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Correspondence, Abba Hillel Silver to Virginia Silver, 1946-1947.

FOR MARC RAPHAEL

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 - ③ TO VIRGINIA SILVER
- 22nd Zionist Congress

LATER: LETTER FROM ABBA
④ TO VIRGINIA SILVER
ZURICH ZIONIST
CONGRESS

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[1946?]



Wed. Dec. 11.

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My darling.

Well the Congress is in full swing. Weizmann spoke at the opening session Monday afternoon. Poor stuff. Asked for return to mandate, no mention of Partition. Bitterly attacked - not England - but Jewish terrorists! Everyone here is afraid to say a kind word for Partition - not even its former most zealous champions.

I spoke Tuesday afternoon on the House of American Jews.

Received a heart warming reception
and the address was met with acclamations
and cheers.

Ben Hurin spoke in the evening -
a loose, dispirited, discouraging talk -
which displeased the delegates greatly.
We are going to the London Conference,
he said, not to make any further
proposals but to ask for our
full rights! A new film con-
vert! - but not very sweet, I am
afraid

Weizmann was elected President
of the Congress (not the World Zion. Cong -
but to the honorary position for the
duration, the Congress) only by the
lowest majority and after violent
opposition on the part of many of the



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delegates, many voting against him,
many abstaining from voting. He
is not very happy.

I was ~~deputed~~ President, the Conference-
tee, several Gnomes, the world-
and also a member, the presi-
dium of the Congress.

Meeting many people from many
parts of the globe. Had lunch today
with the American Consul in Basel.
Have not yet seen much of this
rather attractive town, but hope to
get a few free hours soon.

Received to-day a lovely letter from
Raphael. Hank had one letter from
you, expecting more.

How are you, darling? I have been
missing you greatly. Are you all
well? And what is new in old
Cleveland?

In 16 days I leave for home.
Love you
Alba.

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[1946?]
Sunday. Dec. 15.

Dear Girl.

The mails are awful. Since I arrived here, I received only one letter from you. I was worried and I cabled you. I was glad to receive your reply that you and the children are well.

The Congress has been moving along rather slowly. The General debate will drag on until to-morrow, and then the Commissioners will begin to meet. The situation here is not yet clear. Very few are for partition - in public utterances, but an attempt will be made at to bring the issue as much to a vote, but some general affirmations of the total Zionist

objectors, leaving it to the Executive
to decide, whether they should go to the
London Conference, and leaving it free
to negotiate, subject to ratification
by either Congress or another Congress.

Weizmann says that he does not
wish to run again. I don't believe
him. There is a strong sentiment
opposed his re-election.

Yon may well imagine how
occupied I am with sessions in
Jerusalem and in Constantinople, meeting
with people from all over the world. But
I am been feeling fine. The weather stuff
which I took every day is a god-send. It
has been cold, damp and rainy.

I love you, Jack. I miss you
much and I dream of you. Stay
well, love, &c. &c.

- Anna



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[December 19, 1946?]

Thursday.



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My darling girl.

After much waiting

I got a second letter from you, to my great joy. It was good to hear from you. It felt you to me like a joyful presence, and you remained with me all the day.

The sessions, the consultations are on. I am chairman, the critical political council, when the major battles will be fought. A strong sentiment is crystallizing in Congress against going to London, and against Weizmann for President. It is too early to say just what will happen.

I spoke a second time at the closing session, the Congress

Very well received. Under separate
cover I am sending you a ~~report~~
the address. At the closing meeting
Weymann took a worthy crack at the
American Friends and the 20th hit
back to-day with a pretty reply which
I am also sending you.

The weather here has not been nice,
cold and damp, but, spending as I do
most of the day and evenings at rehearsals
I see very little of the weather.

I met Joe Soppert's people here
and they are very lovely folks. I hope
to see them again before I leave.

It is not long now before Aug. 27
when I sail for home and you. I long
for you Jimmie — can almost
Cuba.



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[August 24, 1947?]



DOLDER GRAND HOTEL
ZÜRICH

Monday.

Hello, Darling.

As you see I am not at the Bern ansee
but at this perfectly magnificent Hotel
on the left, one half hour out of the city.
It is superbly situated, has its own swimming
pool which I have not yet used,
and all the other appurtenances of a
first-rate Continental Hotel. Above
all the whole country around here is
drenched in water, golden sun-shine.

We have been meeting every day since
yesterday two-three times a day. This
afternoon I addressed the Actors' Com.
and was well received. Ben Janner
is not here - He is arriving here, so

used to have you all around me
and it was wonderful.

I am glad to hear that you find
everything normal in Cleveland on
your return. I am returning as
per schedule on the Green Mary sailing
Sept. 4th. If the dock strike interferes
I am covered by a plane ticket.

I hope, darling, that Doctor S. has
relieved you of your aches and pains.
You had quite a time, it, the last
week or so days, before you got rid
of your fright induced by that tooth-
pull-a was it King's Park-Specialist.

I am feeling fine. Had a good rest
on the Green Elizabeth. The crossing
was fine.

they say, by slow, subtle stages. This
little conspiracy to worsen the American
has, I am afraid, pushed out. We have
a good, active Amer. delegation here and
they have prepared the ground for me
very well.

The UN committee will conclude its
work in a few days. There will probably
be two reports, the majority (8 out of 11)
favoring Confederation (partition plus
custom union, common currency etc.)
The real issue is how much land
will be allotted to the Jewish State -
and that has not yet been decided.

I received your letter, lovely
to hear from you for I am homesick
for you and the boys. Sent ggg

I am sure that the boys are piling
hard on their Hebrew, ahem! But I'll
get for a little while 'anyhow' before they
get away from me to school.

I send you all - all my love.

Abba

