FAITH OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE EVERYWHERE IN THESE TRAGIC DAYS. I HOPE IT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO STIRRING THE UNITED NATIONS INTO BOLD ACTION FOR THE RELIEF AND REFUGE OF THE JEWS OF EUROPE. THIS IS YOUR WAR TOO AND PALESTINE HAS DEMONSTRATED HOW CONSCIOUS IT IS OF THE FACT.

I HOPE THAT JEWS WILL MOBILIZE ALL POSSIBLE SUPPORT TO EXTERMINATE NAZISM AND RACIAL INTOLERANCE. IN THE MEANTIME PALESTINE CAN BE A BIG CONTRIBUTION TO THE EUROPEAN PROBLEM. I HOPE THAT WORLD OPINION WILL DETERMINE THAT THE NATIONAL HOME SHALL FULFIL THE EAGER HOPES OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE AT THE TIME OF THE HALFOUR DECLARATION. IT MUST BE PERMITTED IN THE WAR AND AFTER TO REALIZE THE PROMISE OF THE NATIONS NEARLY A QUARTER OF A CENTURY AGO.

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MESSAGE TO THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

From Geoffrey Mander M.P.

MY BEST WISHES FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE CONFERENCE. I AM CONVINCED
THAT THE PROPER SOLUTION OF THE JEWISH QUESTION DEPENDS UPON THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL HOME IN PALESTINE. WITHOUT THIS
ACHIEVEMENT VICTORY WILL NOT BE COMPLETE.



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MESSAGE TO THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

From Harry Sacher

EVERY JEW TO WHOM THE PRESENT AND FUTURE OF OUR PEOPLE ARE
DEAR, IS PRESENT IN SPIRIT WITH YOU AT YOUR NATIONAL CONFERENCE.
WE LOOK TO AMERICAN JEWRY TO PLAY THE LEADING PART IN RELIEVING
THE PRESENT BITTER DISTRESSES OF OUR PEOPLE AND LAYING THE
ENDURING POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC FOUNDATIONS IN PALESTINE ON
WHICH ALONE A SECURE FUTURE FOR THE JEWISH NATION CAN BE
ESTABLISHED

AMERICAN JEWS CAN ASK NO HIGHER DESTINY OR ONE WHICH EXERCISES
MORE FULLY THEIR SPIRITUAL AND MATERIAL FORCES.



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Tribute to Dr. Silver

The conference of the United Palestine Appeal which met in Philadelphia May 1-2 passed the following resolution by acclamation.

RESOLUTION ON DR. SILVER

The National Conference for Palestine records its deep appreciation to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, National Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal for the strength he has given to the upbuilding of the Jewish National Home through the mobilization of the maximum moral and material support of American Jewry. His powerful and courageous advocacy of the Zionist cause has lifted the spirit of the whole Jewish people and helped give them a sense of direction and purpose in the renaissance of Jewish life through the restoration of the Jewish homeland in Palestine. Through his leadership the United Palestine Appeal has become an increasingly effective source of support for the Yishuv and an integral part of the communal structure of American Jewry.

The National Conference also registers its appreciation of the services of the associate officers of the United Palestine Appeal: National Co-Chairmen Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Louis Lipsky, Dr. Israel Goldstein, Judge Louis E. Levinthal, Bernard A. Rosenblatt, Judge Morris Rothenberg, Charles L. Rosenbloom, the National Treasurer, and his associates, Abraham Goodman, Abraham L. Liebovitz and Jacob Sindoff, and Henry Montor, the Executive Director.

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RESOLUTION ON THE WAR EFFORT

The National Conference for Palestine, comprising representatives of American Jewry meeting in Philadelphia on May 2, 1943 under the auspices of the United Palestine Appeal to further the upbuilding of the Jewish National Home in Palestine,

Pledges to the President of the United States our wholesouled devotion to the winning of the war and all our resources of life and property to the end that victory may bespeeded for the United States and for all the United Nations, and

Sends greetings to all our men and women in the Armed services, and also records with pride their gallantry and heroism.





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RESOLUTION ON GREETINGS TO THE YISHUV

This National Conference for Palestine, convened by the United Palestine Appeal, sends its affectionate greetings to the Yishuv.

The Yishuv is making a mighty contribution to the cause of the United Nations. By its labor and blood it is still further sanctifying the soil of Palestine, and strengthening the historic link between the Jewish people and its ancestral home.

We at this National Conference for Palestine pledge all our resources of spirit and support to the task of realizing the goal which the Yishuv and we have in common: the creation of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine to which may come all Jews who wish to do so and which, in turn, will strengthen the foundations of Jewish life throughout the world.

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RESOLUTION ON THE WHITE PAPER

WHEREAS, in May, 1939 the British Government issued an official White Paper for the explicit purpose of terminating Jewish immigration at the end of five years, and thus in effect limited the Mandate for Palestine and terminated the growth of the Jewish National Home; and

WHEREAS, the White Paper thus issued is an illegal document in that it is in effect a unilateral denunciation of a covenant, and the new policy of the British Government is in contravention of its trusteeship under the Mandate with respect to the Jewish National Home; and

WHEREAS, Winston Churchill, now Prime Minister of Great Britain, voted against the said White Paper in the House of Commons, declaring that he regarded the new policy as an act of repudiation and that the provision that Jewish immigration could not continue without the consent of the Arab population was a breach of faith; and

WHEREAS, the Permanent Mandates Commission in June, 1939 held that the new policy of the White Paper violated all the interpretations of the Mandate heretofore made by the Permanent Mandates Commission, the Council of the League of Nations, and the British Government; and

WHEREAS, the Government of the United States gave its endorsement of the Balfour Declaration in 1917; assented to the award of the Palestine Mandate to Great Britain in 1922; subsequently entered into a treaty with Great Britain in which it was agreed that no modification or change in the status of Palestine would be made without its prior consent,--

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this National Conference for Palestine condemn the Palestine White Paper of 1939 as illegal, unjust and inhuman, and calls upon the Government of the United States to make representations to Great Britain forthwith to annul the White Paper of 1939 and to ask for assurances that Jewish immigration into Palestine shall not be abridged nor shall the purchase of land by Jews be restricted.

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RESOLUTION ON THE BERMUDA CONFERENCE

WHEREAS, in response to the demand of the peoples of the United Nations that immediate steps be taken looking toward the relief of the plight of the Jews of Germany, Nazi-occupied and controlled countries, a Conference of representatives of the Governments of the United States and Great Britain has recently been held in Bermuda, and

WHEREAS, the terms of reference to such Conference were so restricted in scope and authority as to make it powerless to take effective measures to carry out its original purposes, and

WHEREAS the Conference has failed to announce acceptance of the offer of the Jewish Community of Palestine to receive and provide for such Jews, and

WHEREAS, the situation of the Jews of Germany and Nazi-occupied and controlled countries grows steadily in tragic proportions threatening their utter destruction by hunger and disease and massacre, and

WHEREAS, Palestine by reason of its geographical position and the anxious desire and readiness of the Jews of that country to do all that is possible to care for their brethren and to provide for their rehabilitation, can be made the haven of refuge for hundreds of thousands of them, and

WHEREAS the Jews of the free countries of the world are prepared to assist the Jews of Palestine in assuming the responsibility of caring for their fellow Jews,

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it Resolved that this Conference calls upon the governments of the United States and Great Britain to take immediate measures for the implementation of far-reaching plans of rescue; and that immediate advantage be taken to save large numbers of the Jews in Germany, Nazi-occupied and controlled countries through their transfer to Palestine.

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RESOLUTION ON A JEWISH ARMY

This Conference reaffirms its deep interest in and approval of the organization of a Jewish Army in Palestine, to be comprised of citizens of Palestine and stateless Jews residing in that country, such army to be officered by Jews and to be incorporated in the armed forces of the United Nations.

We desire further to express our protest against the denial of these just demands of the Jewish people of Palestine.





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