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January 18, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you for your letter of January 9th in regard to the subject of national budgeting.

As you know by this time, the Assembly of the Council scheduled at Cincinnati has been cancelled. It seems that Mr. Blaustein and officers of the Council are determined that national budgeting shall be instituted and that the year 1945 should be used to persuade the Welfare Funds locally to pass resolutions approving national budgeting. These would then be taken by the Council as a directive to go ahead with national budgeting.

I earnestly hope that it will be possible for you to comment on the material submitted by Mr. Blaustein to the members of the Budget Research Committee. The conclusions of Mr. Blaustein and of the Council seemed to be based on the meeting of December 9 at which only five members were present. These included, in addition to Mr. Blaustein, Messrs. Rosenwald, Younker, Hollander and Shroder. Their views are quite well-known.

I was not present at the December 9th meeting, but I understand that Mr. Samuel Goldhamer took a leading part in insisting upon the necessity of national budgeting. He asserted that it was time for the Council to "throw off the domination of the U.P.A."

It is the intention of the U.P.A. that maximum discussion should be given to national budgeting throughout the country. But to do an effective job we shall need the help of all our leaders. Certainly I would think that your support and cooperation would be essential. I would be personally, as well as officially, grateful for anything you can do to help in this struggle. I have no hesitancy in asking this because you make it clear that your views on national budgeting have not changed since 1941.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

*Henry Montor*  
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Dear Dr. Silver:

I do wish that we could have the benefit of your counsel and active support. I wanted to get in touch with you immediately after our decision was made for an independent U.P.A. campaign, but I had to be in Cincinnati for that abortive meeting of the Council Board of Directors. Subsequently you left for Miami for the Welfare Fund. The latter trip will, I am sure, be most helpful.

The question of "independent" campaigns is not new to you. The last four years seem like an arrested motion picture still, harking back to your January, 1941 speech at Washington that Lessing Rosenwald will always find memorable.

I am sure you will agree that the Zionist issue has been sharpened. There will be a genuine test of the courage and character of many of the Zionists. I am awaiting the results with keen anticipation. You, for your part, will undoubtedly have special satisfaction in observing the manner in which Zionist leadership comes to the fore.

When would it be possible for me to come in to see you?

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

*Montor*  
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