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March 1, 1949

Dr. & Mrs. Abraham Granovsky
2 West 70th Street
New York, New York

My dear Friends:

Mrs. Silver and I appreciate your gracious invitation to attend the wedding reception of your daughter, Naomi, to Dr. Joseph Feldman on Friday, March 5th. We regret that we shall not be able to attend inasmuch as we shall not be in New York on that day. Please extend to the newly-weds our heartiest felicitations and best wishes for the future.

Cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



Dr. and Mrs. Abraham Granovsky



You are cordially invited to attend
the wedding reception of our daughter

Naomi
to
Dr. Joseph Feldman

on Friday, March 5th, 1949

2 P.M.

Spanish Portuguese Synagogue
2 West 70th Street
New York, New York

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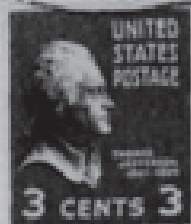
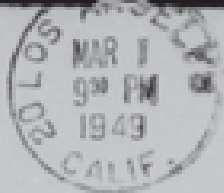
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Mr. S. L. Lichtenbaum

23 West 93 St.

New York 25, N.Y.

March 1st 1944
2070 E. 102nd St.
City

Dear Ratti,

Your time being of heavy schedule, any interview space you may be graciously contemplating for me, shall be highly appreciated. This writer is the veteran who wrote you about his out of the war, visionary inspired, enterprise for aiding a distressed and darkening world.

I am leaving this scrap-book for you to analyze. Good night, it is not in the full sense just a scrap-book, however, part of it is as well as being also, a photograph album. In the first few pages is the main exception; newspaper clippings which are the first step in revealing and unfolding my ultimate aims and plans of the visionary enterprise. You will notice immediately, they are articles carefully chosen and in a balanced sequence of reading. One goes from this reading matter directly into the unfolding of a great plan.

[I would like to stipulate that the following pages beyond the last clippings, do not follow the sequence in proper order to the enterprise, therefore, in order to avert confusion please do not go beyond the last clipping; we can come back to the rest of contents later. The master is a guide to the reading matter I desire to concern you with.]

These clippings are vital material to know of first before going into the the full nature of the enterprise and even though you may be fully acquainted with the contents of the articles, nevertheless, the order creates a special sequence of collective meanings. For that reason, good ratti, do I request your reading the clippings in order, then shall you readily recognize how this astonishing, visionary enterprise shall so meet and deal with the issues concerned in the contents of the clippings.

In order to save time and shorten the interview, I am leaving this book in your care and for you to study -

the contents at your leisure. Therefore,
when we meet, we can start right in
to the outline and scope of the enterprise.

Very truly yours,
George R. Lynch



March 2d, 1949.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

I appreciate very much your kindly comment on the music of last Sunday's service. I felt it was distinctive, and the choir also did a lot of hard work on it. (It is unfortunate that so much of modern Jewish music has gone discordant - "Modern" is the correct name - The average singer finds it very difficult to sing a discordant note, and at first tries to blend it into something harmonious. Hence the Weiner and Jacobi numbers were not the easiest ones in the world to sing.)

I'd like very much to use the music again - and soon, and have in mind the following schedule.

Grimm - The Service, for next Sunday's service again.

Weiner - Silent Devotion, on Purim, Mar. 13th

Jacobi - Ahavas Olom - for the Opening Number next time we use the 3rd Week-day Service.

Weiner - En Kelohenu, the next time the tenor sings a solo.

I take it that our Purim program will be on the 13th inst., and am going ahead with our program. For the opening of the service I plan to use 2 short numbers suitable for the festival.

Ashreynu and Shoshanas Yaskov

Will you want instrumental music on this day, as has been our custom in the past Purims?

On Sunday next I plan to use for the opening number
Dunkley - Tov l'hodos (3rd Week-day Service)

The Sunday following will be the 4th Week-day service, and hope to use the two Purim numbers as noted above.

I came down Tuesday to The Temple to talk over the above, but of course missed you. Hence this letter, and your check-marks, O.K., or other comments can be made on its margin as usual.

Very sincerely yours,

AR. Willard

March 2, 1949

Mr. George R. Lynch
2070 East 102nd Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Lynch:

Rabbi Silver has asked me to acknowledge your kind note, and to thank you for leaving your scrapbook which we are herewith returning to you. Rabbi Silver enjoyed looking at the material which you have collected, but unfortunately, finds it impossible to arrange to see you. His out-of-town commitments are so numerous that the little time that he spends in Cleveland must of necessity be devoted to his congregational activities exclusively, and I, therefore, regret that it is impossible to arrange an interview. I am sorry that we could not be of help to you.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

Copies of Cable from Chief Rabbi of Israel and Letter from Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver received by the New York Office of the Diskin Orphanage

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PHILANTHROPIC AND RELIGIOUS ASPECT STOP PERSONAL GREETINGS

HERZOG CHEIEFRABBI.

I was most pleasantly surprised to see
the Orphanage. It is representative of the
finest traditions of our people. Its clean-
ness, orderliness and efficiency should appeal
to all and should inspire the generosity of
Jews the world over —
Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio.

March 4, 1949

Mrs. Lena Prentke
2625 Euclid Hts. Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Prentke:

Permit me to take this occasion of expressing to you my heartiest felicitations on the occasion of your 79th birthday on Sunday, March 6th. I am indeed sorry that I shall not be able to extend my congratulations to you in person, but I have promised to officiate at a wedding ceremony in Newcastle, Pennsylvania, in the afternoon, after which I am leaving for New York.

I know that the celebration will be a joyous one, and I deeply regret my inability to be with you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,


ABBA HILMEL SILVER

AHS:er

March 4th 1949
2070 E. 102nd St.
City

Miss Elizabeth Rice
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

Dear Miss Rice;

Almost missed the letter in the wrappings of my returned scrap-book. I had written this enclosed letter to the Honored Rabbi before discovering your reply letter. Thank you, for so kind and considerate reply. It has been a fine pleasure to meet and talk with you and I can readily admire your efficiency and  that in the performance of your duties as secretary and friend to the great and honored rabbi.

Miss Rice, now that I have come across your reply letter, I can more readily realize the importance and imperativeness of Rabbi Silver's time, nevertheless, I believe you can more fully sense now, my matter must be of grave and serious importance. Can you in your capacity, create a small committee, or select an individual person whom you feel could be of authoritative basis and in full confidence -

- even page over please -

and trust to analyze this matter
and enterprise, prior to bringing it
before the Honored Rabbis? And I would
be honored and pleased, if you were to
be one of those persons.

Very truly yours,
George R. Badolay, Secy.



March 4th 1949
2070 E. 102nd St
City

Dear Rabbi,

Thank you for the return of my scrap-book. Have been thinking, since leaving the book there for your analysis, that perhaps it may have been the wrong thing to do for it could cause confusion and disorient from meaning of the true purpose. Even though I stipulated that the clippings were the only points I desired your first interest of. The rest of the scrap-book, is entirely something else. It may have seemed I was seeking your interest for promotion of a show which is not the case, good rabbi. My first letter to you, was as sincere as any one could possibly be sincere and certainly must register, that there is something with great possibilities of vital and important meanings to a learned theologian, as yourself.

Unfortunately, reverend, it is impossible to divulge this full matter to you by correspondence, it must be done in your honored presence. Very much

do I sense and feel that this is a
matter you would believe is of great
importance and would highly value
to know about, in deep concern.

Actually, sir, this is a grave matter
concerning life and death. In the
good Name of your God and His Holiness,
please let us meet and discuss this
matter.

Sincerely yours,
George R. "Buddy" Lynch



March 4, 1949

Mrs. Joseph Haas
4570 Powers Ferry Road
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Betty:

Virginia turned over to me your kind note of February 13th. I have been slow in answering it because I have been out of the city most of the time.

It is very lovely of you to invite me to stay in your home while I am in Atlanta. I shall be in Atlanta just a few hours and the War Veterans have already made reservations for me. Virginia will not be able to come along with me because of the brevity of my stay. I do hope, however, that I shall have the pleasure of seeing you and your family while I am in Atlanta.

With all good wishes to you and Jess and to the children, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AMS:er

March 4, 1919

Hotel Sulgrave
Park Ave. at 67th St.
New York 21, New York

Gentlemen:

Will you please reserve a room for Dr. Abba Hillel
Silver for Monday, March 7th.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

March 4, 1949

Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Feldman
1377 East Blvd.
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Friends:

It is indeed a pleasure to write to you and express my heartiest felicitations on the occasion of your 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, March 5th. Not only are the years themselves significant but the satisfaction of having lived full and useful lives must be a joy to you both.

Mrs. Silver joins me in sending you best wishes for many more years of happiness.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

106 W. 83rd St

New York 24

Mar or 5. 1949.

Rabbi Chava Hillet Silver

Dear Sir

I am the mother of Monte Harris, who was sentenced to 7 yrs imprisonment in England for Possessing Arms for Palestine.

I am deeply disappointed, a few months ago, when all this terrible thing happened. My daughter, a young girl, all alone, in America, in her misery, she wrote to you, she had heard what a wonderful good man you were & you never even answered her. I am writing to you again now to appeal for help. Britain has recognised Israel, & I know, if great influential people like yourself & others would interest themselves in my Son's case, something could be done.

My Son is my sole support & I am a Widow. He is a very religious Boy, who says his Prayers with his 'Tephillin' every morning. I don't want any thanks for this, I merely want you to know, what type of Boy he is. My Son was always a good Jew & was very concerned about our people having a National Home. He was a young & Handsome Boy, all his life before him, we had a good business & a beautiful home. He had everything to lose. Had he wanted to be selfish, he could have disregarded his fellow Jews. Remember, & bear in mind even if you do not approve of what he done you are sure he did not do anything for Personal Gain. He did this for his people & our

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National Home, regardless of the consequences.
We have always been extremely Honest & Respectable
People, My Son, who is so blessed, in Mind & Body
to mix with criminals, he has never eaten
non Kosher food. & now this Wonderful Boy,
who is my Sole Support has ruined my life as
well as his own. I am here & not in very good
health, as you can well realise, my daughter's daily
anxiety. I have never been to work, we get a
very small dollar allowance from England
so I have to look for a job, I am nearly 50
I cannot live on my daughter's earnings
& what can a Woman like me do I am not
trained for anything. Also even if I got a job
I doubt whether I could hold it down, in my
Mental State. & Yet in Spite of all these troubles
I cannot find Jews responding to all this
Sorrow. How can Jews rest easy, when an
orphan Boy is in Prison & his Mother, a Widow
has to suffer Privation. I have almost lost
my faith in God & I certainly feel I will have
to renounce my religion. I come from a very
orthodox Family, so this is not lightly said
my religion has always meant a lot to me
you can well realise, My Boy was brought up
a good Jew, if he wasn't, he would not have
sacrificed himself for his people. It is the
Duty of every Prominent Jew to help & try &
release my Son. If you will bear with me & read
on, I will try & explain the awful Shameful way I
was enticed to have my Son come to America

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We were arranging to go to the States for over 18 months
& ~~not~~ it's not true what the English Police said
that Monte was running away. Two weeks
before we sailed, my Son, to my great Horror
was arrested & explosives found in his Shop.
I was astounded, my Son is a business boy &
I couldn't understand, why he put the Staff in
his Shop & take such a risk before he was
leaving England. When I managed to speak to
him, I asked 'Why in your Shop?'. He said 'Mummy
I couldn't help it, one day I'll tell you & you won't
blame me'. Now, I know, to my cost, he got in
with the wrong crowd, who traded on his emotions
they knew he was good & noble.

All through the Trials my Son did not
say one word, another Boy was with him. My
Son denied all knowledge of him & he went
free. Not that I have found any gratitude. I
wrote to this Boy's Mother to try & get help for
Monte, all the answer I had back, was, that
I should think Monte is in the Army like
her Son was. Oh! Jews have been terrible to me
I can't get over the injustice.

Before the Big Trial my Son urged &
pleaded with me to go to the States. He said I
had a job to do for him there. I thought he was
mad, to leave him all alone at such a time
but what should a Jewish mother, do, I'd go
to the end of the earth to help my Son.

A Mr Delange of London, saw me, & said that
Monte should plead guilty & told me to come here

so I would be able to help. Another of Monte's so called friends told, me, I would be met at the Boat on my apartment got for me & he looked after that was why my poor Boy urged me to go. Mr DeLange gave me 1 letter only, to see Cdr Seldon of 25 W 45th St. which I now know is the Ben Hecht office. I had a letter later from my Son & he was given to understand that I had several letters to various people. I asked people's advice, whether I should leave my Boy & they all thought I should. Naturally, after they had been told, I would get help for my Boy & I would ~~would~~ be taken care of. It sounded alright. The Solicitor Mr Perkoff of 16 Commercial St. London E.1. said, that he was told, by Monte's so called friends, that if Monte, gets a heavy sentence, these people could get the American Government to bear pressure on the English Government & reduce my boy's sentence. So in they must have fed Monte up with this tale & poor Boy, he also believed. So in a few days, all alone, as everyone was afraid in England, I had to pack & move a big house of stuff. Part of my furniture I brought with me & this cost me over £300 I have also to pay shipping charges of 150 dollars & now I will have to pay storage. also the worst part, which no money can repay. I had to part with my darling Boy, at such a time. Oh! if there is a God, & I am beginning

or doubt. I hope retribution will follow these evil people.

When I finally arrived here, no one met me, except my poor daughter. My least suspect, I felt all was lost & I had been duped. The next day I went to see the person the letter was addressed to. A Mr Seldon. Can you imagine my consternation, when I was insulted & practically thrown out. A Mr Ben Ami was there at this office. He told me Monty would get 10 yrs, when I recoiled & said 'Oh!' he said he would not speak to me if I was like that. ~~The~~ Friends, it was easy to Bully a Stricken Mother & a defenceless Woman. & Then he & Mr Seldon again told me the story of America bearing pressure on England to reduce the sentence. When I actually got the news of my Son's sentence, in my deaf ear, I saw these people & can you imagine it, they were again insulting, saying, 'Monty was a Soldier', 'all right' I said, 'Surely that is not the way a Soldier's dependants are treated'. Also, when I asked, what shall I do here, & how will I manage. 'Mr Seldon, said I think more of myself than I do of Monty. He said that to me, a Jewish Mother & said I should be a Baby Sitter. Now I am here, in all my misery, & the worry of every thing is getting me down. I have to pay storage for the furniture

as we cannot afford a decent apartment & are 6
lucky to have obtained 2 furnished Rooms. My
daughters Wages cannot keep me. So now
you will see why my Poor Boy wanted me to
go. They must have fed him up with all these
Stories. By Pleading Guilty, he never said one
Word & if he would have defended himself,
unwittingly, he would have implicated
the others. They used him as a Scape goat.

So now, you can see my bitter heart, my
life & my Son's is ruined, what will become
of my Son, he will be so embittered: Can Jews
allowed themselves to sit Back & not help
my boy? A great effort must be made

I feel all this would not have
happened, if my dear Husband was alive,
My Husband died suddenly at 45 in 1943.
Since then, Maate has been Father, Mother &
every thing to me, Maate's 'The time', when I have been
depressed & my courage has almost failed me, my
darling Son, has comforted me. My family did
not want to help. Maate worked very hard
he doesn't Smoke or Gamble, & through him I
was independant. This has been taken away
from me, because my Son believed in an Ideal.
I have letters from People, who told me how bravely
he took his Sentence, not in a Brigardly Manner
but with dignity.

Please, I beg, Pray & implore you to
try & help my Son. Don't let a good Young life

be wanted, also you may be saving my life ~~also~~
at night I cannot rest, the thought of my poor
Boy suffering, the Humiliation & disgrace &
Poverty is just more than I can bear.
Thank God I have my daughter with me, she
has helped me keep my reason. I cry & talk my
heart out to her, my poor children. What sorrow
has come upon me.

Do not disregard my Plea. I feel
Petitions ought to be made on behalf of my
Son. Every Jew sign a paper to release my
boy. He is the only Jewish Political Prisoner
in British Hands. Since I have been here, I
have heard what a great Name you have,
revered by Christians & Jews. & also of
the Good work you have done. Therefore do
not let me plead in Vain. You will earn
a Mother & a Widow's ready gratitude
if you interest yourself in this case.

I will now write an extract from a
letter I had from him in Prison on Nov. 1948.:-
Olow Rene (this is my daughter) ~~never~~ never, say you
would sooner I was like Meyer or ~~the~~ Berney, (his
Cousins). I am glad I am what I am & would be
nothing else. I would not sell my Soul for a
mess of Pottage, my life may be hard, but I still
do not want to be like Meyer or Berney. They are
really bad people, no good to others or themselves
where there's no sense there's no feeling

as God made me so I am. I cannot help having a
conscience, because of trouble, do not seek a false
hero, given off by a gilded staff, you only think
you'd like to be like those cruel self selfish people
but our sort never could be like them, so we
just need not try. Don't ever hurt me by saying that
again.

When you think of me, think of thousands of other
boys, equally loved by their Parents equally needed
needed, who are in great danger, each & every day
they have to carry on. Think of those Parents
who have no hope of ever seeing their loved Son
or daughter again. Brooke Field was an only
child, a girl, her mother loved her, believe me.
Moshe Bergoni was younger than me, an only
son of devoted Parents, those Parents have no hope
yet they both said, they would not have their
children different. Perhaps they too thought all
this striving is for nothing, but it's not. Slowly
things are coming round, the impossible
goal is within sight & reach. It will be reached
& it will be worth while. The kind of uncertain
harassed life you & Dad lived will be unknown.
It will come gradually as all fields & jobs are open to
all Jews in their own country, there will be no
need to crowd into a few unstable Fradks & as
a people will find our own level. It will take time
but you'll see it yet. & the new breed is different.
They're not Meyers or Bernys, but fellows like
me, & people like you, leading proper lives they
will grow up different, with better outlooks
& healthier Pursuits. I know all this & I know

its worthwhile, so please, in the days ahead
remember this & do no grieve over me. I am safe
healthy & have all I need.

That will give you an insight of his Character.
Every letter to me, has not one word of complaint
You would think he was on Holiday, all he
worries about is me. So please, in our
Hour of ~~Triumph~~ Triumph, do not forget
The Martyrs, do not let such a fine
Character rot his years away in Prison.
Not for anything he done for himself, but
for what he done for his People

Please let me hear from you
Yours Very Sincerely

Hilda Harris

MEMORANDUM

March 6, 1949

To: Rabbi Julius J. Nadel

From: Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

1. Please have a special story on next week's service in the Temple - the Purim service. There will probably be a cellist and Mr. Willard has arranged for special music. Please obtain the information from him.
2. Have an item in the bulletin on the Purim celebration of the Cleveland Zionist Society. It need not be a large announcement. Belarsky is the guest artist.
3. Did we have in the bulletin acknowledgement of those who contributed to the cost of the Kaufmann art exhibit? If not, obtain their names from Mr. Levy and have an announcement of it.
4. There was no announcement in last week's bulletin of the meeting of the Temple Men's Club. Please give them a large announcement this week.

AHS:er

TELEGRAM

MARCH 6, 1949

MR. ALFRED A. BENESCH
12710 SHAKER BLVD.
CLEVELAND, OHIO

PLEASE INCLUDE ME AMONG THE HOST OF YOUR FRIENDS WHO
REJOICE WITH YOU AND HELEN ON THE SEVENTIETH ANNIVER-
SARY OF A GREAT AND GOOD MAN. WE ARE BETTER AND
STRONGER FOR HAVING YOU IN OUR MIDST. GOD BE WITH YOU.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



Copy

Mrs. Frank L. Miller
3319 Sedgwick Avenue
Bronx 63, New York

Chalom mon cher Doctor Silver, ^{3/6/49}

"Here am I," une autre fois.
Merci mil fois pour la lettre du
20 Mai.

Voulez-vous, s'il vous plait,
regarder votre article dans le
Journal, "The New Palestine"
12 Mai, et aussi mon lettre de
17 Mai avec le papier, "It's a
Wonderful World", et venez ici,
s'il vous plait, bientôt possible,
je vous prie, parce que $1 + 2 = 3$

Abba Hillel Silver
Ephraim Leibe Miller
et
Mollie & Etta Miller
(mon nom de famille)

Alors, vous comprenez, tout a fait, mais oui!!!
Chalom

Cette lettre d'aujourd'hui est un secret
d'importance entre vous et moi seulement, mon
cher Doctor Silver. N'est-ce pas?

Chalom.

Mallie E. Miller



[March 7, 1949]

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לכבוד ידידנו וידיד מוסדנו
החכם השלם, עזר בפרץ עמו,
הרב אבא הלל ז"ר סילבר שליט"א,
קליבלנד.

ידידנו המרוסם,

הננו מודיעים לכב' כי בתום השלשים לפטירת מר אביו זצ"ל ערכנו
הספד במוסדנו, והרבנים הראשיים הרב ד"ר הרצוג והראשון לציון הרב עוזיאל
שליט"א, והגבאי הראשי של המוסד ד"ר מרדכי עליאש הספידו את אביו ז"ל, וספרו
בשבחו דבריו היוצאים מן הלב, תארו את מסירותו למוסדנו ואת אהבתו, אהבה כנה
בלי פצרים למוסד ולכל התלויים בו, לזקנים ולפעעליו ופקידיו.

בית הכנסת הגדול במוסדנו היה סלא מהסון מוקירי שמו של אביו זצ"ל,
ומתוך הקהל עלו באי-כח הפקידים והזקנים ואף הם תארו את יחסו של אביו זצ"ל
להם, אשר עשו רושם עצום על קהל הנוכחים.

מוכיר מוסדנו מר מיטל ריבלין פרסם כמה דברי הערכה למר אביו זצ"ל
בעתונים "הבקר" סב' אדר תש"ט מס. 4061, "הארץ" מכ"א שבט תש"ט מס. 8969
וב"המבשר" ס"ב שבט תש"ט מס. 50; אנו מצרפים בזה את הקטעים וכן אנו שולחים
לכב' את העתונים וכן את גוסס המודעה שפרסמנו ליום ההספד, במעטפה מיוחדת.

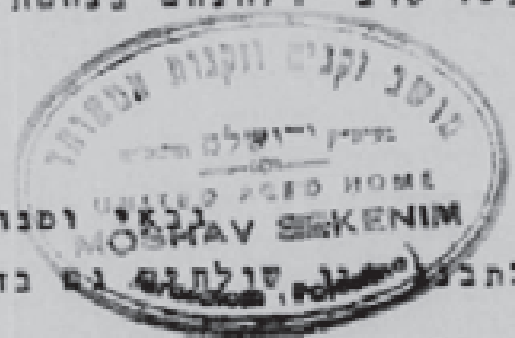
זכרו של אביו זצ"ל ישאר בתוך מוסדנו לנצח, ונשמחו תהא צרורה בצירור
החיים, ויהא מליץ יושר למעמדתו הכבודה ולכל בית ישראל.

אנו מחלים את פני כב' להמשיך את פעמי אביו הכבירים לטובת מוסדנו
ולהנציח בזה את שם המסדנו של משפחתכם במוסדנו, כך שחבל הכסף (סילבר) לא
יפתק (קהלת י"ב ו').

מצנו הכל כלי של מוסדנו, עקב מעוט ההכנסה ומפאת תנאי המלחמה, קשה מאד
ועזרה רבה ומהירה דרושה לנו כדי שנוכל להמשיך בעבודתנו הקדושה למען מאות
הישישיים, ובטוחים אנו בכב' - אם כי יודעים אנו כמה עסוק כב' בענייני העם
כולו - שיעשה למעננו כל מה שיהיה לאל ידו, וזכות מצות מקו"מ דרבים תעמוד לו
לכב' להתביר בכל טוב ולהנחם בנחמת ציון וירושלים,

מקיריו ומכבודו,

נ.ב. העתקה מסכתבני (סולתני) גם בדואר הרגיל.
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Dear Rabbi Selman,

Shelton and I were deeply
touched by your precious birthday
greetings, even though they were
much too personal.

It is gratifying to have the
expert and wisdom of those
whose judgment we value so
highly.

"Foratus haec olim
meminisse juvabit."

Thank you for an affectionate
regards from, Veipenis &

The boys. cordially

By the way Nelson Street ^{at} told me you lay!
Better look down barrels. Harry is on the way!

M E M O R A N D U M

March 8, 1949

To: Mr. A. R. Willard

From: Rabbi A. H. Silver

The Temple Women's Association will hold a special service in The Temple on Sunday morning, April 3rd. The choir might well present the same musical program which it did during Jewish Music Week.

AHS:er

IRVING KANE
SHAKER HEIGHTS, OHIO

March 8, 1949

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street & Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Rabbi:

I hope that before you see this I shall have been able to arrange for a personal visit with you. Knowing how busy you are, however, I thought it adviseable to put some material together and leave it with you, if you like, so that your time will be conserved and you will be in a position to take such action as you see fit with a minimum of delay.

The matter arises by reason of your letter of February 2, 1949 to the FCC regarding Station WGAR and the inferences which may possibly be drawn in connection with proceedings now pending to revoke the licenses of G. A. Richards, the owner of WGAR and KMPC in Los Angeles and WJR in Detroit. The first hearing is set for March 16 in Los Angeles, although I received word today that it may be postponed to March 23.

That Richards is an extreme anti-Semite who misused his radio facilities to disseminate hatred against Jews is strikingly apparent from the summary of the evidence. Indeed, the FCC's recent order discloses that Richards has admitted the truth of the substance of the charges levelled against him.

So unbridled was Richards' prejudice that he instructed his newsroom manager to "keep hammering away against the Jews" who, he said, were all communists. In his effort to disparage Jews, Richards ran the whole gamut of defamatory tactics from suggesting connections between Jews and criminal, communistic or other disreputable activities to suppressing favorable references. For example, he gave instructions that "communist-Jew" be linked together whenever possible. When gangster Bugsy Siegel was murdered Richards ordered it emphasized in newscasts that Siegel was Jewish and directed that the story be coupled with items about Russia and communism. He ordered newsmen to play up black-market activities of Jews, to label General Bennett Meyers as a Jew, to lambaste Lilienthal because he was a Jew and communist, to play down news stories about Baruch because he was Jewish and much too sympathetic to communism, and to minimize stories about Palestine in order to avoid giving aid and comfort to Jews and communists. These are typical examples of Richards' perverted reasoning and gross misconduct.

Inasmuch as the disclosures concerning Richards originated in Los Angeles, the evidence in our possession relates to his station in that city -- KMPC.

IRVING KANE
SHAKER HEIGHTS, OHIO

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However, the Federal Communications Commission investigated the operation of the three stations owned by Richards and the public hearing which it has ordered will concern itself with all of them. I understand that the entire evidence in the possession of the FCC is even more voluminous than that which is set forth in the summary.

If ever there was an instance in which a broadcaster demonstrated his unfitness to hold a license, this is it.

Your letter to Wayne Coy, while confined strictly to WGAR, and although it is no more than a fair and accurate statement of the relations which all of us have enjoyed with WGAR, may prove nevertheless to be unfortunate since the FCC may construe it to mean that a substantial section of the Jewish community is willing to forgive and forget Richards' unforgivable trespasses.

I am, therefore, suggesting that you send me a letter along the lines of the enclosed draft with the understanding that it will be used only if your letter to the FCC is published or introduced in evidence.

Sincerely,



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JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION
WEST SIXTY-EIGHTH STREET
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NEW YORK 23, N.Y.

March 9, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Congregation Tifereth Israel
East 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Once again I have come to the United States for another series of lectures.

I know, of course, that you are fully taken up with your other duties, but I should like very much to say that it would be a pleasure to see you again when you are in New York. I do not know whether I shall have an opportunity to come to Cleveland, but I assume you are frequently in New York, and should you desire to arrange a meeting, you may communicate with me at:

Hotel Park Plaza
50 West 77th Street
New York, N. Y.

It will indeed be a pleasure to talk to you again.

With cordial greetings,

Yours sincerely,

G. G. Scholem

Gershon G. Scholem

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

As you may know, each year there is selected in the State of Ohio, a representative mother who is designated as the "Ohio Mother of the Year". There are, of course, many qualifications that are considered, and many candidates to be selected from. Some of the qualifications are — "that she be a successful mother, as evidenced by the character and achievements of her individual children; that she reflect a strong religious and spiritual integrity; that she embody those traits highly regarded in mothers — courage, cheerfulness, tolerance, kindness, affection, understanding and homemaking ability; that she have a sense of civic and international understanding, and has been active in community betterment or in service for public betterment; that she qualify to represent the mothers of America in all responsibilities attached to her role as the American Mother."

We are very proud this year, that the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Greater Cleveland is going to submit the name of our former vice-president and present Advisory Board member, Mrs. J. B. Bloomfield. We consider Mrs. Bloomfield an outstanding citizen of our community for the continuous, positive contribution that she has made over a great many years. We also consider her an outstanding mother, who has successfully reared four very fine and unusual boys. The application that we are submitting for Mrs. Bloomfield must be accompanied by letters of recommendation from outstanding citizens in the community, who are acquainted with her, and her work. We know that you, who have had close contact with her, will feel it a privilege to submit such a letter to us, on her behalf. Since the candidate is to be selected by March 13th, we are, of course, very anxious to receive your letter of recommendation as soon as possible, in order that we may in turn submit it.

Thanking you for your cooperation, we are,

Sincerely yours,

Clara J. Dworkin

Mrs. Harry J. Dworkin,
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Dear Abba:

I returned from the hospital about two weeks ago but am still a bit weak as a result of a major operation (stomach ulcers). However, am gaining strength daily. My main purpose in writing is to tell you that I read in the Congressional Record (February 2nd) your remarkable Address: LIBERAL JUDAISM IN ISRAEL. If it is to be gotten out in pamphlet form, may I have a few copies?

Affectionate regards to you and Virginia.

Yours,

Jacob *Billikoff* kopf

D R A F T

March 9, 1949

Mr. Irving Kane
1991 E. 66th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Irving:

On February 2, 1949 I wrote a letter to Chairman Coy of the FCC expressing my belief that Station WGAR and its manager, John Patt, had a good record for community service. When I wrote the letter I was unaware that this station was owned by G. A. Richards and that there was evidence that Richards had repeatedly instructed his employees to distort radio newscasts so as to defame the Jewish people. The evidence against Richards has since come to my attention and is shocking in nature. I certainly did not intend, by my letter, in any way to condone Richards' misconduct. I want to make it perfectly clear that I am of the firm belief that, if the evidence against Richards is true, and I ^{understand} ~~know~~ that he has admitted the substance of it, he is wholly unfit to hold a public radio franchise.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

THE TEMPLE
EAST 105th STREET AT ANSEL ROAD
CLEVELAND

March 10, 1949

Mr. Irving Kane
1991 East 66th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Irving:

I am enclosing herewith a letter which I believe will meet the situation, if my letter to Mr. Coy is used by the defense to white-wash Mr. Richards. I trust that this letter will not be used otherwise. In any event, I think that it would be advisable to contact me if your people decide to use it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

(sgd) ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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When I wrote this letter, I was not aware that this station was owned by Mr. G. A. Richards, and that there was evidence that Mr. Richards had repeatedly instructed his employees of Station KMPC in Los Angeles to distort radio newscasts so as to defame the Jewish people. I understand that these charges are now being investigated by the Federal Communications Commission. I do not wish my letter which referred exclusively to the operations of Station WGAR in Cleveland, to be interpreted in any way as condoning or mitigating the gravity of the charges which have been brought against Mr. Richards in connection with Station KMPC. If the evidence against Mr. Richards is found to be true, he is in my judgment wholly unfit to hold a public radio franchise.

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ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington 25, D.C.

FCC 49-230
31766

In the Matter of)

KMPC, Station of the Stars, Inc.)
Licensee of Radio Stations KMPC,)
Los Angeles, California;)

WJR, The Goodwill Station, Inc.)
Licensee of Radio Station WJR,)
Detroit, Michigan;)

and)

WGAR BROADCASTING COMPANY,)
Licensee of Radio Station WGAR,)
Cleveland, Ohio)

Docket No. 9193

O R D E R

At a session of the Federal Communications Commission held at its offices
in Washington, on the 25th day of February, 1949;

The Commission having under consideration a petition filed by G.A.
Richards in behalf of himself and of the three above-named licensees, re-
questing the following relief:

1. That Petitioner be afforded an opportunity to
be heard in person before, and subject himself
to interrogation by the Commission en banc, or
such member or members of the Commission as the
Commission may designate.
2. That, pending the conclusion of such hearing of
Petitioner, the question whether the presently
scheduled hearing is necessary be held in sus-
pense, and
3. That, if at the conclusion of such appearance of
Petitioner, the Commission feels a further hearing
is necessary, such hearing be held at Washington,
D.C., on such notice and at such date or dates as
may meet the convenience of the Commission.

IT APPEARING, That the Commission by its order of November 12, 1948,
directed that a public hearing be held before Commissioner E. M. Webster
on specific issues relating to alleged instructions or directives by said
G.A. Richards to officers or employees of said licensees with respect to
the handling of news broadcasts and the extent, if any, of the use of the
facilities of the said stations to carry out said alleged instructions or
directives, and that by order of February 16, 1949, said public hearing
has been scheduled to begin on March 16, 1949, in the Court Room of the
United States Court of Appeals on the 8th Floor of the Federal Building
in Los Angeles, California; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING, That the basis for the requested relief is as follows:

- (a) That a public hearing such as now scheduled is unnecessary because petitioner will admit the truth of portions of the charges heretofore made, and that petitioner believes that with respect to other charges which petitioner may not admit, the Commission will conclude, after hearing petitioner's testimony, that such portions are either irrelevant or of doubtful value to the Commission's determination; and that by hearing petitioner in person an opportunity will be afforded him to admit the wrongfulness of certain acts;
- (b) That petitioner has had no opportunity to admit, answer or explain much of the evidence in the Commission's possession;
- (c) That various circumstances are both in mitigation of petitioner's past short-comings and provide assurance he will not repeat his errors; that petitioner is prepared to offer personally to the Commission his assurance that short-comings of the past relating to his issuance of instructions to various employees of the stations will not recur because of changed conditions respecting his health, his past misunderstanding of the good intentions and motivations of others, and the conclusions reached in a report heretofore submitted, showing that alleged instructions by him relating to news broadcasts over Station KMPC were not in fact carried out by his officers and employees; and
- (d) That granting petitioner's request will avoid heavy expenditure of time by Commission and avoid irreparable injury because of petitioner's belief that his admissions, explanations and sincere assurances will convince the Commission that no further hearing is necessary, and that his appearance and testimony will undoubtedly establish that much of the material now in the Commission's possession is irrelevant or cumulative; and that the pendency of these proceedings have been injurious due to unfair publicity to the petitioner and the stockholders and employees of the above licensees, and that such injury will become critical if a hearing is convened in Los Angeles; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING, to the Commission that:

- (a) The grounds of the petition set forth under (a), (b), and (c) of the preceding paragraph may be fully met by the opportunity presently available to petitioner to appear and give testimony at the hearing now scheduled for Los Angeles before Commissioner E. M. Webster, and that the very purpose of ordering an investigatory hearing was to afford the petitioner full opportunity to be apprised of all the charges made in connection with the foregoing matters and to allow him full opportunity to present his testimony with respect thereto; and
- (b) That, in view of the large amount of information now in the possession of the Commission, which appears to present unresolved issues of fact, it is not possible presently to conclude that the procedure suggested by the petitioner will result in a more expeditious determination of these proceedings; and that many persons who may have information concerning the matters in issue and who are located in Los Angeles, California, may not have full opportunity to present relevant testimony concerning said issues; and
- (c) That, in the light of the crowded condition of the Commission's calendar, the Commission en banc will be unable to sit in hearing for the extensive period of time which may be required for the type of hearing requested by petitioner;

IT IS ORDERED that the petition is denied. However, this action is without prejudice to the right to petitioner, upon conclusion of the presentation of all other testimony and evidence in the proceedings, to request the presentation of the petitioner's testimony in further public hearings in Washington, D. C.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION*

T. J. SLOWIE,
SECRETARY

*Dissenting Views of Commissioner Hyde

The petition submitted by G.A. Richards in behalf of himself and licensees of KMPC, WJR and WGAR admits the wrongfulness of certain acts referred to in the complaints filed with the Commission, and requests an opportunity to appear for the purpose of answering questions and to endeavor to supply satisfactory assurances against even a complaint of bias in the future. It further appears that petitioner hopes to obtain the aid of the Commission in this respect. It should also be noted that the

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* Commissioners Walker and Sterling not participating.

petitioner recognizes that the procedure requested would not preclude the Commission from proceeding with an investigatory hearing pursuant to its order in Docket No. 9193 if it still considered such proceeding appropriate and necessary.

The Administrative Procedures Act provides that an agency shall afford all interested parties opportunity for the submission and consideration of facts, arguments, offers of settlement, or proposals of adjustment where time, the nature of the proceeding, and public interest permit.

In view of the facts which have been brought to the attention of the Commission, I feel that a proceeding such as that contemplated under Section 5(b) of the Administrative Procedures Act would be in order. In my opinion the petition should be granted.



IRVING KANE
SHAKER HEIGHTS, OHIO

March 11, 1949

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Rabbi:

I appreciate very much your letters of March 10th and the courtesies extended to me at our conference in your study.

I want to assure you again that every care will be taken to observe the limitations placed upon the use of your letter.

With all good wishes, I am

Respectfully yours,



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In the Matter of the Petition of

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS

For Revocation of the License of
Radio Station KMPC (Los Angeles)

SUMMARY OF THE EVIDENCE PRESENTLY AVAILABLE

March 11

On ~~April 19~~, 1948 the American Jewish Congress filed with the Commission a petition for revocation of the license of Radio Station KMPC (Los Angeles). The present memorandum summarizes the evidence which prompted the filing of the petition. The Commission has since directed an investigation of the broadcasting policies of all three stations controlled by G. A. Richards.

I. The Licensee

The corporation which operates Station KMPC has as its president and majority stockholder, G. A. Richards. Richards also owns or controls the corporations operating WGAR (Cleveland) and WJR (Detroit). The evidence described herein relates to KMPC.

II. General Policy Regarding the Presentation of News

KMPC has had a definite policy concerning the content of news programs, both sustaining and sponsored. That policy is diametrically opposed to fair and impartial treatment of matters of public interest. Instead it calls for the slanting, distortion, censorship and editorializing of broadcast matter to conform with the personal political preferences and invidious prejudices against certain minority groups of owner G. A. Richards.

From the very beginning of their relationship with KMPC, newscasters were instructed to model their broadcasts along the lines of KMPC policies.

A KMPC newscaster and writer, hired in April 1946, was interviewed by Chester Renier, Program Director, and Robert C. Reynolds, Vice-President and General Manager of KMPC. The first question put to the applicant by Mr. Renier concerned his nationality and religion. When asked whether that made any difference Renier said that it didn't really, but they liked to know these things before they hired a man. After Reynolds and Renier indicated that they were satisfied with the applicant, Renier stated that this employee would find himself not always in agreement with Mr. Richards on policies concerning news subjects, but would definitely find it to his advantage to follow whatever orders he received from Mr. Richards by telephone. He went on to say that Mr. Richards' absence from Los Angeles would provide an opportunity for the newscaster to acquire a general picture from the other newsmen as to how Richards expected the news to be handled. The newscaster then attempted to learn from Vance Graham, newscaster and acting news editor, what the station policies were, but Graham was reluctant to give him the picture. He told his questioner that he would find out all about it when Mr. Richards returned since Richards would be in touch with him constantly. During the first week of his employment, however, this newscaster received from all other employees in the station who dealt with the presentation of news a consistent pattern of "do's" and "don'ts" laid down by Richards with respect to news reporting. That pattern was succinctly summed up by a fellow-newscaster as follows: Any mention of the late President Roosevelt or the Roosevelt family in any but a derogatory way was forbidden; the Roosevelts were only to be put in a bad light; labor, and especially the CIO, was to be played down and shown in a bad light; stories which praised or told of the merits of Jews or Negroes were not to be included in any newscasts; General Douglas MacArthur was to be played up as the greatest national hero (2*).

* Numbers used in the text are keyed to a list of sources contained in the Appendix

"In general," stated a former employee who was manager of the KMPC news room from February 1947 to February 1948, "Mr. Richards told me many times to seek news items derogatory to the 'New Deal', as he referred to the Truman administration. He told me to plug always for General MacArthur and Tom Dewey and to keep hammering away against the Jews who are, he said, all communists" (5).

A news analyst who in 1946 conducted a sponsored program on Station KMPC devoted to news comment and editorializing appeared at the station a few days before his first broadcast which was scheduled for February 4, 1946. Miss Garrity, secretary to General Manager Reynolds informed him that Richards was "very particular" about news broadcasts over his station and that every broadcaster was "cautioned to observe the policy" of the station. This commentator did not succeed in having Miss Garrity define the policy to which she referred. She did say, however, that news broadcasts must be up to network standards, that broadcasts such as those given by Fulton Lewis, Jr., and H. V. Kaltenborn were good examples while programs like those of Walter Winchell and Drew Pearson would not be tolerated (6). In his second broadcast, on February 5, 1946, this commentator declared that a handful of men in Congress were thwarting the will of the American people by filibustering against the Fair Employment Practice Bill. Immediately after the broadcast he was summoned to see Mr. Richards. No one else was present. Substantially the following conversation took place:

RICHARDS: "I've been wanting to see you and get you straight on a few things. I heard your broadcast tonight, and I want you to know that nothing but Americanism will be permitted to go out over my station."

COMMENTATOR: "I can go along with you on that one hundred percent, Mr. Richards."

RICHARDS: "I don't give a good God damn if you go along with me or not. I own this station, lock, stock, and barrel, and that's the way it's going to be. You've got to get it through your head that I'll have none of this Communist talk over my station."

COMMENTATOR: "What in particular did you object to in my broadcast tonight?"

RICHARDS: (Pointing to the story on the FEPC). "This kind of talk...Every foreigner, kike and Russian over here is trying to run, or tell us how to run the country. If they don't like the way we Americans run the country, why the hell don't they get out."

COMMENTATOR: "I don't quite understand, Mr. Richards, just what you're getting at."

RICHARDS: "Well you'd better damn soon find out! Why, when I started out in the world I worked for two dollars a week. Now the God damn kikes and Communists and union racketeers are screaming their heads off for ridiculous wages -- trying to ruin good Americans. Why Washington is full of Jews and niggers, running the government - preventing good American business men from running their own business and affairs. Unless you are a Jew you can't even get a government job now."

COMMENTATOR: "I see what you mean."

RICHARDS: "Yes - and it all started with that goddam Roosevelt. I voted for him twice, mind you, before I found out he was wrecking the country and turning it over to the Communists. I don't want his name ever mentioned on my station! And it's only by the grace of God that we escaped getting that Communist, Henry Wallace, as president -- He's one of the worst -- and I don't even want to hear HIS name broadcast over my station."

COMMENTATOR: "I see what you mean."

RICHARDS: (Getting ready to leave:) "Now...I think we can get along all right if you'll just keep in mind that we've all got to boost America and good Americans."

COMMENTATOR: "I see what you mean."

RICHARDS: "The thing for YOU to do is plug our great men -- tell the people about our great war leaders. You can't say too many good things about the way MacArthur has fought for America. He's one of the greatest examples of Americanism. -- Now remember...Let's have no more of this Commy talk - let's boost the American way of life."

COMMENTATOR: "Yes sir." (6).

Still another KMPG newscaster affirmed "I was...fully cognizant of the constant tacit censorship in regard to the KMPG news operation...I always knew that if I handled certain news items according to my own professional standards of objective broadcasting my job would be in jeopardy" (8).

III. Treatment of Minorities

It was customary for Richards to make numerous telephone calls to the news-editor or the newscaster and writer who was responsible for assembling and broadcasting news (1, 2, 5, 8). In this way, Richards normally dictated the selection of lead items (1, 2, 5, 8). According to a newscaster who was on the receiving end of such telephone calls for a period of six months, the subjects selected by Richards for prominence as leads "all dealt with hate for all minorities. It was a constant thing just as ... eating and not isolated incidents. It was a thing that occurred every day. He had pet hates and he wanted the station to give his position as the only position presentable on the air. His word was law and there was no other way about it. Manager Robert O. Reynolds made no attempt to change the situation ... When I went to Mr. Renier to have a news story killed I was informed that if Mr. Richards had phoned the particular story in question it was to be used according to Mr. Richards' directions or else" (2).

Richards' general attitude on minorities is trenchantly illustrated by his comments, set forth above, on the KFPC broadcast.

Anti-Jews

Richards' dictate to "keep hammering away against the Jews" was assiduously enforced. His habitual method of attack involved use of the entire range of familiar defamatory tactics. These tactics included:

- (1) Suggesting a tieup with communists;
- (2) Expressing or implying some connection with criminal or other disreputable activity;
- (3) Suppressing information which was favorable or might arouse sympathy.

An ex-employee who was news editor at KFPC during the greater part of 1943, noting Richards' continual interference regarding news policy declared, "His hatred for the Jew was intense" (1).

Richards ordered his director of public affairs, who was responsible for KMPC news activity from January 1947 to February 1948, to instruct all newsmen "to make a policy of seeking out stories unfavorable to Jews. For example, he desired that stories relating to Jews involved in criminal proceedings be linked with, or followed by, items concerning communists." Richards stated that "It was his desire that communist-Jew be linked together whenever possible for the radio listener" (7).

When gangster Bugsy Siegel was murdered, Richards ordered it emphasized in newscasts that Siegel was Jewish, that he was buried in a Jewish cemetery, and the funeral service was conducted by a Rabbi. At the same time Richards gave instructions that this story be coupled with items concerning Russia and communism (8).

Richards demanded that a news story, which had appeared in the back pages of a newspaper, be used as the lead on five consecutive hourly broadcasts. The story concerned four men who were fined and jailed for black market operations. Richards gave specific instructions to stress the defendants' names, which he said were Jewish, and emphasized that it was about time that these "God damn black-marketeering Jews were exposed to good Americans for what they were" (2). Similar selection by Richards of inconspicuous black market stories allegedly involving Jews occurred at least 30 or 40 times within the experience of a single newscaster (2).

At Richards' behest, newscast prominence was given to the scandal involving General Bennet Meyers with emphasis being placed upon the assertion (which is false) that Meyers was a Jew (8).

During May 1947 when the Senate was considering confirmation of the appointment of David Lilienthal as chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, Richards issued orders to all KMPC newsmen to broadcast fully all criticism of Lilienthal and to play down or omit comment favorable to him. Lilienthal's religion and

his foreign extraction were ordered to be played up. Richards said that he wanted this done because Lilienthal was a Jew and communist (5, 7, 8).

Richards issued a directive to play down news stories concerning statements by Bernard Baruch. Baruch, he said, was a Jew and much too sympathetic to communism (5).

In December 1947 Richards gave orders that newscasters were not to use stories about events in Palestine or the Palestine Partition Plan. He said that he was afraid that such news items might arouse sympathy for the Jews and that publicizing the situation in Palestine would give aid and comfort to the Jews and communists (5, 7, 8).

Melvyn Douglas and his wife, Helen Gahagan Douglas, were favorite targets of Richards' animosity. In 1943, when there was some controversy over Melvyn Douglas' promotion to a captaincy, a news story about it was published in a Los Angeles paper. In the story there appeared a parenthesis ascribing to Douglas another name which was apparently Jewish. A clipping of this item, bearing Richards' initials, was left on the desk of the news editor with instructions that it be read on the air. "It was obvious that the only reason for reading this item was to publicize the fact that the actor was Jewish" (1). In 1946 when Helen Gahagan Douglas ran for re-election in California Richards ordered a newscaster to find what he called Melvyn Douglas' "real name." He said that Douglas was a Jew and that this Jewish name should be used when referring to Mrs. Douglas (2). Following the election of Congresswoman Douglas, Richards instructed his director of public affairs to delete all items favorable to her, giving as his reason the fact that she was "cooperating with Jews" (7, 11).

While seeking to cast Jews into disrepute, Richards suppressed information which might reflect adversely upon anti-Semites. He ordered suppression of all stories concerning the Klu Klux Klan or Gerald L. K. Smith. Richards said that he had to give Smith a lot of credit for being the fighter that he was, that

Smith's ideas had some very definite merit and, since he could not afford to build him up, he saw no necessity for knocking him down. (2). At the same time Richards sought to discredit a Jewish organization opposing the spread of anti-Semitism. A pamphlet entitled "The Anti-Defamation League and Its Use in the World Communist Offensive" was circulated with the instruction written thereon: "All newsmen must read." The tenor of the pamphlet is indicated by a quotation from Upton Close which appears on the cover: ". . . A picture of what more and more Americans regard, with alarm, to be a secret police among us; and its relation to the world movement which threatens our civilization, reported by an Army Reserve Intelligence officer. . ." (9).

Richards instructed the staff not to use anything by Norman Corwin, whom he described as a "Jew-communist" (4). He wrote letters to Coughlin and Upton Close complaining about the "dirty Jews" in Washington and in communications to J. Edgar Hoover Richards referred, with great circumspection, to the "dirty Arabs" in that city (4).

B. Negroes

Richards' attitude toward Negroes is unmistakably demonstrated by his remarks, quoted above, concerning FEPC legislation. Members of the staff were cautioned by Richards against using any records by Paul Robeson, whom he describes as a "Negro communist."

C. Employment Practices

The employment practices of a broadcaster furnish a valuable index of his attitudes towards minorities. Mention has already been made of Richards' statements concerning FEPC legislation and of inquiry by his subordinate officials concerning the nationality and religion of an applicant for the position of newscaster. In August 1945 a girl applied to Willard Hanes, head of the promotion department of KNBC, for a position as his assistant. After the

interview Mr. Hanes told her that she was satisfactory and that she would be notified shortly as soon as the job was open. While she was filling out an application, Hanes inquired "Incidentally, you're not Jewish, are you?" She stated, "Yes, I am -- should I stop writing?" He replied hesitantly, "No, but let's keep it quiet -- we don't talk about that around here." The girl then decided that there would be no further use in continuing her application and departed (3).

In April 1948, not long after the AJCongress' petition was filed, Richards circulated a questionnaire to KMPC employees asking their political and religious beliefs (10).

IV. Political and Social Issues

There can be no question that Richards made his station a vehicle for disseminating his own political and social opinions and discrediting contrary views. The main outlines of the broadcasting policies he laid down have been described above in Section II. Richards opposed the New Deal and the Truman administration and favored an extreme type of right-wing Republicanism. To persuade radio listeners of the correctness of his partisan stand was the prime motive in his management of the stations which he was supposed to operate in the public interest. For the accomplishment of this basic objective Richards did not hesitate to resort, on news programs, to smearing, distortion, editorialization, censorship, and falsification, practices which constitute the very antithesis of fair and objective presentation of information of public interest.

A. The Roosevelt and Truman Administration

The New Deal, its works, and every personality allied or associated with it, were anathema to Richards. His policy of seeking out, for broadcasting purposes, items derogatory to the New Deal has already been alluded to in a preceding section of this memorandum. This policy Richards pursued with ruthless and unscrupulous consistency.

While Roosevelt was in office, Richards unstintingly insisted that his newseditor clip, for broadcasting purposes, stories which in the main were critical of President Roosevelt and his administration, the OPA, Eleanor Roosevelt, Henry Wallace, Dillon Meyer (head of the War Relocation Authority), and other persons identified with the Roosevelt regime. Describing Richards' method of operation, a KMPC newseditor of that time stated:

"He would call me on the phone in the morning - usually around 8:15 or 8:30 - and ask whether I had read the morning papers. He would then have me go through the paper with him and have me clip out certain items he had noted. These were frequently items of criticism against President Roosevelt: - '...that bastard in the White House.' - as he often called him. The important thing to know is that these items were usually in the form of news stories about certain individuals, Senators, Representatives etc., who had made a speech the day before attacking Mr. Roosevelt and his administration. Some of the stories were quite vituperative. Regarding Mr. Richards' methods, I told him that our responsibility in broadcasting the news was to present all sides of a story so that the public would have an impartial and well-rounded account of the question. Then I would caution him that a preponderance of one-sided stories, broadcast, would label us in the minds of the public as partial and unreliable in our news policy. He would counter with the excuse that '...We aren't saying these things...We're only reading what someone else is saying.' In other words he was hiding behind the words of others and using them to express the hatreds which he wouldn't dare broadcast himself, as himself. His was a policy of piracy: using news items from sources he was not entitled to use, and using them to further his own opinions. At that time I believe our contracted news sources were UP and Associated Press. The items he instructed me to read were INS" (1).

When Dillon Meyer was under fire in 1943 Richards specifically instructed his newseditor to "smear that guy Meyer" (1).

Even after Roosevelt's death, Richards "laid down a blanket rule for newscasters to continue making attacks on the Roosevelt family whenever possible -- this order included a demand that news stories be slanted so as to discredit the late President Roosevelt" (7). Use of the device of smearing Roosevelt's successor in office by slinging mud at the Roosevelt family is clearly outlined in

a letter from Richards to his director of publicity at KMPC. The letter reads in part:

"I believe in making a chump out of the Adm [Administration] at every turn as Roosevelt did for 15 years -- Give em hell where it hurts...

The J. Roosevelt story on 3rd child should be elaborated on by our station. He has been married 7 times to 7 who & what is their history and hook Elliott up with his burlesque queens and other wife. They are the rum pots, dead end kids of the Royal Family that all but wrecked the world -- If these facts are nailed down we can win in 1948. If not no, Wish you would do an outstanding job in supervising the newscasters on political policy all year.

It's the most important job we have ever had to do in 50 years" (12).

Richards gave orders "always to follow any story about communists with stories - derogatory if possible -- about any member of the Roosevelt family" (5).

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt was given the same treatment as her sons Elliott and James. A newscaster stated "When Mrs. Roosevelt was involved in an automobile accident in 1946, Mr. Richards telephoned me and asked me whether it would not be possible to intimate that Mrs. Roosevelt had not fallen asleep at the wheel of her car as the newspaper account stated but that she was intoxicated...Mr. Richards said that if there was any way possible he would like to make it appear in our story that Mrs. Roosevelt was intoxicated without definitely stating it as a fact" (2).

While Richards suggested heavy use of quotations from speeches by GOP party leaders, he issued orders that newsmen ignore or play down utterances by President Truman whom he described as a "fool, a necktie salesman who must be gotten out of the White House" (7).

Wallace was another figure who was made the butt of Richards' crude detraction. On some occasions Richards forbade any mention of Wallace's name on the air. On other occasions he directed that Wallace was to be ridiculed whenever possible, that stories involving him were to be tied up with Russian and communism, that he was to be labelled "pig boy," "peanut head," "screwball" and "tumbleweed"

At the time Howard Hughes was testifying before a Senate investigating committee, Richards issued daily orders to "give Hughes hell." "He told me specifically" a newsroom editor affirmed, "to refer always to Hughes' flying boat as 'the worthless plane;' or the 'mammoth waste of the taxpayer's money' and ordered me to work into the news story the prediction that it would never fly" (5).

A KMPC newscaster was ordered to concoct a story that Edwin Pauley was rumored to have cabinet aspirations which were killed because of the grain speculation he spring₃ (8).

On the occasion of a visit by Housing Expeditor Wilson Wyatt to Los Angeles, a KMPC newsmen was detailed to interview him and to make a wire recording of the interview. Immediately prior to the interview Richards phoned the newscaster and asked him "whether there was some way we couldn't frame questions to be placed to Mr. Wyatt so that they would put him on the spot and tend to embarrass Mr. Wyatt and the administration. After hearing the broadcast on the air Mr. Richards stated it was too bad that we couldn't have edited the tape of our record before broadcasting and inserted new questions" (2). It has been alleged that there was some tampering with the tape on which this interview was recorded (2).

B. The Republican Party

Richards regarded it as his mission to secure electoral victory for the Republican party. In January 1948 he wrote the following letter:

January 21, 1948

Mr. Robert O. Reynolds
Vice President
Radio Station KMPC
Los Angeles, California

Dear Bob:

I am glad to welcome the heads of our three stations and I am looking forward to some very constructive meetings during the next five or six days.

As you know, new developments are coming along very fast in the radio industry and we will have important decisions to make regarding FM, television, clear channels, and so forth.

I place in importance, over and above all these various individual problems, the all important one of a new administration in Washington. Again, I warn you all that without this change this year, our great Country is in for a terrible going over. As I have been trying to point ou and sell you officials for the past seven or eight years, no country can continue to carry the burden of a spend and elect administration forever. We must use very legitimate means within the framework of our Constitution to help change this incompetent, communistic-dominated administration. Without a change in the administration this Fall, we are bound to drift into some sort of socialistic screwball form of government which will make it impossible for ourselves and the entire world to ever hope to get back on its feet.

We need new vigorous, honest, Christian leadership. The kind that Dewey, Taft, or MacArthur could furnish. My personal preference, as you have known for years, is Dewey. He is a fine outstanding, successful, progressive, honest young American, who gets things done. He is a Christian man, with a fine wife and family, who all America would be very proud to look up to and follow his leadership. He will never let our Country down and will make a wonderful president.

Let's leave these meetings with a firm determination that we will plan and work and do as our forefathers did -- fight with everything possible to make this change. 1948 will go down in history as the year America decided not to go Communistic.

When you return to your important posts, I know you will work and plan during every waking hour of the day between now and November to help in every conceivable way to win this great fight. When the battle is won, I am sure that you will all be grateful for the opportunity that you have had to serve this great Country of ours. Please give my best regards to every member of your splendid organization and encourage them all to get into this greatest of all crusades.

Sincerely yours,

G. A. Richards (13).

In January 1947 Richards instructed the KMPC director of public affairs to watch closely the political reporting. Richards made it clear to him that he wanted all news broadcasts and commentaries "slanted" in favor of his, the Republican, party (7).

Richards gave specific instructions for use of broadcasting material prepared by the Republican National Committee (14). He also instructed his director of publicity to "Be on Pettengill's, Benson's, Close's and other mailing lists that are trying to preserve American liberties," adding that "We are helping all three at our three stations" (15). The three publicists in question

are noted for their reactionary views (16).

General MacArthur was to receive nothing but praise (7,8). Indeed, Richards apparently discharged his director of publicity for commenting unfavorably in a broadcast from Tokyo, upon the General's physical condition, in violation of Richards' orders to omit all reference to MacArthur's age (7).

C. Labor

As already noted Richards requested comment hostile to labor, especially the CIO. Legislation affecting labor was supported or opposed in accordance with whether Richards conceived that it would adversely affect labor's interest. He directed that Truman's veto of the Taft-Hartley Act be minimized because "nobody cares what he has to say" (9). At the same time he gave instructions that in discussions of the Taft-Hartley Act the slogan that it was the workingman's "bill of rights" should be used "over and over on newscasts" (15). When a sponsored commentator criticized the Lea Act, designed to regulate practices of Potrillo's union, Richards was angered and ultimately removed the commentator from the air (6).

D. Editorialization

There is abundant evidence that Richards, with extreme frequency, ordered the broadcasting on news programs of political editorials. These editorials were clipped mainly from Hearst newspapers. It appears that frequently such editorials were broadcast without mention of their source or the fact that they were editorials (1,2,7,8). In addition Richards often sought to influence opinion regarding issues debated in forums broadcast over his station by causing insertions in a preceding news broadcast of matter which would favor the side of the controversy that was the subject of the forum (2).

E. Sanctions

The evidence indicates that in the immediate past Richards fired two newscasters and banned from the air a sponsored commentator because they refused to conform their broadcasts to his policies (6,7,8). It is also reported that in September or October 1945 Richards discharged an employee who refused to reveal the political party to which he belonged (4).

V. Conclusion

The evidence leaves no doubt that Richards fomented hatred against minorities, that he devoted a public franchise to partisan purposes, that he flouted the Commission's Mayflower Rule by being an advocate and that he demonstrated himself to be utterly incapable of discharging the obligations of fairness and impartiality imposed on radio licenses.

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APPENDIX

1. John Dehner - KMPC News Editor During 1943
2. Robert Horn (also known as Adams)-KMPC Newscaster
from April to November 1946
3. Roberta Kulchen - Applicant for Employment at KMPC
4. Julius Kuney - Assistant Production Manager of KMPC
October 1945 - April 1946
5. George E. Lewin - KMPC Newsroom Manager - February 1947 - February 1948
6. William Pennell - News Commentator and Reporter on
"Paramount of the Air" sponsored by
Paramount Pictures - on KMPC
February 4th - March 31, 1946
7. Clete Roberts - KMPC Director of Public Affairs
January 1947 - February 1948
8. Maurice Starrels - KMPC News Writer
9. Inscribed cover of pamphlet entitled "The Anti-Defamation
League and its Use in the World Communist Offensive"
10. Hollywood Reporter, April 2, 1948
11. Undated letter from Richards to Pennell
12. Letter from Richards to Reynolds dated January 21, 1948
13. Letter from Edward T. Ingle, Director of Radio, Republican
National Committee to Richards dated July 11, 1947
14. Letter from George S. Benson, President Harding College,
dated December 26, 1946
15. Letter from Senator Gearhart to Richards dated June 25, 1947
16. John Roy Carlson, The Plotters, pp. 265, 338, 343 (Benson);
pp. 105, 124-127, 145, 146, 150, 151, 133, 168, 267, 272, 274, 282,
284, 288, 289, 362 (Close); pp. 132-135, 141, 151, 178, 267, 284,
289-290, 293-295, 299 (Pettengill).

M E M O R A N D U M

March 10, 1949

To: Julius J. Nodel

From: Abba Hillel Silver

1. Our Bulletin again arrived late today - 4:15 to be exact. This makes it impossible to take the Bulletin to the near-by postoffice.
2. At the services Saturday morning, please announce to the children who are going to the Father-Son Mother-Daughter banquet to come with their parents to services at 10:30 and from here, go to the Carter Hotel where luncheon will be served at 1:00 p.m. This will give them an opportunity to join in congregational Purim service.

AHS:er

MRS. ELKAN C. VOORSANGER
1704 East Kane Place
Milwaukee 2, Wisconsin

March 10, 1949

Please Ann!

Ed will be 60 March 19.

When I was in Peterburg in October
Sol and I thought we'd get the gang
together (our old cheery friends -)
in Cheery. But as they stand now
Ed can't even leave town for a
day (his spine is in the last stages -
the preparations) so we are not

is doing any thing.

I do know that a note from
you will make him happy.
I have written Sidney Feeder Chen
and I am writing Mrs. F. Chen.
And I believe I'll write Ego Martin,
whom I don't visit in great esteem
but Edie has an affection for him.
Morgie and Edie always write each
other on their birthdays.
Best for them home to you.

Harriet

DR. MAXWELL SILVER
227 RIVERSIDE DRIVE
NEW YORK 25, N. Y.

3/10/49

My dear Abba:
Greetings. I trust that you
and yours are well since our last meeting
on that recent turbulent day. I am entirely
confident that you consider with me that
your new battle has only begun and that
as in many former and even more crucial
battles you will emerge vindicated - in
good time.

May I remind you, Abba, to look
up for me the names of the personnel
of the Readers Committee of the Jewish
Publication Society and to inform me of the same.
Particularly, to which of them I should
address my letter and forward the manuscript.
If my current Prospect - Simon & Schuster -
who expressed desire to examine the manuscript,
and to whom I expect to deliver it this week
will not, for one reason or another, be interested,
I expect to send it on to Eds. J. P. S.

Incidentally, from Harper's I received
last week an unusual and lengthy letter
stating that if the M.S. were only in the
usual essay form, they would publish it.
They found it very interesting, even "exciting."
For many reasons I expect to leave the M.S.
as is, and so I must follow Richard R. Smith's
good advice in the matter and try others who
may have a different reaction to its form. If
the ~~J. P. S.~~ Simon & Schuster are then the J. P. S. will
~~be~~ ^{be} ~~not~~ interested, I will of course have to have it
published either by Richard R. Smith or the
Philosophical Library whose satisfaction with
it as is but will publish it only on some
author-participation basis.

I will thank you for your early advice
on the above. I am enclosing a couple of books
announcements of the Philosophical Library to give
you some idea, for future reference, of the quality
of their publishing house.

With love regards to yourself. and to
all your wonderful my little family friends, I am
as ever Max

March 10, 1949

Israeli Consul to the United States
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you in behalf of Dr. J. Alexander Neumann, 13800 Fairhill Road, Cleveland, Ohio, who is applying for a visa to Israel. Dr. Neumann has been a member of The Temple for many years and is well known to us.

In addition, Dr. Neumann has been long identified with the Zionist movement in the United States and has given of his time and services, as well as of his substance to the cause. He is a devoted member of the Zionist Organization of America and I heartily endorse his application for a visa to Israel.

Very sincerely yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

March 11, 1949

Mr. Jacob Billikopf
805 Bankers Security Building
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

My dear Billie:

Thank you for your note. I was sorry to hear about your operation and that you are still a bit weak as a result of it. I hope that you will regain your strength rapidly. I had assumed that stomach ulcers was a Jewish disease contracted by those who engaged in Jewish life for too long, but you have been out of it for some time, and I, therefore, was surprised to learn that you were a victim of it.

My address, "Liberal Judaism and Israel", was printed last month in Liberal Judaism, the publication of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. I have not gotten it out in pamphlet form.

With all good wishes in which Virginia joins me, I remain

As ever yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

March 11, 1949

Mrs. Harry J. Dworkin, President
Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations
Chester-Twelfth Building
Cleveland 14, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Dworkin:

It is indeed a pleasure to reply to your letter of March 9th concerning Mrs. J. B. Bloomfield whom your organization is submitting as the "Ohio Mother of the Year".

Mrs. Bloomfield and her family have long been identified with The Temple and is well known to me. Her four sons, all of whom attended The Temple Religious School, are living testimonials to the culture, intelligence and understanding of their mother. Every one of them was outstanding in scholarship and actively participated in the educational, religious and social life of The Temple. Mrs. Bloomfield has always been active in our organization and has contributed unselfishly of herself as well as of her substance to its continuous growth and development. She has also been identified with worthy civic activities.

The Bloomfield's home is a reflection of the best in culture, religious and social, in homemaking and in motherhood. Over it all there is always evidence of Mrs. Bloomfield's charm and graciousness as well as her ability to direct the development of her children with understanding and intelligence.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

ABS:er

March 11, 1949

Ambassador James G. McDonald
American Embassy
Tel Aviv, Israel

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

I should like to introduce to you Mr. Lawrence F. Levenberg, special feature writer of the Cleveland News, who is now in Israel for purposes of study and observation in preparation for a series of articles which he has been requested to write. Mr. Levenberg is one of the outstanding journalists in the State. He has been a keen and sympathetic observer of the Palestine scene for many years and has written most helpful articles on the subject. I have known him personally for a good number of years. Mr. Levenberg is a member of my Temple, a man of fine character and integrity.

Any courtesies which you might extend to him which will help him in his work will be deeply appreciated by me.

I send you my warmest greetings and good wishes.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

March 11, 1969

Mr. Moshe Sharet
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Tel Aviv, Israel

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Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:or

March 11, 1949

Mr. Lawrence F. Levenberg
Cleveland News
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Friend:

I am enclosing herewith two letters, one to Mr. Shertok (now Sharret), Minister of Foreign Affairs in Israel, and one to the United States Ambassador James G. McDonald. I think that Mr. Shertok will put you in touch with heads of departments in Israel whom you would care to see.

With all good wishes and hoping to see you before you leave, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILIKEL SILVER

ATS:er

March 11, 1949

Mr. M. Winograd
128 West 95th Street
New York, New York

My dear Friend;

Let me thank you for your kind note which you sent me and for a copy of next Sunday's issue of the Rotogravure supplement of the Forward. I need not tell you that I appreciate very much your thoughtfulness and what you say in your letter.

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I ~~note~~ that I have quite a number of friends on the staff of the Forward - and also a few opponents - which is only natural. What I am surprised at is that a responsible paper like the Forward would lend itself to what amounts to a journalistic campaign in its columns against me inspired by the present leadership of the Poale Zion at whose head is the "brobyan", Zuckerman. I do not mind criticism. No one should stay in political life who is sensitive to criticism. I can give and take blows, but it seems to me that the Forward might well have looked into the mess of charges, distortions, and vilifications before it opened its columns to the outrageous series of articles by Ehrenreich (alias Zuckerman). I know that it printed an answer by Mr. Weisman, but there were, to my best knowledge, 7 or 8 articles by Ehrenreich and Zuckerman and one article in reply. That, I am afraid, is not playing cricket.

With all good wishes and again thanking you for your note, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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DR. ALFRED G. MOSES

March 14, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
East 105th St. and Ansel Rd.
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Abba:

Replying to your letter of January 21, together with the enclosure, from the widow of Professor V. Aptowitzer, I presented the matter at a recent meeting of our Committee on Relief. The Committee decided to continue to stand by its present rules which restricted it from voting grants to any person other than members of the Conference and their widows. Otherwise, we would be swamped with appeals.

How about a visit to the dear South, land of sunshine and flowers, the land of old plantations, mansions, sycamores and azaleas. I would love to present you to my Congregation. Perhaps, some of these Southern Belles might intrigue you to visit for a while.

Cordially,

Sam
Samuel M. Gup

SMG/mj

212 East Green
Champaign, Illinois
March 14, 1949

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I was a member of your confirmation class in June, 1941 and would therefore feel it a great privilege if you were to officiate at my wedding. Actually, I don't think I would feel right about it if anyone else were to perform the ceremony.

The tentative date for the wedding is September 4, 1949, but knowing how busy you are, I thought it only right to reserve your time at least six months in advance.

I intend to have a very quiet ceremony with only our immediate families present and therefore thought it best that we be married in your study. This is inconvenient however, the ceremony could easily be held at my home.

I am attending the University of Illinois at the moment, but will be living in Cleveland after June 15th. Therefore I shall be able to arrange the final details with you in person, but should like to know as soon as possible whether or not you will be in Cleveland at the beginning of September and whether or not you will be able to officiate.

Thank you very much for your trouble.

Sincerely yours,

Shirley Gloger

Shirley Gloger

March 14th 1949
2070 E. 102nd St
Cleveland, Ohio

To: Miss Fry, secretary to
and for.
Rabbi G. H. Silver

My dear Miss Fry,

Due to a recent happening, am contacting you again in interest of my project.

First, the recent incident:

Have acquired the interest of two professors at Eastern Reserve University, and four weeks from now shall present my plans to them. One of these gentlemen is professor of Banking, the other a language professor. Would desire very much the audience of Rabbi Silver at the same time if it would be at all possible.

Miss Fry, as you know, the human mind has great range and possibilities of creation, therefore, what this writer has conceived could accomplish just what he has set out to do, to enlighten a darkening and threatening future of the world.

When something is definitely conceived to be of beneficial value for people en masse, in the early creative stage, how so annoying it is for one to have only skepticism and eyebrows raised in amusement to his approach of explanation to his creation. This is not meant to be in vein of too severe a criticism, for such reaction is a human nature characteristic, nevertheless, there are numerous examples about this human nature aspect, in biographies and auto-biographies of inventors, creative thinkers in general and great thinkers. The sluggishness of the human mind and nature to accept the new or unusual beyond the accepted commonplace. In the case of this person, it is not unlike the attitudes R. West Fulton, Thomas Edison and other inventive and creative minds received.

Yes, the resultant attitudes are similar, but my creative plans are not inventions of a mechanical nature, these plans are far creating a great tragedy pending in the world today. Far fetched? How can one, or more, judge right fully-

and justify by mere approach and proposal of a hearing? Is not the Testaments rich in wisdom along this score? Did not the great prophets time and again give warnings and remedies to avert great tragedies and the wrath of God? Many times unheeded, the warnings of the prophets come to a happening?

Am I placing myself in the position of a prophet? Are not many of us today wisely seeing what lies ahead? How so blindly are people carrying on in this world today! Neglectfully and selfishly ignoring the evils rampant upon the earth! Can not the people see that this attitude and evil is bringing on a great catastrophe?

Some mysterious, guiding inspiration, has caused me to cope with these situations in a way no other individual, group or organization has and caused the forming of a plan of great magnitude. The forming and laying out of a plan for an astounding, unique, educational, scientific and industrial

exposition for world wide good!
It is the plan and series of connecting
plans, I desire so much to present
to Rabbi Silver! The following will
give an insight as to why:-

These plans are to be presented to
and brought about through, committees and
sub-committees of the following:-

Chambers of Commerce
Major Industries
Motion Picture Industries
Nat. Broadcasting Co's
Educational Societies
Theological Groups
National Statesmen

Theology is of great importance to
the creation and planning of this
astounding exposition. Is not a light
now beginning to shine through?
This is what I expect Rabbi Silver
would do after he had a full, clear
insight to the project; he would call
for a press conference and do everything

within his power to bring this great plan about. The professor of banking, who holds a chairmanship of national banking education, would visualize the many benefits and advantages for banking, business and education.

Rabbi Silver and this gentleman, Professor Albert Calder James, could actually launch this great enterprise. Their stature of position, their great acquired knowledge and wisdom, would clearly glean out insight to the blessings a thousand fold and they would act at once.

The entire layout of plans is of great astoundance, but the most outstanding of all, is the fact there is no conflictive racial, political or religiously.

Now is this something of caliber of interest to the great, wise and good Rabbi?

Very truly yours

How wonderful it would be if Rabbi Silver, a Catholic priest, a ~~Rev~~ Protestant minister, and the two professors of Western Reserve -

- turn page over, please

could see and hear the presentation
of these plans together; at the same
time I have the appointment with the
professor of banking, four weeks from
now! And to have the hearing and
presentation take place at the Temple!
Just such persons, those persons, in
so small a group could launch this
great, worth while enterprise! That,
I know. The two chief persons,
Rabbi Abel H. Silver and Professor C. C. Jones
of the Henry Payne Meditch school
of banking, Western Kansas University.

Very truly yours
George R. Lynch

March 14, 1949

Hotel Sulgrave
Park Ave. at 67th Street
New York 21, New York

Gentlemen:

Will you please reserve a room for Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
for Saturday, March 19th. He will remain in New York
through Monday, March 21st.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

or

March 15, 1949

Mr. Edgar Hahn
National City Building
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Edgar:

Early marriage was encouraged by the Jews. Eighteen was set as the marriageable age, but the earlier the better, but not earlier than 13; certainly not later than 20. According to some rabbinic authority, if a man is not married by the time he is 20, he can be compelled to do so. The underlying principle is that the command "to increase and multiply" is one of the mandatory commandments of Judaism. Exceptions were made in the case of students who could not carry on their studies when burdened with a family. Even if a man had been married and had already had children, he should remarry. "A man should not remain without a wife." This is not a Biblical but a later rabbinic injunction. It is first mentioned in the Talmud (Yebamot, 61b).

The attitude of the Christian church was, of course, very different. Celibacy was extolled by the Christian church, and marriage was disparaged. The unmarried state was preferred. This attitude prevailed practically unchallenged until the time of the Protestant Reformation so that the encouragement of marriage, not to speak of early marriage, was never a part of the Christian code.

I trust that this will give you the information which you desire. I trust that you are well, and I hope to see you in the near future.

With all good wishes in which Virginia joins me, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ARBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

March 15, 1949

Dr. Maxwell Silver
227 Riverside Drive
New York 25, New York

My dear Maxwell:

I have just read in the press that Dr. Jacob Marcus of the Hebrew Union College has been appointed Chairman of the Publications Committee of the Jewish Publication Society. I would suggest that you get in touch with him about your book.

With all good wishes, I remain

As ever yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er
Via Air Mail

The Sulgrave

Park Avenue at 67th Street, New York 21, N. Y.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

March 15th. 1949

Miss Elizabeth Rice,
The Temple,
East 105th. Street at Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Miss Rice:

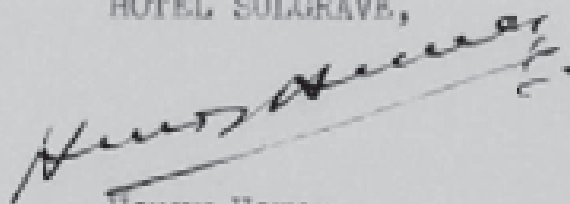
We wish to thank you for your kind
letter of March 14th.

We have been pleased to reserve a two
room suite for Dr. Silver's arrival on Saturday, March
19th. and have noted that he will depart on Monday March
21st. The rate for this accommodation will be twenty
dollars a day.

We wish to assure you that Dr. Silver
will receive our best personal attention at all times.

Cordially yours,

HOTEL SULGRAVE,



Henry Hewer,
Resident Manager.

March 15, 1949

Mr. Elkan C. Voorsanger
1704 East Kane Place
Milwaukee 2, Wisconsin

My dear Elk:

From reliable sources I learned that you are to be sixty years old on March 19th. Were it not for the utter reliability of these sources, I should be inclined to question this fact. I cannot associate you with an age of 60, more particularly, since I am myself rapidly approaching that age. But while time is only relative, it is a very cantankerous relative who surprises us with a visit when we least expect him.

Virginia and I send you our heartiest wishes for continued health and wellbeing in the circle of your dear ones. I trust that some day soon we shall get together and have a belated celebration. Our love to Henrietta and the children.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

Mar 15 / 49

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March 16, 1949

Mr. Sidney M. Weitz
Leader Building
Cleveland 14, Ohio

My dear Sidney:

In reply to your letter of March 15th, I have ordered a plaque with the inscription contained in Charles Ascherman's letter. I hope that it will be affixed within the next week or two.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

ABS:er

March 16, 1919

Mr. Charles Ascherman
503 Hippodrome Building
Cleveland 14, Ohio

My dear Charles:


Mr. Weitz turned over to me your letter of March 9th. The Temple will be very pleased to place the plaque bearing the inscription which you indicated in your letter on the case containing the War Record Book. I trust that by the time you return the plaque will already have been affixed.

Trusting that you and Mrs. Ascherman will have a very pleasant vacation, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



March 16, 1949

Mr. Harry Epstein
3270 Warrensville Center Road
Cleveland 22, Ohio

My dear Friend:

I received this morning your very gracious note and the check which you enclosed, a contribution to the grove of trees on the soil of the Jewish National Fund which friends have donated in memory of my dear departed father. I need not tell you how profoundly grateful I am for your thoughtful act. I was deeply moved by the manner in which my friends have paid tribute to my father and in so doing, have remembered me in their expression of sympathy. Father's life was inseparable from the hope of the rebuilding of the state of Israel. He worked for it with rare consecration, and he inspired many of us with his confident vision. It is good to know that a grove of trees will be planted in Israel which will bear his name.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

March 16, 1949

Dr. F. M. Falkman
14128 Superior Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Friend:

This morning I received the enclosed contribution to the Jewish National Fund from Harry Epstein. It is to go to the grove of trees which our friends have planted in Israel in memory of my dear departed father. I assume that you are the treasurer of this fund.

Incidentally, how did you fare with Mr. Belarsky? If there is a financial shortage, we might get some of our friends to make up the difference.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er
Enc.

care Suite 1401
25 West 45th Street
New York 19, New York

16 March 1949

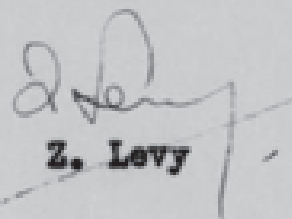
Dr. Abba Hilel Silver
Cleveland
O h i o

Dear Dr. Silver,

As a member of the Herut movement
now on a visit to America, I take the liberty of
sending you the enclosed clipping of an article which
appeared in one of the Herut publications in France.

The article deals with matters which
I am sure you are very much concerned with.

Sincerely yours,


Z. Levy

encl.

The Sulgrave

Park Avenue at 67th Street, New York 21, N. Y.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

March 17, 1949

Dr. Abba H. Silver
19810 Shaker Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

We are returning your check No. 962 dated March 15th in the amount of \$58.55, due to duplicate payment.

Our bill No. 6961 included a transfer of bill No. 6880 for \$35.33, which you paid on March 3rd. Your bill No. 7080 includes a transfer of the balance, \$23.22.

Your account at present shows an open balance of \$48.03, therefore; this is bill No. 7080 amounting actually to \$24.81, plus the transfer of \$23.22. We hope that these transfers to your bill have not confused you, and regret the inconvenience caused you.

Very truly yours

THE SULGRAVE

Leland Houck

Leland Houck
Auditor

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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CLEVELAND, OHIO

March 15 1949

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March 17, 1949

Miss Shirley Gloger
212 East Green
Champaign, Illinois

My dear Miss Gloger:

I am taking the liberty of replying to your letter of March 14th to Rabbi Silver.

Rabbi Silver will be very happy to officiate at your marriage on September 4th if he is in the city on that day. His schedule for the fall is quite indefinite at this time. However, I am entering the date on his calendar, and if he should be called out of the city, either Rabbi Stone or Rabbi Nodel will be available for the ceremony.

Since no weddings are performed in the Study, we are scheduling it for the Parlor, and in order to be sure that it is reserved for you, will you please let me know at what hour you wish to be married. There is a charge of \$15 for the use of the Parlor.

Will you also please send me the following information: Name and address of your fiancé; your Cleveland address and telephone number.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

or



CLEVELAND NEWS

18 March, 1949

Dr. A.H. Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Dr. Silver,

Thank you very much for your letters of introduction.
I am sure they will be very helpful to me in Tel Aviv.

I am sorry I have been unable to see you, but I have been extremely busy at the office and making arrangements at home for my trip. I had hoped to attend services this evening (Friday) and see you later for a moment. But a problem in connection with the Saturday editorial page has arisen and I am going to be delayed.

Thank you again for your kindness and thoughtfulness.
The News and I appreciate your help.

With good wishes, I am,

Very truly yours

L.F. Levenberg

3-18-49

DR. ABRAHAM GRANOVSKY
JEWISH NATIONAL FUND
41 EAST 42 STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

WILL BE AT SULGRAVE HOTEL TOMORROW THROUGH MONDAY.

WILL BE VERY PLEASED TO SEE YOU. KINDEST REGARDS.

SILVER