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Newman, Emanuel, 1946.

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to Mr Silver Eto

Dr. Sidney Marks
Rabbi Irving Miller

January 15, 1946

I think you will be interested in a brief report on my appearance last night on the same platform with Elmer Berger before the Foreign Policy Association of Baltimore.

It was a frustrating and depressing experience despite the fact that our Zionist friends in Baltimore who attended felt that I had handled the situation effectively and the audience was clearly predominantly in our favor.

Berger spoke an hour and fifteen minutes and his paper, which he read, was a carefully-prepared and expertly-manufactured tissue of misrepresentations and half-truths. Some of the points which he made in the course of his address were presented with a convincing kind of calm and although it was over-long, seemed to be effective. His address was marked by an air of scholarship and an appearance of plausibility. Its effect was of course heightened for a Gentile audience by the fact that it amounted to an effort to persuade them that they really didn't have to do anything concrete about the Jewish problem. Some of his points were:

1. That the dilemma in Palestine was caused by vague and conflicting promises made to anomalous, amorphous and ambiguous political entities.
2. That the Balfour Declaration turned back the clock in that it was founded on an outworn idea of nationality.
3. The Zionists are not representative. They do not speak for more than a fraction of the Jews of the world. He emphasized the distinction between Jews and Zionists.
4. The effort of the Zionists in Palestine is an effort to set up a narrow church-state.
5. The problems of Palestine must be solved by the people of Palestine - Palestinians.
6. The Jews of the world must realize that privileges imply responsibilities. (whatever that means)
7. He quoted Clermonte Tomere (Civil emancipation of Jews in France again) and implied that "provincial" Jews attempted to prevent the integration of Jews in France which had been so generously offered by M. C.T., who saw very clearly that the Jews must give up everything that distinguishes them from their neighbors "except their religion" or be expelled from France.

He ended with a stirring, if somewhat vague plea for one world.

I had spoken first and so the Chairman afforded me a few minutes for rebuttal, and I did what I could in the time allotted to me.

January 15, 1946

It is interesting to note that while in his platform address, Berger took a "plague on both your houses" attitude toward the Arab League and the Zionists. In his table conversation, he expressed direct sympathy for the Arabs case, as he put it. He recommended to one of the leaders of the Foreign Policy Association that he read George Antonius's "Arab Awakening". ("I found it very helpful", Elmer said. And again, he asked a neighbor, "Do you know Hocking?" "He knows the Arab case well".

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COMMISSION ON PALESTINE SURVEYS

Administrative Office

521 FIFTH AVENUE

ROOM 1903

NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

February 26, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The attached letter from Professor
Paul Hanna arrived while Mr. Neumann was at the airport,
today. I read it to him and he asked that a copy be
sent to you at once. I am also enclosing a copy of
my telegraphic reply to Professor Hanna.

Very truly yours,

Leuchter Neuman
Secretary to Mr. Neumann

BW/h

C O P Y

Y. M. C. A.
1736 G Street N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Feb. 25, 1946

Dear Dr. Neumann:

Things began to move almost as soon as I had mailed my last letter to you. The State Department offer was confirmed on Friday and I got orders on Saturday to report in Washington on Monday (this) morning, prepared to fly to Cairo at the convenience of the department.

I shall be going over to the Department within the next two hours for the first interview but it appears that (if your plans are unchanged) we may meet in Palestine.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.)

PAUL L. HANNA

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February 26, 1946

Mr. Paul L. Hanna
Y.M.C.A., 1736 G Street N.W.
Washington, D. C.



YOUR WIRE ROAD TO NEUMANN AT AIRPORT ENROUTE PARIS
HE LOOKING FORWARD SEEING YOU IN JERUSALEM

Secretary to Mr. Neumann

FOR VICTORY
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COMMISSION ON PALESTINE SURVEYS

Administrative Office

521 FIFTH AVENUE

ROOM 1903

NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

Neumann

March 25, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

May I take the liberty of enclosing this letter
sent to Mr. Neumann? We also received a copy of the letter written
to you on the subject.

Since Mr. Neumann is not here to speak in their be-
half, I do not want to lose any time in conveying their strong sen-
timents to you. I feel that this letter will best serve to do so.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Blanche Neumann
Secretary to Emanuel Neumann

BW



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לכבוד
סגן-הנשיא של ההסתדרות הציונית בארצות-הברית
ד"ר עמנואל ניומאן
נו-יורק

ד"ר עמנואל ניומאן הנכבד והיקר,
הרינו מרשים לעצמנו להעביר לך מזה העתק מכתבנו לנשיא
ההסתדרות הציונית בארצות-הברית, וחברו הנעלה והנכבד, ד"ר
אבא הלל סילבר, בו אנו מביעים את בקשתנו החמה שהפעם יואיל
לבקרנו במכסיקו לפתיחת הסגירות שלנו למען גאולת
הארץ בסכום של שני מיליונים פסות, שהם 400 אלפים דולרים.
כפי שתקרא במכתב-ההעתק, היווכח, ד"ר ניומאן הנכבד
והיקר, שאנו נישנו להעביר הפעם, מחוד חמיכה נלהבה לתוכנית
ד"ר אברהם גרנובסקי ששהה יחד איתנו בועידה הראשונה של הקה"ל
בתולדות יהדות מכסיקו ואמריקה המרכזית, מגבית כה ענקית,
שכמותה טרם נודע אפילו ביהדות ארגנטינה, העולה במיספרה
כמה עשרות מונים על זו שלנו. מובן מאליו, שהרצון הטוב ביותר
לא יוכל להוציא את הרעיון הנועז הזה מן הכוח אל הפועל. אנו
צריכים בראש וראשונה להבטיח את הפתיחה היוצאת מגדר הרגיל
של המגבית, וזה יכריע גם במהלכה והצלחתה הסופית. לכך צריכים
אנו לאישיות ציונית צנולה ממדרגה ראשונה - ומי יוכל למלא
תפקיד זה באופן יותר מכריע ומוצלח מאישיות מצויינת ודגולה
כנשיא ההסתדרות הציונית בנוכחי בארצות-הברית?
אנו פונים אליך, ד"ר ניומאן היקר, בבקשה חמה, שתואיל
להשפיע ברוב טובך על חברך הגדול ד"ר סילבר, שיקבל הפעם את
הזמנתנו, כי בנפש המיפעל הציוני הכי גדול בתולדות יהדות
מכסיקו הוא.
אנו בטוחים, שתבוא לעזרתנו, והננו מרשים לנו להודות
לך, ד"ר ניומאן הנכבד והיקר, למפרע.

קבל את ברכותינו הציוניות הנאמנות מקרב לב.

בברכת ציון וגאולה

הלשכה הארצית של הקה"ל במכסיקו

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EMANUEL NEUMANN
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Jerusalem



IF YOUR W RK IS DONE SUGGEST YOU RETURN FOR MUCH WORK HERE STOP. KERYSD
APPROVED REQUEST ZOA EXECUTIVE 500,000 GENERAL ZIONIST FUND ALSO LOAN 150,000
FOR BUILDING SIX MONTHS FOUR PERCENT STOP POALEZION PROTESTED TO JERUSALEM
AGENCY FROM WHICH RECEIVED CABLE ASKING FOR FACTS AND EXPLANATION STOP REQUEST YOU
TO EXPLAIN TO MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE REASONS FOR BOTH REQUESTS STOP. REMIND THEM
THAT ACTION FOR GENERAL ZIONIST FUND TAKEN ALREADY 1939 ZOA CONVENTION STOP IF
NOT GRANTED ZOA WILL LAUNCH THIS YEAR SPECIAL CAMPAIGN TO ASSIST GENERAL ZIONISTS
IN PALESTINE SAME WAY AS GEVERKSCHAFT AND MIZRACHI STOP KINDEST REGARDS

SILVER

COMMISSION ON PALESTINE SURVEYS

Administrative Office

521 FIFTH AVENUE

ROOM 1903

NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

March 28, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

After our telephone conversation this morning I received a cable from Mr. Neumann asking us to use our good offices here to ensure two seats on the PWA scheduled for departure on April 7th, from Jerusalem, as there is a big backlog there. I know this will be of interest to you. Needless to say we are resorting to every means at our disposal here, through Drs. Tannenbaum and Locker to hasten Mr. Neumann's return.

I also want to verify the cable address given to you this morning, as follows:

Emanuel Neumann
c/o Kusmirek
Housejahr
Ramatgan (Palestine) or (Jerusalem)
(either one is used by us)

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Blanche Wiseman

Secretary to Emanuel Neumann

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[April 1, 1946]

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BEEN MEETING DIFFICULTIES RETURN TRANSPORTATION TRYING HARD
LEAVE THROUGH SPENT ONLY THREEANDHALF WEEKS HERE STOP
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EMANUEL NEUMANN GROSVENOR HOUSE.

WRHS



May 15, 1946

Mr. Emanuel Neumann
521 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Emanuel:

Altman and his friends met me for dinner last Monday evening. I learned very little except that they would like to have us get \$100,000 to finance their election campaign in Europe and in Palestine!

Have groups A and B definitely united?

In connection with selecting the names of the delegates for presentation to the Administrative Committee, it is my thought that the Nominating Committee should present to the Administrative Committee 200 names of delegates and deputies, and that these names should be presented not alphabetically, but in the order of preference to make sure that the 30 or 35 whom we regard as "must", and for whom the ZOA is likely to receive mandate on the basis of the votes cast, should be at the head of the list.

All the 200, however, should be wired to immediately asking them whether they would like to be nominated, whether they are prepared to go to Palestine if nominated and elected, and whether they will abide by the procedures laid down by the ZOA delegation caucus at the Congress. They should also be notified that the election of the delegates will be made by the Administrative Committee at its meeting on May 23, and that preference will be given to the candidates from those regions where the largest number of ZOA Shekolim will be sold.

At the meeting of the Administrative Committee, the Nominating Committee in presenting its list should move for its adoption. It would not be wise to have the Administrative Committee vote by ballot on the 200 names. This might undo the work of the Nominating Committee. We should see to it that a sufficient number of the Administrative Committee are advised to vote for the adoption of the report of the Nominating Committee as presented.

There are certain people who should definitely not be asked by the Nominating Committee -- those who have refused to reply to our telegrams asking them to endorse the ZOA Shekel Campaign and platform. You know the names as well as I do.

Mr. Neumann

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May 15, 1946

Your committee has less than a week to get all this machinery moving and have its report ready for the meeting in Washington.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



COMMISSION ON PALESTINE SURVEYS

Administrative Office

521 FIFTH AVENUE

ROOM 1903

NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

May 17, 1946

Neuman

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

I am replying to your letter of May 15th:

- (1) I saw Altman in Palestine and had a glimpse of him in London. In New York I was approached by a couple of his friends. They talked as if they wanted to help you and I suggested to them as kindly as I could that the best way would be for them to keep away from us and even to criticize us somewhat for not being aggressive enough. Nothing would help the Labor bloc more than to pin upon us an identification with the Revisionists.
- (2) According to a JTA dispatch the other day, the A and B have definitely agreed to unite. I have cabled for confirmation.
- (3) We are working on the list of delegates. The initial work is being done by Torczyner, Sidney Marks and Mendel Fisher, and I shall go over the lists with them after they have done the preliminary work. I think we will be ready in time for the Administration Committee meeting.
- (4) We had a little dinner meeting Wednesday evening. Among those who attended besides our own immediate group were Fishman, Lipsky, Goldstein, Rosenblatt and Levinthal, who came in specially from Philadelphia. He confirmed that Boukstein had been in Philadelphia and met with five of them. He proposed an independent ticket but was flatly and unanimously turned down and apparently castigated. Levinthal suggested some names from Philadelphia as delegates but said that he did not expect to go himself. He has been sufficiently regular and loyal for me to urge him to attend the Congress. I think it is important that we have his name on the list.

Rothenberg couldn't attend but had sent word that he was ready to do anything we asked.

I have just talked with Morris Weinberg on the phone and he, together with Dingol, are coming to see me on Monday to plan our campaign in the columns of the Day. Weinberg complained that he offered the facilities of the English page and expected to have an article for the coming Sunday but it has not come in. I promised him that from now on I will take personal charge of the press campaign. Those present at our Wednesday meeting all promised to help. I have set up an internal technical group to organize and direct the election campaigns throughout the country, consisting of Sidney Marks, Torczyner and

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

May 17, 1946

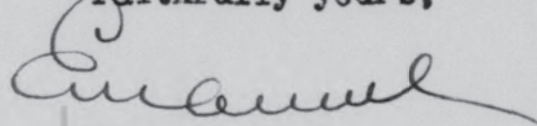
Mendel Fisher, who will work in close touch with me.

I have accepted a date for Chicago on the 26th and am calling in people from the area surrounding Chicago. I may go to Los Angeles if Irving Miller doesn't.

I spoke with Ben Gurion on the phone yesterday, who said that he thought that I and all others who could do the political work ought to be in Washington. When I asked him whether he saw Acheson, he said that he had not, that Byrnes was about to return and that he was advised nothing would be done on this question but on the instructions from the White House. I am to see Ben Gurion when he returns to town today.

As ever,

Faithfully yours,



Emanuel Neumann

EN/M

WRHS
AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES

We've launched the Independent Hadasah Committee with telegrams throughout the country which have already brought numerous affirmative responses. The fight is on!

June 4, 1946

Mr. Emanuel Neumann
749 West End Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Neumann:

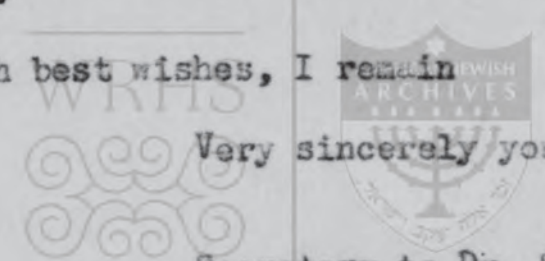
Enclosed herewith are the editorials
of Mr. Isreeli which Dr. Silver requested me to
send to you.

With best wishes, I remain
Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver

EW



June 6, 1946

EW

Mr. Emanuel Neumann
521 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Emanuel:

You may be interested in the enclosed
Confidential Statement on our friend, Niles.
It is written by Mr. Wahl, the representative
of the American Jewish Conference in Washington.
It bears out fully what I have been saying for
a long time.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

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