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MEMORANDUM

To Chairmen of Emergency Committees

Date December 29, 1943

From Herman Shulman, Chairman, American Palestine Committee
of the American Zionist Emergency Council

The American Palestine Committee, of which Senator Robert F. Wagner of New York and Senator Charles L. McNary of Oregon are co-chairmen, is a committee composed almost entirely of prominent non-Jews. It was organized in 1941 for the purpose of winning the sympathy, good will and support of Christian America for our movement to reestablish the Jewish National Home in Palestine. Its present membership includes approximately two-thirds of the members of the United States Senate, over one hundred members of the House of Representatives, many Governors, Mayors, Judges and other public officials, as well as hundreds of important clergymen, educators, writers, commentators, publishers, civic, industrial and labor leaders.

On February 17, 1944, under the sponsorship of the American Palestine Committee, there will be held in Washington an important national conference for the purpose of mobilizing non-Jewish public opinion in this country in support of our cause. It is anticipated that a number of important national organizations will participate in this conference through their duly appointed representatives. It is also desirable that as many communities as possible throughout the country be represented at this conference through representatives selected by the local members of the American Palestine Committee. You can render a tremendous service to our movement if you will undertake to see to it that your community selects such a representative to attend this conference. You can readily appreciate that the larger the representation of local communities at this conference the more effective will be the instrument created.

There is attached to this memorandum a list of the members of the American Palestine Committee. For your convenience these names have been arranged in geographical order.

Will you, at the earliest possible moment, contact one of the prominent members of the American Palestine Committee in your community and urge him to call a meeting of all the members of the American Palestine Committee in your community for the purpose of discussing this conference and selecting one or two persons from your community to attend the conference in Washington on February 17th. It is important that such a meeting be called as soon as possible and that you advise us without delay what action was taken at your meeting.

You may suggest to the leader of the American Palestine Committee in your community, whenever in your good judgment you deem it advisable to do so, that the American Palestine Committee is planning to pay or assume the expenses incurred by the attending delegates.

The conference will be a working conference. It will last the entire day and evening and will be addressed by a number of nationally prominent speakers. Special subjects, particularly those which are raised most

frequently by non-Jews interested in our cause, will be dealt with. Among these subjects will be (1) the illegality of the Chamberlain 1939 White Paper; (2) the absorptive capacity of Palestine; (3) Arab-Jewish relations; (4) the imperative need for opening wide the doors of Palestine to large scale Jewish immigration; (5) the case in favor of re-establishing the Jewish commonwealth in Palestine.

At the conclusion of the conference it is hoped that appropriate resolutions in support of our program will be adopted and that a representative committee will be designated by the conference to make appropriate representations on behalf of the conference to the proper governmental officials.

We must all work together to make this conference a tremendous success. I am sure that I can count on your cooperation.

Please write us promptly if you desire any additional information or data and let us hear from you as soon as possible concerning the progress you are making.

HS:SHH



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

MEMORANDUM

To Chairmen of Emergency Committees

Date December 30, 1943

From Joel Gross, Chairman, Community Contacts

Attached hereto is a memorandum addressed to you from Mr. Herman Shulman, Chairman of the American Palestine Committee of the American Zionist Emergency Council.

I would appreciate your prompt reply and continued cooperation.

JG:CLF
Enc.

January 2, 1944

Mr. Harry Shapiro
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

With Rabbi Silver's permission, may I request you to send me a check for \$50 which we may use for postage and incidentals in connection with the work of the Emergency Council. Up to this time we have been using the facilities of The Temple and then reimbursing The Temple at the end of the month. Now that the work of the Emergency Council has become much heavier, this arrangement is no longer satisfactory.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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HARRY L SHAPIRO =

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

MEMORANDUM

To Members of American Zionist Emergency Council *Date* January 3, 1944

From Harry L. Shapiro

Enclosed herewith for your information is a memorandum addressed to the Chairmen of local Emergency Committees from Mr. Herman Shulman, Chairman of the American Palestine Committee, together with the list of the American Palestine Committee members referred to in the memorandum.

HLS:CNB
Encl.

January 8, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

I should like to have some stationery
printed with my Cleveland address.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:NEK

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

MEMORANDUM

To Mrs. Norma Elaine Knoblock,
Secretary to Dr. Silver

Date January 14th, 1944

From Mr. Harry L. Shapiro

In order that the files of the American Zionist Emergency Council may be complete, will you make extra copies of incoming and outgoing mail and memoranda and send these copies to the New York office?

Harry L. Shapiro

HLS:SH

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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER, THE TEMPLE=

=EAST 105 ST & ANSEL RD CLEVE=

IS EMERGENCY COUNCIL TO GO THROUGH WITH GERALD FRANK TRIP
TO PALESTINE? REGARDS=

HARRY L SHAPIRO.

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CONSTITUENT ORGANIZATIONS

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

January 18th, 1944

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It is my belief that you should immediately write to the British Ambassador, Lord Halifax, and indicate to him that there are other Jewish people in America interested in Palestine, other than Judge Proskauer and the American Jewish Committee.

The A.J.C.'s going to Halifax should be criticised by independent writers in the Anglo-Jewish press, if we can secure such, on two grounds:

1. They should be condemned for their unilateral action during this critical period.
2. They should be criticised for adding to their memorandum and to their statement: "this memorandum is wholly unrelated to any plan for the organization of a Palestine State."

Whatever you should wish me to do with reference to the above, please let me know immediately.

Today I had a conference with Meyer Weisgal. He has just returned to New York and I wanted him to go to work immediately on the issuing of the Lowdermilk book and a few other matters. He told me that he would like to get together with you so that you would define the area of interest of the committee of which he is the chairman — the "Special Services and Events Committee". I hope that when you come to New York next week (that is, if you do come to New York next week) that you will let me know in advance so that I may make an arrangement for this meeting with him.

Yesterday I wired you with respect to sending Mr. Gerald Frank to Palestine. It was my impression that he is to do a Public Relations job for the Zionist movement with the American and British correspondents in the Near East. Henry Montor has indicated to me that the decision with respect to this has been made by the Council

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

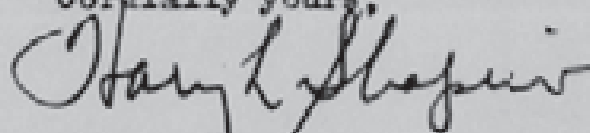
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January 18th, 1944

but I did not want to move in this matter unless I heard from you. It seems that the plan is to have Mr. Frank go to Palestine as a press representative of the Falcor News Agency and the New York Post. Before we can do anything with respect to this, we need to make application to the State Department in order to get a permit for Frank to do this work.

May I hear from you at your very earliest convenience with reference to the above?

Cordially yours,



Harry L. Shapiro
Director

HLS:SH



January 19, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

I have just received your Memorandum regarding extra copies of incoming and outgoing mail and memoranda, and in compliance with your request, I shall henceforth forward these copies to you.

Dr. Silver has asked me to remind you that he is most anxious to secure the stationery about which he wrote you last week.

Thanking you for giving this your prompt attention, I am

Cordially yours,

Norma Elaine Knoblock

January 19, 1944

Mr. Harry Shapiro
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

I do not know enough about the Gerald Frank trip to Palestine to make any decision. Please let me know more about him, what he was supposed to do, and what financial commitments are involved.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:RK

P.S. I should also like to discuss with Mr. Szold, who has recently returned from Palestine, the advisability of sending such a man.

P.P.S. I plan to be in New York on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of next week.

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S.S.W. HAS REQUEST COPY OF HELLER'S REPLY TO YOUR LETTER DECEMBER SEVENTEENTH.

SHALL I SEND IT TO HIM. PLEASE WIRE.

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HARRY L SHAPIRO.

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ER 310P Mail

SSW 17.

January 20, 1944

Mr. Harry L. Shapiro
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

Under separate cover I am returning to you Rabbi Silver's Emergency Council stationery containing the New York address. I'm sure you will be able to use it.

The stationery on which this letter is written arrived today. Thank you kindly.

Most cordially,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

January 26, 1944

Mr. Harry Shapiro,
American Zionist Emergency Council,
342 Madison Avenue
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

Please keep after Dr. Voss and see that the statement which he has been planning for some time to issue over the signatures of prominent Christian Clergymen is forthcoming in the very near future. We should see a draft of the statement before it is issued to ministers, soliciting their signatures.

Is Marvin Lowenthal writing the ad for the American Palestine Committee? He is a good man for the job. When he has written it, send me a copy and also one to Mr. Herman Shulman.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:NEK

Abba Hillel Silver

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MOST MATERIAL FOR IT AND HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS FOR DAYS
REGARDS=

HARRY SHAPIRO..



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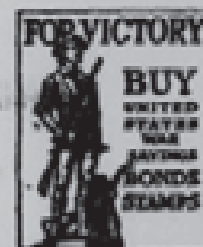
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WLL YOU PLEASE SEND WIRE OF GREETING TO THE NATIONAL CONFERNECE
OF ORTHODOX JEWRY FOR PALESTINE AND RESCUE AS THE CHAIRMAN
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE EMERGENCY COUNCIL ? PLEASE ADDRESS IT TO
ARNOLD =K ISREELI , PENNSYLVANIA HOTEL , NEW YORK. MONTOR URGES
YOUR ATTENDANCE UPA CONFERNECE NEW YORK IN ORDER YOU PERSONALLY
GET BARKLEY TO MAKE STATEMENT. IF YOU CANT MAKE IT THEN HE AND
OTHERS WILL TRY TO GET SUCH STATEMENT. PLEASE LOOK FOR THREE PAGE

January 28, 1944

Mr. Harry L. Shapiro
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

I am enclosing herewith a letter which I received from Mr. I. G. Simon which contains a few good suggestions which I think we act upon. Please think through his suggestions and take them up with the Publications Committee.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

January 28, 1944

Mr. Harry Shapiro,
American Zionist Emergency Council,
342 Madison Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

I am returning, herewith, the program of the Christian Council on Palestine, revised as of January, 1944.

I am very much dissatisfied with it. I believe that Dr. Bernstein, if he is still functioning as Chairman of the Committee on Christian Clergy, should sit down with Dr. Voss and Dr. Atkinson and think through a real program for this group. There are items on this program which do not come within the scope of the Christian Council on Palestine. On the other hand, there are other items such as the championing of the Jewish Commonwealth, which are not even mentioned.

I am enclosing the original statement of policy of the Christian Council on Palestine which had definite reference to the Jewish Commonwealth. In the latest program, the Jewish Commonwealth is completely forgotten.

This Council should also be asked, definitely, to get behind the Palestine Resolution introduced in the House. Otherwise, we will have to get another list of Christian Clergymen who will back up this Resolution. I suggest that you should lose no time about this matter. If Dr. Bernstein is not available for a conference with Dr. Voss and Dr. Atkinson, I suggest that Mr. Emanuel Neumann or Mr. Shulman meet with them.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:NEK

Abba Hillel Silver

January 29, 1944

Mr. Harry Shapiro,
American Zionist Emergency Council,
342 Madison Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

I am enclosing, herewith, copy of a letter from Judge Levinthal, as well as copy of the Foreign Policy Bulletin which contains an article on the Arab Federation.

Judge Levinthal makes a valuable suggestion - to obtain the list of officers and directors of the various branches of the Foreign Policy Association throughout the country to whom literature could be sent. It is important that we establish friendly contacts with the Foreign Policy Association. Please consult Mr. Lourie about it. Mr. Montor has written to me about contacting Mr. Blair Bolles. Has he been in touch with him?

The enclosed editorial from the Philadelphia Inquirer is very good. This followed the remarkably fine meeting which was held in Philadelphia.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:NEK

Abba Hillel Silver

AHS

COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS
165 W. 46 St. New York City

January 31, 1944

Mr. Harry L. Shapiro
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

This is an acknowledgment of your letter of January 28, addressed to Mr. Shroder. It will be brought to the attention of our Board which meets in advance of the Assembly.

Rabbi Silver is a member of our Board and I hope he will be present at the Pittsburgh Assembly to support this request. Our Board meeting is held on February 4, and the general sessions of the Assembly opens on the evening of February 5.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ H.L. Lurie
Executive Director

February 4, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

Please acknowledge this letter to
Mr. Hochstein and thank him for the
editorial.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AH3:NEK

Abba Hillel Silver

February 11, 1944

Mr. Harry L. Shapiro
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

I am forwarding to you this letter of Mr. Steinfield of Claremont, N.H. I think there is a good deal of sense in what he writes. The chief executives of various Zionist organizations ought to get together and work out a scheme by which they will avoid duplication and unnecessary expense.

Please acknowledge the letter to Mr. Steinfield. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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UNIVERSITY SPONSORING INSTITUTE IN RELATED SUBJECTS TALK AT
HEBREW UNIVERSITY CULMINATING WITH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET MEETING
SUNDAY MARCH 26TH STOP DOCTOR MAX MASON HEAD OF ROCKEFELLER
FOUNDATION AND MANY ILLUSTRIOUS SCHOLARS PARTICIPATING URGE YOU
BE PRINCIPAL SPEAKER PROGRAM DETAILS WILL BE FORWARDED UPON
YOUR ACCEPTANCE WIRE ANSWER FLORENCE G SWORSKY 369 NO ROSSMORE
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HARRY L SHAPIRO₂ D DWORSKY 369 NO ROSSMORE₂

TELEGRAM FROM NEW YORK
11:58 A.M.

LOS ANGELES WIRES YOU FOLLOWING "AMERICAN FRIENDS HEBREW UNIVERSITY SPONSORING INSTITUTE IN RELATED SUBJECTS TAUGHT AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY CULMINATING WITH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET MEETING SUNDAY MARCH 26 STOP. DR. MAX MASON HEAD OF ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION AND MANY ILLUSTRIOUS SCHOLARS PARTICIPATING. URGE YOU BE PRINCIPAL SPEAKER. PROGRAM DETAILS WILL BE FORWARDED UPON ACCEPTANCE. WIRE ANSWER FLORENCE G. SWORSKY 569 NO. ROSSMOOR ST." WIRED HER TELEGRAM SENT CLEVELAND.

HARRY L. SHAPIRO



Answer: 2-18-44

REGRET CANNOT ACCEPT YOUR KIND INVITATION.
REGARDS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

March 2, 1944

Mr. Harry Shapiro
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

The expenses in connection with Rabbi Silver's trip to Washington on February 28 and 29 amounted to \$85.

Will you also send him a check for \$39.20 for long distance calls and telegrams sent from his residence in connection with Emergency Council work, during the month of February.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BX

March 15, 1944

Mr. Harry Shapiro
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

I am enclosing herewith a sentence
or two on Dr. Lowdermilk's book.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ANS:HX
Enc.



A fascinating book, rich in wisdom, deep in knowledge, profound in human sympathies. Dr. Lowdermilk's story of how a land which had been given over to plunder, exploitation and neglect through the centuries is coming to life again at the hands of a people which had been given over to persecution, hate and exile during the same centuries, is one of the most inspiring epics of our day.



March 15, 1944

Mr. Harry Shapiro
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

Rabbi Silver has requested me to send you the enclosed clipping which appeared in The Cleveland Plain Dealer on Monday, March 13. Senator Brewster occupied The Temple pulpit on Sunday morning.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK
Enc.

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

American Zionist Emergency Council

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March 15, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

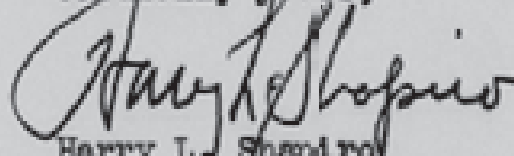
I have received a copy of a letter which Mr. Louis Segal, General Secretary of the Jewish National Workers' Alliance of America, sent you yesterday.

When Mr. Tuvim received the call from Mr. Segal the work on getting statements from Congressmen, Senators, and Governors already had begun in our Publicity Department. We were evidently thinking along similar lines.

Mr. Segal has made the suggestion that messages be secured from the heads of the Democratic and Republican Parties, pledging themselves and their Parties in favor of the Resolution. I do not advise this because if we secure these pledges at the present time we shall not be able to play one Party against the other when that becomes necessary, and we would therefore lose a vital instrument for the battle which is to come.

As you know, we are doing everything possible to build up an overflow meeting for next Tuesday, and if the weather is in our favor the Garden will be filled to capacity and the streets surrounding the Garden will be black with people.

Cordially yours,


Harry L. Shapiro
Director

HLS:LF

American Zionist Emergency Council

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March 17, 1944.

Miss Bessie Kline
Secretary to Rabbi Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Kline:

The clipping which you have enclosed from the Cleveland Plain Dealer of March 13th, in which there is the account of the address delivered by Senator Brewster does have a great deal of interest. We have been trying to get copies of speeches delivered by Senator Brewster, because of requests that are being made by some of our people in Maine who have been in contact with him, and this clipping is the first real lengthy account that has come to this office.

May I ask that you be good enough to get two or three other such clippings and send them in so that we can forward them to those of our leaders in Maine who have been making requests for this information?

Cordially yours,

Harry L. Shapiro
Harry L. Shapiro
Director

HLS:HBI

March 17, 1944

Mr. Harry L. Shapiro
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

With reference to the telegrams sent to members of Congress, and for the sake of the record, I wish to say that the matter was first brought to my attention in a letter sent to me by Louis Segal dated March 14th which reached me on Wednesday, March 15th. By that time the telegrams had already been sent.

It was after I received Mr. Segal's letter that I spoke to Rabbi Feuer on Wednesday afternoon in order to ask his opinion about the advisability of sending such telegrams. He told me that he had already spoken about the sending of such telegrams and that he urged me to press for them. That same evening, Mr. Emanuel Neumann telephoned me and among other things, I suggested to him to sound out some of the members of our committee about the advisability of sending such telegrams. He said he would do it Thursday evening at the Wise banquet where most of our people would be present. Early this Morning (Friday) he told me that he had consulted quite a few, and that generally they were in favor of sending such a telegram. But a few hours later I received a telegram from him saying that the telegrams had already been sent a few days ago.

I would suggest that in all matters of such great importance that you check back with me and get my approval before any action is taken regardless of who makes the suggestion. There must be some centralized guidance and responsibility in the matter. As it happens, in view of the circumstances which transpired (which of course no one could have foreseen) it would have been better if the telegrams had not been sent.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

March 21 , 1944

Mr. Harry L. Shapiro
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

I am happy to enclose herewith the
clippings from the Plain Dealer which you
request.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK
Enc.

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

American Zionist Emergency Council

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March 22, 1944

Miss Bessie Kline
The Temple
East 105 Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Kline:

Thank you very much for the clippings from the "Plain Dealer". They have come in very handy, as we have had requests for a transcript of Senator Brewster's speech made originally in Philadelphia. We were unable to get that transcript and have been using your clipping instead, which contains a rather extensive report of his speech.

Cordially yours,

Harry L. Shapiro
Harry L. Shapiro
Director

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March 22, 1944

Mr. Harry L. Shapiro
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

I have been receiving requests for copies of the address which I delivered before the American Palestine Committee. Were copies made? If so, please send me some copies.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

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April 4th, 1944

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached is a resume of the actions needed as a result of yesterday's meetings. It is impossible to send you the *Program* Committee's full report because they wish to rewrite it. [I have made it clear to them that the rewritten version of the program must have your approval and it will be submitted to you as soon as it is completed and has the full committee's approval.]

Wishing you a pleasant Passover, I remain, with kindest personal regards,

Cordially yours,

Harry J. Shapiro
Harry J. Shapiro
Director

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Enc.

April 6, 1944

Mr. Harry Shapiro
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

You spoke to me, the last time I was in New York, about engaging a permanent staff member to work with our committee on Labor Relations, under the chairmanship of Max Zaritsky. I suggested that you obtain additional information for me. I should like this as soon as possible.

Mr. Isreeli also spoke to me not so long ago about stimulating the work on the the committee on Jewish Religious Forces. Please ask him to write to me and give me more details of what he has in mind so that we may take action.

Is Mr. Robert Szold insisting on his resignation as Treasurer? If so, we shall have to present it at the next meeting of the Executive Committee. What will be his status if he resigns? I am under the impression that he will have to drop out as a member of the Executive, inasmuch as the ZOA is entitled to only five members on the Full Committee, and four on the Executive. Please look into the constitutional angle.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Ed. Goldberg
212 East Rosewood Avenue
San Antonio, Texas

April 6, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Chairman E. O. A. Emergency Council
41 E. 42nd Street
New York, 17, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Silver;

Enclosed please find communications from Clergymen of Marlin, Texas, the home of Senator Tom Connolly.

For your information, when it became known to me that a hearing will be held in Washington before the Foreign Relations committee, I made a special trip to Marlin, Texas. I happen to have several friends in Marlin who are close friends of the Senator. I took this matter up with some of the Marlin citizens pertaining the Wagner & Taft Bill also the white paper, several letters and telegrams were sent from Marlin from some of the Senator's closest friends also including his brother-in-law, Dr. Buie, who handles all the affairs for the Senator.

I wish to call your special attention to two letters which I am enclosing copies, one from Rev. F. Percy Goddard and Rev. J.F. Witucki, these two letters should receive your attention. I also wish to state that Rev. Goddard has received a reply from Senator Tom Connolly thanking him for his interest in this matter and asked Rev. Goddard if he would consent for his letter to be read before the Foreign relations committee which he answered the Senator with his consent.

I also have the consent from Rev. Goddard and Rev. Father Witucki to mail the copies of their letters to you Dr. Silver. You may publicize in the New Palestine or where ever you see fit. I am also mailing copies to the southwestern Region at Houston, Texas.

I would appreciate a letter of thanks be sent to these men for taking such interest in our Jewish problems.

It is too bad that we did not receive any results at present, it was no fault of such men as these, for they certainly did their part.

Trusting that our efforts will not be in vain and that our wishes will be granted soon for a National homeland in Palestine.

With kindest personal regards for a vefy happy Passover I beg to remain with Zionist greetings.

Sincerely

Ed. Goldberg

P.S. Please return all copies to me at your convenience.

April 11, 1944

Mr. Harry Shapiro
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

In anticipation of our staff meeting next Monday, I would suggest that you request every principal staff member to have an outline of what his particular department accomplished during the past month and what his particular department needs. It might be well to have the lay-chairmen of each department also present at this conference if this is practical.

Are you arranging a meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee for Monday afternoon say at three o'clock, prior to our Executive Committee meeting?

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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April 7th, 1944

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached is a financial statement of the Emergency Council as of March 31st, 1944. You will note that in 5½ months we have spent \$219,863.83. These expenditures are at a rate of \$479,702.88 for the year as against a budget of \$509,382.00.

In a conversation which I had with Mr. Jacob Sincoff who is substituting as Chairman of the Finance and Personnel Committee in the absence of Mr. Charles Rosenbloom, he told me that he would like to have a discussion with you and myself at the very earliest opportunity, with reference to the finances of the American Zionist Emergency Council. Knowing that you will be in New York on April 17th, I told him that I would try to secure an appointment with you for 3 P.M. on that day. If you will remember, there is a staff meeting at 10:30 A.M. and you have a luncheon meeting at 12:30. As the Executive Committee is scheduled for 4 P.M. I thought that it might be possible for you to meet with us at 3 o'clock.

Will you let me know at your earliest convenience whether the appointment is satisfactory so that I may notify Mr. Sincoff?

Kindest regards and Passover greetings.

Cordially yours,

Harry L. Shapiro
Harry L. Shapiro
Director

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April 11, 1944

Mr. Ed Goldberg
312 East Roswood Avenue
San Antonio, Texas

Dear Mr. Goldberg:

Your very fine letter of the 5th, with the enclosures, addressed to Dr. Silver, has been received in this office. As Dr. Silver is not in New York, I am taking the liberty of replying to you directly. Copies of all the communications contained in your letter, and also your letter, are being sent to Dr. Silver and I feel that he will concur in my opinion that the letter from Rev. Witucki and from Rev. Goddard are really remarkable. Particularly is this true of the Goddard letter. It is a very fine document, - clear, logical and with a sympathetic understanding of our problem.

Extra copies have been made of these letters and the one from Rev. Goddard, and possibly the other one from Rev. Witucki, will be used in one of our publications.

We have also sent copies of both letters to "New Palestine" with a recommendation that they be published there.

You have written that Senator Connolly has asked that the Rev. Goddard give his consent to having his letter read before the Foreign Relations Committee and that this consent has been given.

I should like to suggest that an effort be made to have this letter read into the Congressional Record. While it is not going to be easy for Rev. Goddard to make this request to Senator Connolly, might it not be possible for you to arrange that this be done through Dr. Buie? In this way the letter will become a part of a permanent record and it will be possible for us to call it to the attention of the remainder of the Members of Congress.

We are also writing to Houston, suggesting that this letter be circulated among the Jews of that city in the form of a reprint and also urging our people in that city to arrange a public meeting to be addressed by Rev. Goddard. If such a meeting could be set up it would undoubtedly have a tremendous effect.

I want to assure you that we all feel that you have done a great service when you made this contact and secured such fine statements.

Mr. Ed Goldberg

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April 11, 1944.

We are asking Dr. Silver to send letters of thanks directly from Cleveland to Rev. Goddard and Rev. Witucki.

On behalf of the American Zionist Emergency Council, I want to commend you for this particularly fine service.

Cordially yours,

Harry L. Shapiro
Director

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

[Enclosed letters
follows]

MEMORANDUM

To DR. ABRA HILLEL SILVER.

Date April 12, 1944.

From MR. SHAPIRO

The enclosed letters from Rev. J. P. Witucki and Rev. F. Percy Goddard appear to me to be exceedingly important.

In view of the marked paragraph in the letter from Mr. Goldberg, who sent them in, I would like to suggest that you send these two Christians letters of acknowledgment and thanks.

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Encls.

THE DIOCESE OF TEXAS
THE REV. F. PERCY GODDARD, SECRETARY
MARLIN, TEXAS

March 8, 1944.

The Hon. Tom Connally,
U. S. Senator from Texas,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:

Knowing that you welcome letters from Texans expressing their views on the questions before the Senate, I write you to suggest that no inconsiderable portion of the American people views with sincere regret the possibility of the abrogation of the Balfour Declaration which in 1917 pledged the Jews of the world a homeland in Palestine.

My own views on this question are colored by an editorial written in the March 3 issue of the Southern Churchman, a national weekly of the Episcopal Church, published in Richmond, Va. The editor pointed out that it was unfortunate in the midst of a war fought partly in defense of minorities, that the Allies should make a military necessity of rescinding a pledge which had made some provision for one of the minority races of the world.

I write you not only because you are my Senator but also because of your responsibility as chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Senate.

May I also state that I am for winning the war as quickly as possible, and I realize that there are spheres of our foreign affairs in which I am not qualified to pass judgement. In this particular question, one factor to be given proper consideration is the effect of any action on the Arabs and the winning of the war. I recognize this, and respectfully suggest that instead of rescinding the Balfour Declaration, the decision be postponed until after the war, when proper consideration might be given to the rights of the question.

It is true that military necessity sometimes provides the basis for actions of expediency. As a minister, I question the precedence sometimes given military necessity over principles and moral issues. If it was right to establish a homeland for the Jews in 1917, and Jews all over the world have since that day contributed their money in reliance upon the Balfour Pledge that they were to be protected in this homeland, I do not believe that even military necessity decrees that a pledged word be broken.

The Hon. Tom Connally

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March 8, 1944

Perhaps I am peculiar but to me this going back on one's word with regard to Palestine is similar to our own government's action a few years ago in breaking its promise about the redemption value of a dollar. The New Dealers justified that action on the ground of expediency. As a lawyer and a student of human relations, you know the chaos that will result as people lose confidence in their government and each other because promises and pledges and guarantees are broken. If I as a Jew had given one dollar to the Zionist Movement, I should feel that the change in policy to be effected, was a kind of Munich appeasement, with the Jews being sold down the river this time.

I am sure that you have had representations made to you on behalf of the Jews in this country who are opposed to the Zionist Movement. They have the privilege of expressing their views but I think that they go too far in trying to block the efforts of those other Jews who want a Jewish homeland. The limit of their opposition should be withholding support.

It is well to keep a sense of proportion in this matter. I do not think that it is any valid argument against the Zionist Movement to assert that the Jews themselves are not united in it. The opposition is only a negligible percentage of the Jews, and I cannot help but think in terms of Christians. On what subject are Christians unanimously united. Or on what subject are even the members of one denomination united. It is the nature of religion embraced emotionally as well as intellectually to cause differences of opinion. And I do not think the argument valid that the Jews themselves are not united.

What appeals to me is the humanitarian argument. Many Jews in the United States who have prospered and enjoyed freedom, have a sense of responsibility for their brethren in Europe who have not fared so well, and want to provide a refuge for them in Palestine. They are providing the funds to take care of their less prosperous brethren. Our American Jews do not want to leave this country which they love to eke out a living in a primitive country, even though that country is bound inseparably with their history and religion. They simply want to provide a haven for the persecuted Jews of Europe. That is why I believe the influence of our great democracy should be exerted on their side.

I realize that this is a delicate matter, and I am isolationist by nature and training, abhorring the idea of meddling in the internal affairs of Great Britain any more than is necessary to win the war. But the Balfour Declaration lifted this matter to an international plane. This was a solemn decree. And if there was any doubt about the nature of that pledge, surely it was removed by the subsequent action of 52 other nations in ratifying the pledge. To me this is analagous to the course of a contract. An offer was made. And that offer was accepted and acted upon. Great Britain accepted the action of those 52 signatories to the Palestine Mandate, and the subsequent settling of Jews in Palestine. It is today therefore our concern as well as Great Britain's.

Hon. Tom Connally

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March 8, 1944

I know that you are open-minded on great issues, and I have therefore written my views at some length. As a Christian minister I am very much in favor of the Zionist Movement, and in company with many other ministers would deeply regret any change in policy. And at the least, I hope that it will be possible for you to work out some procedure by which you will be able to postpone any change in policy. To end this experiment now would be a crushing blow to many American Jews who have tried to help their brethren in Europe.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed by) Rev. F. Percy Goddard

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American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York City

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SAINT JOSEPH'S CHURCH
211 Oakes St.
Marlin, Texas

March 8, 1944.

Senator Tom Connally,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Connally,

As pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Marlin, my attention has been called to the plight of the suffering Jewish People in Europe. In my opinion, to bar them from entering Palestine after March 31, 1944, would be not only un-Christian, but even inhuman.

I can well understand why some people of Jewish extraction are not particularly concerned with building a Nation in Palestine. But most of them are concerned; and they are anxious to provide a homeland in the places so dear to their traditions, culture, and heritage.

I take this means, therefore, to call your attention to their plight; and to urge you to give your support to the Wagner-Taft Resolution. The Chamberlain White Paper of 1939, in my opinion, should be abrogated.

With the sincere good wishes of the Catholic Congregation in Marlin, I am,

Very truly yours,

(Rev.) J.P. Witucki

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meeting the private is not secret. I see
no reason why public announcement
should not be made to give indication of our
continued active campaigns in behalf
of our cause

Silver

Sender's Name

Address

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April 19, 1944

Mr. Harry Shapiro,
American Zionist Emergency Council,
342 Madison Avenue,
New York City

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

Twice now in a few weeks, Mr. Westbrook Pegler has made references to Palestine and to the fact that American troops would have to defend a free Palestine. I think it is important that someone get to see Mr. Pegler and set him straight in his thinking on the Jewish National Home. Please suggest to Mr. Lowenthal to contact Pegler.

In the April issue of "Opinion" Page 24, I find the statement: "The National Conference on Palestine is preparing to present in both Houses of Congress an amended resolution asking for the suspension of the White Paper and for the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth at the earliest opportunity." What is the National Conference on Palestine and who are the men who are planning to introduce an amended resolution.

Thanks for sending me the Times clipping on Dewey's statement on Palestine. It should be given the widest publicity. His statement in full should be reproduced in the New Palestine, the Hadassah News Letter, etc. He is likely to be the Republican candidate and it is important that his name become identified with a strong opposition to the White Paper.

Mrs. Knoblock plans to leave at the end of this month. You will, therefore, discontinue her salary as of May 1st.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Abba Hillel Silver

The Temple

Telegram

April 19, 1944

Sent 4:00 P.M.

To: Mr. Harry Shapiro
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.

Am waiting to hear about Lowdermilk for Cleveland Zionist
Society. If unavailable try Sumner Welles through his
lecture bureau, Taft or Compton

Kindest regards,

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

April 20, 1944

Mr. Harry Shapiro,
American Zionist Emergency Council,
342 Madison Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

Among the things decided on by the Executive, two weeks ago, was to have a delegation, representing the American Palestine Committee which met in Washington and adopted the resolutions, call on Secretary of State Hull and Halifax to present the resolutions which were adopted.

This should be followed through right away. An impressive delegation should be appointed, headed, perhaps, by President Marsh and including such men as Dr. Poling, Niebuhr, etc. Please let me know the final plans on this delegation.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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Abba Hillel Silver

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April 20th, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

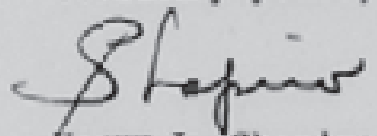
This is with reference to your letter of April 19th. I have spoken with Marvin Lowenthal and he is taking steps to contact Westbrook Pegler.

The item which appeared in "Opinion" refers to our National Conference on Palestine which passed a resolution. This resolution was first identical with the Congressional Resolution but was amended at the meeting, because of the military intervention, to include the phrase, "at the earliest opportunity." The writer of the article wanted to say that these resolutions will be presented to Congress but he did not mean that they would be introduced from the floor. This is the same resolution which the Program Committee suggests to be presented to the Secretary of State.

Your request with reference to Governor Dewey's statement is being put into effect. Mr. Manson is contacting the editors of all the publications to see that Dewey's statement will be prominently featured.

Kindest personal regards.

Cordially yours,


Harry L. Shapiro
Director

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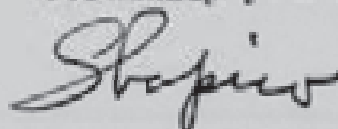
Dear Dr. Silver:

This is in answer to your letter of April 20th with reference to the delegation representing the National Conference on Palestine calling on Secretary of State Hull and Halifax in order to present the resolutions which were adopted.

Dr. Voss has been away for three weeks on a lecture tour and I am awaiting his return on Monday when I will discuss this matter with him.

Kindest regards.

Cordially yours,



Harry L. Shapiro
Director

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April 24th, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

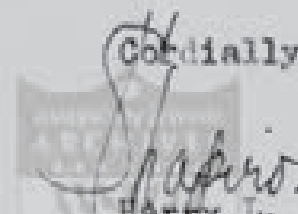
Attached are several items from this morning's New York Times. I send them to you because I fear they did not appear in the early edition which you usually get in Cleveland.

The item with reference to the platform of the British Labor Committee is very interesting.

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Enc.



Cordially yours,


Harry L. Shapiro
Director

BRITISH LABORITES PLAN FOR PEACE

Want Beginning Made Now on
International Armed Force
—Program Wins Praise

By Wireless to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

LONDON, April 23—A plan for international post-war settlement that will probably be adopted by the Labor party, Britain's second largest, proposed today that the beginnings of a single international armed force should be made "as soon as the war ends."

The plan was put forward by the party's National Executive Committee for discussion at the annual party conference beginning May 29. The party customarily accepts the committee's recommendations, with occasional amendments.

Besides the international force—for which, it said, the present Allied military cooperation and the future joint occupation of Germany would provide experience—the program proposed to continue and expand the present admixture of foreign forces in the Royal Air Force and to establish British and Russian bases in enemy and friendly European countries to be held on behalf of the United Nations. The committee report, which The Times of London will describe tomorrow as an "example which no party need hesitate to follow," also proposes:

"The closest possible Anglo-American-Russian cooperation" as the "solid nucleus of a world organization."

The government manufacture of arms and munitions and the encouragement of other nations to restrict their private manufacture and sale.

Total disarmament and a considerable period of occupation for Germany and Japan.

The endorsement of Russia's plan for the trial of war criminals

British Group Explores Regions of Antarctic

By Reuter.

LONDON, April 23—The Boy Scout of 18, who accompanied Sir Ernest Shackleton's last voyage in the Quest—now Lieut. Comdr. J. W. S. Marr of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve—is back in the Antarctic leading the most secret expedition of discovery ever to leave Britain. He has with him an exploration party of fourteen British scientific and research workers, all volunteers, who have now established a base camp of huts and tents amid the snow and ice near Hope Bay, Grahamland, below the tip of South America.

The explorers will remain in the Antarctic for two years, carrying out intense research into polar meteorology and radio conditions, the mineral wealth of Grahamland, biological and botanical facts, bird movements and the habits of whales, seals and fish.

They will also travel over Grahamland and will visit islands of the South Shetlands, South Orkneys and South Georgia.

al political organization making use of the League of Nations' experience and taking into consideration the actual differences in the power of the various members.

The creation of agencies for European transport and civil aviation and a system of firm international law, including a new World Court.

New international economic organizations for relief, food, trade, transport and money, as well as labor.

British colonial policies designed to benefit natives primarily and to prepare them for self-government.

Permitting the Jews to become a majority in Palestine and encouraging the Arabs to move out.

The committee summarized the program as being "against war; against defeat, if war should come; against unemployment, poverty and other forms of economic distress; and against fascism and all forms of political slavery."

in the countries where they committed their misdeeds.

Forcing Gestapo men and Germans in similar organizations to do "reparation labor" in Russia and elsewhere but not in Britain.

The completion of reparations in five or six years; reparations to include the restoration of stolen objects, deliveries in kind, labor for rebuilding and payment of occupation costs.

Re-drawing frontiers on the basis of geographic and economic convenience and permanence and discouraging their use as economic and cultural barriers.

The formation of an international

U. S. URGED TO FACE PALESTINE ISSUES

Rights of All Small Nations Are Involved. Bridges Tells Zionist Dinner Here

Terming the issue of Palestine the yardstick of the rights of small nations to security after the war, Senator Styles Bridges of New Hampshire called last night for a "clear enunciation by America of a just and workable foreign policy."

He was one of several prominent speakers at a dinner sponsored by the New Zionist Organization of America to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the American-British Convention on Palestine. The dinner in the grand ballroom of the Hotel Commodore was attended by 1,000 persons.

Other speakers included Gov. J. Howard McGrath of Rhode Island; Hugh Gibson, former Ambassador to Belgium; William C. Bullitt, former Ambassador to Russia and France; Representative Clare Boothe Luce and Col. John H. Patterson, commander of the Jewish legions in World War I and honorary president of the New Zionist Organization. Senator Bridge's address was heard locally over radio station WQXR.

"The struggle for a Jewish Palestine," Senator Bridges said, "is a part of the world-wide crusade to achieve an international order in which there shall be security for small nations. We cannot close our eyes to the challenge of Palestine without doing outrage to the whole cause for which we fight in this war. If we make a moral surrender in Palestine we shall have weakened ourselves incalculably when we face the issue of other small nations at the peace table."

"In this instance, Palestine can well serve as a yardstick as to the treatment to be accorded to the other small nations."

Senator Bridges noted "with deep disquiet" what he termed an increasing disposition to blur the moral issues of the war.

"The retreat from the Atlantic Charter, despite all of Secretary Hull's brave words," he asserted, "is in full flight. We have embarked upon the morally dangerous policy of substituting day-to-day improvisations for genuine democratic solutions in our facing of war issues."

Calling for a clear-cut foreign policy and statement of war objectives instead of one based on opportunism and changing political war tides, Senator Bridges declared:

"Too long we have remained in the dark concerning the pledges and obligations which have been made for us at Cairo and Teheran."

"I cannot believe that we strengthen the morale of our people when we deny them the right to speak out against injustice or international wrong."

Governor McGrath said failure by the Allied powers to provide a measure of assistance for the Jewish people through the establishment of a promised homeland in Palestine while Jews were being

SOFT DRINKS FOR A HARD HITTER



Refreshments are placed aboard a transport plane at Hamilton Field, Calif., for delivery to Maj. Richard I. Bong, our leading ace in the southwest Pacific. Major Bong was promised the soda after Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker's offer of a case of Scotch to the airman who would beat his World War I record of twenty-six planes shot down brought out the fact that the major does not drink whisky.

Associated Press Wirephoto (U. S. Air Transport Command)

"systematically slaughtered" would mean "a new low in international morality."

He read excerpts from the 1924 convention to show that it "clearly and unequivocally establishes the right of the United States to give or to refuse its assent to any modification in the mandatory status of Palestine," and declared this policy was followed by the United States Government for thirteen years after the convention in its dealings with Great Britain.

Today, the Governor asserted, "the mandate to which we have given our concurrence is being nullified in practice without our consent and without even following the procedure laid down in the mandate itself."

Mrs. Luce termed the British White Paper promulgated in May, 1939, which stopped further Jewish immigration into Palestine at the end of five years, a "betrayal." This move by the Chamberlain "appeasement" government after Munich, she said, was "an illegal unilateral action" and made of the Balfour Declaration and the mandate "scraps of paper."

"Today, unless our Government acts to expunge this illegal act from the record, to redeem the honor of our treaty, we Americans

will be endorsing the spirit of Munich anew," she declared.

Paying tribute to the Jews for raising the living standards of both themselves and of the Arabs in Palestine, Mrs. Luce said "the proper, the sensible, the legal thing to do" was for both the British and the Americans to continue immigration.

Mr. Gibson urged the necessity for reopening the doors of Palestine to Jewish immigration in order "to meet a tragic emergency, to provide a refuge for those being harried and persecuted in Europe."

"It is shocking," he declared, "that in our day and age it should be necessary to apply organized pressure to the American Government to secure its attention to a great humanitarian issue, shocking that it should be necessary to take concerted action to urge our Government to be true to its fine old tradition of helping the oppressed."

Mr. Bullitt said he believed it was possible for Great Britain and America to work out an agreeable solution of the Palestine question in cooperation with both Arabs and Jews. He suggested as a lasting solution the irrigation of the great valley of Iraq and the transfer of Arab populations there.

PALESTINE TRACT GIVEN AS REFUGE

Colony for 600 Families, Now in Peril, Is Named by Donors for Massachusetts

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

BOSTON, April 23—A tract of 6,000 dunams, about 1,320 acres, has been acquired in Palestine through the Jewish National Fund of New England for the settlement of 600 Jewish families now facing danger in Hungary and Rumania.

The colony, bearing the name of "Commonwealth of Massachusetts," was dedicated tonight at a dinner in the presence of 1,300 persons who have contributed toward it.

Speakers appealed for the immediate cancellation of the British White Paper and urged that President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill accelerate the entrance into Palestine of as many refugees as could be rescued from Hungary and Rumania.

The late Cardinal O'Connell was eulogized as "a great prince of the church" and as "a lover of humanity and peace."

The principal speakers were Gov. Leverett Saltonstall, who is honorary governor of the colony; Mayor Maurice Tobin, its honorary Mayor; Senator Guy M. Gillette of Iowa, Judge Morris Rostenberg and Mendel N. Fish of New York, respectively national president and executive director of the Jewish National Fund of America.

"The establishment of this colony is a manifestation of faith in the triumph of the cause of the United Nations and the future of Palestine," Governor Saltonstall said.

"It will serve to associate the democratic ideals of the founding fathers of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with those of the Jewish pioneers laying the foundation of the Jewish Homeland upon the sacred soil of their fathers."

Economic Future Studied

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

WASHINGTON, April 23—A group of economists headed by Robert R. Nathan, former chairman of the Planning Committee of the War Production Board, has been working since January under commission from the American Palestine Institute of New York to

determine the possibilities of Palestine here today.

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April 24th, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached is a press release with reference to a fine statement made by Mr. Sidney Hillman. This was secured by our Department on Labor Relations which has set up the American Jewish Trade Union Committee for Palestine.

I believe it would be worthwhile for you to send Mr. Hillman a letter of commendation for his statement. I should appreciate a copy of the letter which you send.

Kindest personal regards.

Cordially yours,

Shapiro.
Harry J. Shapiro
Director

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P. S. Mr. Hillman's address is:
Amalgamated Clothing Workers
15 Union Square
New York City

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April 27th, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

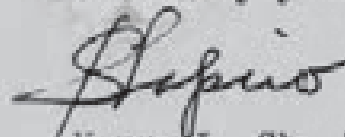
Dear Dr. Silver:

In accordance with the plan of the Emergency Council to approach the political parties in order to secure a plank in the platform with reference to Palestine, I have had Mr. Lamm do some research with respect to the inclusion of foreign items in past platforms of the Republican and Democratic Parties.

I attach the result of his investigation for your information.

Kindest regards.

Cordially yours,



Harry L. Shapiro
Director

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HARRY L SHAPIRO.

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May 5, 1944

Mr. Harry L. Shapiro
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

The following matters should be followed through without delay and I would suggest that you keep checking on them until they are disposed of;

1) Concerning the release of the statement of professors, college presidents, etc. -- careful preparation should be made for proper publicity in connection with the release. The last time, it was a complete flop. Representatives of the AP and the UP should be seen. Above all, the Community Contact chairmen should receive, a week or ten days prior to the release, the names of the people who are signers to the statement. They should be asked to see their local newspapers to make sure that the story receives proper coverage. Perhaps the pictures of the signatories should be published along with the new story. You may succeed in getting some radio announcers to make mention of it.

2) The release of the statement by the American Palestine Committee to the Anglo-Jewish and Yiddish press, signed by Senator Wagner -- I know that he hesitates, but it is important to make him understand that the very existence of the American Palestine Committee will be endangered if there is not such a statement issued. If he is unwilling to sign it, then the statement should be issued under the name of the American Palestine Committee. Copies of it should be sent to all Community Contact chairmen, and articles on the subject should appear in all the Zionist periodicals, prominently displayed.

3) The statement of the lawyers which Mr. Lourie has been drafting should be issued without fail by May 17. The names of eight or ten prominent law firms should be procured as signatories to the statement and a release on the subject should be given to the press with a brief digest of the arguments and the names of the signatories.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

May 5, 1944

P.S. I received a letter from Mrs. Elkan C. Voorsanger in which she writes: "A young Rabbi Schwartzman of Georgia came to talk to our Hadassah Chapter. He talked on the debacle *of the* bills before the House and Senate. He stressed its failure in such pessimistic terms without giving the encouragement which should go with it that I am entirely upset."

I believe that Rabbi Schwartzman should be contacted with and given the real slant on what happened in Washington, what was achieved and what the prospects are. He should be advised that the cause is not served by pessimistic and demoralizing talk. I think perhaps that Rabbi Feuer should write to him.



May 6, 1944

Mr. Harry Shapiro
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Emergency Council held on April 3, it was voted to appoint a small committee to make a thorough study of the oil negotiations now pending in relation to our Movement. I am accordingly appointing the following committee: Robert Szold, Herman Shulman, Emanuel Neumann. Dr. Wise and Dr. Silver will be ex-officio members of the committee. The committee is to select its own chairman.

Please arrange for a meeting of this committee some time during the day this coming Monday. I plan to be at the Third Seder of the Poale Zion next Sunday evening, and hope to stay over Monday. The committee, however, should meet even if I will not be in the city. Please telephone the members of the committee and ask them to come to a meeting Monday at ten o'clock, if convenient, or in the afternoon. Please also invite Dr. Goldmann and Mr. Lourie to attend this meeting.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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343 Madison Avenue

AMERICAN ZIONIST YOUTH COMMISSION

381 Fourth Ave. New York City

May 6, 1944

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

Attention: Mr. Harry L. Shapiro

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

We heard indirectly that your Mr. Hans Lamm is trying to make arrangements for the release and distribution of Zionist literature on the college campuses.

I must protest against this action very strongly.

On the occasion of our conference a couple of months ago about the essay prize-contest it was agreed that there would be no undertakings of the Emergency Council touching upon Youth work without prior consultation with the Youth Commission.

There is considerable background to the whole problem of Zionist activities on the campuses which is nearing a solution, and intervention by the Emergency Council in the situation would be most unfortunate.

The possession by the Emergency Council of funds and personnel does not endow it with license to exercise (much less to broaden) jurisdiction without regard to injury to the work and plans of the official youth agency of Hadassah and the Z.O.A.

I must respectfully insist that nothing be done with or through the Hillel Foundation before the matter is fully presented by you to the Youth Commission and a decision, on an informed basis and beneficial to the Zionist program is reached.

A copy of this letter is going to Dr. Israel Goldstein and to Mrs. Epstein.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Herman L. Weisman
Chairman

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May 9, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached is the tentative program for the Washington Conference which Irving Miller, Leon Feuer, and myself prepared after receiving your suggestion. As yet I have not received commitments from all the people who are listed on the program that they will accept their assignments, but hope to have that within a day or so.

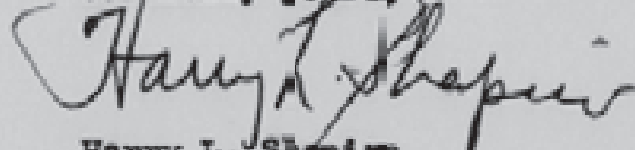
Rabbi Miller is to speak to Dr. Wise with regard to his addressing the Lowdermilk dinner on the second night of the Conference.

I spent yesterday evening and most of today at the B'nai B'rith conference developing an organized resistance against the resolution which I read to you over the telephone yesterday. The resolution in all probability will be killed in committee, but should it by any chance reach the floor I believe that it will be overwhelmingly defeated.

In accordance with your suggestion, I phoned Dr. Wise and he agreed to phone Monsky. I could not reach Dr. Goldstein but spoke with his secretary this morning and dictated the resolution to her. She said she would see that Dr. Goldstein called Monsky.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Harry L. Shapiro
Director

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May 10, 1944

Mr. Herman L. Weisman
American Zionist Youth Commission
381 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Weisman:

I have your letter of May 6 relative to the rumor that the Emergency Council is "making arrangements for the release and distribution of Zionist literature on the college campuses." I am rather dismayed at the tone of your note which infers that the Emergency Council is an ogre about to devour the regularly established Zionist agencies in this country.

As you know, the Emergency Council is the political arm of the major Zionist bodies in America and has not nor does not anticipate sponsoring any activity which is not political.

Let me say to you categorically that the Emergency Council has made no plans to distribute literature to students on college campuses. Our only activity with reference to the universities has been the circularization of a petition signed by members of college faculties, a copy of which is attached, which is directed to the President of the United States. This, incidentally, has been a very successful activity, as you will see by the releases attendant to the issuance of that petition scheduled for May 17.

Included in the more than 1,500 members of college faculties who signed the petition are many presidents of universities and colleges. These signatures were secured through local Emergency Committees, friendly faculty members and directors of Hillel Foundations. It is my conviction that it is our duty to approach any person regardless of his affiliation for political work. This is the reason why we sought the help of the directors of the Hillel Foundations. We shall continue to do this so long as the contact is consistent with achieving our political objectives.

For your information, the college petition was the brain-child of the Young Zionist Actions Committee of New York, and they have done a good job on the New York campuses.

I am taking the privilege of sending a copy of your letter and my reply to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Stephen S. Wise, co-chairmen of the Emergency Council, so that they may be acquainted with this exchange of correspondence. A copy of my answer is also being sent to Dr. Goldstein and Mrs. Epstein so that their information of this correspondence will be complete.

Should there be any further information that you may wish on the above subject, please be in touch with me.

Sincerely yours,

HLS:LF
Enc.

Harry L. Shapiro
Director

May 10, 1944

Mr. Harry L. Shapiro
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

I have looked over the list of acceptances to the Washington Conference which you kindly sent me. I note that most of the delegates are from the Atlantic Seaboard. There are not enough from the Middle-west or the West or the South. I would suggest that you concentrate upon those regions so that we may have a truly national representation at the Conference.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

May 10, 1944

Mr. Harry L. Shaprio
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Have you followed through the printing of membership cards to the American Palestine Committee to be sent to all the members of Congress who have joined the Committee? You will recall that we agreed to do that and that these cards are to be sent with a covering letter from Senator Wagner. The letter should also include a statement advising the Senators not to join any other Palestine organization such as the League for a Free Palestine, etc.

Time is of the essence.

Very cordially yours,

ANS:EK

May 17, 1944

Mr. Harry L. Shapiro
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

During the next few months quite a number of national conventions of religious bodies in the United States will be held. It is highly desirable to get resolutions favorable to our cause passed by these conventions. I would suggest that you request Rabbi Gold to get busy to learn when and where these national Protestant bodies will meet, and to do all the preliminary work necessary to have such resolutions adopted at these conventions. Mr. Manson and Mr. Isreeli will, I am sure, help him along.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:PK

MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date May 17, 1944

From Harry L. Shapiro

Attached hereto is a copy of the letter, dated May 15, which we received today from the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America in which they suggest some dates for a conference. We have not replied to this letter because the answer requires a confirmation of the date.

In order to refresh your memory on the whole transaction, I am herewith attaching copies of the previous correspondence from and to them which led up to this letter dated May 15. I am also including a letter from Dr. Atkinson because we sent copies of Mr. Hoffman's letter of April 27 and our reply of May third to him for comment.

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May 18, 1944

Mr. Harry L. Shapiro
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

Rabbi Silver's expenses in connection
with his trip to New York on May 15 and 16 amounted
to \$65.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

May 19, 1944

Mr. Harry L. Shapiro
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

In connection with the proposed meeting with the Foreign Missions Conference, and the dates, I would suggest that you contact Emanuel Neumann, Rabbi Gold and either Rabbi Milton Steinberg or Rabbi Bernstein. It is these people who I believe should be our representatives to this conference. Find out from them which of the dates indicated by Mr. Hoffman is most convenient to them and then notify Mr. Hoffman. You might also wish to consult Mr. Voss.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:EK

May 26, 1944

Mr. Harry L. Shapiro
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

I am enclosing herewith the letter which I received this morning. Please show it to Wise, Rothenberg and Rosenblatt. My own feeling is that the last sentence in the paragraph before the last of the letter, inviting the federations to pass on the information to their contributors, is unnecessary and I am inclined to believe that the War Relief Control Board has not made that mandatory.

There seems also to be some error in the second paragraph on page two -- the figure 1902.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ANS:BK

May 26, 1944

Mr. Harry L. Shapiro
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

Do you have any copies of the address
which Rabbi Silver delivered before the Foreign
Affairs Committee as it appeared in the Congressional
Record? If you do, will you please send him fifty
reprints?

Thank you.

Most cordially yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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May 29, 1944

Mr. Harry L. Shapiro
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

Dr. Philip D. Bockstaber, of Harrisburg, Pa., who was a member of the Executive of the Emergency Committee to Save the Jews of Europe, and has been closely identified with the Bergson outfit, has this week resigned from that group. I am enclosing herewith a copy of the letter which he addressed to the executive secretary of the Emergency Committee. You may wish to make an announcement of his resignation, perhaps coupled with the statement which Gordis is to issue.

I shall be in New York on Thursday, just for the day, as I have a few important matters to attend to.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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May 31, 1944

Miss Bessie Kline
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Kline:

Under separate cover we are sending you 50 copies of the address that Dr. Silver delivered before the Foreign Affairs Committee. These speeches were mimeographed in Washington soon after the address was delivered.

Thanking you, I am

Cordially yours,



Harry L. Shapiro

Harry L. Shapiro
Director

HLS:HBI

June 1, 1944

Mr. Harry L. Shapiro
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

The enclosed ticket was bought in New York by Rabbi Silver and should be redeemed there. As he seldom uses the Pa. Railroad from Cleveland to New York, I would appreciate it very much if you would have someone turn in the ticket for a refund and send it on to Rabbi Silver.

Thanks very much.

Most cordially,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL
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MEMORANDUM

To Chairmen of Local Emergency Committees *Date* June 6, 1944

From Harry L. Shapiro

The attached pamphlet includes the names of University and College Professors who have signed petitions to the President. There are approximately 1700 names included in this booklet. It is our objective now to increase this number to more than 10,000.

If there are University or College Professors in your city, whose names are not included in this booklet, will you do your utmost to see that they are contacted and that they sign one of the enclosed petitions? Please indicate the position that they occupy and their addresses.

I hope that you will do this as quickly as possible and forward the signed petitions to our office.

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Encs.

June 7, 1944

Mr. Harry L. Shapiro
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

My traveling expenses in connection with
my visit to New York on Monday and Tuesday of
this week amounted to \$60.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX



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

MEMORANDUM


To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date June 8, 1944

From Harry L. Shapiro

This letter came into the office yesterday and in view of the fact that you have taken the book, "His Terrible Swift Sword", will you be good enough to let us know what you think of it and whether it would be worthwhile to reprint it.

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152 OCHTERLONEY STREET
DARTMOUTH, NOVA SCOTIA
CANADA.

June 5, 1944

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

Dear Sirs:

I am mailing you under separate cover within the next few days a copy of "His Terrible Swift Sword". A booklet published by Victor Gollants, London, England, and written by Dr. Norman Maclean, who at the time was Moderator of the Church of Scotland, General Assembly, and is now Chaplain to His Majesty the King. This small book can be printed for about \$700.00 for ten thousand copies in Canada. Certain Prominent Zionists in Canada have been anxious to have this book printed and put on sale across the country.

Due to the fact that the Canadian Zionist Organization has no specific funds appropriated for this type of work this has not yet been done. I feel, however, that the American Zionist Organization could very easily publish this book in large quantities and put it on sale across the country with every probability of it proving a financial success. It will, of course, be a powerful weapon in presenting the case against the McDonald White Paper, which this book does most vigorously.

In reference to the publishing rights I have been advised that a small honorarium is required by the author. I feel that this book would be an invaluable educational force in view of its forceful style and the prominence of its author. If permission to print were not granted a review of the book could be brought out and given wide publicity through the press, or put in pamphlet form and mailed direct to the clergy, editors, aldermen, etc.

I am continuing to endeavour to have this book published here in Canada; in the meantime I hope that this suggestion will meet with your approval. I remain,

Very truly yours,

/s/

S. JACOBSON

SJ/MW

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June 12, 1944

Mr. Harry L. Shapiro
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

I spoke about an American edition of Dr. Maclean's "His Terrible Swift Sword" about a year ago, but nothing came of it. Please take the matter up with Mrs. Sulamith Schwartz. This book deserves to have a wide circulation in this country. It will be especially helpful among Christian clergymen who have been greatly propagandized in recent years against our cause. The Christian missionary groups have been actively anti-Zionist in this country, and Dr. Maclean's book may serve as a very helpful antidote.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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June 12, 1944

HARRY L. SHAPIRO

Attached hereto is a copy of the letter which we sent to Chairmen of local Emergency Committees requesting financial assistance for the proposed radio program.

From the letter you will learn that no action is contemplated on our part with reference to local Jewish Welfare Funds or to the community as a whole.

We find ourselves in a situation which makes it imperative for us to launch such a project in order to carry out the intensive educational program which is so essential at this time in connection with the Palestine Resolution pending in Congress.

I believe that our request is "within bounds" and in no sense violates the letter, or the spirit of the letter, which the U.P.A. is sending to the Welfare Funds.

In the event that local Emergency Committees do not provide sufficient funds to supplement what the American Zionist Emergency Council itself plans to spend on the radio program, we shall appeal to the organized national Zionist bodies for their help.

I do hope the above is an adequate explanation of the step which we have taken.

Regards.

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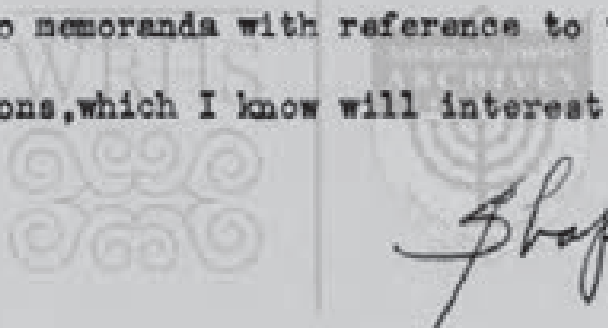
MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date June 13, 1944

From Harry L. Shapiro

Attached are two memoranda with reference to the Committee
on Labor Relations, which I know will interest you.



Shapiro

HLS:EH
enc.

American Zionist Emergency Council
American Jewish Trade Union Committee for Palestine

MEMORANDUM

To Harry L. Shapiro

Date June 12, 1944

From Abe Tuvim

I spent Saturday and Sunday in Boston organizing the New England division of the American Jewish Trade Union Committee for Palestine. Attached hereto you will find a brief report which Mr. Zaritsky is sending out to the members and officers of the Committee so that they may be advised of the development.

I would like to add that the spirit of the meeting was most encouraging. About thirty-five men were present, each of them a president, manager, or secretary of a trade union. The work of our Committee and the necessity for its existence was put before them by both Goldberg and myself. The response of those in attendance was enthusiastic and unanimous. I have no doubt that within a short time most of the outstanding non-Jewish labor leaders in the New England area will be canvassed and brought into the Honorary Committee.

This is all preparatory to the job we most likely will have to do in a couple of months in connection with the resolutions before Congress and such other matters that may come up and that may require widespread labor support.

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PRESS RELEASE

American Jewish Trade Union Committee for Palestine

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M E M O R A N D U M

To Officers and Members of American Jewish
Trade Union Committee for Palestine

June 12, 1944

From Max Zaritsky

You will be pleased to know that at a conference held in Dorchester, Massachusetts, Sunday, June 11, the New England division of the American Jewish Trade Union Committee for Palestine was organized and a program of activity was prepared and adopted by the conferees.

The "Declaration" of the American Jewish Trade Union Committee for Palestine was adopted in its original form, and those present voted unanimously to apply themselves fully to the program of our Committee.

Officers of the New England division include Jacob Blume, manager of the Boston Joint Board of the A.C.T.A., and Philip Kramer, manager of the Boston Joint Board of the ILGWU, as co-chairmen. An executive committee was also chosen, as were vice-presidents and other officers. These are fully representative of all of the unions attending the conference.

The conference was addressed by I. H. Goldberg, secretary of the American Jewish Trade Union Committee for Palestine, and vice-president of the United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers Union. Mr. Goldberg outlined the background of our Committee and stressed the need for the implementation of its program by labor groups all over the country. In outlining the work of our Committee he indicated the wide support it is receiving from important labor officials of both the A.F. of L. and the C.I.O.

The New England division adopted as a program for immediate action the broadening of its Committee to include all important labor officials of the cities and states making up that territory. Following this resolutions will be introduced in every city and state Central Body and Industrial Council. The resolutions will call for the withdrawal of the British White Paper of 1939 and will support the demand for a free and democratic Jewish commonwealth in Palestine.

The New England division of our Committee is the first such group established since the formation of our Committee. It is hoped that similar groups will be created shortly in other sections of the country.

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

MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date June 13, 1944

From Harry L. Shapiro

I know you will be interested in the attached resolution which was engineered by Dr. Marsh and Dean LeSourd at a meeting in Ocean City. We will try to use it as an opening wedge to all the Methodist Church regional meetings.

Regards.

Shapiro

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enc.

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

MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date June 13, 1944

From Harry L. Shapiro

Yesterday, beginning at 3:00 P.M. and continuing through dinner, the Planning Committee which was elected on March 9th at the Washington Conference on Palestine, met at the Hotel Biltmore. Attending were the chairman, Pres. Dahiel L. Marsh of Boston University, Prof. Carl J. Friedrich, Dr. David Henry, Dr. Henry A. Atkinson, Dean Howard W. LeSourd, Dr. W. F. Albright, Messrs. Lourie and Magida, and myself. Mr. Magida is drawing a report of the meeting and I shall send you a copy of it.

Regards.

HLS:EH



RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY

THE NORTHEASTERN JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

June 10, 1944

at

Ocean City, N.J.

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(Introduced by Dr. Daniel L. Marsh, President of Boston University and
Chairman of Planning Committee of National Conference on Palestine)

RESOLVED that we hold that all racial and religious bigotry
and intolerance are undemocratic and un-Christian. Especially at this
time of stress and strain do we deplore and denounce the discriminations
and hatreds that have been the spearhead of the attacks on democracy and
that lead inevitably to conflicts and wars. We condemn anti-Semitism,
anti-Roman Catholicism and anti-Protestantism wherever they appear in
the whole wide world. We express our sincere hope that appropriate action
will be taken by our government to see that in the interest of justice,
humanitarianism and future world peace, international commitments made
to the Jews in connection with a homeland in Palestine may be fulfilled
at the earliest possible time.

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MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date June 13, 1944

From Harry L. Shapiro

Following a final conversation which Mr. Herman Shulman had yesterday morning with Senator Wagner, the following telegram was sent:

REGRET EXCEEDINGLY NECESSITY OF POSTPONING DINNER IN HONOR OF
SENATOR WAGNER AND CONGRESSMAN COMPTON IN BEHALF OF AMERICAN
PALESTINE COMMITTEE SCHEDULED AT HOTEL ASTOR THURSDAY JUNE 15.
SENATOR WAGNER'S PRESENCE IS REQUIRED IN WASHINGTON DUE TO PRESSING
GOVERNMENT BUSINESS. HOPE YOU ARE NOT UNDULY INCONVENIENCED. LETTER
FOLLOWS.

We are now preparing a follow-up letter.

Regards.

HLS:EH

Shapiro

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

MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date June 13, 1944

From Harry L. Shapiro

Yesterday I sent you a list of local Emergency Committee chairmen with the quotas which we had set for the radio program. I forgot to attach a copy of the letter which was sent in your name and which I am now enclosing. Within a few days it may be necessary to follow up some of these requests by phone and I am wondering if I can count on you to phone some of the larger communities.

Kindest regards.

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MEMORANDUM

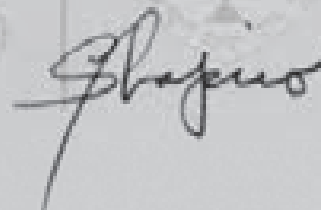
To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date June 13, 1944

From Harry L. Shapiro

Attached is a memorandum from Abe Tuvim to myself, which is self-explanatory.
Do you have any suggestions with reference to it?

Regards.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Shapiro".

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enc.

MEMORANDUM

To: Harry L. Shapiro

June 13, 1944

From: Abe Tuvia

I would like to call your attention to the fact that the American Jewish Trade Union Committee for Palestine is not considered one of the organizations which, under the rules, are qualified for invitation to the American Jewish Conference scheduled for the early part of September in Chicago. Mr. Kenen advises me that our Committee was organized too late to qualify. The Committee was organized in March of this year.

I most strongly urge that some way be found to circumvent this rule. There is no bona fide Jewish labor voice connected with the Conference. The Jewish Labor Committee is a hodgepodge of various Jewish organizations, most of them non-Zionist or anti-Zionist, as has been confirmed time and again. The only pro-Zionist elements of any moment in the Committee are the trade unions which we have organized into our American Jewish Trade Union Committee for Palestine, but these represent a voting minority on all issues affecting the future of Palestine.

When the Jewish Labor Committee delegation comes to Chicago to attend the Conference, it will be bound by the agreement which was reached by the labor forces and the other groups in the Jewish Labor Committee. This agreement provided a neutral attitude with regard to the commonwealth issue. The delegates to the Conference were instructed not to vote one way or the other. Should this issue or any similar issue arise at the Conference, the delegation of the Jewish Labor Committee will not participate.

Jewish labor should have a voice in the Conference. Jewish labor is definitely for the commonwealth, and one of the reasons for organizing the American Jewish Trade Union Committee for Palestine was to give Jewish labor that voice. It should be given an opportunity to make itself heard at the American Jewish Conference. It represents hundreds of thousands of organized Jewish workers.

I hope that you can find some way to bring about the inclusion of the American Jewish Trade Union Committee for Palestine in the American Jewish Conference.

AT:EG

June 14, 1944

Mr. Harry L. Shapiro
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

With reference to the subject raised by Mr. Tuvim concerning representation of the American Jewish Trade Union Committee for Palestine at the forthcoming sessions of the American Jewish Conference. I am in no position to express an opinion on the legal angle involved. I would suggest that Mr. Tuvim take the matter up first with Mr. Louis Lipsky who could advise him on the subject and tell him how to go about it.

I note a memorandum from Mr. Harry Steinberg addressed to Mr. Weisgal that the first royalty payment on "Palestine, Land of Promise", amounting to \$2,135.00 has been paid to us. How much did we advance to the Harper and Brothers for the book? Who has the copyright and who has the right to dispose of translation rights of the book?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

June 16, 1944

Mr. Harry L. Shapiro
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

Please put on the agenda for the Executive Meeting on Monday the subject of how to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the death of Dr. Theodore Herzl which occurs on July 11. You might talk the thing over with Mr. Manson and Mr. Isreeli before Monday and bring in some suggestions. Please find out also what the Zionist parties plan to do in this connection -- if anything.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

June 29, 1944

Mr. Harry Shapiro
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

1) I should like to see final action taken on an assistant to Manson. Manson will be away from the city from now on a good deal of the time. He will be in attendance at the Democratic Convention in July; I assume also at the American Jewish Conference in September. We must have someone in the office to carry on the routine work, too.

2) I hope that you are planning to attend the meeting of the Executive of the ZOA in Philadelphia on the 9th. I shall try to be there myself but if I am not, you should be there to present our radio project and to request that the ZOA hold back until after our project is completed before it goes to the communities for funds, etc.

3) Please turn over the enclosed telegram to Mr. Lourie and ask him what he suggests we ought to do about it.

4) You might request Judge Rosenblatt to indicate what the Lawyers Committee has done with reference to the registration of the Bergson Group in Washington. I gave that as the first assignment for this Lawyer's Committee. Action, if indicated, should be speedy.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date June 29th, 1944

From Harry L. Shapiro

The Dr. Theodor Herzl memorial meeting is scheduled for Tuesday evening, July 11th and will be held in the grand ballroom of the Pennsylvania Hotel (because it's air conditioned). The meeting is sponsored by the Z.O.A. and the J.N.F. It will be a simple meeting and Dr. Goldstein will preside. There will be three speakers:

Pierre van Paassen
Rabbi Irving Miller
Judge Morris Rothenberg

I can't send you the detailed summary of the results to date on the request for funds to the communities. That will be done tomorrow morning and I shall send you the material Air Mail Special Delivery.

Regards.

HLS:SH



MEMORANDUM

To Harry L. Shapiro

Date June 29, 1944

From Harry A. Steinberg

ROYALTIES

C. J. H.
A royalty check for second serial rights for Dr. Lowdermilk's book in the sum of \$187.50 has been received from Harper and Brothers, which covers the following items:

1. \$62.50 as our share of 1/2 of the \$125. received from the Jewish Morning Journal for editorial rights to "Palestine, Land of Promise".
2. \$125. which is our share of 1/2 of the \$250. received from the Magazine Digest of Canada for Digest rights of three chapters.

The Magazine Digest of Canada, July issue is now on sale.
This second check brings the total royalties received to date to 2323.40.

ADVERTISING

his column
A 75 x 2 ad on "Palestine, Land of Promise" is in preparation for publication in the New York Times Book Review Section of Sunday, July 16th.

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Dr. Selzer:
Enclosed items re Bloom dinner
ad Magazine Digest referred to above.
Incidentally Dr. Gold told me that
Bloom made no definite statement
re the Palestine Resolutions at the
dinner -
Shapiro.

MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date June 30th, 1944

From Harry L. Shapiro

Attached is a copy of the original list with radio quotas and comments of communities heard from thus far. In making the summary, I find that the picture is not a very good one. To date we have \$19,515. pledged of which \$1,790. has been paid. We have heard from another 21 communities whose quotas total \$46,100., that they are taking up the matter and we would hear from them. The majority of communities have not replied to your requests. The approximate total of the quotas assigned to these latter communities is \$65,000.

To recapitulate:	Total pledged . . . \$ 19,515.
	Cash received . . . 1,790.
	Now under con-
	sideration. . . 46,100.
	Communities no
	response . . . 65,000.

When I tried to reach Dr. Goldstein to request that they desist fund-raising until after July 15th, I found that he was in Mexico. This will in all probability have to await the ZOA Administrative Committee meeting which is scheduled in Philadelphia on Sunday, July 9th. I sincerely hope that you will be able to be there and I will be there in case you can't make it.

When an activity is once initiated, I personally do not like to call a halt to it and therefore I am submitting the following way which I believe we can work out this problem:

The entire program, including radio time and program cost, will be approximately \$100,000.

Our fiscal year ends October 14th.

Should we begin our broadcasts approximately August 23rd, it would mean that 8 of the broadcasts would be completed by the end of the fiscal year and 5 would come during our next fiscal year. If we charge the first 8 to this year and the remaining 5 to next year, the proportionate charges would be:

This year	\$ 61,539.
Next year	\$ 38,461

After the Emergency Council allocates \$25,000. for this year's radio appropriation, there will be needed approximately \$36,500. I believe that if we went after this aggressively, we could secure such an amount, particularly if you would make a few long-distance calls to some of our friends in the larger cities.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

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June 30, 1944

I personally do not believe that the ZDA competition, except in New England, has too much of a bearing on the results we are getting. Our appeal has come at a bad season of the year and our people are reluctant to develop local efforts at this time of the year. Though the amount needed above is not too great an amount, it will be necessary that I send some of our staff into the field to get this money. ✓

In developing the new budget for the coming year, on which I am now working, we could put in the remaining amount of approximately \$36,500. for radio in that budget. In such a way I believe that we could carry on this activity.

Will you please consider the above very carefully and let me have your reaction?

Kindest regards.

HLS:SH



Shapiro

July 2, 1944

Mr. Harry Shapiro
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

I received your report on the response to the radio appeal. I believe the response is a good one. Please proceed with contracts and all necessary arrangements. The money will somehow be found. I spoke to the people here in Cleveland yesterday and they will send you the \$4500.

I am to be in Boston through Wednesday at the Statler Hotel and I have wired Dewey Stone and Levine to meet me there. I do not believe that our program should begin as late as August 23. We might want the Congressional Resolution to be introduced before then. Please figure on the second week of August at the latest.

(2) There were radio comments on the Republican plank on Palestine. I should like you to procure transcripts of those radio commentators' remarks.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ARS:BX

July 13, 1944

Mr. Harry L. Shapiro
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

I am wondering whether a letter of thanks has been written to Mr. Isadore Seelig, of Louisiana and to Mr. Sidney L. Herold of Shreveport, Louisiana for their part in helping the resolution which has been passed by the State of Louisiana. If not, please arrange to have such a letter sent.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ANS:BX

July 17, 1944

Mr. Harry L. Shapiro
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

Some time ago Mr. Magida and Mr. Tuvia undertook to organize community contacts groups in New York and vicinity. What was accomplished? Are any such groups in existence? If so have they been approached to raise money for our broadcast? Judging from the enclosed letter, the appeal in New York was made directly to the Zionist Regions.

Just what is Magida doing now?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

July 17, 1944

Mr. Harry L. Shapiro
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

Both of the enclosed items should be brought up for action before the meeting of the Council next Monday. I tried to reach Mr. Lourie by telephone, but I was informed that he will be away for three weeks, presumably on his vacation.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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July 17, 1944

Mr. Harry L. Shapiro
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

The New Palestine -- News Reporter -- in its July issue contains no report of the activities of the Emergency Council. I assumed that that was an oversight on the part of the editor of the New Palestine. I found, however, that it was our fault. On July 2, Mr. Barabash requested that material be sent to him for inclusion in the New Palestine News Reporter before June 12. Mr. Barabash also sent a wire on June 14 requesting material. The material was not sent to him.

This is a serious lapse on our part. The New Palestine News Reporter is being mailed in 115,000 copies to all the Zionists of America and to many others. The ZOA is entitled to have in its official publication full reports of the activities of the Emergency Council, of which the ZOA is a member. The Emergency Council should regularly utilize such an important vehicle of information for the dissemination of news about its activities.

Please see to it that from now on there be sent to the New Palestine regularly not just the releases which we send to all other publications, but specially written articles covering the field of our activities.

The same should be done with the Hadassah News Letter and the publications of the Poale Zion and the Mizrachi. I would appreciate it if copies of the articles sent to the editor of the New Palestine be also sent to me. As you know, I have in the past severely criticized the New Palestine for failing to treat the activities of the Emergency Council adequately in its columns. When the fault is ours, we should take quick action to correct it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:EK

(Signed) Abba Hillel Silver

MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date July 18th, 1944

From Harry L. Shapiro

This is with reference to yours of July 17th re the organization of the community contacts groups in the Metropolitan Area.

Thus far we have developed a Brooklyn Committee and a Bronx Committee. The Manhattan Committee has been formed and Judge Reit is the temporary chairman. There is an internal political problem in this committee because neither the Mizrachi nor the Poale Zion want Reit as the chairman and this will be corrected within a few days. Judge Reit, in his reply on the radio program, did not consult with his committee and Mr. Magida has taken the matter up with him for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting. With reference to money-raising for our radio program, the Brooklyn and Bronx Committees are trying to raise their quotas.

Mr. Magida is presently engaged in assisting Dean LeSourd in launching his work for the American Palestine Committee. In the last two weeks he has been to St. Louis and Chicago in order to arrange regional meetings for the A.P.C. and yesterday he was in Scranton, Pa., meeting with Judge Maxey in connection with A.P.C. work in that region. Today he is meeting with Mr. Teller and Mr. Silverman in order to go ahead with the fund-raising of the Independent Jewish Press Service campaign. You can rest assured he is fully occupied.

Kindest regards.

HLS:SH

MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date July 18th, 1944

From Harry L. Shapiro

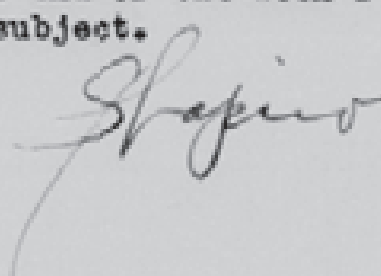
It will not surprise you to learn that I am having difficulty with the Mutual Broadcasting System on accepting our program. Last week we submitted an outline -- Mr. Manson wrote it -- to Mutual of what would be involved in our dramatic presentations for the thirteen broadcasts. On the receipt of this outline, the broadcasting company said that they would reject our program, pending receipt of some finished scripts.

On Thursday, Allen Sloan - whom Hy Brown has secured to do the scripts -- will return to New York from his vacation and will go to work on the scripts. We hope by the beginning of next week to submit at least two presentations. If they have objections to these, I believe it will be time for us to apply some pressure on Mutual. We can threaten a public outcry of denial of freedom of speech and we can bring pressure to bear on the Board of Directors of Mutual. The latter are scattered throughout the country, one very important man being in Cleveland: H.K. Carpenter of WHK.

In speaking with a number of officials at Mutual, I have come to the conclusion that our material does not have real political objections in the national sense, but there are on the Board of Mutual two anti-Zionists, one a member of the Strauss family (Macy's) and the other Lewis Allen Weiss of the Don Lee Broadcasting System on the Coast. It is possible that since they will have no trouble in selling the time, they would prefer to keep a Zionist program off the air.

At the moment I am still having trouble getting together the needed money for the broadcast. I have carried through on this matter by sending quite a number of wires to communities where we have had no response. By the end of the week I hope to be able to give you a clearer picture on the subject.

Regards.



HLS:SH

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

MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date July 18th, 1944

From Harry L. Shapiro

This is with reference to yours of July 17th describing our failure to get into the last issue of the New Palestine -- News Reporter. This was brought to my attention a week ago Sunday when I was in Philadelphia reporting to the Administrative Committee of the Z.O.A. and I took it up with Mr. Manson on the following day.

(JULY 9)

You can rest assured that there will be no further slip-up.

Your suggestion with reference to the Hadassah News-Letter, the publications of the Poale Zion and the Mizrachi, will be followed through.

Kindest regards.

HLS:SH



MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date July 18th, 1944

From Harry L. Shapiro

Attached are two letters which will be of interest to you.

Incidentally, Mr. Tuvim is now working on getting William Green and Philip Murray to come to New York in September for a large dinner which may possibly be addressed by wireless telephone by Sir Arthur Greenwood. The dinner would be restricted to the leading members of the labor movement and would, I believe, have effectual public relations results.

You will notice in the second letter (Mr. Zaritsky to Sr. Toledano) that what is asked for is in the realm of "welt politik" and if we were carrying on this activity, the Agency might have reason for complaint. You will note the activity is being carried through the American Jewish Trade Union Committee for Palestine. If we were successful in getting Mexico to take such action, it is possible that the movement would spread throughout Central and South America. I, personally, believe this approach to be one of greatest importance to our movement.

Kindest regards.

HLS:SH
Enc.

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JUL 20 1944

Shapiro

MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date July 19, 1944

From Harry L. Shapiro

Enclosed is a new issue of "Palestine", out today. Miss Schwartz has told me that Mr. Lipsky has indicated that he may not serve as chairman of the Publications Committee during the coming year. It seems that he wants to build up the house organ of the organization of which he has recently become the head, B'nai Zion.

I believe he has done a fine job with "Palestine", and at the rate he has been going in the last few issues this should become a very fine publication.

In order to avoid his giving up the chairmanship of the Publications Committee and the direct supervision of "Palestine", I feel it is necessary to begin to work on him immediately to keep him on the job. When you have read the enclosed copy, it would be well if you would send him a letter of commendation, and when you are in New York on Monday - if you have the opportunity - it might be well to talk with him regarding plans for the fall and winter.

Kindest regards.

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