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Russian guests, delegation from USSR, Cleveland, 1943.

1/ Most happy - add my ^{Prof. Sel. M. K. Hagler - Lieut. CR} greetings to - ^{Styck} ^{Faffer}
Their timely visit affords - express our
admiration - gallant heroic resist
- re-establish contact with R. Jewry
unfortunately disrupted - since

2/ As we sit here - storming Orel
- 3rd Nazi offensive collapsed -
- Another Stalingrad is in the making.
- The disasters on the Russian Front - torn
heart out of Ger. people.
- Our ultimate Victory - soon - joint
achievement - no single nation
strong enough - 3 Headed Hydra -
monsters -
- English - Dunkirk - El Alamein - R.A.F.
- Americans - Tunisia - Sicily - Salerno. Prod
with
- Chinese - Smaller Nations -
- Sacrifice & glory for all!
- But, surely, the supreme effort -
in toll of human life - full weight
- Memories made Hitler shudder
- This was army - to guide & lead
- 4 Times annihilated

- They bled him white - delayed - harassed -
scorched - exhausted - condemned
- Bemildered - outraged - morally
depraved - Bastards.

3) Wounded - Q. course he did!
Butter org - equipt - led -
Vast indust. org - great supply line -
great transp. system -
Couldnt operate a machine - 12 Pks

Underestimated - even more - marvellous
morale!

Wehrmacht - Tunisia - Back by Day
day after day - Levyrod - Retro. Ital
unsubstantiated
This is how a people fights - ideal!

4) We salute - emissaries - brave -
hearted people.

5) on the day - marks beg. of End -
For us.
The Father, S. & S. mentor of all 7. generations

is in ash-can!

(3)

The crying democracy is dead!

He who taught - betray - decent - murder
Stab in the back - ^{the guy - sharp} fake nat. +
fake economies - has put down
and left his land in war - risks
and ruin -

6) Only a question, time now -

- whole evil brood will be swept away

- not enough! Make sure do not return!

- Make sure build world order - not

opportunity for adventures

- Stick together!

- Tragedy - bet 2 wars - hate + surfs!

ambitious & envenomed -

- Fasc rode into power - Hitler got help

- It is not necessary that we see

eye to eye on everything

- R's form, Govt. is not over!

- His Social Econ system is not over!

We have our own traditions - way of life
A diff. heritage - a diff. history!
We do not have to attempt obliterate -
We can cooperate in spite of them!
Russia has made tragic mistakes! So
have we! Paid for them - \$100 mil!
R. has learnt a lot - 20 am mil!
- Need not always look back! >>>

- 2/. Much in common. Time will re-
veal even more
- They hate militarism - as much as we do
 - For Peace - No lust of conquest.
 - Hate Nat. Chauv. & obscene Kaiser's
war & we do! Minorities
 - Hate exploitation - century of
common man.
 - Want world a decent place for
decent man.
 - R. is moving forward towards greater
democ. - as we - p. socialization

With Fas. & Naz. - destine. & Dem. is part
of implement of Program -

And $\therefore$ ~~for~~ ^{we} cannot live with them in
same world - Kill them!

With Soviet - D. is part of Program
to be achieved as rapidly as
possible - but fully realized but
realizable and desirable.

We can live with them in same world

8/ In Greenberg you - proud of R. Jewry!

① Role in Hist. ② Present War.

^{Paid - blood - by}
Signif. role in life of R - 2000 yrs old
" " in life of world Jewry.

Home of some of our greatest men
Most significant movements - Lib.

Heb. Renaissance - Zionism

A great Heb. & Yiddish literature!

Abraham Ha-ami - Levi Pinsker - Wisehearten
Weyzbmann - Brant - Tchernichovsky
Separated - never reunited

9). In its treatment of Jews - all nations
 must progress statesmanship.
Antisemitism - outlawed.
Recognized them as people - same
treatment - autonomous J. state.

10). Due to excessive zeal - J. some J.
commitments - official position
 to Zionism - stupid policy
 - unwarranted - should be abandoned.
 - Nothing in J. - hostile to Soviet Union
 - J. people - want right -
 - genuinely appreciating of them - creating Schools
 - also - right to full Natl existence

11). And so - - - placed prob -
we welcome Jews -
take back - loyal + rapidly in
war phase - -
take back - full Jews - extended
part - all to ap 11 376

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- I. NATIONAL ANTHEMS, USA AND USSR
Saul Meisels, Cantor, Temple on the Heights, and Audience
- II. QUINTETTE, OPUS 57, Dmitri Shostakovich
Prelude; Fugue; Scherzo; Intermezzo; Finale
Jeanette Cherubini, piano Louis Berman, second violin
Homer Schmitt, first violin Fred Rosenberg, viola,
Robert Swenson, cello.

As a tribute to the artists in the armed forces of the United Nations,
Coast Guardsman Harold Fink will play the Scherzo.

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Grand Piano—Courtesy of M. O. Mattlin
