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JANUARY 4, 1944

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NLT WISE SILVER

EMERGENCY COMMITTEE FOR ZIONIST AFFAIRS

41 EAST 42 STREET NEW YORK

FULLY REALIZE DIFFICULTIES TRAVEL FOR WISE BUT IF AT ALL POSSIBLE WE
WOULD ALL BE MOST HAPPY SEE HIM HERE WITH SILVER AND OTHERS WHOM YOU
MAY ELECT STOP AFFECTIONATE GREETINGS TO YOU BOTH

CHAIM WEIZMANN

January 5, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Lourie:

In reply to your letter of December 30 - I would suggest that you have a talk with Mr. Neumann about the situation and agree among yourselves whether the first or second of your suggestions should be followed, or perhaps a combination of both.

Please contact the parties and get their selections for the London delegation. I will then officially notify them of their appointments. As soon as you get the names you might submit an application to the proper authorities for their visas and priorities.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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To Arthur Laurie

Care of or Apt. No. 342 Madison

Street and No. N. Y.

Place

1-5-44 1944

WANT A REPLY?

"Answer by WESTERN UNION"
or similar phrases may be
included without charge.

Final draft Palestine resolution based on
draft @ submitted Emergency Council Monday
should be ready by end of week. Please ask
Rothenberg, Shulman & Stone to edit it.
Forward it to me Washington by Monday.
Kindest regards
Silver

Sender's Name

Address

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DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

THE TEMPLE (CLEVELAND OHIO)=

ANSEL RD AND EAST 105

WEIZMANN CABLES QUOTE FULLY REALIZE DIFFICULTIES TRAVEL FOR
WISE BUT IF AT ALL POSSIBLE WE WOULD ALL BE MOST HAPPY SEE HIM
HERE WITH SILVER AND OTHERS WHOM YOU MAY ELECT STOP AFFECTIONATE
GREETINGS TO YOU BOTH=

ARTHUR LOURIE.

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

January 6, 1944.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The regular meeting of the Emergency Council is due to take place on Monday, January 17th, at 8:15 p.m. I assume that the date stands and the notices can be sent out for that meeting and for a meeting of the Executive Committee that afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Yours sincerely,

Arthur Lourie
Arthur Lourie

AL:LB

Jan 13.

Jan 24

- Delegation
- Revisionist

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January 7, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

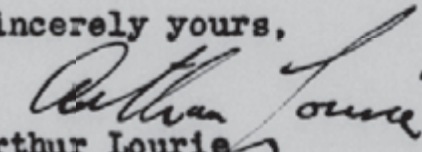
The parties have nominated their delegates to
London as follows:

Mizrachi	-	Rabbi Wolf Gold
Hadassah	-	Mrs. Halprin
Poale Zion	-	Mr. Wertheim

I have written a full letter to Mr. Shaw, who is in charge of priorities, explaining to him the importance of having American Jewry represented in connection with the discussions which are impending, and requesting his good offices for securing the priorities.

Apart from the priorities, it is necessary to secure the consent of the State Department for the departure abroad of the individuals concerned in order to obtain passports for them. This matter also is being taken in hand. I think that the procedure is likely to take some little time and that in due course personal intervention by Dr. Wise or yourself will be necessary. I shall keep you informed of the progress.

Sincerely yours,


Arthur Lourie

AL:MM

P.S. I have been pursuing F. with regard to the absorptive capacity memorandum but have been unable to get a reply. You may have noticed from the press that he is in the midst of a controversy with some of his colleagues on the bench, and I imagine that at the moment that is keeping him very fully occupied.

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Street and No. _____

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or similar phrases may be
included without charge.

Place _____

Could you spend day Washington
next week while I am there to
talk over quite a number of matters
related to our work, preferably Wed. Kindest
regards -
Silver

Sender's Name _____

Address _____

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January 7, 1944 19

To Arthur Lourie

Care of or Apt. No. American Zionist Emergency Council

Street and No. 342 Madison Ave.

Place New York, N.Y.

WANT A REPLY?

"Answer by WESTERN UNION"
or similar phrases may be
included without charge.

COULD YOU SPEND A DAY IN WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK WHILE I AM THERE TO TALK

OVER QUITE A NUMBER OF MATTERS RELATED TO OUR WORK PREFERABLY WEDNESDAY

KINDEST REGARDS.

SILVER

Sender's Name

Address

Tel. No.

January 17, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Lourie:

We should schedule the next meeting of the Executive for Monday afternoon, January 31st. We should, normally, have it on the 7th of February - that being the first Monday of the month - but that might put off a meeting of the Executive too long, since our last meeting was on January 13th.

Please find out from Dr. Wise whether he is free on that afternoon.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:NEK

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THE TEMPLE CLEVE=

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OFF TELEPHONED TELEGRAM

SZ OLD RETURNED LAST NIGHT ANXIOUS TALK WITH YOU=
ARTHUR LOURIE.

SZ OLD.

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

January 26, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Lourie:

- 1) I am enclosing, herewith, the letter of Professor Samuel I. Feigin, of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago, in which he gives some more information about Freya Stark. He indicates that Miss Stark is going to California on the 28th of January. Please have Mr. Shapiro contact our Community Contact Groups on the Coast and advise them to use the press to expose this British agent. Have him send to these committees whatever data we have on Miss Stark.
- 2) You will recall that I spoke to you about inviting Professor Albright to visit eight or ten of the important universities of this country to present our case from the point of view of one familiar with the Near East and Palestine. I should like to have this matter pushed aggressively. Please see Dr. Albright at once. If he cannot undertake the mission, he may suggest someone else qualified for the task. Please make whatever financial arrangements necessary. Professor Feigin's statement on our neglect of the university circles is a just one.
- 3) There has been a reorganization of the State Department. A special Near East department or division has been established, judging by the accounts in the newspapers. Please find out the names of those who now constitute this Near East division. We should make official representation to Stettinius that someone sympathetic to our viewpoint be added. This, too, is of utmost important and should be followed through immediately.

With all good wishes, I remain

(P. S. Dr. Feigin would like his
letter kept confidential.)

Most cordially yours,

AHS:NEK

Abba Hillel Silver

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DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

THE TEMPLE CLEVE=

APPOINTMENT WITH TURKISH AMBASSADOR FIXED FOR THURSDAY
MORNING 11:30=

ARTHUR LOURIE.

① Ga 0150

③ o.k. 3 140

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2184
③ Mrs. S. Vild

11:30.

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January 27 1944

To **Mr. Arthur Lourie**
American Zionist Emergency Council

Care of or Apt. No.

Street and No. **342 Madison Avenue**
New York City

Place

WANT A REPLY?

"Answer by WESTERN UNION"
or similar phrases may be
included without charge.

In view Shertok telegram concerning transit visas suggest
you make appointment for me with Turkish Ambassador next
Wednesday afternoon or Thursday Washington.

Silver

Sender's Name

Address

Tel. No.

Charge to the account of _____

FEB 3 - 1944

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NEWYORK NY FEB 3 1944
DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER-
-1720 SIXTEENTH ST NW-

FEB 3 - 1944

FOLLOWING RECEIVED ADDRESSED YOU WISE QUOTE DISCUSSED WITH WEIZMANN
EXECUTIVE PROBLEM YOUR AND DELEGATIONS COMING STOP IMPOSSIBLE
PREDICT WHEN CLEAR SITUATION WILL ARISE THOUGH MAY HAPPEN ANY TIME
STOP NO GENERAL CONFERENCE CONTEMPLATED NOW ONLY MEMBERS EXECUTIVE
COMING FROM PALESTINE STOP WHEN SITUATION CLEARED WILL BE
IMPORTANT HAVE HERE BOTH CHAIRMEN EMERGENCY COUNCIL AND LIPSKY
AS MEMBER EXECUTIVE STOP WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED DEVELOPMENT
SITUATION AND APPROPRIATE DATE YOUR SAILING UNQUOTE PLEASE RING ME
YOUR CONVENIENCE UNLESS RETURNING NEW YORK TODAY=ARTHUR LOURIE.

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February 12 44
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To Mr. Arthur Lourie

Care of or Apt. No. American Zionist Emergency Council

Street and No. 342 Madison Avenue

Place New York City

WANT A REPLY?

"Answer by 'WESTERN UNION'"
or similar phrases may be
included without charge.

Suggest that a meeting of the Executive Committee be held

Monday afternoon February 21st and of the full Council

that same evening. Kindest regards.

Silver

Sender's Name

Address

Tel. No.

[February? 1944]

143/8361

No. 383

The Executive of the Zionist Organization

Mr. Arthur Lourie,
American Zionist Emergency Council,
41 East 42nd Street,
NEW YORK

Dear Lourie,

By the time this letter reaches you, the question raised by the N.Z.O.'s application for representation on the Emergency Council will probably have been settled one way or the other.

It is not my intention to go into the merits of the case, and this for the simple reason that as far as the political and party aspect is concerned, the matter can be left to others to be dealt with, while from the point of view of the constitution the question may be dismissed by the statement that the Emergency Council is a temporary ad hoc body without a formal status within the normal framework of the Zionist Work Organisation.

On the other hand, it is clear that the Emergency Council owes allegiance to the Zionist Organisation and its headquarters and that no arrangements could be tolerated which would interfere with this fundamental obligation.

Those who act in this matter on behalf of the Council will have received an official reply to their communications. On my part, I should only like to draw attention to a point which I think must be made clear from the outset. I am referring to the question of loyalty of the prospective new members towards the Council they wish to join. I am speaking from the experience of these years when leaders of that group were members of the Zionist statutory bodies and when it transpired that they did not consider themselves bound by any of the rules normally accepted in public life. Not only did they deem themselves free to attack publicly and unrestrictedly the body on which they sat but also to divulge any information that they might have received at the meetings, even of the most confidential nature, and reserve to themselves the right to take separate action on any matters on which the body to whom they belonged passed a decision contrary to their wishes. The important point is that when brought to account they did not plead ignorance or deny responsibility but claimed that, according to their code of public morality, they were perfectly justified in their attitude and could not be expected to behave otherwise. Interesting and painful as this clash of two worlds might have appeared from the general point of view, in practice it meant irritation and constant fear of seeing some of our most intricate decisions and actions threatened by the danger of being counteracted, attacked and exposed.

Much water has flown since and it is quite possible, and certainly desirable, that a change of heart has taken place, especially as far as that group in U.S.A. is concerned. I must confess that I know next to nothing about their personnel, their activities, their part and importance in public life there. I understand that in connection with the present issue they profess to dissociate themselves from those bodies usually identified with them which have acquired a peculiar reputation lately by some of their more noisy and reckless performances. However, if there are reasons for the acceptance of their request for admission to the Council, then conditions should be laid down and arrangements made which would preclude from the outset the repetition of mistakes made in the past and would safeguard both the vital interests of the Movement and the smooth working of the committee.

With kind regards, Yours sincerely
(signed) Leo Lauterbach
ORGANISATION DEPARTMENT

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To Arthur Laurie

Care of or Apt. No. 342 Madison Ave

Street and No. New York, N.Y.

Place

Since we had meeting Monday in Washington do not believe another Executive meeting needed on 6th. Some of us will have to be in Washington on 9th for Palestine Conference. Will write you about cable to Shertok.

Silver

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DR A H SILVER= *ANSEL RD + E 105* DATE OF TELEPHONED TEL. *MAR 7 04*

~~HOTEL SHERMAN CHGO OR THE TEMPLE CLEVE=~~

ANSEL RD at E 105 ch Temple

SHALL I CALL EXECUTIVE MEETING FOR SIXTH FIRST MONDAY
IN MARCH STOP INFORM ALSO WHETHER SHOULD WIRE SHERTOK
IN YOUR NAME REGARDING INVITATION=

:ARTHUR LOURIE SHERTOK.

Dr 0150 Sk. 3740
By 746 P. mld

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~~:198 TO CHAKER BETH CLEVE=~~

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LIPSKY UNAVAILABLE WEDNESDAY SPEAKING MONTREAL DECIDED
AGAINST ISSUING STATEMENT TODAY VIEW GETTING PROMINENT
FRIEND WASHINGTON SPEAK ON OUR BEHALF WHICH ALL AGREE
MORE EFFECTIVE=

ARTHUR LAURIE:

*Sk 370
By 725P
732P
Rabbin*

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

MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date March 14, 1944

From Arthur Lourie

I understand that Mereminski has a full report of the meeting of the Histadruth Executive, including Tabenkin's speech. I think it would be useful, accordingly, if we are going to take up that matter at the next meeting that we invite him to attend. Please let me know.

A.L.

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March 14, 1944

Mr. Arthur K. Lourie,
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York City



I have requested Mr. Neumann to draft resolutions to be submitted at Tuesday's meeting. Resolutions should be ready for consideration our Committee next Monday afternoon.

Silver

1 P.M.
WKR

American Zionist Emergency Council

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March 17, 1944

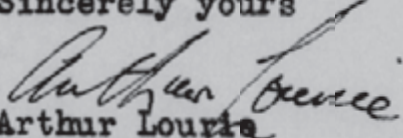
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am enclosing a copy of a Memorandum which I have received from Mr. Mereminski with regard to the Mediterranean exit of the proposed pipe line from Saudi Arabia.

Mr. Mereminski stresses the importance, from our point of view as well as from that of the United States itself, of Jaffa or Haifa as an exit point rather than Alexandria.

Sincerely yours


Arthur Lourie

AL:CK
Enc.

March 16, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Lourie:

I agree with you that it would be highly desirable to have Mereminski attend our meeting next Monday and report on the Histadruth situation. The report, however, should not be too lengthy. I assume that Nahum Goldmann will be back by that time and we would want to get a full report from him. We would also wish to discuss final arrangements for the Tuesday evening meeting at the Madison Square Garden.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

March 24, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Lourie:

For the sake of completing your files, and mine, I wish you would get from Dr. Wise the reply which he received from General Watson to his letter of January 18 asking for an appointment with the President for him and me. I should like to have a copy of that letter at the earliest possible moment as I am drafting a statement to be submitted to the Zionist Emergency Council outlining chronologically our political moves in the last three or four months.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:EK

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April 4, 1944

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

Dear Doctor Silver:

I have received the following cables from Bernard Joseph:

(March 27th) "JTA REPORT GIVING DECISION EXECUTIVE
ALLEGED TERMS MEMORANDUM SUBMITTABLE GOVERNMENT
UNFOUNDED NOT SLIGHTEST INTENTION INTRODUCE ANY
VARIATIONS BILTMORE RESOLUTION" (*We have no record of such a report.*)

(April 4th) "REVISIONISTS GAVE LONG INTERVIEW JTA
REGARDING PRESENT SITUATION COUNTRY NOT PUBLISHING
LOCALLY THEY TOOK PAINS KEEP THEIR STATEMENT CONFIDENTIAL HERE".

I have also received today a further batch of letters and memoranda from the irrepressible Lauterbach -- for the most part of but the slightest interest. Nevertheless, you may care to know that his letters to me, each of which is numbered, have now reached #421, and my own letters to him, #81, which gives some indication of the steady contact maintained between the Jerusalem office and the Emergency Council. I am also in touch with Linton of the London office. Communications from Dr. Weizmann, however, in general are addressed to Weisgal.

Sincerely yours

Arthur Lourie
Arthur Lourie

AL:CK

not sent

April 5, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Lourie:

Somewhere I read that Secretary Hull and Mr. Connally, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, will, before long, speak on the radio on America's Foreign Policy, and that the subject of Palestine would be included in that discussion. Do you know anything about it? If the report is true, I think both Mr. Hull and Mr. Connally should be tactfully approached on the subject to make sure that their statements on Palestine would be in line with the President's declaration of March 9th - at least.

I should like to have a clean copy of the report of the Program Committee and the recommendations which were finally adopted by the Emergency Council last Monday evening. A copy should also be sent to Mr. Ludwig Lewisohn whose present address is: Hotel Eastgate, Ontario Street (east of Michigan Ave.) Chicago, Illinois. He asked for it in order to know what our line is to guide him in writing editorials for the New Palestine. I have also sent him some new material as well as a long letter giving him my views on the subject.

Will you please send me, also, the minutes of the Executive Meeting of last Monday. There are certain committees which ought to be appointed.

Arthur Lourie

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April 5, 1944

Dr. Goldmann has had certain recent contacts in Washington. It was our understanding that he was to consult me before going to our government officials and to send me reports of such visits, neither of which has been done. Have you received any reports of his visits with McCloy, Abe Fortas, etc.?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:NEK

Abba Hillel Silver



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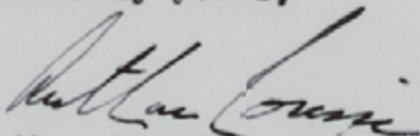
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The subcommittee to consider the oil question met this morning, together with Dr. Goldmann. The subcommittee consists of Mr. Neumann, Mr. Shulman, Mr. Szold (he was unable to attend owing to previous appointment), and Mr. Wertheim (Mr. Mereminski attended in place of Mr. Wertheim).

Brief minutes of the discussion is herewith appended.

Sincerely yours,


Arthur Lourie

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF OIL SUBCOMMITTEE

APRIL 7, 1944

Present: Mr. Neumann
Mr. Shulman
Mr. Mereminski
Dr. Goldmann
Mr. Lourie

Dr. Goldmann explained the position of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey which opposes the construction of the pipe line, and of the Petroleum Reserves Corporation which favors it, respectively.

As regards the former, their views may be stated as follows:

- (a) The assertion of Mr. Ickes that American oil supplies were running out, ~~was~~ untrue.
- (b) There is as much untapped oil in Alaska as there is in Saudi-Arabia.
- (c) In any case, there is no need for a pipe line. Ample tanker facilities will be available. Moreover, the pipe line will involve considerable risk of sabotage; ~~and~~ addition there is the possibility of difficulties arising with foreign powers.
- (d) The pipe line will not necessarily result in cheaper oil. The cost of bringing oil from Saudi-Arabia to Palestine for refining via Suez today is approximately 27 cents a barrel--24 cents of this is accounted for by Suez Canal duties. An arrangement should be possible in the form of repayment of lend-lease whereby these duties would be eliminated, reducing the price of transportation to 3 cents.
- (e) From the Jewish point of view a pipe line through the territory of Ibn Saud would put him in the position ~~of~~ exercising permanent blackmail against a Jewish Palestine.
- (f) Most of the oil advisers in the different government departments are personally financially involved with the oil companies.

On the other side, F. told Dr. Goldmann that:

- (a) There still are ample oil reserves in this country, but the estimates of those opposing the construction of the pipe line (i. e., Standard Oil of New Jersey and its associates) are highly exaggerated. In any case, this country cannot take any risk of finding itself without adequate reserves.
- (b) As far as the Jewish side is concerned, the situation will be bad for us if the United States fails to reach an agreement with the British. Once an agreement is reached, however, Ibn Saud loses his power to blackmail. The construc-

tion of a line to Palestine will mean a tremendous industrial development which will obviously be of great importance to the Jewish National Home. Should there be no agreement with Great Britain, then the whole pipe line proposal must necessarily fall through since it would have to traverse British or British-controlled territory.

F. added that Senator Maloney, who is the chairman of the Special Senate Investigating Committee, has been receiving hundreds of letters from Jews expressing resentment that the pipe line proposal is threatening the future of the Jewish National Home. In answer to his inquiry it was explained to F. that this was a spontaneous action and was not engineered by the Emergency Council.

Dr. Goldmann said that there is apparently a possibility, amounting ^{to} even a likelihood, that Congress will kill the whole proposal. He himself believes that F. is right in his view that the pipe line would be of benefit to the Jewish National Home, but he thought that the Zionists should not take any official line. He expects to see a leading personage associated with the California-Arabia Company in the near future through the intervention of Mr. Ed. Kaufmann, who, Dr. Goldmann urged, should be coopted to the Emergency Council Subcommittee. Apparently, the supporters of the pipe line, including, of course, the California-Arabia Company, are troubled about the Jewish reaction which they feel may be an additional factor in producing an unfavorable attitude in Congress. It was Dr. Goldmann's opinion that his own approach should be that as long as Ibn Saud remains hostile to Jewish Palestine we cannot be expected to look with favor on the pipe line.

Mr. Neumann said that it appeared that both sides to the controversy were concerned about the Jewish attitude; we had a certain nuisance value here of which we should take advantage. He was not sanguine, however, of our being able to use our position to buy Ibn Saud off. What we ought to aim for would be to get a commitment from the American Government regarding what American policy in relation to Palestine will be.

Mr. Shulman said that we had nothing to gain by fighting the proposal, but -

- (a) The first question is whether any assurances have been given by Hurley, etc. to Ibn Saud. The only way to be certain would be by an announcement by the Government of its policy. Possibly, in view of the military situation, we could not get any public announcement at this time, but we should seek to get a policy favorable to the Jewish National Home formulated and accepted by the United States Government and conveyed through diplomatic channels to Great Britain.
- (b) We should seek to deter the Government from taking the position that any declaration on Palestine is to be dependent upon the agreement with or prior consultation with the Arabs.
- (c) We must build up and present the case that a Jewish Palestine with the associated economic development of that area is the best assurance for the future of the pipe line.

Mr. Mereminski suggested that it might be necessary to inform the British of our interest in the matter, and that action should be taken by the Jewish

Agency with both the British and the American Governments to the end that it be drawn into consultation in connection with any final arrangements. Thus, it would be a matter of great importance from the Zionist point of view as to what the price would be of the ultimate product and the conditions under which the operations in Palestine would be conducted.

Mr. Neumann said that we must be careful not to put ourselves in the position of either coming out for or against the pipe line. In so far as we had something to offer we would be willing, in certain circumstances, not to oppose the scheme.

It was decided in conclusion:

- (1) To have a further meeting of the Committee at 10 A. M. on Monday, April 10, 1944;
- (2) That it be suggested to Dr. Silver that Mr. Edmund Kaufmann be added to the Committee;
- (3) That Mr. Lourie should centralize and take charge of all available material on the question and that he obtain the assistance of Dr. Joseph Cohn of the Jewish Agency office and Mr. Alfred Kahn of Mr. Neumann's office in the preparation of a report on the whole situation;
- (4) That on the suggestion of Mr. Neumann inquiries be made in the course of the week-end with a view to obtaining the professional help of a lawyer in Washington to follow the hearings of the Special Congressional Committee;
- (5) To invite Mr. Leo Sack to come to New York prior to the hearings with a view to having him attend them on behalf of the Council.

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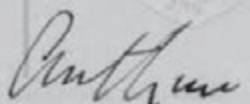
April 7, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter which I received a little while ago from Dr. Jacob Robinson of the Institute of Jewish Affairs of the American Jewish Congress.

Sincerely yours,


Arthur Lourie

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INSTITUTE OF JEWISH AFFAIRS
330 WEST 42ND STREET, NEW YORK, N.Y.
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Mr. Arthur Lourie
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Lourie:

It is obvious to any keen observer of the Jewish situation on the European scene that the displaced Jews (both in hiding and in concentrations) will represent an important part of the expected material for Jewish immigration and colonization. It is deplorable that the organizations concerned with the European scene ignore Palestine, and it seems that the Jewish Agency has failed to give sufficient consideration to important international developments with serious implications for the Zionist cause. The non-spectacular character of the peace conference which has been going on now for more than a year (Bermuda, Hot Springs, Atlantic City, the expected conference on currency) may have played its part.

Since it would be impossible in this note to deal exhaustively with all I have to say on this subject, I will confine myself to one set of problems--that referred to in the previous paragraph.

If you have had a chance to study the materials of the First Session of the Council of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration held in Atlantic City from November 10th to December 1, 1943, you could not have missed the following documents:

- 1- Report of the Subcommittee (4 of Committee IV) on Policies With Respect to Assistance to Displaced Persons (Selected Documents 156-165);
- 2- Resolution (of Committee IV) Relating to Policies With Respect to Displaced Persons (ibid. 131-132);
- 3- Appendix VI to the Report of Committee I -- A Resolution Relating to the Functions of the Committee on Displaced Persons (ibid. 93) literally adopted as Resolution No. 28 by the Council (ibid. 60);
- 4- Resolution No. 13 -- A Resolution Relating to Policies With Respect to Shelter, paragraph 4 dealing with the problem of shelter for displaced persons (ibid. 42);
- 5- Resolution No. 10 -- A Resolution Relating to Policies With Respect to Displaced Persons (ibid. 37-38).

I am not going to make a detailed analysis of these important documents, but I would like to stress the vital importance of the Jewish Agency getting in touch with this branch of UNRRA. In this respect, paragraph 6 of Resolution No. 6 urges the Director General to take steps to insure the closest cooperation with ... any other appropriate bodies of suitable standing whose assistance may be of value, with a view to invoking their collaboration in the work of the repatriation of displaced persons. "Repatriation" as used in this paragraph does not mean what it says, but

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something more than pure mechanical return. This was made clear in the extensive report of the subcommittee which recommends taking into consideration "such factors as their (the displaced person's) material circumstances and their desire or otherwise to remain where they are, to return to their former homes, or to be settled elsewhere." (ibid. 157)

Should you be interested in this and other similar problems, I shall be only too glad to discuss them with you.

With kindest personal regards,

Jacob Robinson
Director



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11:15 AM

April 21, 1944

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

Suggest you send wire in my name and Wise to
Curtin regarding appointment.

Silver

MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio

Date April 21, 1944

From Arthur Lourie

1. I enclose a copy of Elsa Maxwell's column in ~~the~~ issue of the "New York Post" of Thursday, the 20th, in case you have not seen it. I think you will be interested in her concluding paragraphs dealing with Senator Taft and Zionism. I wonder if it has been brought to his attention.

2. I have been in touch with the British Embassy with regard to the Wingate meeting, and I am awaiting definite word from them.

3. At Neumann's suggestion, which I understand he discussed with you, we have cabled urging Agronsky and also Mrs. Wingate to visit the United States. With regard to Mrs. Wingate, however, I recall seeing a newspaper report to the effect that she was expecting a baby.

4. Please let me know if you took any action in response to my wire in regard to the interview with Prime Minister Curtin. ✓

5. Magida is expected back from Boston today where he had interviewed President Marsh in connection, among other things, with the submission to Mr. Hull by the Executive Committee of the Resolution adopted by the Christian Conference. I shall ask him to let you have a report later today.

6. The Associated Press gave Dr. Wise the enclosed report of an interview by one, Stephen Barber, with the Prime Minister of Trans-Jordan, and asked him to let them have a 500 or 600 word reply for simultaneous release. I have drafted such a reply, which I enclose. ✓

7. I was asked by Milton Steinberg to draft a letter for signature by Bruce Bliven, of the New Republic, in response to a letter which the latter had received from the "Arizona Star" which I think you may find of interest, and I enclose that letter and my draft reply. ✓

8. I also drafted a number of answers in response to letters from some of the college presidents approached in connection with the student petition, which required special attention. ✓

9. I am now engaged on preparation of an oil memorandum for the Ickes interview. ✓

10. All this is contributing to make it difficult for me to settle down to the Robinson Memorandum, but I shall do what I can in the course of the coming week to complete it. ✓

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April 22, 1944

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



There should be a meeting of the full Council evening May first as well as Executive Committee 3 P. M. same day. Kindest regards.

Silver

10 45 AM
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April 22, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Lourie:

Thank you for your memorandum of April 21st.

(1) With reference to the interview with the Prime Minister of Trans-Jordan - I note that he repeats what has evidently become accepted by the Arabs that their protests were responsible for the deferment of action on our Palestine resolution. I believe not enough has been done in Palestine and in the Near East to correct that impression. The Arab protests were not made until long after the military had urged deferment of action. Stimson's and Hull's letters to the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate were sent, I believe, on February 7th. The first Arab protest was not made until the end of the month. You can readily check up on the dates. I think it is important that the Palestine press give wider publicity to this fact because the arabs are likely to overestimate the effectiveness of their protests in Washington and might make continued political capital out of it. Perhaps, a carefully worded cable should be sent through the JTA or Palcor or directly from our office.

(2) The editor of the Arizona Star has been systematically attacking Zionism in his paper. Some friend of mine from Phoenix, Arizona, sent me, some time ago, a few editorials which appeared in that paper. Manson should be asked to find out who this person is and what is behind his attacks.

Arthur Lourie

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April 22, 1944

- (3) I am glad that you are getting up the oil memorandum for the Iokes interview. I should like to see it before it is presented.
- (4) The Robinson memorandum should, without fail, be ready for public presentation in time for the White Paper anniversary, and eight or ten names of outstanding lawyers should be attached to it. Unless the draft is completed in the next few days, it will be very difficult to obtain these names in time.
- (5) In Boris Smolar's column "Between You And Me" of this week, he mentions a prediction made in a semi-official British report which reached here by Airmail this week from London to the effect that "Palestine, despite all it means to the Arabs, will become largely a Jewish State, with a paramount mandatory power remaining" etc. Do you know anything about this report? If not, would you ask Boris Smolar, in my name, for the source of his information, and if possible, the full report.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Abba Hillel Silver

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MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date April 25, 1944

From Arthur Lourie

You have no doubt seen in this morning's "Times" that S. Pinckney Tuck, former counsellor of embassy at Vichy, has been nominated by President Roosevelt to be American Minister to Egypt, replacing Alexander C. Kirk in that post.

RL.

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MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date April 25, 1944

From Arthur Lourie

I have sent the following cable to Bernard Joseph:

" REPORTS OF REACTIONS OF ARAB PRESS TO DEFERMENT RESOLUTIONS SUGGEST DEFERMENT
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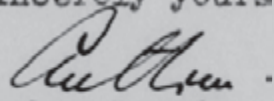
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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East 105th St. at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

With reference to the cable from Joseph on the immigration matter, I have sent the following cable in reply:

"YOURS EIGHTEENTH RECEIVED ALSO COPY OFFICIAL
LETTER APRIL FIFTH TO LONDON EXECUTIVE ASSUME
NO ACTION HERE PRESENTLY CALLED FOR"

Sincerely yours


Arthur Lourie

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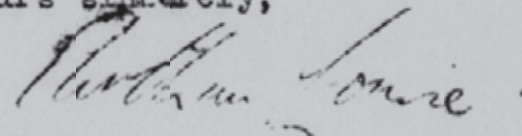
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To the Members of the Executive Committee:

I enclose copy of an official letter from the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Jewish Agency Executive in London, dated April 5th; and of a cable to this office from Dr. Bernard Joseph, dated April 18th, dealing with the present status of the remaining immigration certificates under the White Paper quota. Please note that this matter is still being negotiated by the Executive with the British authorities and the contents of the communications must be treated as strictly confidential.

It will be noticed with reference to Paragraph 2 of the letter of the Under Secretary of State, in which there is reference to an alleged statement "that the problem of immigration was now synonymous with that of rescue," that, as indicated in Dr. Joseph's cable, what was in fact urged by Mr. Shertok was that while the priority of fugitives from Nazi occupied Europe was unquestionable, it was at the same time inadmissible to delay the rehabilitation of victims already saved and of other Jewish sufferers.

Yours sincerely,



Arthur Lourie

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FROM - THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
COLONIAL OFFICE
LONDON, S.W. 1.

CONFIDENTIAL

April 5, 1944

(To Executive Jewish Agency
London)

Sir:

1. I am directed by Colonel Oliver Stanley to refer to the interview accorded by him on the 30th March to representatives of the Jewish Agency, and to confirm the statement which he then made regarding the procedure to be followed in respect of Jewish immigration into Palestine from 31st March, 1944, until the completion of the quota figure of 75,000 permissible under the White Paper of 1939, and also the answers which he gave to the representations on various aspects of the problem which had been made by Mr. Shertok during his visit to this country.
2. At the interview referred to Colonel Stanley explained that he was in general agreement with the view expressed by Mr. Shertok that the problem of immigration was now synonymous with that of rescue; this had in fact formed the background of immigration policy for the past year, and a clear distinction should be drawn between Jews in danger of their lives in Axis countries and those who, though they were in countries outside Axis control or even the threat of such control, were desirous for various reasons of making their way to Palestine. The announcement which the Secretary of State made in Parliament on behalf of His Majesty's Government on the 10th November last, concerning the extension of the period during which Jewish immigration within the quota of 75,000 would be permitted, reflected their desire to come to the help of unfortunate people in countries under Axis control. This remains the policy of His Majesty's Government, and it is on this basis that Colonel Stanley has considered the representations which Mr. Shertok has made on behalf of the Jewish Agency.
3. The following is the present position of the Immigration account: At the beginning of the year the balance of Jewish immigrants who could still enter Palestine against the figure of 75,000 was about 27,500. Against this figure must be set off the quotas granted since the period July-September, 1943, covering about 8,000 persons, thus leaving a potential balance of 19,500 at the 31st March, 1944. There are however commitments in respects of outstanding authorizations under earlier quotas the validity of which has been extended from time to time (estimated to cover about 18,300 persons) and quotas granted specifically for Jews in enemy and enemy-occupied countries to a total of 18,700. This figure includes a quota for France granted at the end of 1942 at the request of the Agency; a quota for Bulgaria and Roumania to implement the Secretary of State's statement in Parliament of the 3rd of February, 1943; and a further quota allocated to various enemy and enemy-occupied countries granted at the request of the Agency in the quota period April - June, 1943.
4. The Secretary of State has now decided that:-
 - (i) In accordance with the Agency's desire, commitments in respect of immigration quotas granted prior to September, 1943, except in respect of quotas granted for Jews in enemy and enemy-occupied countries to a total of 18,700, will be regarded as cancelled; no public announcement to this effect will be made; but, if any person holding an immigration certificate (or the promise of a certificate) under earlier quotas, reaches Palestine or a country not under enemy control, e.g. Portugal or Persia, whence he can proceed to Palestine, he shall, subject to the

criterion of economic absorptive capacity, and provided the quota of 75,000 has not been reached, be admitted; and, to provide for the admission of wives and children of Jews in Palestine, a reserve of 1,000 places will be made from the remainder of the White Paper quota;

(ii) Immigration certificates granted under quotas issued since the period July - September, 1943 (i.e. covering 8,000 persons) will automatically lapse if not used within six months after the expiration of the quota period in respect of which they were granted; and will be re-allocated to refugees in enemy-occupied countries;

(iii) In accordance with the Secretary of State's announcements in Parliament, the great bulk of the remaining places after 31st March, 1944 will be reserved for refugees from enemy and enemy-occupied countries, as in fact has already been done by the allocation of quotas to a total of 18,700; these quotas were for refugees in specified enemy and enemy-occupied countries in Europe, but it is intended that the arrangements should be sufficiently flexible to permit the reallocation of authorities, wherever necessary, to any enemy or enemy-occupied country where there is a prospect of their being used; in particular, endeavors will be directed towards the admission of persons who are able to escape to Turkey under the arrangements contemplated in paragraph 3 of the letter from this Department to the Jewish Agency of the 12th July, 1943. These arrangements have now been communicated by His Majesty's Embassy at Ankara to the Turkish authorities, and the British Passport Control Officer at Istanbul has been instructed, as desired by the Agency, to issue visas for Palestine on direct application by their representative without reference to Jerusalem or to London. The Turkish authorities have also been invited to give favourable consideration to the request that their consular officers should be granted greater latitude in the issuing of Turkish transit visas to Jews in enemy or enemy-occupied countries in South-Eastern Europe.

(iv) As regards the Jewish Agency's request for quotas for ordinary Jewish immigrants from countries not under Axis domination, e.g. Turkey, the Yemen, etc., while no further quotas will be granted, a certain number of authorities at present reserved for refugees will be assigned instead to "safe" countries, regard being had to the economic absorptive capacity of Palestine and the availability of transport; but such authorities will be on a strictly limited scale only, and the Agency will have to present a convincing case for the admission of each individual applicant; such authorities would in any case be discontinued on a resumption on an extensive scale of immigration from enemy and enemy-occupied countries.

5. The Jewish Agency's request for the release and admission to Palestine of certain categories of Jewish refugees who are now in Mauritius has been carefully and sympathetically considered. Colonel Stanley examined this problem last year, and his decision was conveyed to the Agency in the letter from this Department of the 15th February, 1943. While he regrets that he does not see his way to arrange for the release and admission to Palestine of these refugees during the war, he is prepared to comply with the second request made by the Agency viz. that the refugees should be informed in the sense of the assurance which was given to the Agency last year that, after the war, His Majesty's Government would be prepared to consider individual applications from Mauritius refugees for immigration certificates to Palestine under any immigration quotas which might be available on equal terms with others who might wish to enter the country. While Colonel Stanley realizes this assurance will probably be communicated by the refugees to their friends elsewhere, he trusts that the Agency will use their best endeavours to ensure that the Jewish Press in Palestine refrains from giving publicity to it.

6. I am to request, as on previous occasions, that, in any communications that the Agency may make to the Executive in Jerusalem or to others closely connected with the Zionist movement, the confidential character of the recent discussions, and of the decisions which have been arrived at in consequence of them, will be emphasized.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

(SGD) G. H. GATER



MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date May 11, 1944

From Arthur Lourie

I enclose a copy of a document entitled "Confidential Memorandum to Writers' War Board" dealing with Palestine, also a suggested editorial issued for release by that body.

The Writers' War Board is composed of the following persons:

Rex Stout, Chairman
Franklin P. Adams
Carl Carmer
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William L. Shirer
Luise Sillcox
Frederica Barach, Executive Secy.

I understand that it is supported by funds of the American Government and its material is widely distributed amongst writers, newspaper and radio men.

I should be glad if you will let me have your recommendations for action with regard to this matter.

AL.

AL:CK
Enc.

May 12, 1944.

Professor Carl J. Friedrich
16 Quincy Street
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Carl:

I wonder whether you have come across a new fat and impressive looking volume, entitled "International Bearings of American Policy", by Albert Shaw, issued by the Johns Hopkins Press. Some three or four pages are devoted to Palestine. Inevitably in such a compass the treatment must be superficial. But that adjective is insufficient to describe the following statement:

"What seemed at the time a passing remark rather than an official pronouncement on the part of Lord Balfour to the effect that Great Britain would convert Palestine once more into a homeland for the Jews, was taken literally and with great seriousness. The 'Balfour Declaration' became the political basis of the Zionist Movement..."

It occurs to me that a book of this kind is very much up your alley and I am wondering whether you might not wish to review it for the American Political Science Review, or The Annals, or some other suitable journal. I enclose a copy of the relevant pages on Palestine and if you feel like going into the matter further I shall arrange to send you a copy of the book.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

AL:LB
Encl.

Arthur Lourie

May 12, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Lourie:

It seems to be that the first step in connection with the Confidential Memorandum to Writers' War Board and the suggested editorial which you sent me is to go to see Mr. Rex Stout who is the chairman to find out why they have sent out this memorandum, who asked it of them, who this eminent American writer who recently returned from the Middle East is, etc. Perhaps the Executive Secretary, Frederica Parach should also be interviewed.

Since the Memorandum states that it does not represent the position of the Writers' War Board on Zionism, the War Board should be requested to send out a pro-Zionist situation on the situation.

You state that the Writers War Board is supported by funds of the American Government. Are you sure of that? If so, then an official representation should be made to the American Government at once. The same behind the scene agency which was responsible for the Reader's Digest article and other articles is ^{responsible} also for this move. The editorial and memorandum are clearly the first moves in a campaign to use the "free ports" device to discredit Zionism. I pointed this out in a letter to Mr. Neumann a week or ten days ago.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

P.S.

I assume that you have brought this matter to the attention of Mr. Marvin Lowenthal.

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

MEMORANDUM

To ✓ Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Dr. Stephen S. Wise
Dr. Nahum Goldmann
From Arthur Lourie

Date May 12, 1944.

I see from the press that Brendan Bracken, the British Minister of Information, has announced that he will send no more lecturers to the United States "because they cause too much trouble".

Possibly the reaction to Freya Stark had something to do with this decision.

AL:LB

R.L.

MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date May 19, 1944.

From Arthur Lourie

I received a telephone call from Dr. Wise's office to say that an appointment for yourself and Dr. Wise with Mr. Stettinius had been made for Tuesday, May 23, at 3:30 p.m. I understand that you have already heard from Rabbi Feuer with regard to this.

Dr. Wise's secretary asked me to let you know that Dr. Wise thought that Dr. Goldmann should be invited to participate in the conversation.

C.L.

AL:LB

I have just been through the morning papers. I think the Bergson group, assisted by a little bit of dynamite from this office have done themselves a shot in the eye!

MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date June 2, 1944.

From Arthur Lourie

- 1) Regarding the lawyers' committee, I understand that Judge Rosenblatt has written to you about his talk with Judge Rifkind, who was sympathetic with the idea, but unable or unwilling, owing to his judicial position, to participate directly himself. I gather that Rosenblatt is asking a few other lawyers to join with him in forming the committee, the purpose of which as he conceived it was to act as a legal advisory body. I explained to him that I had understood a committee with broader functions was contemplated,-- for example, to enlist the support of a large number of non-Jewish lawyers. Rosenblatt will pursue his discussions with his legal friends with this in mind.
- 2) Regarding Dean Alfange and the Bergson group, you will probably have heard from Mr. Shapiro by now that this matter has been energetically followed up by Tuvim and Zaritsky, and that the first result has been a letter from Alfange to Bergson declining membership in the National Liberation Committee and urging that no member of that body should be a member of the Emergency Committee to Save the Jews of Europe.
- 3) Regarding Strelsin,--Meyer Weisgal, who has known Strelsin well over a period of years and introduced him to Dr. Weizmann, saw him yesterday and found him apparently ready to associate himself with the recognized Zionist bodies. He will be in town Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and would be glad to meet with you, should you so desire.
- 4) The material for Dr. Karpf was duly delivered last night at the Commodore Hotel.
- 5) The following seven members of the Actions Committee have been invited to next Monday's meeting of the Emergency Council: Mr. Kurt Blumenfeld, Mr. Israel Mereminsky, Mr. Isaac Naiditch, Dr. Arie Tartakower, Mr. Zorach Warhaftig, Mr. Baruch Zuckerman, Mr. Zalman Schocken. There are, in addition, a number of European deputy members of the Actions Committee at present in this country, but these have not been invited; also not Mr. Grossman.

P.L.

From WRITERS' WAR BOARD
122 East 42 Street
New York 17, N.Y.

SUGGESTED EDITORIAL
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PUT UP OR SHUT UP

There is a sharp distinction between Zionism, which aims to create a Jewish State in Palestine, and the succor of Jewish refugees of Europe persecuted by Nazi tyranny with German consent. By the confusion of these quite separate issues, an unrealistic pressure is being applied to forward the cause of Zionism (the merits of which are not the question here) through sympathy engendered for refugee Jews. Zionism is essentially political. The problem of the refugees is purely humanitarian.

This confusion is creating not alone a false impression of Zionism, but is rapidly giving the United States an appearance before the world, of callous hypocrisy. It must be obvious that it is physically impossible to harbor 4 million refugees in present-day Palestine. There is no possible hope, disregarding the political consequences of such a move on the present war necessities in the Middle East, to reclaim and irrigate now enough of that area to support any comparable influx of persons. Therefore the refugee Jews must be accommodated elsewhere, unless we are to abandon them to their horrible fate.

In the face of this essentially simple condition, the United States has chosen: (1) to demand of Europe and Asia, neither of which we control, that they assume, on high moral grounds, responsibility for accepting and housing the refugee Jews; (2) to refuse to admit any part of these sufferers to the United States beyond the present small, pre-war quotas.

If we do not care what happens to the Jews of Europe, and are willing

to allow a latent anti-Semitism to dictate a national policy, let us say so, admitting our callousness and foregoing any further claim to demand humanitarian action of other countries. If we do care, let us take steps to admit a decent proportion of them. Anything less than this is the purest hypocrisy. Do not let either the Zionists or the politicians seeking votes, persuade you to any other conclusion.

May 1944



June 8, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Lourie:

I do not like to pester you, but I should like to have a report on the progress of obtaining signatures to the legal document on the White Paper which we have had drawn up at so much cost of time, labor and money. June 30 will mark the anniversary of the passage of the Palestine Resolution by Congress. That might be an appropriate date for the issuance of our document.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

American Zionist Emergency Council

CONSTITUENT ORGANIZATIONS

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

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June 13, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

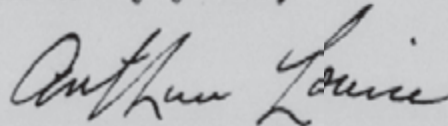
Dear Dr. Silver:

1. I enclose a copy of a brief version of the legal memorandum. The process of getting the legal luminaries on the committee to pursue the matter is proving a little discouraging, but I hope by the end of the week that I can have something definite to report.

2. I also enclose an article which appeared in The New Statesman and Nation by Norman Bentwich, which you may find of interest.

3. Prime Minister Curtin of Australia was in Washington, I understand, for only a day and a half before proceeding to the West Coast ^{en route} for home. It was not possible to arrange to meet with him during that period.

Sincerely yours,



Arthur Lourie

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Encs.

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6-14-44

Arthur Laurie
342 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.

WRHS



Please send the documents of which I spoke to you Air-mail Special Delivery; also answer of State Department if available.

A. H. Silver

MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date June 14, 1944

From Arthur Lourie

I enclose the only available copies of the memorandum and supporting argument submitted to the Secretary of State in August 1937 on the basis and scope of the right of the United States to participate in any disposition of Palestine. The supporting argument is entitled "A Survey of the Diplomatic Negotiations and Relevant Circumstances Bearing on the Right of the United States to Participate in Any Disposition of Palestine".

This material was submitted at the time of the Partition proposal, but of course is no less relevant with regard to any change in the operation of the Mandate introduced by the White Paper.

A.L.

WRHS



P.S. Since the above was typed your telegram came in. I am getting hold of the memorandum issued by the Department of State October 18, 1938, and will send that on in the course of the next hour. I do not want to hold this up.

MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date June 14, 1944

From Arthur Lourie

I enclose the memorandum of the State Department of October 14, 1938, which was issued as a release to the press.

I think it should be pointed out to Senator Taft that the submission of a memorandum of the kind proposed at this time may be very dangerous. It might well elicit from the State Department another negative statement similar to or worse than that issued in 1938. Obviously, the effect of such a statement would be in large measure to nullify the assurance contained in the President's statement to Dr. Wise and yourself. If this point is brought home to Senators Taft and Bridges, then, interested as they are to promote and not to injure our cause, one might hope that they will agree not to go ahead with the action proposed by Bergson, which may well have serious implications at this time.



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AL:LB
Encl.

June 15, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Lourie:

I am enclosing herewith:

1. The letter of Senator Taft following his telephone conversation with me.
2. The draft of the letter which they had been asked to submit by the Bergson group.
3. My reply to Senator Taft.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Very cordially yours,

AHS:DR
Enc. 3

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[enclosed items follow]

MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Date June 26, 1944

From Arthur Lourie

I enclose inter-change of cables (copies) between myself and Shertok with regard to the allocation of the immigration certificates.

AL:CK
Enc.

Dr. Silver

(June 14, 1944)

NLT MOSHE SHERTOK
JEWISH AGENCY
JERUSALEM (Palestine)

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AL:LB

AMERICAN ZIONIST
ARTHUR LOURIE

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL