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MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date November 13, 1947

From Mr. Harold P. Manson

I have received the attached copy of letter to Fanny Holtzmann from Wellington Koo. You will undoubtedly be interested in its contents.

Regards.

HPM:SR

WRHS



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Manson

November 6, 1947

MEMORANDUM

The following information was conveyed to me over the telephone today by FH:

1. FH met with Mrs. Pandit on Tuesday, November 4. The meeting had been arranged on the initiative of Mrs. Pandit's daughter who is seeking to enlist the aid of FH in influencing the U.S. State Department to take a pro-Indian stand in the current conflict between the Dominions of India and Pakistan. (It would seem, according to the Indian delegates here, that the State Department leans towards the Moslems also in this instance.) Prior to the meeting FH discussed the matter with me and wondered whether some quid pro quo arrangement couldn't be worked out. I told her that I wasn't very optimistic on this score but that it is certainly worth the effort, and that, in any case, she might be able to obtain some information of importance. ~~Then~~, When FH met with Mrs. Pandit on Tuesday she was, of course, unable to obtain any assurance that the Indian delegation would come over to our side. However, in the course of the conversation, Mrs. Pandit expressed her own personal sympathy for our cause and then inquired: "But why is the United States delegation sabotaging?" (In reply to my twice-^{repeated} ~~asked~~ question, FH assured me that the word that Mrs. Pandit used was "sabotaging".)

2. On Wednesday, November 5 FH had a luncheon appointment with Wellington Koo, who is now ^{acting} head of the Chinese delegation. In view of her conversation with Mrs. Pandit she decided to meet Mr. Koo at the United Nations. At Lake Success she met Adlai Stevenson, adviser to the American

delegation, close friend of Gen. Hilldring, and old associate and friend of FH. According to FH, Mr. Stevenson said to her: "I wish you could help us (meaning the United States delegation) with the Chinese." Mr. Stevenson then went on to say that some of the delegations are "running out on us," and that he is now greatly concerned about obtaining the 2/3 majority. Stevenson reported further that at midnight on Tuesday, November 4 Herschel Johnson reported to the American delegation that there has been "a sudden switch" ~~both~~ towards the Arabs and in the direction of abstentions.

FH remarked that according to information which she has received, "our delegation isn't doing much about this." She then related what she had heard from Mrs. Pandit. Stevenson became angry at this and declared that it wasn't true. He admitted that there was a wave of "defeatism" that is spreading among the delegations and wanted to know where this defeatism started. Declaring that "we have got to put it over," he urged FH to see Wellington Koo in an effort to trace the source of this defeatism.

3. FH had lunch with Wellington Koo on Wednesday and engaged in a lengthy discussion of the entire problem with him. The upshot of their talk was as follows: Wellington Koo expressed his strong personal sympathies for the Zionist cause, but added that these personal sympathies don't matter. He pointed out that internal considerations are here also the primary factor ~~for China~~. China is engaged in a conflict ^{in Chinese} ~~with~~ Turkestan and this involves millions of Moslems. Mr. Koo added that in view of the fact that "China expects no aid from the Marshall plan, what can we lose by not going along with the United States on this?" He added that Russia

is sending arms to the Moslems at the ^{Chinese} Turkestan border and that "we, like India, have to consider our domestic problems."

Wellington Koo then added that he personally is fighting desperately for Zionism, deeply conscious of the fact that an unfavorable stand by China may mean losing FH. He emphasized, however, that a pro-Zionist policy in China is difficult of achievement, and that "somebody is stiffening the Moslems and they are becoming a voice at Nanking."

Wellington Koo also confirmed the view that there is a wave of defeatism among the delegations at the moment and added that the Arabs are optimistic that a 2/3 majority for partition is unobtainable.

The most important statement made by Wellington Koo to FH is the following: He said that he is seeking to obtain Nanking's approval of the following Chinese policy in the UN -- if there is a safe majority in favor of partition, China will abstain; if, on the other hand, the vote is a close one, China would vote in favor of partition. Thus far he has not obtained approval of this approach from Nanking.

As the luncheon concluded Wellington Koo requested that a memorandum be prepared for him as soon as possible on the question of implementation. FH suggested that he get information on this subject from Gen. Hilldring, but he wanted something in writing that he could convey to Nanking. It is suggested, therefore, that those who have been dealing with this question in the Agency immediately prepare such a memo which I will give FH for transmission to Wellington Koo. It might be advisable also to request the American delegation to be in touch with Wellington Koo on this.

FH suggests that a meeting be arranged speedily between AHS and Wellington Koo, at which she would like to be present. She believes that

the follow-up to such a meeting would be a get-together with Gen. Hilldring which she would also like to attend.

4. FH reported her conversation with Wellington Koo to members of the American delegation, including Stevenson and Avra Warren.

5. She next met with Mrs. Pandit and other members of the Indian delegation in the delegates' lounge. Once again she heard the same story, namely, that India cannot support the partition plan because of her own Moslem problem. The Indian delegation also confirmed the fact that "defeatism" is spreading among the delegations, adding that the talk now is that the Americans are accepting defeat. FH said that they are being victimized by Arab propaganda and wisely assured them that this is by no means so inasmuch as she has just spoken with members of the American delegation.

6. After completing this report, FH vigorously attacked the representatives of the Jewish Agency on the UN scene, declaring them to be most inefficient and ineffective in counteracting the rumor-mongering and propaganda campaigns in the delegates' lounge.

Harold P. Mansur