January 3, 1978

See Below

Ira Silverman

MEETING TO COORDINATE PLANS FOR NJCRAC PLENARY SESSION

This is to confirm that we will meet on Thursday, January 12, at 2:00 P.M.* to 3:30 P.M. in the Proskauer Room, to coordinate our positions and plans for participation in the NJCRAC Plenary Sessions of January 22-25, 1978.

In case you did not receive a copy directly, I am now enclosing the materials sent out by NJCRAC as background for the Plenary.

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* Please note that our meeting will begin at 2:00 P.M. instead of 2:30 P.M.

Sent to:

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NATIONAL JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY COUNCIL
CONSTITUENT ORGANIZATIONS

National Agencies
American Jewish Committee
American Jewish Congress
B'nai B'rith—Anti-Defamation League
Jewish Labor Committee
Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A.
National Council of Jewish Women
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America
United Synagogue of America

Local, State, and County Agencies

ALABAMA: Jewish Community Council, Birmingham
ARIZONA: Anti-Defamation—Community Relations Committee, Tucson; Jewish Community Council
CALIFORNIA: Jewish Community Relations Council for Alameda and Contra Costa Counties; Jewish Community Federation, Long Beach; Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation-Council, Los Angeles; Sacramento Jewish Community Relations Council; Community Relations Committee of the United Jewish Federation, San Diego; Jewish Community Relations Council, San Francisco; Jewish Community Relations Council, Greater San Jose
CONNECTICUT: United Jewish Council, Bridgeport; Community Relations Committee, Hartford Jewish Federation; Connecticut Jewish Community Relations Council; Jewish Federation, New Britain; New Haven Jewish Community Council; Jewish Community Council, Greater New London, Inc.; Jewish Community Council, Norwich; United Jewish Federation, Stamford; Jewish Federation, Waterbury
DELWARE: Jewish Federation of Delaware
D.C.: Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington
FLORIDA: Jewish Federation of Greater Fort Lauderdale; Jewish Federation of So. Broward; Jewish Community Council, Jacksonville; Central Florida Jewish Community Council, Greater Miami Jewish Federation; Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County
GEORGIA: Atlanta Jewish Welfare Federation; Savannah Jewish Council
ILLINOIS: Public Affairs Committee, Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago; Jewish Community Council, Peoria; Springfield Jewish Federation
INDIANA: Indiana Jewish Community Relations Council; Indianapolis Jewish Community Relations Council; Jewish Community Council of St. Joseph County
IOWA: Jewish Welfare Federation, Des Moines
KANSAS: (Kansas City—see Missouri)
KENTUCKY: Jewish Community Federation; Louisville
LOUISIANA: Jewish Welfare Federation, New Orleans
MAINE: Jewish Federation-Community Council of Southern Maine
MARYLAND: Baltimore Jewish Council; (Suburban Washington—see D.C.)
MASSACHUSETTS: Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Boston; Jewish Federation of the North Shore, Inc.; Jewish Federation of Greater New Bedford; Springfield Jewish Federation; Worcester Jewish Federation
MICHIGAN: Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Detroit; Jewish Community Council, Flint
MINNESOTA: Jewish Community Relations Council—Anti-Defamation League of Minnesota and the Dakotas
MISSOURI: Jewish Community Relations Bureau of Greater Kansas City; Jewish Community Relations Council, St. Louis

NEBRASKA: Jewish Community Relations Committee, Jewish Federation of Omaha
NEW JERSEY: Federation of Jewish Agencies of Atlantic County; Jewish Community Relations Council, Jewish Federation of Community Services, Bergen County; Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Southern N.J.; Jewish Community Federation of Metropolitan N.J.; Jewish Federation of Northern Middlesex County; Jewish Federation of Raritan Valley; Jewish Federation of North Jersey; Jewish Federation of Greater Trenton; Jewish Federation of Central New Jersey
NEW YORK: Jewish Community Council, Albany; Jewish Federation of Broome County; Brooklyn Jewish Community Council; United Jewish Federation, Buffalo; Jewish Community Council, Kingston; Jewish Community Relations Council of New York; Jewish Community Federation, Rochester; Jewish Community Council, Schenectady; Syracuse Jewish Welfare Federation; Jewish Community Council, Utica
NORTH DAKOTA: See Minnesota
OHIO: Akron Jewish Community Federation; Jewish Community Federation, Canton; Jewish Community Relations Council, Cincinnati; Jewish Community Federation, Cleveland; Community Relations Committee, Columbus; Jewish Community Federation; Community Relations Committee, Jewish Community Council, Dayton; Community Relations Committee, Jewish Welfare Federation, Toledo; Jewish Community Relations Council, Jewish Federation of Youngstown
OKLAHOMA: Tulsa Jewish Community Council
OREGON: Jewish Welfare Federation, Portland
PENNSYLVANIA: Community Relations Council, Jewish Federation of Allegheny; Jewish Community Council of Easton and Vicinity; Jewish Community Council, Brie; Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Philadelphia; Community Relations Committee, United Jewish Federation of Pittsburgh; Scranton-Lackawanna Jewish Council; Jewish Federation of Greater Wilkes-Barre
RHODE ISLAND: Community Relations Council, Jewish Federation of Rhode Island
SOUTH CAROLINA: Jewish Community Relations Committee, Charleston
SOUTH DAKOTA: See Minnesota
TENNESSEE: Jewish Community Relations Council, Memphis; Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee
TEXAS: Jewish Welfare Federation, Dallas; Jewish Community Relations Committee, El Paso; Jewish Federation, Fort Worth; Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Houston; Community Relations Council, Jewish Social Service Federation, San Antonio
VIRGINIA: Jewish Federation of Newport News-Hampton, Inc.; United Jewish Federation of Norfolk and Virginia Beach; Richmond Jewish Community Council; (Northern Virginia—see D.C.)
WASHINGTON: Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle
WISCONSIN: Madison Jewish Community Council; Milwaukee Jewish Council
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