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

MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

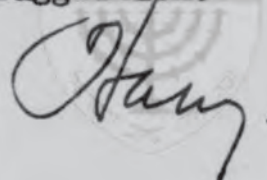
Date July 9, 1947

From Harry L. Shapiro

Attached is a memorandum which Mr. Tuvim induced Archie Greenberg to write following his attendance at the meeting described therein which was held towards the close of the UN Session on Palestine at Lake Success.

Dr. Akzin has suggested that this memorandum should be circulated to a few of our people. Please let me have your reaction to Dr. Akzin's suggestion.

Regards.



HLS:RB
Encl.

*see report of
Archie Greenberg*

MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date July 9, 1947

From Harry L. Shapiro

Attached is a memorandum which I have prepared as a result of my visit yesterday to the meeting of the "American Friends for Haganah".

AGENCY
I spoke to Emanuel Neumann and he is convinced that the setting-up of this organization is connected with B.G.'s plans for the next Congress elections. He is of the opinion that the organization will be used to undermine our position. In view of his feelings in the matter, he thinks that this is a most pressing situation. He, therefore, wishes to see you prior to the meeting on Monday and he felt that it was necessary to take an action there which would result in having the matter referred to the Emergency Council. ~~and~~ If such action was impossible, that the members of the party in the coalition should meet to settle the matter.

No doubt you will be speaking to him before the week is out and I hope you will discuss the matter with him.

Kindest regards.

Harry.

HLS:RB
Encl.

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MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

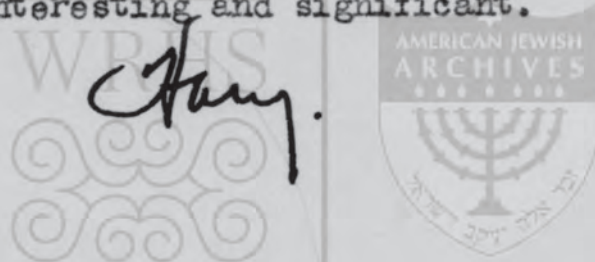
Date July 15, 1947

From Harry L. Shapiro

I am forwarding to you a copy of a letter which came to us from Dr. Leon Roth.

I think you will agree that his most violent reaction to our inquiry is most interesting and significant.

HLS/ZGH



see

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

MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date July 25, 1947

From Mr. Harry L. Shapiro

I am forwarding a copy of a telegram we have received from Mrs. Helen
Rogers Reid.

HLS:ZEB
Encl.

Harry

*asked atzen
to write reply*

MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date September 10, 1947

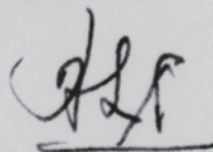
From Harry L. Shapiro

CONFIDENTIAL

I telephoned to Lillie Shultz to make an inquiry as to the rumor that she had gossiped about a letter from a high official in Washington which cast ~~as~~persions on you and which was in line with the "persona non grata" campaign now being carried forward by your opposition.

At first she denied knowing anything about such a communication, saying that she was not a party to the campaign. After a few moments prodding, I got from her the following:

She claims that when she was in Washington in behalf of the Palestine project of the Nation's Associates, she was shown a memorandum by a member of the President's secretariat. This memorandum was sent by the President to a member of his secretariat (she would not name the member, but it is easy to guess his identity) on the subject of the materials which the Nation's Associates had prepared and was distributing. It stated that the material and the facts which the Nation's Associates had marshalled were splendid and telling and that they should be used, but that Silver and terrorism make this impossible.



HLS:RB

MEMORANDUM

To **Mr. Eliahu Epstein**

Date **September 11, 1947**

From **Harry L. Shapiro**

I have received information that a member of your staff, Miss Faye Doran, is planning to do work with church groups. I also understand that your office took the initiative to send out background material on the Exodus and other Zionist matters.

I am concerned with the possibilities of the duplication of Zionist efforts and the probability of the press and other groups, which receive Zionist material, getting conflicting views. I hardly believe that you are carrying your work forward in the spirit of the division of work which has been laid down by the leadership of the Zionist movement in America.

If it is convenient to you, I should like to have an explanation.

Regards,

HLS:RE

CC: Dr. Silver

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Send the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

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To HARRY SHAPIRO

Care of or Apt. No. AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

Street and No. 342 Madison Avenue

Place New York, N.Y.



WILL ARRIVE WEDNESDAY MORNING. DESIRABLE TO HOLD MEETING ~~TEXT MOON NINE YX~~

COUNCIL WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

A H SILVER

Sender's name and address
(For reference only)

Sender's telephone
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To MR. HARRY SHAPIRO

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Care of or Apt. No. AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

Street and No. 342 Madison Ave.

Place New York, N.Y.

PLEASE CONVEY TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE STAFF OF THE EMERGENCY COUNCIL
MY BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR. I KNOW THAT THEY SHARE WITH ME THE
FERVENT HOPE THAT THE COMING YEAR WILL SEE THE FULFILLMENT OF OUR HISTORIC
HOPES.

A H SILVER

Sender's name and address
(For reference only)

Sender's telephone
number

September 17, 1947

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

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

Dr. Silver has given me permission to
request a check for \$25 which we may use here
for postage, etc.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK



Secretary to Dr. Silver

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JOSEPH L. EGAN, PRESIDENT

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Send the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

To HARRY SHAPIRO

Care of or Apt. No. TUDOR CITY HOTEL

Street and No. NEW YORK

Place _____

DID BEN HORIN OBTAIN THE LETTER FROM MR. LANDON.

SILVER

Sender's name and address
(For reference only)

Sender's telephone
number

October 8, 1947

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

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

On Monday, October 7, Rabbi Silver sent you the following telegram which you did not receive:

"DID BEN-HORIN OBTAIN THE LETTER FROM MR. LANDON?"

Western Union just reported that the telegram was not delivered. Rabbi Silver told me to send the telegram to you at your residence at the Tudor City Hotel, where they did not know you. Will you kindly send me your present home address so that we may be able to contact you should the need arise.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver

P.S. Who lives at 5 Prospect Place?

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

MEMORANDUM

To Bessie Kline

Date October 10, 1947

From Harry L. Shapiro

My home address is 5 Prospect Place, New York 17, N. Y.



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To HARRY SHAPIRO

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Care of or Apt. No. AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

Street and No. 342 Madison Ave.

Place New York 17, N.Y.



PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR ME NEW YORK TO CLEVELAND LATE TRAIN SUNDAY NIGHT

OCTOBER 26 REGARDS

A H SILVER

Sender's name and address
(For reference only)

Sender's telephone
number

November 14, 1947

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

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

You know that we took up a good deal of time of Mr. Bernays in connection with a possible campaign that we thought might be necessary. Mr. Bernays also had his organization prepare a plan of campaign. I felt that inasmuch as we approached him on a business basis, his organization should be reimbursed for the time and labor invested.

I am sending you the enclosed letter and statement of Mr. Bernays and I suggest that you pay the bill.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue, New York City

THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM WAS SENT TO THE CHAIRMEN OF LOCAL EMERGENCY COMMITTEES

NOVEMBER 20, 1947

PLEASE DISCONTINUE SENDING TELEGRAMS AS REQUESTED MY LAST
WIRE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. MANY THANKS YOUR SPLENDID EFFORTS.
REGARDS.



December 4, 1947

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

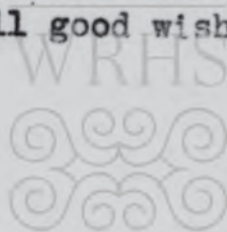
My dear Mr. Shapiro:

I thought you would be interested in reading some of the enclosed letters which I received. I would appreciate it if your office would send me some of the more interesting telegrams and letters which have come in.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.



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To HARRY SHAPIRO

12-15-47 19

Care of or Apt. No. 342 Madison Ave.

Street and No. New York, N.Y.

Place

I AM EAGER TO KNOW WHETHER GEORGE FIELDING ELLIOT MADE THE CORRECTION IN
HIS COLUMN AS HE PROMISED ME. REGARDS.

SILVER

Sender's name and address
(For reference only)

Sender's telephone
number

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

342 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.
MUrray Hill 2-1160

Constituent Organizations

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

December 26, 1947

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you for your letter of December 24, in which you sent to me your comments for the general guidance of the work of the Emergency Council during the next few months. In connection with this I have called a meeting of our staff heads for Tuesday morning, December 30, at 11 o'clock. I spoke to Dr. Israel Goldstein this morning and he has promised to attend the meeting. At this session we will assign specific projects to the various executives.

There has been much progress made in carrying forward many of the projects which you describe. The memorandum on the "Communist" angle is now being prepared by Mr. Ben-Horin, and as soon as it is completed we propose to give it the widest national distribution among molders of public opinion. There will be a need for further memoranda of this type which will be prepared and similarly circulated. Your suggestion with regard to hostile letters has been in effect for many years and this activity is now a matter of office routine. "Bill" Kaufman prepares refutations of all hostile articles and letters which we receive either through our clipping service or from local Emergency Committee Chairmen. He does this work very well indeed and is aided in it by every writer on our staff and by the Research Department.

In addition, negative letters by important people which appear in the New York metropolitan press are dealt with immediately by Ben-Horin, Akzin or Manson, and such replies are submitted either with their own signatures or those of prominent Christian or Zionist leaders, depending on the nature of the original unfriendly letter. Our record on such matters has been excellent and it can be said without qualification, that no hostile letters have gone unchallenged or unanswered.

From time to time we have sent to our Chairmen drafts of letters to editors which we have urged them to submit quite apart from any unfriendly letters that have to be dealt with. At the moment we are organizing a real campaign along these lines.

Manson has already taken action on the Christian-Religious press. He has asked Rev. Karl Baehr (Director of the ACPC office) to organize personal contacts with various Christian editors to be carried out by men like Atkinson, Voss, etc. In addition, material for submission to the various Christian publications will be prepared by our office.

December 26, 1947

The Speakers' Bureau has been expanded this year. Two years ago we spent approximately \$33,000 for this department. Last year our disbursement ran to approximately \$53,000. This year we have budgeted the Speakers' Bureau for approximately \$63,000, but at the rate we are now working, in all probability the final cost will be approximately \$75,000. We have retained four people who give their full time to speaking to Christian groups in our behalf. These, of course, are in addition to the several hundred other speakers whom we call on from time to time. On the lecture front, we have been giving increasing attention to Universities and to Councils of Foreign Affairs.

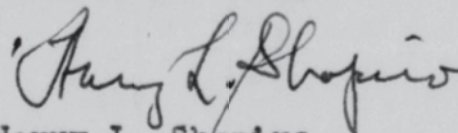
When there is a need to organize an active campaign in Washington in connection with a request for military equipment for Palestine or with regard to the possibility of a loan, you can be assured that we will have the machinery with which to move. We will await word from the American Section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine for anything they wish to be done in this connection and you may be certain that they will have the benefit of every kind of cooperation that we can give to them.

While I write of the American Section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, I wish to call your attention to a recent information bulletin on the Middle East, put out under Falcor's imprimatur, and sent to me by Eliahu Epstein. If this project is to become a regular activity, backed by Mr. Epstein's office, I believe the matter bears looking into inasmuch as there is real danger of duplication of our effort in regard to this matter.

I look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Kindest regards.

Cordially yours,



Harry L. Shapiro
Executive Director

HLS:EF

December 29, 1947

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

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

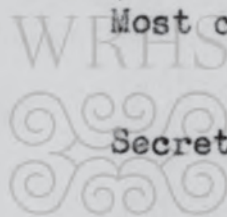
Enclosed is the list about which I spoke to you.
I'd appreciate it very much if you could get it back to
me as soon as possible.

With best wishes, I am

Most cordially,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

BJK
Enc.



ROCKFORD DISTRICT OF ZOA -- Rockford, Ill.

Dr. L. W. BLUMENTHAL, President Milwaukee Zionist District
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

KINGSBRIDGE DISTRICT 61 ZOA -- New York, N.Y.

THEODORE STRIMLING - L.A. ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

VICTOR KIRSCHMAN, President New Orleans Zionist District
New Orleans, La.

S.P. BENAMY, President Southeastern Zionist Region
A. Freedman Executive Director -- Atlanta, Ga.

SOLOMON BIEDERMAN, President District 39 ZOA - N.Y., N.Y.

SOL GANELES, President Peekskill Zionist District

MORRIS MARGARETTEN, President Perthamboy Zionist District
Perth Amboy, N.J.

MAX LEVY, President Staten Island Zionist District
St. George, N.Y.

TEODORO RESNIKOFF -- Mexico City, Mexico

DOCTOR ADOLFO FASTLICHT, President Committee Emergency
Mexico City, Mexico

If you can give me addresses for the following
I would appreciate it very much.

MILTON POLLACK -- Brooklyn, N.Y.

MAXIMILIAN MOSS -- Brooklyn, N.Y.

AARON WEISS -- Wilkesbarre, Pa.

B.R. LOWEY, Peekskill, N.Y.

Elias Ginsburg, President American Palestine Jewish Legion
Brooklyn, N.Y.

AD ESTESS -- Rock Island, Ill.

JACOB SINCOFF -- New York, N.Y.

MARCUS ABRAMSON - New York, N.Y.

BENJAMIN A. TOBER -- Portsmouth, N.Hampshire

HELEN WEIN, President Arlington Fairfax Chapter Hadassah
Falls Church, Va.

LEON GELLMAN (telegram received from Newton, Mass. I thought
he was with Mizrachi)

CHARLES WOLF -- New York, N.Y.

ABE L. Bekarsky -- Rockford, Ill.

~~XXXX~~ LOUIS LEVINthal -- Is he back in the country?

