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May 28, 1947

The Hon. George C. Marshall
Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

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Respectfully yours,

Benjamin Akzin
Secretary to the Council

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May 29, 1947

The Hon. Leo R. Sack
American Zionist Emergency Council
1706 "G" Street N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Leo:

Enclosed please find copy of a letter which is being sent today to the Secretary of State.

I think it would be a good idea to build a little fire under the Department. I wonder whether that would not be best accomplished by a few members of the Foreign Affairs and the Foreign Relations Committees of both Houses requesting the Department of State to release available information regarding the Mufti's wartime activities? The ideal procedure would be to have the Chairman ask for such release in a formal letter, but if Messrs. Vandenberg and Eaton are unwilling to do this on behalf of the respective Committees, perhaps you could get some individual members of the Committees to write personal letters to the same effect. They could do something which we are not in a position to do, viz., to demand that this material be released within a given period. Once they obtain the material from the Department, they could cause it to be printed as a Senate or House document, and we would thus get our release of official material.

Our renewed intervention with the Department of State is made at the special request of Mr. Shertok, and I am certain that the Jewish Agency as well as the Emergency Council will be very grateful to you for your assistance in getting things done.

Sincerely yours,

Benjamin Akzin

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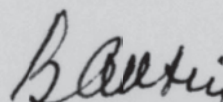
AIRMAIL

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON

July 2, 1947

My dear Dr. Akzin:

Acknowledgment is made of your letter of May 28, 1947 addressed to the Secretary with regard to the publication of material relating to the Mufti of Jerusalem.

As stated in the Department's letter of December 13, 1946, the numerous documents which representatives of this Government in Germany and Italy have been able to seize pertaining to the war and to the activities of Nazi and Fascist leaders and collaborators are in the process of being examined, analyzed, translated and classified, preparatory to presentation to the public.

In view of the fact that this work is still in progress, the Department considers that it would be impracticable to consider the matter of publication at this time.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

/s/ Gordon P. Merriam

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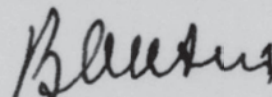
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
c/o Dr. Greenberg
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Northport, Long Island.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed please find copy of the reply received from the Department of State with regard to the Mufti materials. To refresh your memory, I also enclose copy of our letter of May 28th to which this is a reply. The pertinent passages in both letters are marked with pencil.

Please let me know if you wish me to react in any way or acknowledge this letter.

Sincerely yours,



Benjamin Akzin

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Arab Agents Use Nazi Fellow-Travelers To Defeat America's Palestine Policy

An adequate investigation of the propaganda activities of the Arab Office and its fronts will disclose its cooperation with native fascists and violation of Foreign Agents Registration Act.

Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League disclosures prove Arab Office and related agencies linked with subversive groups and former Axis agents in United States in campaign to defeat President Truman's Palestine Policy and stir up domestic discord on religious and racial lines.

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SHOULD INVESTIGATE!

Remarks of Hon. A. J. Sabath of Illinois, Dean of the Congress, in the House of Representatives, July 26, 1947, and August 2, 1946, including memoranda prepared by the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League

Saturday July 26, 1947

MR. SABATH. Mr. Speaker, we had thought that Hitler-like pogroms against the Jews were confined to Germany, but today's news from Palestine, and even dispatches from Liverpool, England, show that it is possible for these pogroms to continue today in Palestine under British dominion. Nowhere else in the civilized world, outside the domains of the late Adolf Hitler, has a government countenanced the organized breaking of merchant's windows by mobs or the shooting down of innocent civilians in cold blood by ill-disciplined soldiers.

The most unbelievable thing is that the Arab states, with the British Government as their protector and money lender, are maintaining one of the most expensive lobbies ever set up to try to prove to the

United States and to other countries of the United Nations that this inhuman and unbelievable conduct is really moved by love for all people.

To put across this indefensible propaganda for an unjust cause a whole network of expensive propagandists and international lobbyists has been set up in America, and is at this very moment making expenditures, to count only those which are visible on the surface, at the rate of at least fifty or sixty thousand dollars a month, plus goodness knows how much more in hidden expenditures, possibly coming under the head of entertainment, but perhaps more justly described as bribery. All this, they would have us believe, to keep a few hundred thousand homeless Jews out of Palestine. But actually there are other issues involved as well—more secret and more sinister.

Arab Office Spreads Hitlerian Propaganda

Several months ago I inserted in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a memorandum by the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League showing how the Arab Office at Washington—in conjunction with some self-styled unofficial agencies such as the Institute of Arab-American Affairs and the so-called League for Peace with Justice in Palestine—was working hand in hand with some of the most despicable, un-American, anti-democratic, and hate-mongering organizations to accomplish their purposes.

One effect of that exposé was to make the Arabs recall the two top men from their Washington office—and I understand that they have since sent one of these very same men knocking on the

doors of our sister republics in Latin America.

In addition, agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation have made, and I understand are continuing to make, a careful check of the files of the Arab Office.

The Arab Office does not enjoy a diplomatic status. Its position is that of a propaganda office for foreign powers—as, indeed, the Acting Secretary of State has pointed out in an official letter—and it is officially registered as such with the Department of Justice.

The attitude of the Arab Office toward our democracy can be well judged by their acceptance of an invitation to send a speaker to a meeting arranged by a man who, in his letter of invitation, observed that "democracy is nothing but Jewocracy" and referred to his fellow citizens of the Jewish religion by a dirty epithet which I will forbear repeating here. In their literature, this office has dared to characterize the Mufti—Hitler's ace Moslem quisling—as "a single-minded and courageous patriot."

Arab Office Supports Yemen UN Application

Today, the Arab Office is engaged in an effort to get American support for the admission of the Arab kingdom called Yemen into the United Nations. Yemen is the only country in the world where the institution of human slavery is still legally practiced without apology—and in 1925 a special investigation by the League of Nations Temporary Slavery Commission brought to the formal attention of the civilized world the fact that Yemen continues even in the twentieth century to allow Arab slave traders to cross the Red Sea and capture and enslave hapless inhabitants of the Negro countries along the North African Coast. This slave trade has not been stopped and no effective steps have been taken to stop it. This is the kind of country that the Arab Office is trying to get us to do business with.

The Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League has continued its study of this problem, and at my request has submitted evidence which shows that these propaganda groups, even after being publicly exposed in their evil connections, have continued their campaign among us, spending more money than ever, and acting more brazenly in defiance of our American principles of freedom and democracy. I propose now to summarize some of the more startling of these findings.

Arab Propaganda in South America

For example, to show how these people try to cover our whole hemisphere with their propaganda, I direct your attention to a publication issued in Spanish by an Arab Office representative located in Argentina. This document is typical of the kind of lies that these highly paid agitators are trying to scatter about the world. This is a reprint of part of the vicious and infamous forgery

called the Protocols of the Elders of Zion—a fictional document fabricated out of thin air which Goebbels got translated into all the tongues of the earth and made into a piece of damnable, lying propaganda, which undoubtedly was worth more to the Nazis than a whole division of SS men might have been.

A look at the men who are associated with the Arab Office in our country shows that their choice of political bedfellows has not improved.

Bundist Fellow-Traveler Now Director of Arab Office Front

In New York there is an organization called the Institute of Arab-American Affairs. This Institute is incorporated as an educational organization which is supposed to promote better understanding between countries. Actually, it is nothing more or less than the successor of the old Arab National League, which on the eve of Pearl Harbor was being operated as part and parcel of the political machine headed by the German-American Bund of the Nazi Party.

If you go through the files of the *Weckruf* and *Beobachter*, the Nazi official newspaper in this country, you will find month after month the reports of the activities of the Arab National League, and of the speeches of its president, Dr. Shatara, who later traveled about the country and addressed different units associated with the Bund.

No wonder that the doctor decided to commit suicide not long after Pearl Harbor.

Yet the very same man whose name appeared as executive director on the letterhead of this old affiliate of the Nazi Bund, H. I. Katibah, is now in charge of the propaganda of the Institute of Arab-American Affairs.

So arrogant are these people that they do not even bother to conceal the connection and when a representative of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League visited the Institute a few days ago he was casually handed a publication of this old Bund-affiliated organization, which had simply been rubber-stamped with the new name, in blue ink, on top of the name of the old organization which blew up along with Pearl Harbor.

Arab Front Spends Thousands on Propaganda

The League for Peace with Justice in Palestine is dominated by a man named Benjamin H. Freedman, of New York, who incorporated it along with this same Katibah and an Englishman named Passman, who is reputed to have been a former officer of the British Government in the Near East.

This outfit—which conceals itself behind a post-office-box address—has spent thousands upon thousands of dollars on full-page advertisements in all the principal newspapers of the country. You have no doubt seen them in the New York and Washington dailies. One would think, from the size of their advertisements, that these people were trying to sell \$10,000,000 worth of furni-

ture, rather than to justify a selfish government in taking away the rights of their fellowmen in Palestine.

The last advertisement which this league published has set a line for the discussion of Palestine throughout the whole underworld of un-American propagandists. It has been reprinted in full, in installments, in the magazine called *The Defender*, which is published by Gerald Winrod in Wichita. This man Winrod was three times indicted for sedition by the Federal Government, during the war, and his service to the totalitarian cause was such as to lead the official Nazi news organs to sing his praise in the strongest language.

Are Part of Subversive Nationwide Network

Out on the West Coast there is a weekly publication called *The Broom*, whose editor was also indicted for sedition during the war. Small wonder that *The Broom* has also repeated the advertisements of the League for Peace with Justice in Palestine and has advised its readers that they can secure additional reprints free of charge by writing to the League's mysterious post-office-box address in New York City.

A Mrs. Lyril van Hyning in Chicago edits a publication called *Women's Voice*. This is the publication which disgraced itself during the war by trying to get American mothers to prevent their boys from volunteering to fight against the Hitler hangmen. Mrs. van Hyning is distributing reprints of advertisements of the League for Peace with Justice in Palestine, along with many other clearly seditious and hate-inspiring publications.

The West Coast representative of these groups is a man named Salem Bader who boasted that he arranged the nationwide radio broadcasts by the chiefs of the Arab delegations at the San Francisco Conference on World Organization. In this he admits working in cooperation with an officer of the Institute of Arab-American Affairs. Bader is on such close terms with Freedman's League for Peace with Justice in Palestine that he exchanges congratulatory letters, and then has them printed in *The Broom* afterwards. "To be called a Fascist or an anti-Semite should be a laughable matter to thinking people," says Bader in a letter to the Freedman group.

Are These Agitators Violating Foreign Agents Act?

I urge and demand that the Justice Department push its investigation further, to determine if a number of these gentlemen have not violated the Foreign Agents Registration Act. The evidence which the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League has accumulated indicates that the so-called Institute of Arab-American Affairs in New York is nothing but a front for the Arab office, and possibly for the Arab High Committee for Palestine besides. Yet it poses as an educational institution and is not even registered with the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Justice Department.

There is incontrovertible evidence that the Arab Office has also been the medium of exchange by which funds have been brought into this country to run the Arab Student League, which is a part of the Institute, whose head is an officer of the Institute, and one of whose major purposes is the extension of this propaganda structure into our universities.

Arab Office Director Convicts Himself of Complicity

Similar inquiries should be raised about the League for Peace with Justice in Palestine, which is so free with its expenditures in the purchase of advertising space. On at least one occasion Mr. Cecil Hourani, who is now the director of the official Arab Office in Washington, so far forgot himself as to write a letter of introduction for a man who represented himself as a pro-Fascist Italian sailor seeking funds for anti-Semitic propaganda amongst other Italian sailors, introducing this man to Mr. Freedman in New York as a possible "angel" for his evil activities. Fortunately, the evil activities were only hypothetical, for the Italian sailor was really a research worker on the staff of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League, who was anxious to find out just how close the relations between these groups might be.

Mr. Hourani's letter of introduction to this man was a confession of guilt, and a confession that he was anxious if he could to violate the clear spirit and purpose of the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

Finally, the Justice Department should and must investigate the status of a number of Arab agents who are in this country ostensibly for diplomatic purposes or whose passports say they came here as students, but who are now actually functioning as lecturers or propaganda agents of the Arab Office, or of the Institute, or of the Arab Higher Committee, or the Committee for Unity of the Nile Valley, or one of the dozen other front committees which these interests maintain to influence legislators here in Washington or diplomats at Lake Success.

So numerous are these high-powered lobbyists that they have offices located in at least eight different New York hotels—all of the most expensive class—and I dare say that an investigation of these activities would be a lot more sensational, in its revelations of the devices used to influence the actions of our statesmen and diplomats, than most of our other recent investigations of expensive lobbies.

Forces of Evil Work Hand in Hand

To sum up, while these propagandists who oppose rights for Jews in Palestine are getting out their expensive propaganda and their beautifully printed brochures, they are actually maintaining the closest contacts and are working hand in hand with the most evil elements in our country. I have illustrated this fact with a few instances, and the memo-

randa which the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League have supplied me contain a multitude of other examples.

Perhaps it is the crowning touch to observe that Salem Bader, the west coast representative of these men, is the very same Salem Bader who Homer Loomis, Jr., recently sentenced to the chain gang for several years in Georgia, boasted was the west coast contact man for The Columbians—the Nazi-like, uniform-wearing order which the State of Georgia has recently outlawed.

Thus do the forces of evil work hand in hand all the way from Cairo to California, and all the way from the headquarters of Hitler's No. 1 Arabian quisling, the so-called Grand Mufti, to the headquarters of the Arab Office in Washington and of the Institute in New York.

Friday August 2, 1947

Mr. SABATH. Mr. Speaker, the inhuman and unfair British treatment of the Jews in Palestine cries to Heaven and the civilized world for redress.

It is difficult to find the difference between the broken faith of the British Government and the Nuremberg laws of Nazi Germany, except in degree.

The whole might of the British Empire is being marshaled against a few hundreds of frightened, penniless, helpless, Jewish refugees from the charnel houses of Europe, while the British repudiate the Balfour Declaration, their agreements to carry out the unanimous recommendations of the Anglo-American Joint Committee of Inquiry, and the most fundamental principles of Christian humanity.

Corrupting American Public Opinion

Not content with the brutal treatment and reign of terror in Palestine, evidence has been accumulated by the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League to show that the British are countenancing, and possibly financing, a vicious campaign of misrepresentation and racism here in the United States through the propaganda channels of the Arab office.

From a sumptuous suite in the Wardman Park Hotel a steady stream of propaganda is pumped out into the newspapers and radio channels of America.

This propaganda does not stop with its grievous distortions and misstatements about the economic and political affairs of the Arab Peninsula; with insolence unmatched in this century the "diplomats" who direct and produce the propaganda of the Arab office are meddling in the domestic and internal affairs of the United States.

Where Do They Get The Money?

The American people want to know, and have a right to know, where the Arab office, representing seven poverty-stricken feudal kingdoms of the Middle East, can get the money to spend a million dollars in propagandizing the United States.

Are funds being diverted from lend-lease allocations or from other American credits?

Are American and British oil companies, bent on continuing their monopoly of the fabulous oil fields of southwestern Asia, putting up the cash?

Is the British Government secretly contributing to this campaign of misleading and divisive propaganda?

Mr. Speaker, I call upon the Department of Justice and the Department of State to make a thorough investigation of the activities of the Arab office, and find out by what right the Arab kingdoms can interfere in our domestic affairs, attack and distort and misrepresent administration policy, hire high-priced public relations counsel, and bring pressures on our Department of State impossible to our own American citizens.

Why the indecent haste of the Department of State to recognize the new British puppet state of Transjordan? Why the support and recognition accorded to Yemen, the feudal kingdom which is one of the few remaining places in the modern world carrying on constant and open traffic in human slavery? Why has the Export-Import Bank allocated credits of \$10,000,000 to another feudal, slave-owning state, Saudi Arabia? According to our statutes, it would be impracticable to trade with Saudi Arabia, for it is illegal for Americans to engage in commerce with slave states; and nothing has been done to mitigate the conditions described in the League of Nations report of 1925; if anything, slave trading and African human piracy there are worse than 20 years ago.

Are We Tied To British Policy?

Has our State Department no capacity for developing its own foreign policy? Why should we be tied to the kite of British colonial exploitation and oppression?

I have said before, and I repeat, that secret British diplomacy has frequently been in full accord with the aims and conduct of the Nazis. The Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, No. 1 Moslem quisling and collaborationist, traitor, agitator, arch criminal, who murdered and persecuted Christians in Lebanon and Jews in Yugoslavia, and to whom Hitler gave a staff of 180 people for his plots and murders, could not have "escaped" from detention in France without secret cooperation from British and American officials.

Why did we fight this terrible war, with its millions of dead and maimed and sick and starving its destruction of property and human values, if we are to substitute British fascism for German fascism? Where lies the difference between Herr Doktor Goebbels' lie-mill and the orders of British General Sir Evelyn Barker? The propaganda activities of the Arab League through its quasi-diplomatic office here in the Wardman Park, protected by diplomatic immunity, and its "fronts" in New York, the phony "League for Peace With Justice in Palestine," and the Institute for Arab-American Affairs, Inc., which trace their lineage to the bund-affiliated Arab National League, are insolent in

their intervention in American affairs, and reminiscent of the German propaganda in America prior to outbreak of war.

Threatens Peace of World

Mr. Speaker, we have read time and again, in our free American newspapers and magazines, reports of independent trained reporters and investigators who have explored the Arab Peninsula.

They have unanimously reported that there is no conflict between the Arab people and the Jewish people in Palestine—the only conflict is between British imperialism and finance and the demand of the civilized world that Britain's promises be made good; the Arab governments are merely mouthpieces for the British Colonial Office.

Let me, then, read a single inflammatory statement from a letter dated June 21, 1946, on the letterhead of the League for Peace With Justice in Palestine, 420 Lexington Avenue, New York 17, and signed by R. M. Schoendorf, Habib I. Katibah, and Ben H. Freedman.

The first paragraph of this letter reads:

World War III may burst upon the world if an attempt is made to transplant into Palestine, against the wishes of the Arabs, 100,000 displaced European Jews and using for that purpose the armed forces of the United States and Great Britain.

Did British Write That?

Mr. Speaker, a more sinister threat against world peace and the declared policies of the United States can scarcely be imagined.

The so-called League for Peace With Justice in Palestine was incorporated as a nonprofit membership corporation under the laws of New York on May 5, 1946. One of the incorporators was the Benjamin Freedman I have named who signs himself as "representative of persons of the faith"; R. M. Schoendorf, who is said to be "representative of cooperating persons of the Christian faith" and who appears actually to be the wife of Benjamin H. Freedman; Habib I. Katibah, the Arab; a neighborhood girl named Marjorie Schulman, who probably has not the slightest idea of how her name was used; and a mysterious, wealthy British subject, a former officer in the RAF who heads a small but fantastically profitable international valve cartel, who all during the war commuted between London and New York, who enjoys the most intimate acquaintance with the British Foreign Office, especially in regard to near eastern questions—Capt. Charles Passman, who avoids publicity and public notice as much as possible, and suspected of espionage.

Did Passman write or dictate or suggest that heavy-handed threat to the peace of the world?

The most casual newspaper reader can recognize the similarity between the language and some of the public pronouncements of British officials. Is that similarity adventitious? Or was the letter

written in London, or at the British Embassy on Massachusetts Avenue?

The League for Peace With Justice in Palestine has also published expensive full-page ads in many metropolitan daily newspapers which are as inflammatory, as distorted, and as hostile to American policy as the letter from which I have quoted. Benjamin H. Freedman insists that he himself has furnished all the money for the advertisements and other propaganda activities of the league.

America Is Entitled To Facts

Mr. Freedman's statements may be true, but they may also be false.

In any case the American people and the American Government are entitled to the full facts and to all the facts. Who is Freedman? Who is Schoendorf? Who are Passman and Katibah? Where does all the money come from, and for what purpose?

Dr. James Sheldon, executive chairman of the Nonsectarian Anti-Nazi League, presented all this and more material to a number of Senators and Representatives prior to adjournment. He urged a full investigation by the House Committee on the Judiciary or by the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Such an investigation was, unfortunately, impracticable at that time, so late in the year. There was no proper time to discuss the resolution or the proposals.

However, we have two departments closely involved. I know that Dr. Sheldon stands ready to turn over to any authorized agency all the mass of incontrovertible evidence of improper activities which his organization has amassed, and I pledge my cooperation. I hope, I demand, Mr. Speaker, that the Departments of State and Justice will take cognizance of these charges and take immediate steps to ascertain whether or not any violations of law or of international amity have occurred through the propaganda activities of the Arab office and its subsidiaries and affiliates, regardless of what international double dealing may be exposed.

I am inserting in the RECORD a memorandum prepared by Dr. Sheldon and intended for presentation to the Committee on Rules in support of an investigating resolution, and also a more recent summary prepared by him which gives many details:

Arab Office and Related Agencies Linked With Subversive Groups

During the past 6 months there has grown up in the United States a well-planned effort, under the general inspiration of agents of the Arab League and of a network of more-or-less affiliated agencies, to use the evil weapons of organized propagandistic appeal to religious and racial bias and bigotry for the advancement of foreign political purposes.

Several present key figures in this effort were closely connected with Nazi and Fascist propaganda activities as far back as 1934. The key organizations trace

their beginnings directly to predecessor organizations which worked hand in hand with the Nazi Bund until the FBI closed the doors of German agencies after Pearl Harbor. These connections are provable by documentary evidence, now in our possession, and available for public use.

These groups, ostensibly cultural in purpose, are primarily engaged in an all-out campaign of political agitation to prevent President Truman and the Government of the United States from carrying into effect the recommendations of the Anglo-American Commission of Inquiry on Palestine, particularly as to the admission of 100,000 homeless European Jews. Their activities also tend to weaken the general reputation of the Jewish people and other minorities in the United States, to increase religious and racial tension, and to strengthen nationalistic, isolationist, anti-Semitic, and Ku Klux Klan-like groups.

Central to all of this activity is the Arab Office (at Washington), a highly financed agency registered with the Justice Department as acting for the seven near eastern governments which make up the so-called Arab League. The Arab League has international headquarters at Cairo, Egypt, and acknowledges the leadership of the Mufti—well-known Nazi collaborator and war criminal. The seven governments constituting the league are feudal or theocratic in set-up and do not represent the Arab peoples in any democratic sense.

Financed Through Lend-Lease

The financial resources behind these propaganda and agitational activities are evidently almost unlimited and are sufficient to maintain very elaborate headquarters in Washington (with such facilities as a private bar for the entertainment of guests), to retain the most expensive public-relations consultants, to purchase full-page advertisements repeatedly in the leading newspapers of the country, to buy national radio time, and to send a body of lecturers traveling about the United States. There are indications (proof for which might be disclosed by official inquiry) that part of the funds involved may have been diverted from lend-lease sources and that some funds may have been made available through the extralegal assistance of agencies of other Allied governments.

The Arab Office has, in advancing its propaganda in the United States, cooperated with some of the most extreme anti-Semitic and nationalist bodies in the country. Related organs of the Arab League in Canada and Latin America have pursued a similar course.

These charges are based on analysis of a large number of separate instances. Below are cited a few typical—but not extreme—examples.

On March 22, 1946, a notorious anti-Semitic agitator, H. L. Smith, wrote the Arab Office requesting them to send an official speaker to address a sympathetic group in Philadelphia. This invitation

contained the statement "Democracy is nothing but Jewocracy" and referred to the Jews of Philadelphia as "kikes."

This letter was received by Khloussy Khairy, legally registered chief of the Arab Office and referred by him to Anwar Bey Nashashibi, the Arab League's most distinguished spokesman then in America. On March 25 Nashashibi accepted Smith's invitation. Subsequent carefully guarded correspondence, in which the secret nature of the Philadelphia meeting was emphasized, was in many ways reminiscent of well-known Nazi propaganda pattern. Apart from other evidence, it is obvious that the un-American attitudes of the group arranging this meeting could not have been unknown to the Arab office, because these attitudes and purposes were clearly set forth in writing in the invitation itself.

Gerald Smith Ties Shown

The preceding meeting of this same Philadelphia group, incidentally, had been addressed by Gerald L. K. Smith's field representative, in an attempt to set up a veterans' organization along nationalistic and anti-Semitic lines.

Principal unofficial arm of Arab propagandists in America is the Institute of Arab-American affairs, whose headquarters are located at New York. The institute's editor and chief propagandist is a man named H. I. Katibah. Before Pearl Harbor Katibah was director of the defunct Arab National League, a body closely associated with and promoted by the German American Bund, official Nazi propaganda agency in this country. Files of the Weckruf und Beobachter (the bund's newspaper) contain regular reports of activities of Katibah's old organization, and the official World Service news releases of the Nazi government recommended that Americans of German descent should extend their support to the Arab National League.

This same man, Katibah, is also one of the three publicly announced directors of the League for Peace With Justice in Palestine, whose expensive full-page advertisements have appeared in nearly every leading newspaper of the United States and several other countries, during recent weeks. Attorney for the League for Peace With Justice in Palestine and coauthor of many of its advertisements, is Hallam M. Richardson, who served as attorney for Paul Castorina, editor of the Blackshirt and convicted head of the prewar American Union of Fascists. Richardson was also closely associated as counsel and otherwise with Joseph McWilliams (now under Federal indictment for sedition), and was coauthor of one of McWilliams' most effective propaganda booklets. In addition to other duties with the League for Peace With Justice in Palestine, Richardson now serves as host in assembling groups of Christian ministers whom the league seeks to infect with its views.

It is significant that another key figure in the League for Peace With Justice in Palestine—one of the five founders and legal incorporators, but a man who prefers to keep out of public sight—is an

exceedingly wealthy British industrialist and financier and ex-RAF officer, Capt. Charles Passman. Passman, although he heads a business located largely in America, continues to be a British subject and apparently enjoys intimate ties with the British Foreign Office, especially in relation to some of its near eastern affairs.

Relationships between the official Arab Office and the unofficial Institute for Arab-American Affairs are so close that requests for speakers directed to one of these agencies are apt to be filled by representatives of the other and vice versa. Likewise, nationally distributed propaganda advertisements signed by the institute, and other advertisements signed by the League for Peace With Justice in Palestine, were in fact paid for by the same individual—who also accompanied an Arab office spokesman before the State Department.

In addition to Katibah, several other key figures of the Institute for Arab-American Affairs—including the chairman of its executive committee—were also officers of the old bund-associated Arab National League.

Implicated with Nazi Spy

A striking example of the way in which these propagandists have maintained an unbroken line of activity is to be found in the case of The Arab World, top-ranking "slick-paper" Arab publication, now issued from New York. Its editor, George Kheirallah, was another officer of the defunct Arab National League. It was Kheirallah to whom the notorious German radio spy, Wheeler-Hill—now serving a long Federal penitentiary sentence—arranged the transfer of extensive funds, before Pearl Harbor. "Our own organization will work with you 100 percent," Wheeler-Hill promised.

The principal west coast publicist for these groups, Salem Bader, who arranged Nation-wide radio hook-ups for spokesmen of the various Arab governments during the San Francisco Conference is also a regular contributor to subversive and racist publications, including such papers as Women's Voice (monthly issued by We, the Mothers, Chicago-Detroit Nationalist group mentioned in the Federal sedition conspiracy indictments) and The Broom (west coast anti-Semitic and isolationist weekly, whose editor is under Federal indictment for sedition).

Misrepresentation Charged

Under terms of the McCormack Act (Foreign Agents Registration Act) the Arab office is registered in Washington as an agency "to cultivate and promote the friendly relations and mutual understanding between the United States and the Arab world." No reference whatsoever is made to conducting a high-powered political agitation in opposition to the President's near eastern policies, nor to activities having to do with the dissemination of domestic propaganda directed against loyal religious or racial minorities in the United States.

During the past 5 weeks the Arab Office and its principals have adopted a much bolder policy, in openly acknowledging the spiritual and political leadership of the Grand Mufti, Amin-El-Husseini, who was a close and trusted collaborator of Hitler, and whose responsibility as a war criminal and outstanding Moslem Quisling has been unequivocally stated by Mr. Justice Jackson. The Mufti's short-wave radio broadcasts to Americans of Syrian and Arabic extraction, during the war, rank near the bottom in the record of traitorous deeds committed by Axis agents. Nevertheless, the Arab office, in its official organ (see Arab News Bulletin, June 15, 1946), unblushingly refers to the Mufti as "a single-minded and courageous patriot."

It is our recommendation that an appropriate official investigation be instituted to discover whether these activities do not constitute flagrant violations of the laws of the United States, in that they involve the conduct of extensive foreign propaganda activities under circumstances not within the terms of the Foreign Agents Registration Act; to determine whether these activities have been financed through credits originally secured for wartime purposes under lend-lease or similar arrangements, either directly from the American Government or indirectly through the treasury of a third country; and, further, to determine what cognizance American foreign policy should take of these various activities.

Statement by Professor James F. Sheldon, Administrative Chairman Nonsectarian Anti-Nazi League, In Support of Investigation of Arab Propaganda in the United States

The resolution proposes an investigation of foreign expenditures in the United States for carrying on a program of propaganda and agitation, in a manner which either involves the application of provisions of the McCormack Act (Foreign Agents Registration Act) or else requires the consideration of new legislation to extend that act.

A presentation of what is already known about Arab League propaganda in the United States, and related lines of agitation, would take many hours. I intend merely to say why this subject requires congressional study, and will, unless your committee otherwise requests, leave the presentation of specific evidence for another time. I have at hand adequate documentary evidence to support every charge I shall make—and that evidence is available to you.

We charge—

1. The Arab Office (which represents seven Arab countries here in Washington) is engaged in a broad international propaganda in violation of the terms of its registration—if not in violation of the strict letter of the present act then certainly in violation of its spirit.

When it registered with the Justice Department, under the McCormack Act, the Arab office said: "The office shall in its best endeavors seek to cultivate and promote the friendly relations and mutual understanding between the United States of America and the Arab world." Nothing was said about carrying on a high-powered expensive propaganda campaign to try to turn the American people against a course of action to which the President of the United States has committed our country—as, for example, in connection with the report of the Anglo-American Commission of Inquiry on Palestine. Fighting against the report of the Anglo-American Commission—and even collaborating with similarly minded subversive, anti-Semitic and pro-Nazi forces in the United States—actually constitutes the main program of the Arab Office today. This is a program which has nothing whatever to do with the official purpose of promoting friendly relations. It is in fact contrary to the democratic traditions of this country, and tends to weaken the foundations of our republican form of government. Such activities are contrary to the terms of the Arab office's official registration—but because the Foreign Agents Registration Act was not drafted to cover exactly this kind of situation, I am not sure how far we can go toward meting out effective punishment, unless the Judiciary Committee wants to bring out the facts and recommend strengthening the statutes.

2. The Arab Office is engaged in close collaboration with groups whose subversive character is well known, and the effect of whose activities is to spread religious and racial hate in our country by concentrating on the anti-Jewish propaganda line, which the Nazis declared to be their most successful weapon, these groups seek not only to attain their foreign political objectives but also to divert American attention from the dangerous plight of Christian minorities in the Near East.

To mention a single example, I cite the case of a semisecret meeting arranged by one of the most notorious propaganda agitators in Philadelphia, along with the Arab Office, in March and April of this year. On March 22 H. L. Smith of Philadelphia, a wealthy retired merchant who is the chief local backer for the notorious rabble rouser, Gerald L. K. Smith, wrote to the Arab Office at the Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, D. C., asking them to send him a speaker. There was no possibility that the Arab Office could fail to know who it was dealing with, for H. L. Smith wrote, in his letter to the Arab office, the most scurrilous attacks on the American system of religious liberty. Like Hitler, he wrote "Democracy is nothing but Jewocracy" and he referred to the Jewish people of Pennsylvania, including many loyal veterans, as kikes. A friendly diplomatic agency receiving such a letter would either call the FBI, or throw the letter into the waste-paper basket, but not so, at the Arab Office. A Mr. Khairy, who is registered with the Justice Department as a foreign agent, as secretary of the Arab Office, took Mr.

Smith's invitation, and endorsed it and handed it over to a Mr. Nashashibi who represents one of the two great families of so-called Arabian nobility in Palestine, and Mr. Nashashibi, after he had read Smith's disgraceful invitation wrote "It would give me very great pleasure to come and address" the Philadelphia group.

Freedom Subverted

Here is the unbelievable picture of a foreign semidiplomatic agency engaging in an insolent attempt to turn Americans against each other, and subvert the principles of freedom of religion in our country!

There are plenty of other examples to justify this same charge, that the Arab office is engaged in close collaboration with subversive groups in the United States. I believe that the amount of this agitation is so great as to justify the Congress looking into it.

3. Leaders in this propaganda activity are the same men who tried to betray Americans of near eastern extraction into the hands of the Axis during the war, and in the period of Nazi bund activity from 1933 up to Pearl Harbor.

This is true with regard to the official Arab agencies (who regard the mufti, Amin el-Husseini, a known war criminal, as their leader), and it is even more true with regard to the unofficial groups working in concert with them.

For example, the most powerful unofficial arm of Arab propaganda is the New York agency called the Institute for Arab-American Affairs, Inc. This agency works closely with the Arab office, even supplying speakers to groups which apply to the Arab office, but where, for some reason, the office does not want to send an official spokesman.

The chief propagandist and editor for the Institute for Arab-American Affairs is a man named H. I. Katibah, and he is the very same man who was director of the prewar Arab organization in the United States that was associated with the Nazi Bund. Just as the bund was supposed to make German-Americans into Nazis, so the Arab National League, of which this man was director, was supposed to make Americans of near eastern extraction into Nazis.

The general purpose of this organization of which Katibah was director, is evident from publications of the Nazi Bund on the one hand, as well as from the Arabic language press of the United States. As a matter of fact, not long after Pearl Harbor, the leading Arabic newspaper in America, Al-Hoda, openly admitted this Arab-Nazi connection, and urged Arab-Americans no longer to follow the false leadership of the German-affiliated agitators.

Let us return now to what these same propagandists are doing today under the leadership of the same director, Katibah.

The most expensive work of these Arab groups has been the publication of a series of full-page advertisements in all of our leading newspapers, attacking the report of the Anglo-American Commission of Inquiry on Palestine. These ads,

costing many thousands of dollars, have also been placed in papers in France and other countries, over the signature of a New York group closely associated with the Arab cause. These ads all bear the signature of this same propagandist, Katibah, who was director of the prewar organization whose activities were so closely related to the Nazi line as to be reported weekly in the official German-language newspaper of the bund. I have here samples of such reports.

The paper organization which signs these advertisements, by the way, is known as the League for Peace with Justice in Palestine. It has many other connections with subversive figures. For example, the man who is its attorney and who presided at a luncheon the other day in which it sought to influence the views of a group of Christian ministers, is the very same man who has for years been a close adviser to the indicted seditionist Joseph McWilliams. This man, Hallam M. Richardson, not only defended McWilliams in court when he got into trouble, but also wrote the preface to McWilliams' booklets addressed to our ex-servicemen in a vile attempt to undermine the Americanism of our veterans.

In National Network

Activities of all of these groups are intricately bound up with each other. For example, the founder of the League for Peace with Justice in Palestine, named Freedman, makes no secret of the fact that he is also the man who paid for half-page propaganda advertisements of the Institute for Arab-American Affairs in the New York Times last winter and collaborated with the Arab Government Legations in officially presenting their case to the Department of State. Apparently so far as advertising is concerned, funds of the institute and funds of the league were mingled with each other. On the other hand, when Dr. I. Totah, head of the institute, had occasion to write the Secretary of State and the British Ambassador about political subjects, he first consulted the Arab office and wrote its director, "We depend upon you to do whatever is necessary with the proper authorities," to carry out the action demanded in the letters.

A striking example of the way in which Nazi-supported Arab propagandists—who between 1933 and Pearl Harbor had helped "soften up" the peoples of Near Eastern extraction for Hitler's ideological penetration—are still active today, under Arab League labels, is to be found in the case of George Khairalla. Khairalla, for years a leading officer of the old Bund-affiliated Arab National League, was on many occasions the avenue through which Nazi funds were made available to that organization. Today he is editor of the top-ranking slick Arab publication, the Arab World, which is issued in close collaboration with the Institute for Arab-American Affairs, and which is highly recommended by the Arab office in Washington. I present for the record a photostat of a letter transmitting funds to Khairalla in 1939. The stationery is that of a branch of the German-Ameri-

can Bund, and the signature is that of James Wheeler Hill, one of the most skillful German espionage agents in America, who is now serving a long sentence for having constructed and operated a short-wave sending set with which the Nazis sought to transmit military secrets from America to Berlin. This is the kind of man to whom the Arab governments turn for help today.

4. The Arab Office admits to the spiritual leadership of the notorious Mufti Amin El-Huesseini, branded as a war criminal by Mr. Justice Jackson, and known as a man who repeatedly spoke in Arabic over the Nazi short-wave radio in an attempt to cause American soldiers of near-eastern extraction to desert the flag of the United States.

At the very moment when the majority of patriotic citizens were demanding the Mufti's apprehension and punishment, after his recent "escape" to Cairo, the official News Bulletin of the Arab Office for June 15 again came out shamelessly in his praise. To the Arab Office, this most detested of the world's quislings, who was Himmler's close friend and adviser, is "a single-minded and courageous patriot" (Arab News Bulletin, June 15, 1946). Is it necessary to present more evidence as to the evil and totalitarian threat which these foreign agents are holding over our country under the protection of a diplomatic immunity which they have dishonored?

Foreign Money Used

5. The money behind these agitations comes from foreign sources.

The evidence on this point is obvious. It is to be found in the public budgets of Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Trans-Jordan, and the other Arab states, and is available without much trouble to any good stu-

dent of the Arabic language who will make an honest translation. A part—but only a small part—of the same story is to be found in reports filed by the Arab countries with our Justice Department. When the Judiciary Committee makes an investigation it should also inquire whether some of our own American lend-lease money has not found its way back into the United States, and perhaps into other Allied countries, and been used to support these propaganda activities.

6. This agitation is apt to involve the United States in troubles with other countries of this hemisphere, because the Arab Office in Washington serves as clearinghouse for similar propaganda in Canada, Mexico, and elsewhere. I present for the record a particularly obnoxious group of publications, in the Spanish language, now being distributed by Arab agencies in the Argentine. Some of these are translated directly from original propaganda publications distributed by the Nazis. The Argentine agents who distributed them report their activities to the Arab office in Washington. These exhibits were in fact removed from one such report mailed from the Argentine to Washington.

A leading Arab agent carrying on similar work in Mexico was recently deported, as soon as discovered.

It is well known that during the entire period of World War II Axis-affiliated Arab spokesmen directed a campaign against the United States by means of Nazi propaganda published in Arabic language periodicals and issued from German-controlled printing establishments in Buenos Aires. All of these printers were listed on the official United States List of Blocked Nationals. It is known that shipments of their publications were stopped and condemned by the hundreds, by United States cen-

sorship authorities during the war. The persons responsible for the writing and publishing of this Arab-Nazi material are identical with those with whom the now defunct Arab National League worked prior to Pearl Harbor, and with whom the defunct league's successor bodies are again actively collaborating today.

The Committee on the Judiciary can easily verify this point from files of the Office of Censorship, Division of Publications.

7. This investigation must be undertaken in the present session else the responsible parties may escape or conceal their tracks. Anwar Nashashibi, the Arab agent involved in the Philadelphia episode described above, has already managed to leave the country. The press reported that his recall was the result of news stories following the insertion of our memorandum to President Truman in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on May 7. This man, however, was only a tool. His immediate boss, who gave him his instructions, remains in Washington. We must act now, before these agitators, whose technique we can expose, are succeeded by a more subtle and more highly paid crew, whose work it may be more difficult to uncover.

The Justice Department is already alert and studying the situation. The trouble is that the statutes may not cover these situations adequately—in fact, as in so many cases of wartime treason, the man responsible for forging the ideological bullets that killed our boys, may go free, while the poor soldier, who only followed orders, is made to suffer. Here is the task for the Judiciary Committee: to bring to light the facts as to this particular postwar propaganda nexus, while it is still time to act on the situation by proper legislative remedies.