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January 5, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

Last week I sent you the agreement between the American Zionist Emergency Council and the Esco Foundation for Palestine. The copy that you have does not have the signature of the Esco Foundation for Palestine on it. Will you please send it to Mrs. Rose Jacobs for signature? It will then be returned to you for your files.

Thank you for your trouble, and with best wishes, I remain

Most cordially,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

January 7, 1944

Miss Esther Trebach
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.

I am enclosing herewith eight coupons which you may have occasion in the future to use in procuring railroad tickets for Rabbi Silver. The 1943 coupons which you may still have are no longer valid.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

Washington News Letter



JAN. 10.—The Washington Administration, which expects Polish Prime Minister Stanislaw Mikolajczyk to visit this country before long, has until this week remained hopeful that relations between the Soviet and Polish governments might be mended.

The Polish controversy is a domestic as well as a foreign issue for the United States, whose 3,000,000 citizens of Polish birth or parentage hold a strong political position in New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, and Illinois, and have influence in other states. Answers to a questionnaire distributed by the Office of War Information for another federal agency last summer disclosed that an overwhelming majority of the Polish-Americans take an active interest in Polish affairs. The impending visit of Mikolajczyk might enhance this interest.

POLISH-AMERICAN GROUPS. The Administration is aware that Polish-Americans may vote next November according to their view of how capably the State Department has protected Poland's interests in its controversy with the Soviet Union. Some officials, however, doubt that political opponents of the Administration will try openly to take advantage of any Polish-American dissatisfaction, because the success of the international collaboration policy which both Republicans and Democrats have approved might well depend on a successful compromise settlement of the Soviet-Polish issue.

Polish-Americans do not form a solid bloc. Seven of the ten Polish-American Congressmen are Democrats, the others Republicans. Polish-Americans belong to three main organized groups, each of which follows a different line regarding Polish politics. Chauvinist Polish-Americans, favoring nationalist expansion of Poland at the expense of Russia and Czechoslovakia, have formed the National Committee of Americans of Polish Descent, which is known as KNAPP. Its sponsor is Ignace Matuszewski, a Polish emigré. Its actual organizer is Maximilian Wegrzynek, wealthy New York importer.

Polish-Americans on the Left, favoring full Polish accord with Russia on Russia's terms, organized the Kosciusko League last autumn in Detroit. Polish intellectuals on the Left have rallied around Oscar Lange, professor at Chicago University. Before the Kosciusko League was established, the politically most active Polish Leftist among the workers was Leo Kryczki, of Milwaukee, president of the American Slav Congress. In December a number of Poles withdrew from the Congress in protest against what

they considered its radical tendencies.

Mos: Polish-Americans belong to the leading societies of the Polish-American Council—the Polish National Alliance, the Polish Catholic Union or the Polish-American Women's Alliance. The Council, moderate in politics, supports the Polish government line. Its president, Dean Francis Swietlicki of the law school at Marquette University, Milwaukee, blocked a move to make him president of the American Slav Congress and also thwarted an attempt by the KNAPP to oust him from the chairmanship of the Polish National Alliance.

The nine Polish language dailies and 35 semi-weekly and weekly papers controlled by the different groups show uncertainty about the line they will follow in American politics, although they take pronounced stands on foreign affairs. Judging by circulation figures, the Polish government has the preponderant press backing through the chief papers of the Polish National Alliance, the daily *Dziennik Zwiazkowy* and the weekly *Cjoda*, both published in Chicago; of the Polish Roman Catholic Union, the *Dziennik Chicagoski*; of the Polish-American Women's Alliance, the Chicago and Pittsburgh weekly *Glos Polek*; and through two large independent dailies, the Buffalo *Dziennik dla Wszystkich*, and the Cleveland *Wiadomosci Codzienne*. KNAPP's organ is the *Nowy Swiat*, New York daily, which Wegrzynek owns and to which Matuszewski contributes. The Kosciusko League's paper is the Detroit weekly *Glos Ludowy*.

ADMINISTRATION'S ATTITUDE. The Polish side of the territorial question raised by the Russian claim to the eastern areas has often been presented to the American government. President Roosevelt heard it from the late Prime Minister Wladyslaw Sikorski, who visited the United States twice after Russia entered the war in 1941. The Administration has taken neither the Russian nor the Polish side. It has contented itself with noting the points of difference between the two governments and has sought to get them on speaking terms, in the belief that the controversy over boundaries can be resolved later. The American government has not indicated, however, that it accepts the view put forward by David Zaslavsky who, in his attack in *Pravda* of January 5 on Wendell Willkie, said that the question of the eastern Polish territory is an internal affair of the Soviet Union, and not the concern of other countries.

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coordination of shipping, food production, economic controls, and in measures to spread employment and regularize wages. Benefits of a permanent nature can also be expected, particularly from increased production in agriculture and fishing. In addition, the interchange of information and direct investigation—for example, by American officials in British territories—has established a useful technique.

The West Indian Conference, acting in an advisory capacity, should enhance the value of the Commission by providing opportunities for representatives of the local populations to express their views and become associated with its work. The new body is to be composed of two delegates from each United States territory and each British colony or group of colonies, and is to be furnished by the Commission with a permanent secretariat, acting presumably as a constant link between the two bodies. The first meeting, which will be held in the near future, is expected to consider such questions as increasing supplies for the islands, stabilizing prices, maintaining food production after the war, continuing the development of fisheries, and accelerating health and quarantine measures. It is also stated that the Conference will be free to invite the participation of representatives from other than American and British islands, a step which, if taken, will remove one of the limitations in the present arrangement.

ADVANTAGES OUTWEIGH DISADVANTAGES. The pattern being developed in the Caribbean foreshadows the possibility of international cooperation in other colonial areas. On July 13, 1943 Colonel Oliver Stanley, British Colonial Secretary, told the House of Commons that, while the British government intended to remain responsible for the administration of British colonies, it favored the establishment of Commissions in certain regions so that common problems might be met and solved by a common effort. "These Commissions," the Colonial Secretary declared, "would comprise not only the

states with colonial territories in the region, but also other states which have in the region a major strategic or economic interest." This would mean, apparently, that in a Commission for the East Indies, the Netherlands, Britain, the United States, China, and possibly others, would be represented.

From the colonial point of view alone, regionalism offers many obvious advantages. First, such colonial problems as disease, soil erosion, transport, migrant labor, etc., cross boundaries and can be effectively handled only by action over a wide area. Second, economic policy could be integrated through a regional commission and the financial needs of the poorer colonies met more readily if they were part of a larger group. And, finally, the third-party judgment provided by a commission would act as a stimulus to the administration to adopt progressive policies.

But there are certain drawbacks which are not so obvious, and therefore perhaps the more dangerous. The interposition of an intermediate authority between a colony and the colonial power may tend to obscure the source of real responsibility, and widen the gap between the governors and the governed. In the case of British colonies, for example, responsibility rests on the Colonial Secretary, and public opinion can be brought to bear on him to change policy. It might be unwise, moreover, to include in such a scheme a colony which was well on the way to self-government, for it would suddenly find many of the powers it was about to assume transferred to a new organization. There would also be a danger that a nation with a reactionary native policy—South Africa, for example—might assume the dominating influence on a commission, or at least that divergent colonial policies would lead to deadlock.

On balance, however, the advantages of joint administration—or more accurately, joint supervision—of colonies on a regional basis seem clearly to outweigh the possible drawbacks, and the system has probably come to stay. There will be many difficulties, not least the problem of associating the colonial peoples in the work of the commission. The West Indians were restive at their exclusion from the Caribbean Commission, and it still remains to be seen whether the newly established Conference can satisfy their aspirations. But, if the system as now set up in the West Indies can be made to work in the interests of both the Caribbean peoples and the governing powers, the pattern established there will probably be adopted in other colonial regions.

HOWARD P. WHIDDEN, JR.

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January 11, 1944

Miss Bessie Kline
Secretary to Rabbi Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Kline:

Your letter of January 7th, addressed to Miss Esther Trebach, has been turned over to the Speakers Bureau. Thank you for having sent the eight coupons for Rabbi Silver's railroad tickets.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Blanche J. Shepard
Blanche J. Shepard
Director, Speakers Bureau

BJS: DE

P.S. I return to you herewith three clergy certificates, unused for the year 1943.

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Rabbi Dr. Abbah Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Having heard last night at the Zionist Emergency Council meeting the express desire of Dr. Weizmann that all party considerations be eliminated in regard to the constitution of the delegation to London, which is a gentle, yet conclusive suggestion to keep out the "parties" from the said delegation, we are firmly convinced of the urgent necessity to make this delegation a truly representative one, as originally planned.

The important thing, after all, is not to go to London and register in behalf of American Zionism opinions that fully agree with that of Dr. Weizmann of the most vital issue in Zionism, but, rather, to give expression also to those views and ideas that may be diametrically or to an extent opposed to the views held by Dr. Weizmann.

Knowing of your intellectual honesty and fairness in all matters, and having heard last night your views in favor of a representative delegation along party lines, we take the liberty of suggesting that you kindly take the matter of obtaining priorities for the delegation into your own reliable hands and personally see Secretary Hull in regard to it.

It is not a matter of party "Kibbudim" that is at stake, but rather the future of the Jewish Commonwealth to be that is involved.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

With Torah and Zion's greetings,

LEON GELLMAN
President

LG:MK

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שאיפת המזרחי - מדינת יהודית בארץ ישראל ברוח התורה והמסורה

LOUIS LIPSKY
386 Fourth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

January 19, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
105th St. at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Silver:

I am enclosing herewith two ^{maigned} editorials which are intended, if they fit, for the editorial pages of "Palestine" in the next issue. I would like to have your opinion about these editorials. I am not confident that this maintains the line which is being followed in Washington. If I submit these editorials to the office, I am sure to be driven into numerous conferences which may end in confusion.

The next issue of "Palestine" will contain an article by Harold Laski, a compiled article by Shulamith on what the Jews have done for the war effort, and, if possible, a revised version of a part of Neumann's article in the "Free World", in which he discusses a re-orientation of the Near Eastern policy of the English. Then there will be a page of notes on the Palestine situation and possibly a review of several recent books on political aspects of the Near East. Letters have been written to a number of professional writers, many of them non-Jewish, asking them to contribute to "Palestine". It is pointed out in this letter that we intend to pay for every contribution used.

I have suggested to the Committee on Publications that we reprint that part of the Peel Report which describes and analyzes the Jewish case, in a special pamphlet, to be prefaced by an article to be written possibly by Professor Friedrich or by Edgar Mowrer. The preface should give a clear picture of the scope and purpose of the Peel Report as a whole and summarize the events that followed the issuing of the Report. What do you think of this suggestion?

Very cordially yours,

Louis Lipsky
LOUIS LIPSKY

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P.S. Please return the enclosed editorials to me at my address, 386 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

January 20, 1944

Mr. Louis Lipsky,
386 Fourth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Lipsky:

Thank you for letting me see the two editorials. Both are very good.

As far as the one, "The White Paper Cannot Stand", I think that it should be printed, as is. There are one or two sentences where I have made a pencil note that you might wish to re-phrase. I think it might be well to add a sentence in one of the paragraphs, stating that "while we take no position on the subject of an Arab Federation, this being the specific concern of the Arab states themselves, nevertheless, etc. etc." Otherwise, your editorial might be interpreted as approving the idea of an Arab Federation and making it basic to the fulfillment of our rights in Palestine.

As far as your second editorial, "A Clear Declaration On Palestine Called For" - you take the line of Professor Friedrich, which is historically correct. On the other hand, we have been emphasizing among public officials in Washington that there has consistently been a friendly attitude on the part of our government towards Jewish aspirations in Palestine, and only recently, due to military conditions, hostile propaganda, etc. has there set in a sharp deviation from that policy. This deviation we have been maintaining, does violence to the traditional American line. Your editorial is in direct conflict with this position.

I think that we shall have to get together on this "inner-contradiction" in our propaganda and resolve it. The same objection, you will recall, was raised by Mr. Shulman with reference to Professor Friedrich's book. The book, however, is not being published under our imprimatur.

With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

AHS:NEK

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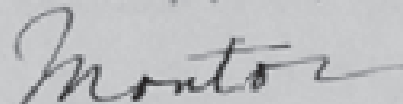
Dear Dr. Silver:

I wonder whether you receive the material issued by the Foreign Policy Association. Among its other publications is a four-page weekly bulletin analyzing American foreign policy in terms of current developments.

I thought you would be especially interested in the "Washington News Letter" (issue of January 14th) in the way in which it discusses the Polish reaction in America to the Polish problem. I do not know whether it would be helpful or unhelpful to have a discussion of the Palestine problem with Blair Bolles.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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Enc.

January 26, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

Thank you for your kind letter of January 21st in which you bring to my attention the material issued by the Foreign Policy Association. Why don't you have a talk with Mr. Blair Bolles?

As I recall, there were only a few Editors and magazine writers whom you had contacted while Executive Director. Why don't you follow through? I am sure that Mr. Manson would be very grateful for any cooperation which you could give him. Surely you do not wish to limit your activities in these critical times to the United Palestine Appeal, exclusively.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:NK

Abba Hillel Silver

RABBI SAMUEL WOHL
CINCINNATI, OHIO

January 26, 1944

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am informed by my friend Hayim Greenberg that Jacques Maritain, the famous Catholic philosopher, is a strong friend of our cause. He would be willing to associate himself in the work of the Palestine Emergency Council. His prestige in Catholic circles is tremendous and he could form a strong and important Catholic council for our work.

May I suggest also, that if it is possible, to send him to England now, as he could be very effective there also and public attention would be centered upon him.

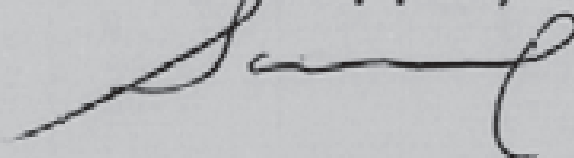
Should you decide to go into this matter, you might try to use Hayim Greenberg also. He has excellent connections with the British Labor party and is a very close friend of Maritain.

I have been told that Montor has given up the Executive Directorship. Who has succeeded him?

I am leaving next Sunday night for a tour on behalf of the National Labor Committee in Palestine and will visit several cities in Western Canada. Also Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland, Salt Lake City and possibly Denver. If you have any task for me on behalf of the Emergency Council, I shall be glad to do it. Please let me have your reaction to this letter before I leave the city, or if you happen to be away when this letter is received in Cleveland, you may send your reply to Cincinnati and my office will forward your letter.

With all good wishes from house to house, I am

Sincerely yours,



SW:s

January 28, 1944

Rabbi Samuel Wohl,
Reading Road & N. Crescent Ave.,
Cincinnati, Ohio

My dear Wohl:

Thank you for your letter. I have written to Hayim Greenberg about Maritain. It would be fine if we would have the benefit of his helpful cooperation.

The Emergency Council has elected no successor to Mr. Mentor, but Mr. Harry Shapiro has been put in charge of the New York Office, and is doing a splendid job. Rabbi Feuer is in charge of our work in Washington.

You probably know by this time that the Palestine Resolution was introduced in the House yesterday. A similar Resolution will be introduced in the Senate next week.

Of course, you can be tremendously helpful to us on your tour. Contact our local Community Contact Groups and stimulate them in backing up the Palestine Resolution. Rabbi Feuer will be very happy to give you the names of the leaders on the Coast and will undoubtedly make concrete suggestions to you. Please write to him in Washington.

With all good wishes for a successful trip, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:NEK

Abba Hillel Silver

MRS. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN
300 CENTRAL PARK WEST
NEW YORK CITY

February 25, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Zionist Emergency Comm.
1720 - 16th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

My dear Dr. Silver,

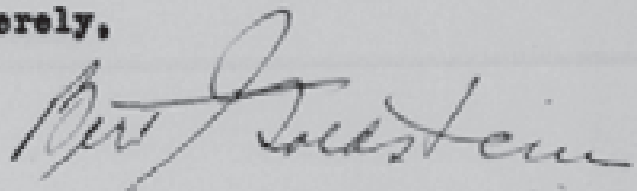
I am enclosing a cable just received from Dr. Goldstein,
which I am sure you will want to see.

The reference to the Campaign is to the U.P.A. in England.
The broadcast mentioned is one over N B C for this Monday
at 10:45 A.M. on Brotherhood Day which he arranged for
the National Conference of Jews and Christians.

As Rebbitzin to Rabbi, will you put in a little extra prayer
which might be effective in warding off some of the bombs
and bombers from England. On the other hand, since I'm not
so sure of the efficacy of prayer, (this also as Rebbitzin
to Rabbi) perhaps you ought not take time out in these crucial
days for that.

My greetings to Virginia, if you ever stay in Cleveland long
enough to deliver them, and to yourself, of course.

Sincerely,



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Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have noticed this morning that no less a personage than Mr. Revusky of the "Jewish Morning Journal" attaches much importance to the complications which have arisen in connection with the Congress hearings because of the fear that Palestine may be conducted along theocratic lines.

Mizrachi naturally has a certain viewpoint on this matter which in time ought to come to the surface of wider public opinion. In regard to the theocratic practice, however, there can be, I am sure, unanimous opinion and understanding.

Would it not, therefore, be of some benefit to convey to Mr. Sol Bloom the following section from Dr. Theodor Herzl's "The Jewish State", under the very heading of Theocracy (it may be found in the English translation recently published by Scopus on page 100):

THEOCRACY

"Shall we end by having a theocracy? No, indeed. Faith unites us, knowledge gives us freedom. We shall therefore prevent any theocratic tendencies from coming to the fore on the part of our priesthood. We shall keep our priests within the confines of their temples in the same way as we shall keep our professional army within the confines of their barracks. Army and priesthood shall receive honors high as their valuable functions deserve. But they must not interfere in the administration of the State which confers distinction upon them, else they will conjure up difficulties without and within.

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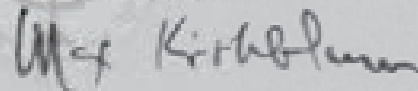
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Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver:-

Every man will be as free and undisturbed in his faith or his disbelief as he is in his nationality. And if it should occur that men of other creeds and different nationalities come to live amongst us, we should accord them honorable protection and equality before the law. We have learnt toleration in Europe. This is not sarcastically said; for the Anti-Semitism of today could only in a very few places be taken for old religious intolerance. It is for the most part a movement among civilized nations by which they try to chase away the spectres of their own past!

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



RABBI MAX KIRSHBLUM
Executive Secretary

MK:EK

Szold's experience in Jerusalem and mine here, indicate that it would be valuable.

With regard to Palestine, I agree with Szold that we should also have someone there to look after economic matters, a person to do what the late Rechavia Epstein was supposed to do.

I believe I have succeeded in persuading members of the executive, including Dr. Weitzman, the idea is good, but they naturally want to know who the people are we are thinking of. This is a difficult question to answer. At the same time, their concern is chiefly with the persons rather than the principle, first because they would prefer a person with whom they could work congenially, and second because some of them are thinking in terms of having a person who would have the right point of view on the crucial issue which may come before us.

Needless to say, Dr. Wise or yourself would be welcome.

if you could come

I think in fairness to Dr. Weitzman, I should say that if for example Szold would find it possible either to come to London or Jerusalem, Dr. Weitzman would be entirely satisfied. His preference I suppose would be for Lipsky.

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Berkeley Square,
LONDON, W.1.

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RABBI DR. Abba-Hillel Silver,
American Zionist Emergency Council,
342 Maddison Avenue,
New York City, U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Silver,

As you have no doubt been kept in touch by cable ~~with~~ developments here, there is no need for me to write to you in detail. The primary purpose of this note is to say, 'hello,' and to add my personal opinion that there is no need at the present time for anyone else to come here.

As I indicated to you before leaving, I realise that my coming here was not urgent from the stand point of the political situation, but since I had already committed myself to the U.P.A. here, I had at least one specific mission about which there could be no uncertainty. Even from other points of view I find it worth while to be here. It provides an opportunity to see the executive at work in their daily discussions. We in the U.S.A., always had second hand information about it.

Now with Szold's observation in Palestine and mine here, we are in a position to know more about it.

Another member of the executive pointed out the difficulty of asking someone outside of Lipsky to come, in view of the fact that Lipsky is still supposed to be the American member of the executive.

This is not an urgent problem, but it is something which we shall have to talk over and take action on soon.

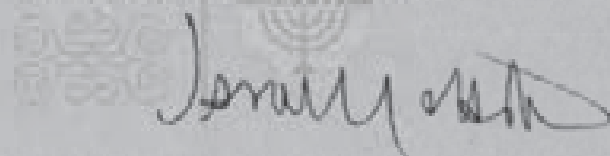


In the remaining two weeks that I shall be here, there will probably be very important discussions about the problems confronting us, and I hope I shall be able to report on it on my return.

I might say that my other credentials, namely, the Synagogue Council; The National Conference of Christians and Jews, and The British War Relief, have been of some help. The British are extremely grateful to Americans who helped them before our countries became co-belligerents.

I expect to start back on or about March 18th.

Cordially yours.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Israel Goldstein". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "I".

RABBI DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN.

P.S. There is a matter of importance I should have mentioned. I am sounding out Dr. Weitzman and other members of the executive on the idea of having American Zionists send someone to represent them in Jerusalem, and another in London. While they could not have official status, because only Congress can elect people with an official status, they would however, be welcomed as liason and would attend meetings of the executive and partake in the discussions.

BY AIR MAIL



RABBI Dr. ABBA- HILLEL SILVER,
American Zionist Emergency Council,
342 Madison Avenue,
New York,
U.S.A.

March 2, 1944

Mrs. Israel Goldstein
300 Central Park West
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Goldstein:

Thank you so much for your kind note and for sending me a copy of Dr. Goldstein's cable which I read with great interest. I am pleased to know that the Weizmann-Ben Gurion feud is about to be patched up. I am anxious to hear whether any new developments have taken place in London with reference to Palestine. I suppose we will know as soon as Dr. Goldstein returns. The new formidable opposition to the Palestine Resolution has now made itself manifest in Washington, the opposition which the resolution smoked out. We shall have to find ways of out-maneuvering it.

With all good wishes in which Virginia joins me, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BX

March 3, 1944

Dr. Leon I. Feuer
American Zionist Emergency Council
1420 - 16th Street N.W.
Washington, D.C.

My dear Leon:

I believe that an hour spent with Charles Michelson may prove very profitable. He may give you some very valuable advice. I do not know how interested he is in Zionism, but it will be well to sound him out.

I wonder whether such men as Paul Mallon, Jay Franklin, John Gunther and Pegler have been seen. I don't like to burden you with all this work, but surely some of our good friends in Washington may be brought into the picture to do some of this work for us.

With all good wishes, I remain

As ever yours,

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JOSEPH LINTON



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March 7, 1944

The Honorable Frank C. Walker
Postmaster General of the United States
Post Office Department
Washington, D.C.

My dear Postmaster General Walker:

During my recent interview with you you may recall that our conversation veered to the subject of Archbishop Spellman's splendid article on "Bigotry Is Un-American" and to the whole subject of racial and religious intolerance. You may be interested in the enclosed Bulletin of my Temple indicating the theme of my address last Sunday. There has been quite a demand for copies of the address, and as soon as it is printed, I shall be very happy to send you a copy of it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BX
Enc.

UNITED STATES SENATE

March 9, 1944

Mr. Philip Slomovitz
2114 Penobscot Building
Detroit, Michigan

My dear Phil:

Thanks for sending me the book on "Palestine - Land of Promise". I am glad to have this interesting volume. I am taking it home to read carefully at my first opportunity.

Thanks also for your note which came in today. Certainly I shall hope to see you while you are in Washington. I very much regret that I have been forced to leave the city on an unavoidable official engagement so that I have been prevented from attending your Thursday dinner. But I hope to see you before you leave the city because I should like to tell you confidentially more of the inside history which (as I feared) would prevent present action on your pending resolution.

I should like to add that I have greatly enjoyed my brief contacts with Rabbi Silver in this connection. He is a thoroughly splendid American and a real religious statesman.

With warm personal regards and best wishes,

Cordially and faithfully,

(signed)

A. H. Vandenberg

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THE POSTMASTER GENERAL

March 11, 1944.

Rabbi A. H. Silver, D.D.
American Zionist Emergency Council
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Doctor Silver:

Thank you for your letter of March 7
with reference to your address of last
Sunday. I shall be very much interested
in having a copy of it.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Irving A. Brown

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NLT HILLEL SILVER EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

342 MADISON AVENUE NEWYORKCITY

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PROBLEMS REFERRING SITUATION YOUR END PLEASE DONT REACH ANY
DECISIONS ABOUT FUTURE POLICY BEFORE MY RETURN

NAHUM GOLDMANN

March 14, 1944

The Honorable Judge Morris Rothenberg, President
Jewish National Fund of America
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Judge Rothenberg:

At a recent meeting of the Zionist Emergency Council I was authorized to appoint a committee to consider the present status of the Political Bureau of the Jewish Agency which was established a few months ago, and the question of its continuation in view of the new developments which have taken place in relation to our own re-organization and the expansion of our work. I regard this as a very important assignment and I have appointed the following members of the Committee: Mrs. Judith Epstein, Mr. Leon Gellman, Mr. David Wertheim and Dr. Israel Goldstein. They are the Presidents of their respective organizations. I would like to have you act as chairman of this committee.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

March 14, 1944

Dr. Israel Goldstein
270 W. 89th St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Goldstein:

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With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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AHS File

I. Rabbi Goldstein--Press Conference--March 22, 1944.

A. On the importance of the President's statement -

"I regret that the President's statement was far short of what we are looking for . . . The President would like to see at the proper time the fulfillment of the Zionists' aims, but we gave the President's statement credit for a good deal more than it actually contained."

"Who is the 'We'? Certainly not the Zionists or the Emergency Council or the Yiddish press or the Anglo-Jewish press or the New Palestine, which ~~certainly~~ played it down and gave it a querulous kind of an editorial. The only paper which actually did not play it down was, strangely enough, the New York Times. And the only people who were greatly impressed with its full implications were the Arabs, who were bewildered by it, and ~~and~~ Said, who regarded the President's statement as a stab in the back. What political advantage will accrue to our Zionist propaganda in the United States by playing the President's statement down is beyond me."

B. At the same conference Rabbi Goldstein made the statement that:

"A definite solution of the Palestine problem will have to wait until the end of the war."

His net impression from most of the interviews in England was that no pronouncement of a new policy is likely to come forth in the near future. He added that this view is not to be passively accepted as other post-war commitments are being made now.

Dr. Goldstein's impressions may, of course, be entirely correct, but the wisdom of publicizing them without first co-relating them with the propaganda approach which the Zionist Emergency Council has worked out is unwise. If American Jews get the impression that nothing can be done about the Palestine situation until after the war, they will come to look upon their present efforts as either premature or wasted, and they will come to discount every directive which we will give them for intensive political action. They will forget Dr. Goldstein's admonition that we should not passively accept the fact; they will accept the fact ~~that~~ Dr. Goldstein has.

II. Dr. Nachman Goldmann held a press conference on March 20, 1944, upon his return from London, at which, according to the headlines in the New York Times, he stated that the Jewish Agency for Palestine makes a new demand for the creation of an all-Jewish military unit, and that this demand has been made to the governments of the United States and Great Britain by the Jewish Agency. The Times featured the interview with the following words: "Demand renewed for Jewish 'Army'."

In the "Herald Tribune", reporting on this conference, it was stated that when Dr. Goldmann goes to Washington in the next few days he will renew the Zionists' demands for a distinct military unit.

Dr. Goldmann gave this information to the public press without first conveying it to the Zionist Emergency Council. The official political body of the Zionists of America have not in any way discussed this matter. They have not been consulted by the Jewish Agency in this matter either in London or in Jerusalem. We are entitled to be consulted. Gen. Zionists Agency cannot be used as mere mouthpiece by the 2. Org. in Jerusalem.

Surely, if the United States government is to be approached on the subject of a Jewish Army our Emergency Council ought to know something about it before representations are made, as I have been informed they have been made by Dr. Goldmann in person, to the War Department.



Please Return



H O T E L E A S T G A T E

Ontario Street East of Michigan Avenue • Chicago, Illinois

Superior 3580

March 30, 1944.

Dear Dr. Silver:-

About ten days ago I had a sudden sharp illness in New York and my physician thought it was due to fatigue. He ordered me, so to speak, to stay put for three weeks or a month. The only place where just now I have friends who make that possible is Chicago. Hence here I am. 1

I've written the editorials for the Pesach number, which appears tomorrow. I am beginning, of course, to reflect on the next set of editorials which, as things have come out, are both politically and psychologically of quite crucial import. My judgment is that we paint the situation in sombre colours enough--as is but too justified--and throw out to our people a tremendous and ringing long-range challenge. But I do want and need to know what line the Emergency Council has decided to take, so as to be sure not to cause a discord in our ranks and policy. Hence I thought for the moment the best thing would be to address myself to you. If there has or will be a meeting soon, may I have the minute promptly sent me here? But I leave the method to you.

You will be glad to hear that I had a wonderful week-end with my son in New York and that the book is selling reasonably well.

With kindest personal regards,

Faithfully yours,

Ludwig Levinson.

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LOUIS SACHS
185 Church St.
New Haven 10 Conn.

April 4, 1944

American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a letter from Robert E. Hannegan, Chairman
of the Democratic National Committee, to David J. McBooy,
Chairman of the New Haven Democratic Town Committee. I assume
you would like to have it for your files.

Yours sincerely,

LS:JCA
Enc.

/s/ Louis Sachs

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4-10-44

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DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE
Mayflower Hotel
Washington, 6, D. C.

Robert E. Hannegan
Chairman

March 18, 1944

Mr. David J. McCoy
151 Court Street
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. McCoy:

I have your letter of March 13, in which you request that I support the pending legislation with respect to the Jewish rights in Palestine.

It is my information from the news comments that the bills referred to have been held up in committee at the request of the military. As you know, Democratic leaders in the House and Senate are insisting upon the passage of this legislation. However, because of the nature of the issue, I do not feel that at this time it would be appropriate for me to take a public position on the matter, although based upon the information I have, I am completely sympathetic to the objectives contemplated.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Robert E. Hannegan

4-10-44

Statement in Reply to Associated Press Dispatch
of Stephen Barber, 4/4/44.

The description of the elegant, "custom-tailored" Tewfik Pasha, Prime Minister of Trans-Jordan, sitting in the salon of his suite at Shepherd's Hotel in Cairo, is but little reminiscent of the neglected, poverty-stricken country of which he is the representative.

Tewfik Pasha claims to fear "Jewish imperialism" -- God save the mark! the imperialism of the Jews of Europe, massacred, hounded, broken, seeking their home at last in that little notch of Palestine with which their people has been immemorably associated. It is to be regretted that the anxieties of Tewfik Pasha do not take a more fruitful and realistic course by centering themselves on the miserable condition of life of his own country-men. Nor is he to be complimented on fairy stories of the kind that the Jews are seeking to infiltrate and presumably to dominate Lebanon and Syria, not to mention Trans-Jordan.

In the course of the last twenty-five years of Jewish development in Palestine the Arab population of that country has nearly doubled. That of Trans-Jordan has remained stationary. The reason is at least in part that the Arabs of Trans-Jordan have preferred to immigrate into Palestine to share in the work and prosperity created by the Jews there, rather than to starve in Trans-Jordan. Apparently they do not share their Prime Minister's fears of Jewish imperialism.

Tewfik Pasha remarks "with a sad smile" that he was a devoted fan of Mr. Wilson and his Fourteen Points. His trust, he implies, has been betrayed. Coming from the representative of a people who

were probably the greatest beneficiaries from the last war, this statement must be regarded with some astonishment. The Arabs entered the last war as the oppressed dependents of Turkey. Today as a result primarily of the victory of the Allies, the Arab Kingdoms of Iraq and of Saudi-Arabia, the Emirate of Trans-Jordan, and the Republics of the Lebanon and of Syria, reflect the achievement of Arab demands in an area covering 99% of the Arab world. For these lands cover an area of over a million square miles. That of Palestine is 10,000. What other people can claim a similar satisfaction of their demands.

Tewfik Pasha refers to his faith in the Atlantic Charter. The Arab countries, however, have done precious little to make sure that that charter of liberty shall prevail as against the Nazi aggressor. When the Prime Minister of Iraq, Rashid El Gailani, (now with the Mufti in Berlin) attempted his miserable pro-Axis putsch, the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force had to be confined to barracks because they could not be counted upon in Britain's hour of need. And when General Rommel marched on Alexandria the Egyptian army discreetly retired from the Egyptian frontier and was heard of no more. In the whole of the Near East it was only the Jews of Palestine who sent their men out to fight and die in Syria, in Egypt and Libya, and later in Sicily and in Italy, in behalf of the cause of the United Nations.

It was another, and without disrespect to Tewfik Pasha, greater statesman, King Faisal of Iraq, brother of the Emir of Trans-Jordan, who, as the Arab representative at the Peace Conference, had a nobler vision of the Arab-Jewish future in the Near East when in his famous,

though abortive agreement with Dr. Weismann, head of the Zionist movement, he looked forward to the establishment, to their mutual advantage, of a great Arab State, on the one hand, and on the other in Palestine of the Jewish National Home.

The Jewish problem is one which the world can no longer ignore. The vast Arab territories are under-populated and neglected and there is room there for the settlement of perhaps 50 million people where today a few million eke out their lives under the most humble conditions. Here is a work of settlement and civilization for the Arab people for generations to come. Let them not covet too little Palestine, which the statesmen of the world, including the same President Wilson admired by Tewfik Pasha, have set aside, without harm to the existing inhabitants, to be a homeland for that people whose homelessness in Europe has in the present war produced such appalling consequences.

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Abba Hillel Silver

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MEMORANDUM

To Mr. Harold P. Manson

Date May 8, 1944

From Harry A. Steinberg

This is a report of my interview with Paulette Goddard and Captain Burgess Meredith at their Rockland County home on Sunday, May 7, 1944.

Miss Goddard just returned from a world-wide USO tour entertaining American troops, during the course of which she spent one week visiting Palestine. The purpose of the meeting was to ascertain her leanings on the question of Palestine with a view to possibly publicizing any favorable impressions of hers concerning the Jewish National Home.

I learned that Miss Goddard returned from Palestine with unbounding enthusiasm for what she saw, with the highest praise for the spirit and accomplishments of the Jewish settlers, and with a rather keen perception of the political difficulties involved. She feels that although she cannot inject herself into the political phase of the movement, she is willing and eager to bring the true picture of "the one bright spot in that part of the world"--as she calls it--to the attention of as many people as possible.

Miss Goddard has an agreement with King Features to do a number of pieces for them covering her trip. She will devote one of these to Palestine, if possible, and is also contemplating an article for a national weekly magazine which will be ghosted for her by a Hollywood writer-friend. In addition, she will give mention to Palestine in all of her interviews with the press, etc. Incidentally, Miss Goddard was interviewed last Friday by Time Magazine, and she told me that she devoted a considerable portion of the interview to Palestine.

We also discussed the question of the filming of "Wingate's Raiders," and she assured me she will personally speak to producer-friends of hers in an effort to induce them to make a picture.

A good part of our conversation centered around the Emergency Committee people, who apparently are concentrating at the present time on enlisting the support of Broadway and Hollywood for their program. Meredith informed me that they are very active and have interested a number of personalities in their work. Incidentally, both Goddard and Meredith seem to admire the work of the Irgun--whom they term "direct actionists."

"I approve of their tactics 100 per cent," said Miss Goddard. Again, "because they dramatize the subject and do things. It is regrettable that the Zionist movement is concentrating its attack on a purely intellectual level, and in so doing is skimming over the great masses who might be eager to help them. Although there is a great

May 8, 1944

segment of sentiment in Hollywood against identification with the Jewish national movements, there are potentially a number of people who should be contacted and whose support should be gained. This is a very important aspect of your task."

The interview lasted three hours and was held under the most desirable and cordial of circumstances.

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American Zionist Emergency Council

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Hadassah, Women's Zionist Organization of America
Mizrachi Organization of America
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Zionist Organization of America

342 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.
Murray Hill 2-1160

May 9, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The enclosed memorandum to me by Harry Steinberg, reporting his interview of May 7th with the screen star, Paulette Goddard, will be of interest to you, I think.

Mr. Shapiro and I had requested Mr. Steinberg to see Miss Goddard in an effort to obtain suitable material for an article in one of the "slick" magazines. His report indicates that Miss Goddard is more than willing to publicize the work being done in Palestine. We hope that she will follow through with her plans to write articles on the subject, and will keep in touch with her.

Rabbi Feuer, Mr. Shapiro and I discussed the question of public relations in the entertainment fields, and we all agreed that this aspect of our publicity work has been sorely neglected. While we do not propose that the Emergency Council employ Hollywood publicity tricks, we believe that active participation in our work by outstanding actors, writers, directors, producers, artists, singers, etc. would be most desirable for the following reasons:

(1) The intellectuals in these groups have excellent connections with newspaper people, civic leaders and even government officials. They are often in a position to exert considerable influence in behalf of a cause which is dear to them.

(2) A committee composed of outstanding individuals in these groups can aid greatly in the planning and execution of important Zionist functions -- rallies, benefit performances, etc. There can be no doubt that we will be in a better position to employ the various entertainment media in order to put our message across, if such a committee exists. For example, Mr. Lowenthal and I are now trying to interest Hollywood producers to do a film based on the life of Wingate. This would be facilitated if we could work directly with a committee including outstanding Hollywood personalities. The same applies to radio programs.

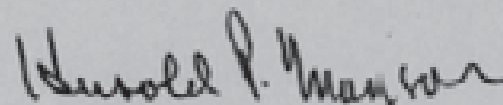
(3) The "name value" of such people with the general public is tremendous.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver -2-

We realize that the organization of such a group will take time, money and effort. However, it is a job which should be done. Mr. Lowenthal and I already have a number of excellent contacts in these groups, and I feel confident that it will not prove too difficult to form such a committee within a short period of time.

Your reaction to all this will be appreciated.

Cordially yours,



Harold P. Manson
Director of Information

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Enc.



May 10, 1944

Mr. H. P. Manson
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Manson:

Thank you for your letter and for the information about Miss Paulette Goddard. I think we should proceed to organize without delay a committee of artists. It would be highly desirable to procure some outstanding name or names to act as chairman or co-chairmen of such a committee. Our friends in Los Angeles and Hollywood could advise us. If necessary we might send Mr. Lowenthal to Hollywood to complete the organization of the committee although a given number are in New York and we could start with them.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

RABBI SAMUEL WOHL
CINCINNATI, OHIO

May 17, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I had planned to come to Washington for the Conference but I am unable to do so. The High School Graduation and the forthcoming Confirmation, as well as other commitments, make it impossible for me to leave Cincinnati at this particular time.

I should like to present to you briefly an idea that seems to me has possibilities of helping our task.

CONCERNING THE FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS

1. All members of the National Republican Committee and the National Democratic Committee should be contacted.

a. The two National Chairmen of the Republican and Democratic parties and a number of other key people within the National Committees should be seen by some of our own outstanding leaders.

b. These individual members of the National Committee should be contacted by people in their respective communities.

c. A memorandum, embodying our position and our materials, should be presented to everyone *on these committees*

d. Political leaders, other than members of the National Committee, such as County Chairmen, State Chairmen of their respective political organizations, should be contacted in a similar way.

e. Ward leaders should also be reached.

It may be that a special unofficial committee, not associated with the Palestine Emergency Council, could be set up for that purpose, if it is found to be inadvisable

RABBI SAMUEL WOHL
CINCINNATI, OHIO

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

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to do it directly under the auspices of the Emergency Council.

I consider this type of action an immediate necessity and may be most fruitful of results.

May I also follow this with two other suggestions:

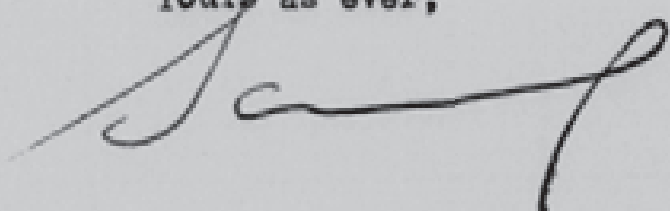
1. A pro-Palestine Committee be formed by a group of outstanding publishers of daily and weekly newspapers. I do not know which person could take the initiative. You certainly can obtain the aid of Mr. Paul Bellamy of the Cleveland Plain Dealer. If Mrs. Ogden Reed of the New York Herald Tribune would take such a Chairmanship, it would be very much worthwhile because of her activity and prestige in connection with the Herald Tribune Forum.

2. The hundreds of weeklies throughout the country, the small town dailies, the church press, the labor press and the fraternal organizations ought to receive some attention. Many of these would be willing to publish materials prepared and syndicated.

Could we not set up a special syndicate for our purposes? I cannot at this time discuss separately and in detail each of these proposals, but I should be glad to cooperate in any way if you feel that these suggestions could be used as a basis of action.

With all good wishes and warmest regards from house to house, I am

Yours as ever,



SW:AS

Jewish National Workers' Alliance



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45 EAST 17th STREET, NEW YORK 3, N. Y.

May 23, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver,

It gives me great pleasure to enclose herewith a news item which appeared in The Day of Monday, May 22nd, featuring the story of your joining the Jewish National Workers' Alliance as a member.

A copy of your original letter sent to me was sent to the Secretaries of the branches of our organization (about 300 in number). I have already received many replies, each of which contains the highest praise for you as the leader of the combined Zionist forces in America, and expressing their deepest appreciation for your sentiments expressed for the Farband and the Labor Zionist Movement.

I regret exceedingly that on account of previous engagements and personal difficulties, I find it impossible to attend the conference in Washington. I am sure that this conference will be a further step toward the strengthening of our political activities for Zionism in this country, and I am equally sure that you will find in the conference the most loyal devotion of the leaders of the various communities for the program adopted by the Emergency Council.

I am,

Most sincerely yours,

LOUIS SEGAL
General Secretary

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P.S. You will surely be delighted to know that the letter of Mr. William Green and the other labor leaders to Mr. Zaritsky, condemning the Bergson Group, made a tremendous impression in labor circles.

May 25, 1944

AIRMAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Mr. Harold P. Manson
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, New York

My dear Manson:

I am under the impression that you are being overworked. The publicity activities of the Emergency Council have been rapidly increasing and will increase in the future, I suspect. You have been doing an enormously fine job but I feel that an even better job can be done if you have someone in your office who would do the writing up of ordinary releases, some man who has a knack for it. You will then be free to do much more contact work on the outside, which, I believe, is tremendously important. Talk the matter over with Mr. Shapiro and look around for such a man. Let me know what you have done.

A good story on the Washington Community Contacts Conference should go forth immediately to the Anglo-Jewish press. I assume that you have already attended to it. I believe that you should immediately contact by wire the community contacts chairmen of the 15 or 20 communities where there are important Anglo-Jewish papers, and request them immediately to get in touch with the editors of these papers to kill the releases of the Bergson group. The Anglo-Jewish press needs intensive education and cultivation about this group.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

AHS:sbg

(dictated but not signed)

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May 31, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

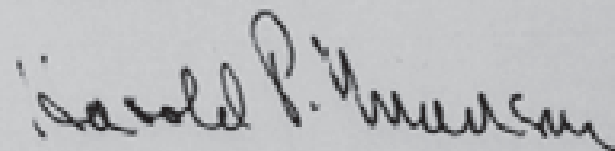
Many thanks for your letter of May 25th.

It is gratifying, indeed, to learn that my work has met with your approval. Let me assure you that I shall continue to give the Emergency Council the best I have to offer.

You are quite right in pointing out that more could be accomplished in my department with additional assistance. Mr. Shapiro and I have discussed this matter and we are on the lookout for a capable person. Inasmuch as I am spending much of my time in Washington and am scheduled to devote even more time to the Washington Bureau during the summer months, competent assistance in the New York office is of the utmost importance.

Your instructions with reference to the Anglo-Jewish press are being carried out. I shall make every effort to cultivate and educate this group within the next few weeks.

Cordially yours,



Harold P. Manson
Director of Information

HPM:BP

June 2, 1944

Mr. Harold P. Manson
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Manson:

I am returning herewith the material for the booklet which you sent me. It is too long. I have indicated places where omissions can be made. In place of paragraphs 3 and 4 on page 2, I would suggest the following paragraphs:

Centuries later, the Kingdom of Israel and Judah fell before the Assyrians and the Babylonians; and the Jews were carried off into captivity. But in 538 B.C. they returned again to their homeland. In the succeeding centuries they fought for their national independence against the Syrian Empire. In the first century of the Common Era, they revolted against the Roman Empire which had established its control over Palestine. This great revolt lasted for six years until 70 A.D. when Jerusalem and the Temple were destroyed. But the Jewish nation did not perish then. In 115 they revolted again. In 135 they revolted a third time.

The population of Palestine was decimated. But Jewish life continued in Palestine on a relatively large scale up until the 7th century of the Common Era when we again hear of Jews fighting in Palestine for their freedom. Jews clung to Palestine all through Roman, Byzantine, Arab, Christian and Turkish domination. To this very day they never ceased to think of it as their national home. They never surrendered the hope that some day the Jewish nation would be re-established in its ancestral home. The bitter experiences of two thousand years of exile, outlawry, ghettos and massacres only served to reinforce that hope.

Mr. Manson

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June 2, 1944

Please show this material to Attorney General Nathaniel Goldstein, ask him whether the statements of a few leading Americans, not necessarily in the political field should be included in the booklet. He may suggest some names. I'd like a good job done on this booklet. If you haven't enough time to devote to it, I would suggest that you ask for the cooperation of Sulamith Schwartz.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ARS:BK
Enc.



MEMORANDUM

June 13, 1944

To

Meyer W. Weisgal

Date

From

Harry A. Steinberg

The first royalty payment on "Palestine, Land of Promise" for the sum of Two thousand one hundred thirty five dollars and ninety cents (\$2,135.90) has been paid to us by Harper and Brothers.

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June 27, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

My brother and I have been giving a lot of consideration to your first letter requesting \$1,000 towards the radio program of the Emergency Council.

Shortly after receipt of your letter, we were informed that the ZOA was to embark on a radio program; and it was requested that some of us assume the obligation of the expenses to the local stations, which would carry on this program.

This, in addition to so many other situations which we think are a duplication of effort, causes me to feel that the best thing I can do is to start a little rebellion of my own and encourage others to follow me by not making any further contribution to any of our work where there is a continuous duplication of effort.

I can tell you that the amount involved is really not the important issue; but rather the feeling that now exists throughout the country by those who have been assisting our activities in a very large measure that there are too many organizations carrying on the same program, which instead of improving our position is making it worse.

This letter is written only to warn you of the undercurrent of feeling that a good many of us are expressing throughout the country.

I also feel that in view of the substantial increases which are being made to the UJA, because of the increased funds which will go to the United Palestine Appeal, it is advisable to get the additional funds for the radio program from that source rather than have us go to a small group in our community to raise additional funds.

This is the first time in my life where I have refused to go along with a project that affects Palestine, but I feel that my position is warranted under the circumstances. I want to assure you that it in no way diminishes my personal feelings and high regard for you and all that you have done for our movement.

With every good wish, I remain,

Cordially yours,
Harry Levine

FILE

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER

BB:pk 11/13/44

*Draft contained in letter from
Mrs. Dean of F.P.A. to Mr. Hunter.*

The murder of Walter Edward Guinness, first Baron Moyne, British Resident Minister in the Middle East, on November 6 in Cairo, has focused attention on the terroristic activities of two secret organizations, the Irgun Zvai Leumi and the Stern Gang, which harass Palestine, despite effort made by police under British supervision to preserve order and protect life. Baron Moyne, the highest ranking British political official in the Middle East, had recently been conferring on the problem of Palestine's future. Two members of the Stern Gang confessed the crime, which occurred in front of the Minister's house in Cairo.

ZIONISTS DISAGREE. This terrorist movement is due to two main factors: the dissatisfaction of Zionist Jews over the British government's continuing reluctance to act on the 1917 Balfour Declaration which promised the creation of a Jewish National Home in the Holy Land, and the dispute among Zionists as to the tactics they should use to prod the British into action. Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Zionist Organization, advocates patience; on..... he said that Britain is "destined to become the guardian of Israel's hope." By contrast, the late Vladimir Jabotinski, founder of the schismatic New Zionist Organization, favored the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth on both sides of the Jordan River instead of the western side only, as desired by the original Zionists.

In their current platform the New Zionists, who are using demonstrations, newspaper advertisements, mass meetings and press conferences to achieve their objectives, demand the following: British relinquishment of the Palestine mandate; Jewish representation among the United Nations; exchange of populations between Arabs and Jews; and acceptance by the United States of responsibility for fulfillment of the Balfour Declara-

tion's provisions of the mandate.

Fanatical Zionists, who doubt that mere political pressure will ever settle the Palestine question as they would like to see it settled, split off into an extremist group. Putting their faith in armed, terroristic action, they formed an organization known as Irgun. When, in 1941, the Irgun resolved to suspend its tactics for the duration of the war, Abraham Stern revolted and organized the Sternists as a continuing terror society. Stern was killed in a clash with the police in 1942.

Both the Irgun and the Stern Gang are secret societies. Their membership, programs, and sources of weapons and bombs are unknown. The Moyne murder -- the ninth this year -- was the first venture of the terrorists outside Palestine. These terroristic methods are viewed with disfavor by most advocates of the Jewish National Home in Palestine. For example, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, member of the executive committee of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, said on November 10 that the majority of Palestinians "abhor" Sternist practices. However, there is a tendency to press for settlement of the controversy that generates the terror, rather than to denounce the terrorists.

BASIS OF U.S. INTERVENTION. This terrorism is but a symptom of a problem that concerns the United States as well as Britain -- the problem of continuing unrest in Palestine, where British measures have placated neither the Jewish nor the Arab population. The Balfour Declaration disturbed the Arabs and incited them to riot and terrorism; in 1939 the British Government issued its White Paper limiting Jewish immigration into Palestine below the level fixed by the Balfour Declaration formula of "absorptive capacity". This, in turn, fomented Jewish terrorism. Since 1939 political opposition to the White Paper policy has developed in the United States,

which claims interest through having signed the Palestine Mandate. Both the Democratic and Republican platforms of 1944 called for the transformation of Palestine into a Jewish National Home, and on October 15 Senator Robert Wagner, Democrat of New York, delivered to the annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America a message from President Roosevelt pledging his support of the Democratic plank on Palestine.

The State Department has not encouraged current movements for United States intervention in Palestine affairs, but it is probably that the Washington administration will request Britain to review the whole question as part of an expected re-examination of League of Nations mandates. On June 23 Mr. Roosevelt told the Palestine Arab party that the future of their country would be determined by the governments responsible for the establishment of a world order of peace and justice, after consultation with Jews and Arabs. The Palestine question may be one of the first that will have to be considered by the United Nations international organization envisaged in the Dumbarton Oaks document.

Blair Bolles.

A PETITION
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*RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
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DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

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The Jewish people of Europe was the first target of the Nazi aggressor. Unprotected by a government of its own, this people, which has contributed so much to the progress of our civilization, has undergone a ruthless process of slaughter resulting in the extermination of more than one-third of its number. This gigantic catastrophe has re-emphasized the national homelessness of the Jews and their need for a land to which they may come as of right and not on tolerance.

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Respectfully yours,

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Wolsey

Mrs. Rogers You feel we should change our immigration laws somewhat so as to take in more of the persecuted persons? I do not mean just for the Jewish, but for all persecuted victims of the war?

Mr. Wolsey You ask whether I recommend that?

Mrs. Rogers Yes, Rabbi.

Mr. Wolsey I am afraid I am not expert enough on our own immigration laws.



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"Legal right no less than moral obligation"

The arguments in favor of the Christian support of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine seem to me unanswerable. From the many I should like to emphasize three.

The first is the humanitarian. The history of the Passover Scandal gives some conception of the ordeal to which the Jews have been subjected from the early days of the Christian era, an ordeal of horror which seemed incredible in a so-called civilized world. But even that record pales in the light of the experience of today. The atrocities of the Nazi persecutions of the Jews have never been equaled in human history. The "Old Savage" has used every weapon placed in his hand by the "New Civilization" to make more exquisite the tortures inflicted upon the Jewish race with the intent of its complete extermination. That in itself places a responsibility upon all of us who are worthy of the name "Christian," a responsibility which we dare not evade.

Palestine offers a place of refuge, a consideration of the utmost importance if we would stay further massacre of a great race. More than that, it offers a *home*. It is difficult to understand the point of view which ignores the "historical connection of the Jewish people with Palestine" and the grounds for reconstituting there their National Home. One of the extraordinary facts in history has been the persistence throughout the centuries of this thought of Jerusalem. In no other instance has the life of a people been so closely bound up with that of a city.

The fact that not all Jews could or would be a part of that city has little bearing upon the question. Its chief significance lies in the fact that it is a great sentiment which would be a source of inspiration for the future of the race.

For the second reason why the Christian should support the project of a National Home in Palestine I would stress gratitude. It is curious that the common spiritual heritage of Jew and Christian is so often forgotten. In these days of terror the Christian turns for strength and inspiration to the New Testament and—to the Hebrew Prophet. Words written thousands of years ago are startling in their understanding of modern problems and in the way in which they "speak home to the heart." If there were no further reason for the interest

of the Christian in the Jewish problem and its wise solution, his indebtedness to the Hebrew Prophet would be sufficient.

The third emphasis has to do with the rehabilitation of a distraught world. Among the problems which will face humanity at the close of the war none will be more difficult. Inexcusable as the failure to live up to the Balfour Declaration has been, the Declaration has in part fulfilled its purpose. It has made the plan of the Jewish Commonwealth more than a blueprint. What has been accomplished in Palestine within twenty-five years has proved the practicability and wisdom of this conception of Palestine as the Homeland of the Jewish race.

Furthermore, in this age of world crisis it represents "a fundamental contribution to the social and political progress of the world," possibly of inestimable service in other phases of world rehabilitation.

MARY E. WOOLLEY
President Emeritus
Mount Holyoke College

With pain one reads that there is need for this Petition of rights and that again the Jew is denied entrance into the Holy Land. The Balfour Declaration sanctioned so universally seemed to be a binding covenant. A half million Jews believed in the pledged word of Great Britain, the guarantee of the League of Nations, and the unanimous Resolution of Congress. They returned to their ancient patrimony. Many thousands would follow if the British White Paper did not quarantine this anti-Axis land.

What power politics has shut the door of this promised land to the chosen people in their terrible martyrdom? What War advantage can there be in keeping the Jews a minority in their ancient home? Must the Arab, who watched disinterestedly when the Nazi blitz rolled into Egypt, be appeased for the wealth of India?

The integrity of the guarantee of the League of Nations must not be impugned. A Resolution of Congress should not appear an idle, political gesture.

Great nations have responsibilities. Majorities can not safely permit minorities to suffer. Small nations cannot protect their own sovereignty. Minorities cannot maintain their own freedom. Yet closed doors, despised minorities, and devastated little nations breed unrest which is contagious beyond insulated frontiers. Peace may die in the congested and oppressed states and among minorities who refuse to suffer more.

Liberal men and God fearing peoples must stand firm for peace with victory over statism, racism, mercantilism, reaction, and bigotry. Men die that other men may live. They do not die for one freedom, but for every freedom. And no freedom is greater than a latch key to a people's home even though it be so small as a token hearth.

And for freedom and covenants arrived at by honest nations, the United States should stand.

RICHARD J. PURCELL
Professor of History
Catholic University of America

It is indeed a privilege to join with so many hundreds of American educators who, commanded by a passionate sense of social justice and social responsibility, direct this appeal to our President on behalf of a Jewish Palestine. This cause has always been close to my heart—just as it has been alive in the thoughts of the Jewish people for the last two thousand years.

I have had the good fortune to travel through Palestine and to observe its amazing agricultural and industrial rejuvenation, brought about by the Zionist movement, a nationalism whose aim is not power but dignity and health. The Hebrew University on Mount Scopus is a real citadel of learning and research; the entire Near East and the forces of the United Nations today draw rich benefits from its work.

The tragic events of the past decade have made only too clear the vital need for rebuilding Palestine as a new center of life for the hundreds of thousands of innocent men, women and children whom the common foe has hunted from their homes.

By taking its place once more in the vanguard of the struggle for a Jewish Palestine, the American Government will add greatly to its long list of achievements in humanity's eternal strife for justice and equality.

This is the intent and purpose of our Petition.

ALBERT EINSTEIN
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