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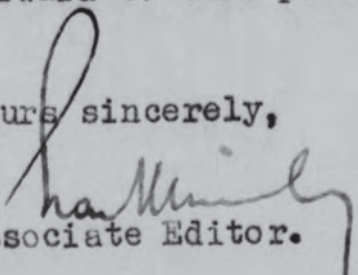
Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are extremely interested in your remarks before the recent Armistice day luncheon as quoted in the attached editorial, particularly where you say that a person who is fighting Fascism and not Communism is an enemy of democracy and vice versa. Incidentally, it happens that I have recently sent to the Christian Century an article saying the same thing in different words.

Now, you are probably aware that there is a very dangerous situation developing in this country which is concerning the National Conference especially. This is the fact that the Catholic Church is furthering a great crusade against Communism while keeping relatively silent about Fascism, and, on the other side, non-Catholics are attacking Fascism and saying very little about Communism. This division is not only playing into the hands of the enemies of democracy but it is responsible for growing misunderstandings and cleavages between Catholics and non-Catholics.

The National Conference is attempting in various ways to try and get Protestants, Catholics and Jews together on a sort of united front against Communism, Fascism and Nazism. For this reason, we should like very much to have you elaborate your thoughts in a brief article of about 750 words for release through our Service. This article will reach the principal Protestant, Catholic and Jewish papers in the country. I hope that you will do this and will let us have it as quickly as possible. This is more than an ordinary request to have an article written for our Service. It is of the utmost importance that you clarify the issue as you have done at the Armistice Day luncheon. I hope I can look forward to this piece from you.

Yours sincerely,

  
Associate Editor.

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## 136 Great Words

FROM Rabbi Silver's very great speech at the American Legion's Armistice day luncheon yesterday: "These forces which believe democracy is a lie, the state is everything and the individual nothing, are today concocting a poison of lies and half-truths, hatred and devilish appeals to class and race prejudice; and they inflict this subtle poison on the masses of people, until the masses are half-crazed by the propaganda; and when these masses come to their senses they are faced by machine guns, and there is nothing then to save them. . . .

"When you meet a person who is fighting fascism, and that person does not in the same breath denounce communism, you will know he is an enemy of democracy; and when you meet a person who is fighting communism, and that person does not in the same breath denounce fascism, you will know him for an enemy of democracy."

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December 22, 1937

Mr. Louis Minsky, Associate Editor,  
N.C.J.C. News Service,  
300 Fourth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Minsky:

I am enclosing herewith the article  
which you requested. I trust that you will find  
it satisfactory.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Enc.



THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE of JEWS AND CHRISTIANS

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February 3, 1938.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Ansel Road & E. 105th,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

At Mrs. Bader's suggestion I have just written Dr. Culler, as per carbon enclosed. We would appreciate your encouragement of the suggestion that this group join as a Round Table of The National Conference to carry out the program in Cleveland.

Your advice will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

L. A. Maffat

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February 3, 1938.

Dr. Arthur J. Culler,  
Heights Christian Church,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Culler:

Mrs. Bader reported, on her return from Cleveland sometime ago, that the local inter-faith group of which you are Chairman had voted to affiliate with The National Conference and operate as the Cleveland Round Table of The National Conference of Jews and Christians.

We would appreciate some official word from you about this because we would want to work out some plan whereby the local members could be registered with the National office so that we would have them on our mailing list to receive the bulletins and other literature which we are regularly sending our members to keep them informed on everything that is happening in this field across the country.

Our Co-Chairmen have just decided to institute a new service. It will be a newspaper to be issued twice a month. Besides items of news of importance, to members of the three faiths, it will carry suggestions for local programs for local Round Tables, schools, colleges and similar institutions. It will, we believe, maintain local interest among the members and stimulate greater activity in the local field.

I shall be glad to go into this further with you at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

SAM-k

(signed) S.A. MOFFAT



March 16, 1939

Miss Wanda M. Payne,  
Secretary to Dr. Clinchy,  
National Conference of Jews and Christians,  
300 Fourth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Payne:

I am forwarding your letter to the  
secretary of Dr. Jonah B. Wise with the request  
that as soon as Rabbi Silver's address on the  
radio last Saturday night is printed, that copies  
be sent to you.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.



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Dear Friend:

We send the enclosed pronouncement which has been prepared under the direction of the Co-Chairmen of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, to you and to several hundred other leaders of public opinion among Protestants, Catholics and Jews in the hope and expectation that you will consent that your name with that of others may be affixed to it.

We believe it to be a statement in which all true Americans can concur and whose publication at this troubled time in national and world affairs will tend to steady the public mind and direct the thought of our citizens to those principles that belong to the true American tradition and that peculiarly need re-emphasis at the present time.

Sincerely yours,

*Everett R. Clinchy*

Everett R. Clinchy,  
Director, The National Conference  
of Christians & Jews



The tragic events in other lands today, particularly in Europe, have had their repercussions in this country in the engendering of misunderstandings, hatreds and hostilities among members of cultural and religious groups. In some instances these prejudices have resulted from divided opinions over situations in other lands which have resulted in cleavages between religious groups in our own nation. In others, hatreds have been deliberately fomented against cultural groups by unscrupulous or misled individuals who are seeking to transplant the animosities prevalent in some countries abroad to these shores.

We believe there is special need at this time that American citizens, whatever their differences of race or creed, should not permit legitimate differences of opinion as to political events or policies to create mutual suspicions of insincerity or issue in unfriendly relations among the groups that compose our common citizenship. We would also caution Americans against propaganda, oral or written, which seeks to turn any class or race or religious groups against another.

We condemn atheistic communism, which seeks to destroy religion and to pit class against class in ruinous social and economic warfare.

We condemn the Fascism and Nazism which promote racial hatred, prostitute religion, destroy liberty and seek to make men the servile instruments of the state.

We condemn the persecution of Catholics wherever such persecution may take place, and all propaganda which advocates such persecution.

We condemn the persecution of Protestants, wherever such persecution may take place, and all propaganda which advocates such persecution.

We condemn the persecution of Jews and unscrupulous propaganda directed at the Jewish group. We appeal to Christians to resist this propaganda because anti-Semitism is a denial of basic Christian principles and every principle of justice, decency and humanity.

Events abroad have shown us the tragic consequences of hatred propaganda: the murder of priests and nuns in Spain; the persecution and dispossession of Jews in Italy, Germany and its protectorates; the suppression of Protestants and Catholics in Germany and the confiscation of church property; the creation of a huge class of refugees of all faiths uprooted from their homeland and, very often, from their loved ones.

Such are the ultimate consequences of propaganda which advocates hatred against classes, races and religious groups. It is important that Americans understand the final consequences of such propaganda. The fires of prejudice burn quickly and disastrously. What may begin as polemics against a class or group may end with persecution, murder, pillage and dispossession of that group.

Consequently, at this critical period, it is incumbent upon Americans of every faith and creed to reject the propaganda of atheistic Communism, of Fascism and Nazism, of anti-Catholicism and anti-Semitism, and all other doctrines which promote dissension and conflict among groups of our population.

There is no place or occasion in the American democracy for prejudice and bitterness, whether racial or religious. The different races, religions and creeds in our American democracy must emphasize anew a mutual respect and hold fast to the ties of goodwill which bind us together.

We summon every American to rededicate himself to America's ideals of political liberty, religious freedom and equality under God. We call on every American to seek out his brother and join with him in common tasks of building a society based on goodwill, justice and peace, so that we stand united as a bulwark of defense against doctrines which deny the validity of these ideals.



PHILMORE J. HABER

CLEVELAND, OHIO

September 8th,  
1939.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
E. 105th St. and Ansel Rd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

Recent years have witnessed tremendous growth of the National Conference of Christians and Jews as a powerful instrument of good will. Although Cleveland has had a unit of the Conference, for a number of reasons it has not been able to realize, heretofore, its opportunities, and the local unit has therefore been reorganized with the view of taking a much more active position. A few of the representatives of the Protestant, Catholic and our own group have been asked to meet for luncheon and to become acquainted, and arrangements have been made for a luncheon at the Mid-Day Club next Wednesday, September 13th, 1939, at 12:15. The room will be in the name of Rev. A. J. Culler.

In extending you an invitation to be present at this luncheon may I say that I am not inviting more than twelve of our own group to the luncheon.

Recent years have been trying ones-old world hatreds were being imported here. During recent years the National Conference of Christians and Jews has played a magnificent role and a very powerful one in neutralizing the poisons of bigotry. The days ahead may be equally trying, especially if we consider the added irritant of hysteria and passion growing out of the current war- certainly, an added opportunity is presented for a positive program which may prevent other groups, as well as our own, from becoming the object of suspicion or attack and which will encourage harmony and unity in the entire community.

We shall count on your attending the luncheon unless you 'phone me that you are unable to attend.

Very truly yours,

*Philmore J. Haber*

PJH/MM



September 11, 1939

Mr. Philmore J. Haber  
Union Commerce Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Phil:

I should very much like to attend the meeting which you have called for Wednesday, September 13 but that is on the very threshold of the New Year - New Year's begins on Wednesday evening and I am afraid that it will not be possible for me to spare the time required for your meeting. Please keep me informed of its deliberations.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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September 19, 1939

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Nat'l Chairman  
United Palestine Appeal  
Ansel Road and 105 Street  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

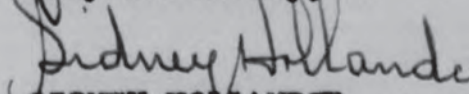
I wrote you under date of June 26th placing before you the request of the Council for a subvention from the United Palestine Appeal for the current year. You will recall that this request was being made at the suggestion of the New York United Jewish Appeal to whom we had applied for a contribution from New York, similar to support which the Council receives from other cities throughout the United States. The Executive Committee of the New York United Jewish Appeal had adopted a resolution supporting a request to be made directly to the United Palestine Appeal and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee for a contribution to be derived either from the specific funds raised by the New York United Jewish Appeal or from the general funds from the agencies included in the national United Jewish Appeal. This letter to you was acknowledged by your secretary in your absence.

With the war situation in Europe and your absence from the country you probably have not yet had time to give this request your official attention. We hope that you may be able to reach a decision soon since the results of your action will determine the financing and the planning of the Council's activities for the balance of our fiscal year.

We feel very strongly that the Council is entitled to support from New York City's central fund-raising bodies and hope that your organization will see its way clear to make a contribution to the Council in behalf of the New York United Jewish Appeal. In nearly every other city local fund-raising is on a somewhat different basis and the Council is regularly included as a service agency by practically all local Jewish fund-raising efforts. In this instance, because of the action of the New York United Jewish Appeal we must look to your central agencies for help in obtaining a contribution this year.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely,

  
SIDNEY HOLLANDER  
President

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**Field Representative**

Arthur S. Rosichan  
Room 320—Chester-12th Building  
*Cleveland, Ohio*

Dear Friend:

As Chairman of the East Central States Regional Conference of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, I am privileged to advise you that the sixth annual Regional Conference will be held in Akron, Ohio, at the Mayflower Hotel, Saturday and Sunday, October 21st and 22nd.

The East Central States Regional Conference, comprising Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia, Michigan, and Western Pennsylvania, originated six years ago when lay leaders of communities in this Region felt the need of a forum where they might meet to exchange experiences and join together in thought and action to meet the problems that their communities were facing. This year with the developments overseas a matter of daily concern to all Jewish communities, with a disastrous war overwhelming millions more Jews and creating even greater problems overseas, the need for strengthening and developing our local community organizations is apparent to all.

Speakers of national prominence have been secured to address the Conference among whom are Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, who has just returned from Europe, and Dr. William Haber, Director of the National Refugee Service, which is handling all aspects of refugee work in the United States. Important issues will be discussed at a number of round table conferences. We desire your active participation in these discussions.

Will you please reserve these dates on your calendar -- Saturday evening, October 21st, and Sunday, October 22nd, and plan to attend?

Very sincerely yours,

*C. W. Efroymsen*  
C. W. Efroymsen  
Chairman

NOTE: You will be mailed a complete Conference program within the next two weeks.



September 21, 1939

Mr. Sidney Hollander, President  
Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, Inc.  
165 West 46th St.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Hollander:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of September 19. At the last meeting of the United Palestine Appeal held on Tuesday, September 19, the request for an appropriation from the New York United Palestine Appeal for the work of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds was presented. It was voted to make an appropriation of \$2500 for this year in the name of the New York division of the United Palestine Appeal. It was felt that the national office of the United Palestine Appeal could not make any appropriation in view of the fact that independent Jewish Welfare Funds throughout the country were already making contributions to the Council. The amount voted is not large but is, I believe, a good beginning. It establishes a contact and defines a responsibility.

With all good wishes for a very happy new year, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



PHILMORE J. HABER  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

September 30th, 1939.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
E. 105th & Ansel Rd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

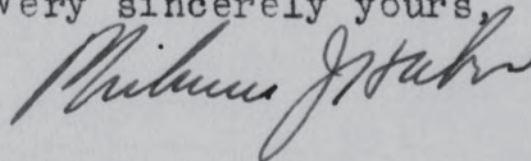
I have been requested to inform you that you have been selected as a member of the Executive Committee of the Cleveland Round Table of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. The Executive Committee will be twenty-five in number, consisting of an approximate equal representation for each of the three religious faiths.

The National Conference, as you know, exercises a very powerful influence for good will and understanding in many parts of the country and it is believed that it has an excellent opportunity to perform a most useful task in the Cleveland area. Committees have recently been at work planning membership and program efforts and an Executive Committee meeting has been called to consider not only such reports but to lend counsel and advice to the movement.

The Rev. Dr. A. J. Culler has been selected as Chairman of the Executive Committee. The meeting will be held Friday, October 6th, 1939, at the Mid-Day Club, at 12:15. A room will be reserved in Dr. Culler's name.

I trust that you will find it possible to be present and that you will advise me accordingly.

Very sincerely yours,



PJH:DF



October 3, 1939

Mr. Philmore J. Haber  
Union Commerce Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Phil:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of September 30 apprising me of my selection as a member of the Executive Committee of the Cleveland Round Table of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. I shall be very pleased to serve. I trust, however, that you will understand that because of my taxing duties as national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal and the United Palestine Appeal, my time for other worthy activities is necessarily sharply restricted.

It will not be possible for me to attend as many meetings as I would like, but I will do my best. I will not be able to be at the meeting this coming Friday.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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MINNEAPOLIS,

October 25, 1939

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am writing you as chairman of the Nominating Committee for the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, asking for permission for consideration of your name for re-election to the Board at the coming annual meeting, as your term expires at that time.

I know of your interest in the work of the Council, and feel sure that you will be willing to continue as a member of the Board. I am anxious to contact the members of my Committee at an early date, and would therefore ask that you kindly let me hear from you within the next few days with your decision.

With my very kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

A large, elegant handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Arthur Brin". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio



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**National Conference of Christians and Jews***For Justice, Amity and Understanding among Protestants, Catholics and Jews***731 Society for Savings Building . . Cleveland, Ohio****October 30, 1939**

Rabbi A. H. Silver

The Temple

City

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You are cordially invited to a Luncheon Meeting at which Dr. Everett R. Clinchy of New York City, Director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, will speak. The Luncheon will be held in the Main Ball Room of the Hotel Statler on Wednesday, November 8th, at twelve noon. The price of the luncheon, including tax and tip is \$1.10.

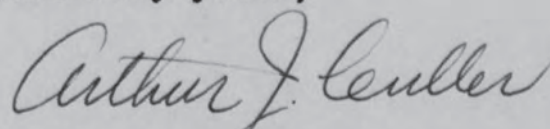
This invitation is sent to you in the confident assumption that you are genuinely interested in promoting that goodwill among racial and religious groups which is so endangered today but is so vital to our freedom and democracy. Dr. Clinchy is one of America's clearest thinkers and most ardent spirits in promoting understanding and goodwill throughout the world.

You will recall, I think, that Hon. Newton D. Baker was one of the founders and up to the time of his death one of the Co-Chairmen of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. If the American way of life is to win out in our confused world, these religions and cultures must live together on a common plane of goodwill, understanding and cooperation. Cleveland should be in the van of this movement.

There will be no business at the luncheon. At the close of Dr. Clinchy's talk there will be an informal question period. I hope you will come and I am sure you will enjoy the fellowship.

Please indicate on the enclosed card the number of reservations you wish to make for the luncheon and mail the card as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,



Arthur J. Culler  
Executive Chairman

AJC:A  
Encl.



November 1, 1939

Mr. Arthur Brin  
Brin Glass Company  
600 to 604 Washington Ave. N.  
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mr. Brin:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of October 25. I shall be very happy to continue as a member of the Board of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds if re-elected.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



EVERETT R. CLINCHY  
46 PROSPECT STREET  
MADISON, NEW JERSEY

December 19, 1939

My dear Dr. Silver:

In sending my Christmas card to you, a generous contributor to The National Conference of Christians & Jews, I want you to realize that the Conference makes this Season's ideal of Peace and Goodwill a year-round practice.

For example, in Beaumont a Christian layman had 77 men as his luncheon guests. After our co-chairmen and I spoke, these men determined to do a thorough job in 1940. Every civic, church, business, labor and agriculture organization will be reached, as well as schools, women's clubs, press and radio.

A Catholic priest and a rabbi from Dallas joined me in describing American ideals before a Roman Catholic Parochial assembly. We said that if a hate movement should hysterically sweep this country, it would destroy community spirit in their town, it would be bad for business, it would smear the reputation of Texas, and it would kill religion. We made it perfectly clear that if fanatical hate starts against the Jews, it would be followed by an anti-Catholic movement, which in turn would crack down on freedom for every thoughtful Protestant. Then we pictured how Protestants, Catholics, and Jews can live together as members of an American family - The American Dream.

The monsignor then asked the youngsters to "sing the song you sing after mass every Sunday." What do you suppose they sang?

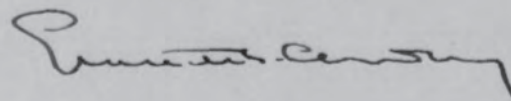
"While the storm clouds gather, far across the sea,  
Let us swear allegiance, to a land that's free!  
Let us all be grateful for a land so fair,  
As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer."

Everyone in the auditorium could feel that these children really meant what they said as they sang the chorus, "God Bless America, land that I love!" One young man said, "I hope you can take the National Conference message to every part of the United States."

The demands upon us to render this service are larger than the available funds. Would you be willing to interest a friend to make a special Christmas gift?

Wishing you all the joys of the Season,

Cordially yours,



Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
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AS CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS  
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IN ENDORSING THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT FOR RELEASE. "WE, THE  
UNDERSIGNED, HOLDING VARIED POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND RELIGIOUS  
BELIEFS, AT THIS TIME MAKE COMMON CAUSE IN COMMENDING

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR THEIR CONTINUING RESISTANCE TO  
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WE BELIEVE THAT NATIONAL POLICY SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO THE  
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WE THEREFORE URGE AMERICANS TO CONTINUE THEIR REPUDIATION  
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October 23, 1941

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
 The Temple  
 Ansel Road and East 105  
 Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

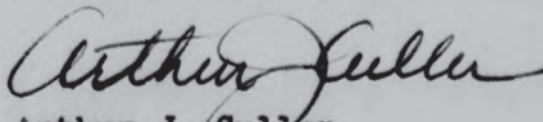
We have been asked by the Fourth Degree Moses Cleaveland General Assembly Knights of Columbus to see the preview of the picture "The Eternal Gift" and to invite all those who have a friendly interest in the interpretation of the Catholic Solemn Mass to attend.

The Right Reverend Monsignor Fulton J. Sheen acts as narrator explaining the progress, calling attention to the traditional acts and reverently translating prayers so that they may be understood by all.

"The Eternal Gift," an impressive work of art, is scheduled to be shown all over the country, not for use as propaganda but to impart information to both Catholics and Non-Catholics about the Solemn Mass. The *New World*, Chicago, writes of this picture: "Catholics will be inspired by 'The Eternal Gift' and Non-Catholics will be intrigued by it."

At 2:15 Saturday afternoon, October 25, we will meet with Catholic leaders in the Music Hall of Public Auditorium to see "The Eternal Gift." Please send a representative to take your place if you find it impossible to attend in person.

Very cordially yours

  
 Arthur J. Culler  
 Chairman

ac/rw



Moses Cleaveland General Assembly  
Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus

invites you

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## National Conference of Christians and Jews, INC.

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**864 Union Commerce Building . . Cleveland, Ohio**

November 12, 1941

Dear Friend,

On November 26, the Cleveland Round Table of the National Conference of Christians and Jews will hold perhaps the most significant luncheon in our history. At that time we shall have with us our National President, Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, Father Vincent C. Donovan O. P., head of the Catholic Thought Association, and Rabbi Morris S. Lazaron of the famous Baltimore Hebrew Temple.

These three men have just returned from England on a good will tour sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews. They were received as emissaries of peace and good will by all classes in England. They have seen the heart and soul of England. The blitz has smashed more than walls and houses; it has smashed prejudices, selfishness and artificialities and has compelled men and women of all faiths to become united on a spiritual basis.

These men are now visiting our major cities - Cleveland being one. We are sure they do us even more good than they have done our English brethren. We shall hear them speak on "War Damage," "What the English Are Thinking," and "What's Ahead for Us?" That is a generous intellectual menu.

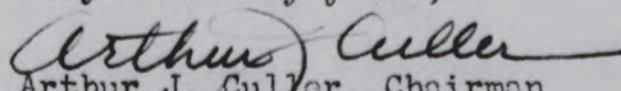
The luncheon will be held in the Rainbow Room of the Carter Hotel, Wednesday, November 26, at the hour of 12:15 on the dot. The price is \$1.15 which includes all tax and gratuities. Let us make this the greatest event of the season.

Reservations may be made by calling Cherry 3775 or by visiting the office at 864 Union Commerce Building.

I would appreciate it if you would get this information to the members of your congregation by announcement or insertion in your weekly bulletin because I feel this will be a very unusual opportunity. I am enclosing a notice for your church bulletin board.

With every good wish and hoping to see you on that day, I am

Very cordially yours,

  
Arthur J. Culler, Chairman  
Cleveland Round Table



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864 Union Commerce Building

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18 November 1941

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple, East 105th St.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Dr. Bird and I both hope that you may be  
able to attend the luncheon on Monday, November 24th,  
at which Dr. Maude Royden will be the speaker, and  
we would like to have you sit at the Speaker's Table.

Anything that you can do to secure attend-  
ance from your congregation we should deeply appre-  
ciate.

Cordially yours,

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November 19, 1941

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road and East 105th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On November 26, the Cleveland Round Table of the National Conference of Christians and Jews will hold a Thanksgiving luncheon. At that time we shall have with us Father Vincent C. Donovan, O. P., Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, our National president, and Rabbi Morris S. Lazaron of Baltimore.

These three clergymen flew to Britain and back in an effort to appraise religious and social developments among the British people. They were received as emissaries of peace and good will by all classes and creeds in England and Ireland.

The luncheon will be held in the Rainbow Room of the Hotel Carter, Wednesday, November 26, at the hour of 12:15.

I am addressing you with an invitation to sit with us at the speakers table on this occasion.

Very cordially yours

*HK Carpenter*

H. K. Carpenter  
Co-chairman, Cleveland Round Table

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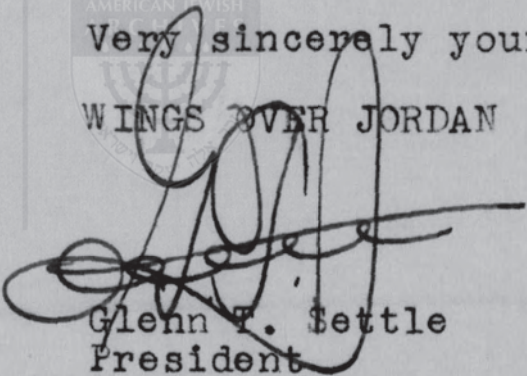
2319 EAST 55TH STREET  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

December 16, 1941.

My dear Mr. Scull:

We will be more than happy to have Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver speak on Wings Over Jordan on February 15 inaugurating Brotherhood Week. May we suggest that you contact Dr. Silver and secure his consent, then notify us, and we will hold the date open for this great occasion.

Very sincerely yours,  
WINGS OVER JORDAN

  
Glenn T. Settle  
President

Mr. James H. Scull  
381 Fourth Avenue  
New York, New York

GTS/t



THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS  
MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Clinchy Date Dec 18 1941  
From James H Scull  
Subject WINGS OVER JORDAN

"Wings Over Jordan" originates in Studios of  
WGR, Cleveland Ohio and is heard over the C B S  
network on Sundays from 10:30 - 11:00 A M EST.





# THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS & JEWS

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381 FOURTH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.

December 18, 1941.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 105th Street,  
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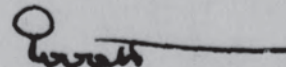
Dear Abba:

Thank you again for the very pleasant dinner that you gave to Father Donovan, Rabbi Lazaron and me when we were in your city. I know that the others appreciated the favor as much as I do. Please extend these sentiments to your gracious wife.

We are engaged now in planning for our Brotherhood observance the week of Washington's Birthday in February, 1942. "Wings over Jordan" the radio program which features the Negro singers and which is listened to, we discover, by one of Columbia's largest nation-wide audiences of all faiths and all races, wants you to give the message Sunday February 15th. You will speak from Cleveland. The man who is in control is Rev. Glenn Settle, of your city. He has assured us that he will hold open the date until we can get your acceptance and then we will put him in touch with you. It is a short five minute talk as I understand it and the theme will be in accord with the attached folder which we are issuing for Brotherhood Week.

I very much want you to say Yes.

Cordially and faithfully yours,



Everett R. Clinchy.

ERC:WMP



December 22, 1941

Dr. Everett R. Clinchy  
The National Conference of Christians & Jews  
381 Fourth Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Everett:

Thank you so much for your letter of December 18. I wish I could take part in the "Wings of Jordan" program. But as you know, my own services at The Temple are held every Sunday morning from 10:30 to 12:00 and I cannot get away for any broadcast.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:EK



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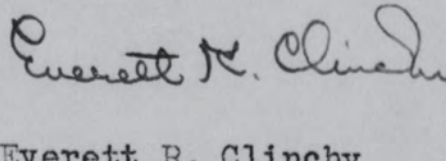
Dear Rabbi Silver:

The National Conference of Christians and Jews believes that the discussion of the principles of an international peace can profitably be carried on in all American communities even now while the entire nation is vigorously mobilizing for the prosecution of war. It is too early to come to decisions, but not too early to think. The Conference is, of course, primarily concerned with such questions as religious freedom and rights of minority groups in the post-war world.

If you are of the opinion that such discussions should be stimulated now, will you be one of twenty-five leading citizens to whom I am addressing this, who will write me a short letter - not more than fifty words is needed - giving your opinion. We wish to be able to quote what you say.

Since time is of the essence, a prompt reply will be most helpful.

Sincerely yours,



Everett R. Clinchy

P. S. If you care to send a photograph to use with this, we will be glad to have it.



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381 FOURTH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.

January 16, 1942

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

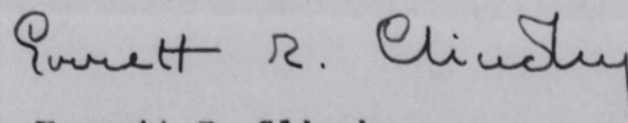
In the belief that the present situation calls for a statement of the religious principles on which Protestants, Catholics and Jews are agreed, I am enclosing the text of a statement which 16 men have signed.

You will note that this statement does not attempt to minimize religious differences. Its purpose is to affirm those things which are held in common. Such an affirmation, I believe, will state certain important spiritual issues involved in the situation today.

I hope very much that you will agree to lend your name to this statement, which will be released to the press February 15th.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Sincerely yours,



Everett R. Clinchy,  
President.



(Not to be printed in any form until date of release  
for newspapers, Sunday, February 15, 1942.)

Reply to: Everett R. Clinchy  
381 Fourth Avenue  
New York City

S T A T E M E N T

We, the undersigned individuals of the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths, facing the fact that our country is at war and viewing the present catastrophic result of Godlessness in the world, affirm the following common and fundamental religious beliefs. We believe these convictions are important to every religious person, and are the foundation of our national life.

As Protestants, Catholics and Jews, we acknowledge again our abiding loyalty to our respective religious convictions. We recognize differences in many important beliefs. The following statement is, therefore, not a profession of faith to be considered sufficient or complete by any of us, but an expression of certain basic convictions which we share.

We believe in one God, Creator, Sustainer, and Goal of the universe. Though we have distinctive views as to the nature and content of God's more direct revelation, we hold that He also manifests His being, power, wisdom and love through His works and especially in the mind, will and personality of man.

We believe that the mind of man reflects, though imperfectly, the mind of God, and we reject, as a betrayal of human dignity, all attempts to explain man in merely material terms.

We believe that God's all holy will is the ultimate sanction of human morality, that man's true freedom and happiness depends on his adherence to divine will as known to him. We reject all deterministic interpretations of man and all reduction of his moral duties to mere custom or social adjustment.

We believe that recognition of man's dependence on God is the only path to the progress of true civilization; that nations, as well as individuals, have the duty of recognizing this; and that education or social theories which would state man's duties, standards and happiness without reference to God are doomed to failure.

We believe democracy to be, potentially, the only desirable form of government for our nation and for countries of similar self-governing traditions, but that no political forms can in the long run bring liberty and happiness to a society in which moral and religious duties are denied or neglected.

We believe that God's fatherly providence extends equally to every human being. We reject theories of race which attribute the essential superiority of one racial strain over another. We acknowledge every man as our brother. We respect and champion his inalienable rights, and are determined to do all in our power to promote man's temporal and spiritual welfare, as necessary consequences of our duty to God.



We believe, with the founders of this republic, that individual rights are an endowment from God, and we reject, as certain to result in the enslavement of man, all denials of this principle.

Signed:

Father T. Lawrason Riggs, Yale University  
President Henry Sloane Coffin, Union Theological Seminary  
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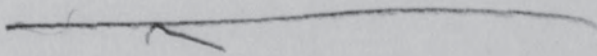
Dear Friend:

Enclosed is a statement of protest against the massacre of the entire town of Lidice in Czechoslovakia by Nazis. We are asking Protestant, Catholic and Jewish leaders throughout the country to join in signing this statement as an expression of the religious conscience of America.

If this statement is acceptable to you, will you please return it with your signature, by airmail, as quickly as possible so we may release the statement with the accompanying signatures to the press.

Yours sincerely,

Everett R. Clinchy.





## OHIO-WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA REGION

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September 25, 1942

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
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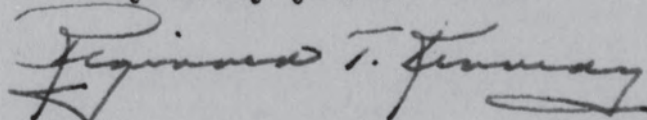
Dear Rabbi Silver:

May we cordially invite you to be a guest of honor  
at the Cleveland Round Table luncheon in honor of the  
chaplains of our armed forces on Tuesday, October 6th  
at 12:15 p.m. at the Hotel Carter. Our guest speakers  
will be:

Chaplain Max Braude, Chaplains School,  
Harvard University  
Col. Albert L. Evans, Fifth Service  
Command, Fort Hayes, Columbus  
Chaplain George A. Rosso, U.S. Naval  
Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill.

We sincerely hope that you will be able to accept  
our invitation.

Very truly yours



Reginald T. Kennedy  
Regional Director

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September 28, 1942

Mr. Reginald T. Kennedy, Regional Director  
National Conference of Christians and Jews  
864 Union Commerce Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

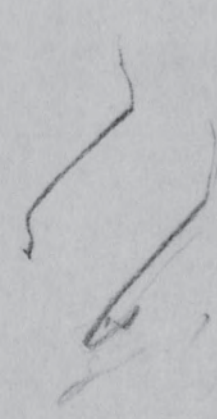
My dear Mr. Kennedy:

Thank you for your kind invitation to be  
your guest on October 6 at the Cleveland Round  
Table. I appreciate your thoughtfulness in  
inviting me. If I am in the city I shall be  
very happy to come.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK





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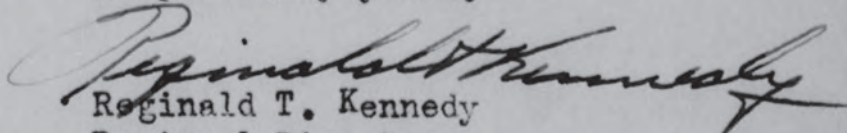
Dear Rabbi:

It was with real interest that I learned of the action of the Federal Council of Churches in setting aside Sunday, May 2, as a "Day of Compassion in which all Christian people are invited to join in intercession for the Jewish people of Europe who are victims of racial and religious persecution". I do trust that it will be widely observed. In trying to do our part, we have written to the presidents of every ministerial association in Ohio hoping, thereby, to strengthen the call of the Federal Council.

A tentative N B C network broadcast is scheduled for Sunday, from 1:30 to 2:00 P. M., and we hope that the N B C Cleveland outlet will carry the program.

We have also received the Human Relations Pamphlet No. 3 entitled "Christians Protest Persecution" which is published and distributed by the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Believing that you will be interested in the pamphlet, I am sending a copy to you under separate cover.

Respectfully yours,

  
Reginald T. Kennedy  
Regional Director

RTK/ep



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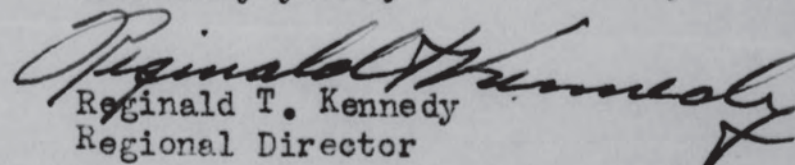
Dear Dr. Silver:

Please accept our sincere thanks for your renewed contribution to the Cleveland Round Table of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

We are very glad to have you as a contributor and to have your interest in our work which is so important at this time, not only in maintaining a high morale on the home front during the war period but also in creating a climate of opinion that will prevent a repetition of the hate movements that followed the last World War.

Hoping that our work will justify your continued interest and support, I remain

Sincerely yours,

  
Reginald T. Kennedy  
Regional Director

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381 FOURTH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.

August 20, 1943

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
East 105th Street and Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

During the past year the National Conference has begun the publication of a new series of pamphlets called Human Relations Pamphlets. Four issues have been released, the first three of which we are sending you. Number four, a reprint of "The World We Want to Live In" is now on the press.

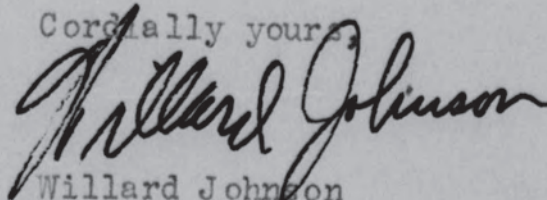
We are now ready for number five which we wish to devote to cooperation among religious groups. It will be used first for Chaplains and men in the armed forces but will be addressed generally to Americans.

We should like to have you write for us a 3,000 word manuscript on the general theme of cooperation as a necessity for post-war reconstruction. Other sections will deal with Catholic philosophy of cooperation and a case study of contemporary cooperative activities.

We hope it will be possible for you to accept. Such a pamphlet will be of immense help for now and the post war period.

We should like to have the volume ready within a month of six weeks. Won't you say "yes"?

Cordially yours,



Willard Johnson  
Assistant to the President

WJ/et



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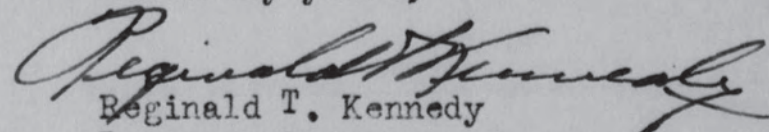
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The Temple  
Answl Road and E. 105th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Cleveland Round  
Table of the National Conference of Christians and Jews,  
may I cordially invite you to be our guest of honor at the  
Chaplains' Luncheon at the Hotel Cleveland, on Monday,  
October 11, at 12:15 P.M.

This luncheon is in honor of the Chaplains of our Armed  
Forces, and we would be highly honored by your acceptance of  
our invitation.

Sincerely yours,

  
Reginald T. Kennedy  
Regional Director

RTK/ep



October 1, 1943

Mr. Reginald T. Kennedy, Regional Director  
Cleveland Round Table of the  
National Conference of Christians and Jews  
864 Union Commerce Building  
Cleveland 14, Ohio

My dear Mr. Kennedy:

I deeply appreciate your kind invitation to be with you at the Chaplains' Luncheon on October 11. I regret deeply that I will not be able to attend the meeting as I am scheduled to be in Washington on that day.

Please convey to the Chaplains in attendance my warmest greetings and my tribute to the great services which they are rendering the cause of Religion and of America.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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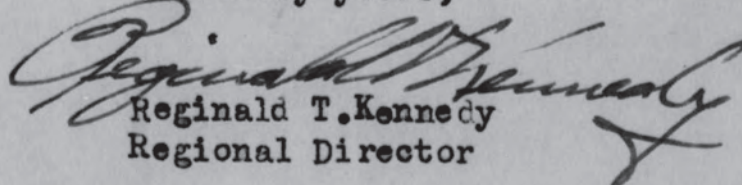
Rabbi Abba H. Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Rd. and East 105th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Last year, churches and synagogues in Greater Cleveland participated in the observance of "I Am An American Day", the purpose of which is defined in the enclosed Presidential proclamation. At the urging of national and local government officials, we are again suggesting that churches and synagogues observe the day and have sent copies of the proclamation to all churches and synagogues.

It would be extremely helpful if you endorsed the observance in the form of a letter to this office which we could then release to the press, together with letters from leaders of the Catholic and Protestant creeds. Will you kindly do this for us?

Sincerely yours,

  
Reginald T. Kennedy  
Regional Director

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May 12, 1944

Mr. Reginald T. Kennedy, Regional Director  
Cleveland Round Table  
National Conference of Christians and Jews  
864 Union Commerce Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Kennedy:

I am sorry that I have delayed  
in complying with your request but I have been  
away from the city much of the time. I hope  
that the enclosed statement will not come too  
late for your purposes.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



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October 26, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel at 105th St.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

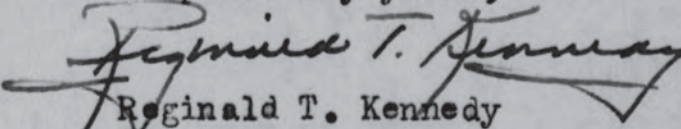
At the request of the Navy Department, I am asking your help in publicizing an inter-faith program in the Public Auditorium the night October 26th, in observance of Navy Day.

The speakers will be, Captain Robert D. Workman, ChC, USN, Director of the Chaplain's Division of the Bureau of Naval Personnel, Navy Department, Washington, and Captain J. T. Casey, ChC, USN, Ninth Naval District Chaplain. Also Lt. Comm. Joshau L. Goldberg, 3rd Naval Dst.

Instrumental music for the service will be provided by the Cleveland Women's Orchestra, Hyman Schandler, Conductor; and Vincent Percy, Organist. Choir renditions will be given by navy personnel. The doors to the auditorium will be open at 7 P. M.

With sincere thanks.,

Respectfully yours,

  
Reginald T. Kennedy  
Regional Director

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April 25, 1949

Dr. A.H. Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th and Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

We are pleased to have you at our speakers table  
for the Paul G. Hoffman Citation Dinner.

May we ask you to meet at 7:15 p.m. in the  
Statler Hotel in Parlor M. on the ballroom  
balcony level. We shall proceed from there to  
the speakers table. Those seated at the head  
table will be in dinner dress.

We are enclosing a Speakers Schedule for your  
use and information.

Respectfully yours,

*Thomas A. Clemente*

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Public Relations

TAC:bg  
enc.



# D I N N E R   S C H E D U L E

George M. Humphrey	Call to order	7:30 p.m.
Christopher Lynch	National Anthem	7:35
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver	Invocation	7:38
Dinner	Completed	9:00
George M. Humphrey	Introduce Toastmaster	2 minutes
Elmer L. Lindseth	Toastmaster	2 minutes
Mayor Thomas A. Burke		3 minutes
Thomas E. Braniff		3 minutes
Christopher Lynch	Solo	7 minutes
Dr. Everett R. Clinchy		10 minutes
George M. Humphrey	Introduces Paul Hoffman to receive citation	3 minutes
A. M. Luntz	Presents citation	2 minutes
Paul G. Hoffman	"ECA and World Brother- hood"	9:35
Bishop Beverly Tucker	Benediction	





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May 2, 1949

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th St. and Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you ever so much for participating in our Twentieth Anniversary Dinner in Cleveland. It meant a great deal to Paul Hoffman to have the honor of your presence. I personally appreciated your coming because your sponsorship of the objectives and program of the National Conference is of great public effect.

Sincerely,

*Everett R. Clinchy*  
Everett R. Clinchy



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*Please return  
to AHS*

February 27, 1951

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th St. and Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Your Brotherhood broadcast, "One World - Indivisible" is admirable, and from many points of view. It is radical, i.e., deals with the root of democracy and brotherhood. The basic principles which it asserts are religious in the broadest sense - Protestant, Catholic and Jew proclaim them. They are affirmed with an eloquence that few could equal. I am delighted to see it. You have done the National Conference a great service. It means very much to me personally to have you take so strong a stand with our work.

Yours sincerely,

*Everett R. Clinchy*  
Everett R. Clinchy



The Cleveland Graphite Bronze Company  
Cleveland

JAMES L. MYERS  
PRESIDENT

September 24, 1951

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th St. & Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

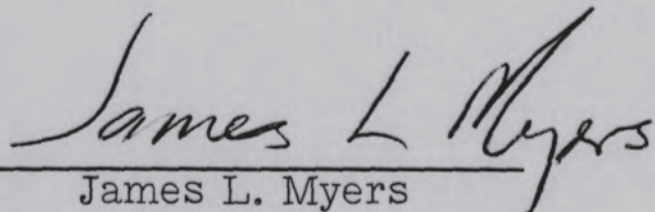
You will be glad to know that the National Conference of Christians and Jews is going to honor Louis B. Seltzer, Editor of The Cleveland Press, with a national award for his outstanding contributions to the field of human relations over the past thirty years.

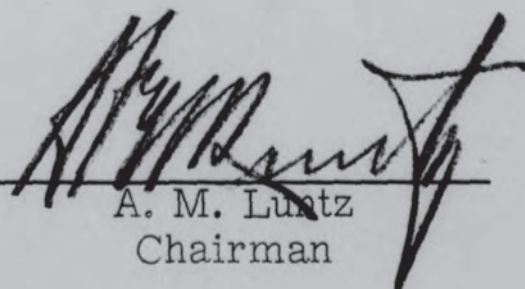
The award will be presented at a citation dinner on Wednesday, December 5, 1951 at the Hotel Statler. Similar awards have been made in the past to Henry Ford II (New York 1948), Paul Hoffman (Cleveland 1949), and to Charles E. Wilson (Detroit 1950).

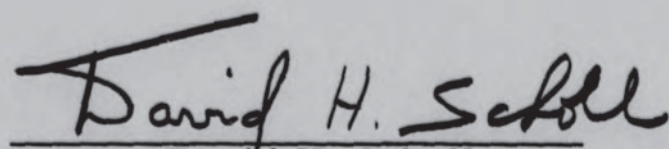
The committee arranging the recognition has promised an internationally-known figure as the principal speaker. Plans for the event call for the donation of all proceeds to further the work of the Cleveland Round Table, local office of the National Conference.

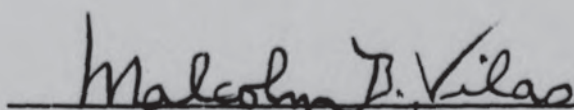
Because this is a civic affair of prime importance, the committee would like you to serve as a sponsor and to lend your name and support. We are going to make this the outstanding affair of its kind ever held in Cleveland. We know that you will be eager to cooperate.

Sincerely,

  
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November 15, 1951

Dear Sponsor:

As a special and personal tribute to Mr. Louis B. Seltzer we would like to present him with a handsomely-bound volume containing congratulatory messages from leaders in industry, business, church and state. This book will be given to him at the Citation Dinner in his honor on Sunday, December 2nd, at which time he will receive a national award of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

We would like you, as a sponsor of the dinner, to write him an appropriate message on your official stationery and send it to the Cleveland Round Table, 686 Union Commerce Building, Cleveland 14, Ohio. You may make the message as personal or as formal as you wish and any length you desire. All letters must be received by Friday, November 23rd to be included in the book. The book is to be a complete surprise for Mr. Seltzer and we hope you will keep the secret.

Seating assignments for the dinner are being made now. Tickets will be mailed next week. If you plan to attend and have not made your reservation we urge you to do so as soon as possible.

Cordially,

James L. Myers  
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November 16, 1951

Mr. Louis B. Seltzer  
c/o Cleveland Round Table  
686 Union Commerce Building  
Cleveland 14, Ohio

My dear Friend:

May I join your host of friends who delight in honoring you on the occasion of the Citation Award which the National Conference of Christians and Jews is bestowing upon you. There is nothing more important in the world today than the fostering of good will between groups and peoples. For as many years as I have known you, you have endeavored to do just that, and your efforts, as you see, have not been unnoticed by men and women of good will throughout our country. I pray that you will have the strength to continue your indispensable service to our world which is so distraught and so gravely menaced by the dark forces of disunion, intolerance and reaction.

Great peace shall come to them who love their fellowmen.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



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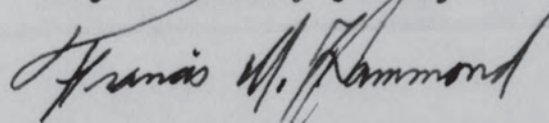
June 12, 1952

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am sending you a copy of "The American Dream" written by the Rev. John A. O'Brien and published jointly by Our Sunday Visitor and the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Mr. Robinson asks me to send you this copy with the hope that you would do a review of it for us. We have secured an excellent review of it from the Rev. John LaFarge and from the Rev. Joseph Sizoo - Catholic and Protestant - and we would like to have some observations from a prominent Jewish leader. Thanking you in advance for any consideration you care to give, I am

Very sincerely yours,



Francis M. Hammond  
Assistant Director  
Commission on Religious Organizations

FMH:ea

Encl:



June 16, 1952

Mr. Francis M. Hammon  
National Conference of Christians & Jews  
381 Fourth Avenue  
New York 16, New York

My dear Mr. Hammond:

Thank you for your kind letter of June 12th inviting me to review Rev. John O'Brien's "The American Dream". Unfortunately, I am leaving in a few days for my vacation and I shall be gone most of the summer, and it is, therefore, with regret that I must decline your invitation.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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September 30, 1952

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

As part of the 25th Anniversary celebration of the National Conference of Christians and Jews we are issuing a Quarter-Century Report that will relate the story of the organization's activities since 1928. The Anniversary Report will also credit the cooperation of men like you who have given leadership in the effort to build good will and understanding among Protestants, Catholics and Jews.

I would very much like to use in our Report a paragraph giving your opinion of the value of this work, its meaning in the past 25 years, and its future significance.

Would you please send me, as promptly as you can, your statement. I would greatly appreciate receiving it.

Sincerely yours,

*Everett R. Clinchy*  
Everett R. Clinchy

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25th ANNIVERSARY YEAR 1953

*Theme: Moral and spiritual resources for the brotherhood of man*



October 17, 1952

Dr. Everett R. Clinchy  
National Conference of Christians & Jews  
381 Fourth Avenue  
New York 16, New York

My dear Dr. Clinchy:

I am enclosing herewith a brief statement which you requested in connection with the 25th anniversary celebration of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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*Tentative - not for publication*

May 11, 1953

DRAFT

TO: Office of the President of the United States  
FROM: The National Conference of Christians and Jews  
SUBJECT: PROPOSAL FOR A WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON OUR MORAL AND SPIRITUAL  
RESOURCES FOR BROTHERHOOD, November 7-11, 1954.

Background:

The most urgent need in our present world struggle is for a fresh, full restatement of the basic values underlying the American way of life and their implication for the free world. Basic to any such reappraisal and re-statement is a clear-cut elucidation of the moral and religious bases of our society which undergird civil and political liberties, and the workings of a free, competitive, dynamic economic system.

With every increase in our national power and wealth, our moral responsibilities increase in like measure. The future of our democratic society is in a large measure dependent upon how we face that moral challenge. The course America will follow is due in no small measure to what we as individuals take our basic values to be -- what we really think about the true nature of a human being, his freedom, his destiny and his relationships to others. Amid the confusion and power clashes on all sides of us, we are tempted to forget, or to minimize, or to under-estimate the importance of inner, moral directives, and turn instead to outer economic and social influences as those decisive for action. Yet the evidence of the way the philosophy of Marx has set one half the world against the other is a shocking reminder of the profound practical importance of a man's beliefs.



Rabbi. Abba Hillel Silver

Can you take the time

Everett Ross Clinchy

to suggest changes before  
this goes to the President?  
Everett



The American people do not fully realize the tremendous advances we have made in the field of human relations in recent years towards the clarification, formulation and securing of these goals. These gains need to be inventoried, appraised and made explicit. We propose, therefore, that a White House Conference be convened to bring together our ablest and most thoughtful minds -- theorists and practitioners, scholars, scientists, religious, governmental and business leaders -- in order to hear first-hand the contributions from their respective fields, to consider and correlate this evidence, and to focus national attention on the spiritual resources of our nation.

Objectives:

(1) To promote the common good through an inventory of our moral and spiritual resources, (2) to relate these resources to the maintenance of national unity and the deepening of the sense of brotherhood at home and abroad, (3) to learn from governmental officials the areas of greatest need and primary concern, (4) to consider the ways these resources may be used, fortified and disseminated through churches and synagogues, schools and universities, community organizations, labor and management organizations, and mass communications, and (5) to summarize and present these findings and recommendations to the American people through the President of the United States.

Scope and Program:

The White House Conference, called by the President, will be an assembly of citizens of various religions and ethnic groups and representatives from agencies working in the field of human relations. The sponsoring and coordinating agency will be the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Program, administrative and other details will be worked out through appropriate committees involving participating organizations and groups.



Government leaders will be invited to brief the delegates. Experienced leaders from the fields of religion, science and education will bring to the assembly the findings, practices and goals in their respective competencies and confer in work groups. Preparatory studies will furnish additional basic data for the use of the Conference. Some 30 work groups will deal with the problems and issues involved in the attainment of the objectives of the Conference. For example, in the area of churches and synagogues, we propose that seven work groups will consider specific aspects of the problem as follows: (1) Religious Sources of our National Life; (2) Confronting Communism; (3) Integrity in Civic Matters; (4) Family Life; (5) The Social Teachings of Religious Institutions; (6) International Relationships; (7) New Resources Through Understanding and Cooperation. Similarly, in other areas of community life. Advisory, coordinating, evaluation and procedural committees will report to the general sessions at frequent intervals to insure a closely integrated and overall unified pattern.

At the final plenary session, the findings will be appraised and correlated, plans for future action will be based on them, and recommendations will be made that will inspire and guide the broad basic objectives for work by the American people in the area of human relations in the years ahead.



Sunday, Nov. 7, 1954

12:00 noon - 7:00 p.m.

Registration, Exhibits

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Opening General Session

Monday, Nov. 8, 1954

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

White House Briefing \*

2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Work Groups

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Evening General Session, Churches and  
Synagogues

Tuesday, Nov. 9, 1954

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Morning General Session, Schools and  
Universities

10:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Work Groups

2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Work Groups

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Evening General Session, Labor-Management  
Organizations

Wednesday, Nov. 10, 1954

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Morning General Session, Community Orgs.

9:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Work Groups

2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Special Committee Meetings

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Evening General Session, Mass Communications

Thursday, Nov. 11, 1954

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Final Plenary Session: Armistice Day  
Ceremony

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Concluding Armistice Day Luncheon;  
Presentation of Findings and Recommendations

\* This session at the White House; all others at a suitable Washington meeting place such as the National Guard Armory.

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October 27, 1953

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105 and Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Last year you were good enough to respond to our invitation to speak at one of our major program events by a cordial affirmative answer. This was followed by an address which was both significant and timely and for which we are deeply grateful.

The year 1954 inaugurates the second quarter century of public service of the National Conference of Christians and Jews in its endeavor to build a greater America through the forging of stronger bonds of brotherhood among our people. The Brotherhood Week slogan for 1954, "Brotherhood - Let's Get Together!" underlines very appropriately the urgency for a united citizenry. Against the backdrop of our current American scene, the attempt of the Conference to make an inventory of our moral and spiritual resources is equally appropriate.

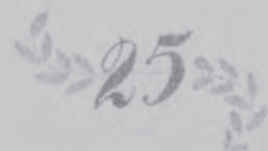
Knowing of your keen interest in the National Conference and loyalty to its objectives, may I again call upon you to support this cause by making one address on a date that you may specify, at one of the major NCCJ dinners taking place throughout the country from February through April, 1954? Generally speaking, Monday through Thursday evenings are most convenient. The greatest demand is around Brotherhood Week, February 21-28, 1954.

If you would indicate in your response a possible date or dates for such participation, I shall be glad to see that an opportunity agreeable to you is worked out.

You have my personal thanks for the consideration I know you will give this request.

Sincerely,

George B. McKibbin, Chairman  
National Program Committee



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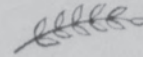




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August 26, 1954

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

Dear Abba:

Here is a rough draft of what I had in mind. How would you improve it? What cuts would you make? Any suggestions you make will be greatly appreciated.

With warm good wishes.

Sincerely,

*Everett*  
Everett R. Clinchy

ERC:ea



## PROSPECT

-- New York City

"I am glad that I am old," a Midwest friend observed as we were talking in a restaurant. "75 this year! The fear and hate all over the earth; the mistrust and wickedness are too much for me. There is so much evil in Americans that this 'Sweet land of liberty' is turning sour. There is so much intolerance that another war threatens to blow civilization into a dark age. Let me die before this happens!"

There is, however, another way to look at this tumultuous time. This can be made the greatest age humans ever lived. This is a wonderful time to be a participant in making history.

Our age is great in the sense of the emerging ideas that can shape human endeavor in more noble proportions. Look at some of the main reasons for hope.

1. A conscience is developing against aggression. The collective police action in Korea set a new style. No longer need free people passively watch a nation, a race, or a religious culture tramp over the dignity and rights of any group of people. ✓

2. The idea is becoming widely understood that group phobias are not "built-in" traits at birth. Mutual Hindu-Muslim antipathies, Christian-Jew animosities, color barriers and national prejudices, are all subject to educationally guided growth. The acts of looting nations, genocide by religion, discriminating ethnic groups, and exploitation by economic castes, once were accepted as a part of human nature. Now they are known to be behavior problems which can be managed within reasonable limits, as physical diseases are controlled.

3. An appreciation of the fact of cultural pluralism is developing. Cultures vary in civilization as unique individual personalities contrast in a family. The roles of cultural diversity are becoming increasingly understood as supplying checks and balances, stimulating progress through novelty,



contributing the zest of competition and rivalry, and enriching the ensemble of classical and contemporary humanism. Equally important is popular realization that some basic ethical values are shared universally by every great free culture is relatively/<sup>a</sup>recent innovation in history. The values of cultural diversity are increasingly understood.

4. Growing acceptance of co-existence of the different, with competition in excellence and rivalry in good works, and with parity of opportunity for all, is another sign of hope. This is true of religions as well as nations and ethnic groups.

We never shall forget a brilliant Burma Buddhist saying,

"You know, the whole world is going to become Buddhist!"

"That is interesting," we replied, "because our family was brought up to believe that in time the whole world would become Presbyterian."

He laughed, took our arm, and as we walked along together he said,

"It never occurred to me that Christians felt the same way. Well, let's co-exist as friends, and see how it will come out!"

5. As, 100 years ago, when mankind was barely at the beginning of the scientific and technological development (when the germ theory, the cell structure of the body, the nature of light rays, nuclear physics and much else, were not understood) so today mankind is in the early dawn of the social sciences with equally great potentialities of discovery about the nature of man and the processes of behavior in society, still to come. This is an exciting prospect! The time will be when human-relations centers will girdle the earth -- to cope clinically through diagnosis, therapy, and training with social breakdowns, -- as modern medical centers rim the world to heal and to prevent disease breakdowns.

6. Further ground for hope is located in the field of economic advance. Poverty can be overcome. Here is a new floor supplied by the natural sciences and technology, on which political science and philosophy can build to greater heights.



7. Before this century is out mankind should be more than 90 percent literate. This can mean that virtually every individual can be guided to make wise choices, share creatively in the development of his culture, understand meanings for himself, and take greater responsibility for his own conduct.

8. Spiritual and moral powers will be obtainable in an ever greater measure. To be sure, man can still choose the evil rather than the good; the light of physical science can be used perversely. But there is opportunity for the theologians, and the responsibility for the religious institutions, to use scientific means to penetrate farther into the nature or moral laws, into the mysteries of God's love, into the power to overcome evil. One assignment for religious nurture, as an essential part of lifelong education, will be ever more clearly seen to correspond to the engineering task in physical technology: religious faith, disciplines, and ethics must supply the know-how, the dynamism, the dedication to the good life, the resolve and the commitment to brotherhood universal.

9. Pope Pius XII has repeatedly returned to the danger of atheistic materialism. The extent of the danger calls for an extension of goodwill to match it. The danger of crude materialism was faced by saints, philosophers and prophets in every previous century on an empire or national scale. Today a new materialism threatens. Let mankind rise to meet it with world thinking, empowered by a universal God. The Holy Father in Rome therefore speaks not for cooperation in this crisis among Roman Catholics alone, nor those of the Judaeo-Christian tradition along, but "cooperation among all men of goodwill" everywhere. The enthusiastic earthwide response to this idea is another reason for hope. ✓

10. More citizens of more countries are more peace-minded than war-minded. This trend is full of hope. This is so not only because atomic weapons, H-bombs, and cobalt destruction would make war victories little more than mastery over a heap of ruins. The purpose of life is now conceived dominantly



in terms of peaceful pursuits. The focus of life and the budget of time and means, are dedicated more to goals that are in the realms of the mind and the spirit. The minds of people in Europe as well as free Asia, cast out war thoughts, war talk, war plans, and substitute peace, cooperation, and friendliness. There will be struggle ahead -- greater than ever before. Man under God will have greater capacities to meet life.

✓ In sume, the reasons for hope are many, and they make one's heart light again.

Ours is a great moment in history. Ours is a hopeful time, dangerous though it is, because the ominous dangers and the evil threats are calling forth responses from mankind that we did not think we had -- responses with intelligence and religious powers of goodness to a degree new in history. Time is on the side of intelligence and the divine stuff of the human spirit. A higher stage in the evolution of human stature is taking place, -- and every blessed one of us can lift.



September 8, 1954

Dr. Everett R. Clinchy  
The National Conference of Christians & Jews, Inc.  
381 Fourth Avenue  
New York 16, New York

My dear Everett:

Please pardon the delay in answering your letter of August 26th. I have been away from the city a good bit of the time and my correspondence has lagged.

I read the "Prospect" and it is fine. The line of reasoning is very cogent. On one or two points I am not in full agreement, but that is a matter of opinion. I am not of the same mind on the subject of "the collective police action in Korea." It was not a police action, and the initiative should have come from the United Nations, not from us.

I am not at all clear as to what is meant by the popular phrase, "atheistic materialism." There is also, as you know, such a thing as atheistic idealism. I am not at all sure that a war on atheistic materialism justifies an alliance with Franco Fascism and other forces of totalitarianism dressed out in religious garb. And finally, I am not as optimistic as the "Prospect" is to make one's heart light again. There is great promise in the situation; there is great danger and at the moment great confusion and inept leadership when anything can happen.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms





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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Ansel Road and East 105 St.  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

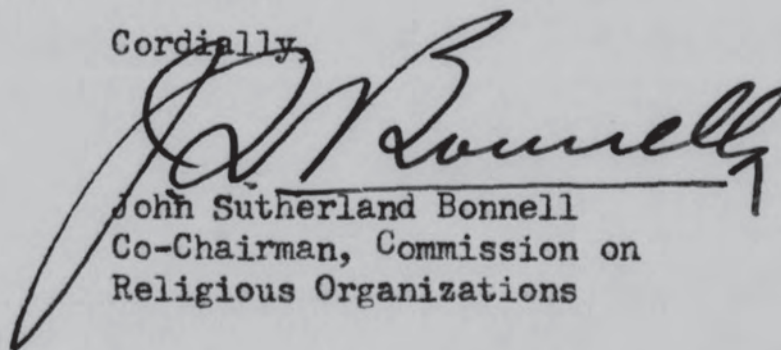
At a recent meeting of the Commission on Religious Organizations held in Pittsburgh the Commission requested me to invite you to be a Brotherhood Week Co-Chairman for the 1956 observance, February 19 thru the 26. The Commission feels that it would mean a good deal to have you serve in this capacity and I know that Allyn Robinson hopes that you will be able to do some traveling and speaking in connection with it. He will be in touch with you.

Even tho it is not possible for you to commit yourself to any speaking we still want you.

I hope you will let me know that you can accept.

With warm personal greetings and deep appreciation for your interest in our work,

Cordially,

  
John Sutherland Bonnell  
Co-Chairman, Commission on Religious Organizations



June 3, 1955

The Reverend John Sutherland Bonnell  
Commission on Religious Organizations  
The National Conference of Christians and Jews, Inc.  
361 Fourth Avenue  
New York 16, New York

My dear Mr. Bonnell:

Thank you for your kind letter of May 18th and  
for your invitation to be a Brotherhood Week  
Co-chairman for the 1956 observance.

I should be very pleased to serve. I cannot,  
however, at the present writing, undertake to  
do any traveling in connection with the obser-  
vance.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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

Dear Doctor Silver:

Doctor John Sutherland Bonnell has given me the good news that you will serve as one of the Brotherhood Week Co-Chairmen for our Commission for 1956. I note, with regret, that you do not at this point feel that you can commit yourself to any speaking and travel in our behalf, but in any case we are pleased, indeed, to have your help.

With much appreciation and warm personal good wishes, I am

Very sincerely,

*Allyn P. Robinson*  
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# *Building for Brotherhood*

## *Dedication Program*

NOVEMBER 8-11, 1955

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IN 1928, Alfred E. Smith's campaign for the Presidency touched off a powder-keg of propaganda. Governor Smith was vilified and smeared in the worst traditions of the Ku Klux Klan — not because he was lacking in qualities of leadership, but because he was a Catholic. Appalled by this exhibition of bigotry, several distinguished Americans led by Charles Evans Hughes, Newton D. Baker, S. Parkes Cadman, Roger W. Straus and Carlton J. H. Hayes founded the National Conference of Christians and Jews and launched a vital educational program “. . . to promote justice, amity, understanding and cooperation among Protestants, Catholics, and Jews.”

This work has grown tremendously in the past 27 years. Today the Conference program is implemented at the community level by 62 NCCJ regional offices in 40 states. Last year NCCJ arranged 75,000 programs for:

12,700 schools	1,650 service clubs
890 colleges	1,500 youth groups
8,500 churches and synagogues	525 national community organizations
2,500 women's clubs	

The Conference has five national commissions — Educational, Religious, Community, and Labor-Management Organizations and Mass Communications — each one composed of from 30 to 60 top leaders in their fields.

Four years ago, aware of the Conference's splendid record of accomplishment, and impressed by its plans for increased programming, the Ford Motor Company Fund made a gift of one million dollars to the NCCJ for the construction and maintenance of a new National Headquarters. The Building for Brotherhood is the result.

The open book and the lamp of learning on the facade of the building symbolize our conviction that better understanding among people can come only through education. Inside, the Charles Evans Hughes Auditorium, the Newton D. Baker Board of Directors Room, the Thomas E. Braniff World Brotherhood Room, and the Paula K. Lazrus Memorial Library pay lasting tribute to some of the people who have contributed greatly to the development of the Conference.

*The Building for Brotherhood has, we believe, world-wide significance. It will stand as a symbol of the constantly expanding work and influence of the National Conference of Christians and Jews throughout the world — unfinished business until people everywhere, as well as all Americans, can expect to be judged on their merits as individuals, not on the basis of creed, color or national origin.*

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## *Dedication Program*

SYMPOSIA\* — November 8-9, 1955

### *Building for Brotherhood*

#### *Introductory Session:*

CHARLES EVANS HUGHES HALL

Nov. 8, 2:00 p.m.

*Chairman:* DR. HOWARD E. WILSON,  
Secretary, The Educational Policies Commission  
National Education Association

#### *Symposium I:*

American Cultural Pluralism

CHARLES EVANS HUGHES HALL

*Three Sessions:* Nov. 8-9

Nov. 8: 3-5 p.m.; Nov. 9: 9-12 noon, 2-5 p.m.

*Chairman:* DR. FRANCIS J. BROWN,  
The American Council on Education

#### *Symposium II:*

Caste and Class

NEWTON D. BAKER ROOM

*Three Sessions:* Nov. 8-9

Nov. 8: 3-5 p.m.; Nov. 9: 9-12 noon, 2-5 p.m.

*Chairman:* PROF. A. B. HOLLINGSHEAD,  
Professor of Sociology,  
Yale University

#### *Symposium III:*

Research in Inter-Religious Relations

PAULA K. LAZRUS LIBRARY

*Three Sessions:* Nov. 8-9

Nov. 8: 3-5 p.m.; Nov. 9: 9-12 noon, 2-5 p.m.

*Chairman:* PROF. JOSEPH B. GITTler,  
Chairman, Department of Sociology,  
University of Rochester

#### *Symposium IV:*

Concepts for Action: Action Research

THOMAS E. BRANIFF ROOM

Nov. 8, 3:00 p.m.

*Chairman:* PROF. CHARLES E. HENDRY,  
Director, School of Social Work,  
University of Toronto

#### *Symposium V:*

Concepts for Action: Use of External Controls

CARL M. LOEB ROOM

Nov. 8, 3:00 p.m.

*Chairman:* PROF. ALFRED McCLUNG LEE,  
Professor of Sociology,  
Brooklyn College

#### *Symposium VI:*

Concepts for Action: Propaganda

THOMAS E. BRANIFF ROOM

Nov. 9, 9:30 a.m.

*Chairman:* PROF. MARIE JAHODA,  
Professor of Psychology,  
Research Center for Human Relations,  
New York University

#### *Symposium VII:*

Concepts for Action: Education

CARL M. LOEB ROOM

Nov. 9, 9:30 a.m.

*Chairman:* PROF. ALGO D. HENDERSON,  
Professor of Higher Education,  
University of Michigan

#### *Symposium VIII:*

Concepts for Action: Values and Motivations

THOMAS E. BRANIFF ROOM

Nov. 9, 2:00 p.m.

*Chairman:* PROF. WILHELM PAUK,  
Professor of Church History,  
Union Theological Seminary

\*Attendance limited to those scholars and invited guests participating in the eight seminar groups in the Building for Brotherhood, 43 West 57th Street, N. Y. C.



## GENERAL SESSIONS — November 9-11, 1955

### Waldorf-Astoria

Attendance open to NCCJ delegates, their friends and the public

#### *The First Session*

WEST BALLROOM  
Nov. 9, 8:00 p.m.

Meeting the Challenge of a Decade of Change  
Building Brotherhood in the Individual

*Chairman:* DR. HENRY T. HEALD,  
Chancellor, New York University

*Speakers:*

WALKER LEE CISLER,  
President, Detroit Edison Company  
THE HON. CARLTON J. H. HAYES,  
Professor of History, Emeritus, Columbia Univ.;  
Former American Ambassador to Spain;  
Founding Co-Chairman, NCCJ

DR. OTTO KLINEBERG,  
Professor of Sociology,  
Columbia University

DISCUSSION

#### *The Second Session*

PERROQUET SUITE  
Nov. 10, 10:00 a.m.

Interreligious Cooperation on a Civic Level:  
Case Studies

Building Brotherhood in the Community

*Chairman:* DR. BUELL GALLAGHER,  
President, City College of New York

*Speaker:*

DR. SAMUEL KINCHELOE,  
Stone Professor of the Sociology of Religion,  
Chicago Theological Seminary

*Reporters:*

Six Case Studies

*Commentators:*

DR. F. ERNEST JOHNSON,  
National Council of the Churches of Christ

FATHER TRAFFORD MAHER, S.J.,  
Director, Human Relations Center,  
St. Louis University

RABBI PHILIP S. BERNSTEIN,  
Temple B'rith-Kodesh, Rochester, N. Y.

#### *The Third Session*

PERROQUET SUITE  
Nov. 10, 2:30 p.m.

The Revolution of Peace

Building Brotherhood in the World

*Chairman:* DR. GEORGE N. SHUSTER,  
President, Hunter College

*Speakers:*

NORMAN COUSINS,  
Editor, The Saturday Review of Literature

THE HON. PAUL MARTIN, P.C., Q.C., M.P.,  
Head of Canadian Delegation to the U.N.

LOUIS B. SELTZER,  
Editor, The Cleveland Press

DISCUSSION  
AMERICAN JEWISH  
ARCHIVES

#### *National Program Committee Meeting*

WALDORF-ASTORIA  
Nov. 10, 12:00 noon

*Chairman:* DR. J. MARTIN KLOTSCHÉ,  
President, Wisconsin State College

#### *Dinner and Meeting, National Board of Directors*

WALDORF-ASTORIA—Basildon Room  
Nov. 10, 6:30 p.m.

*Chairman:* ROGER W. STRAUS,  
National Co-Chairman, NCCJ,  
New York City

#### *Breakfast Meeting*

BARBIZON PLAZA\*  
Nov. 11, 8:30 a.m.

The NCCJ Regions Speak

*Chairman:* HAROLD RIEGELMAN,  
Attorney, New York, N. Y.

\*\$2.00 a cover — Reservation form enclosed.



DEDICATION CEREMONY — November 11, 1955, 10:45 a.m.

*Carnegie Hall*

ALLELUIA (Randall Thompson)

Chorus from the High School of Music and Art,  
Conducted by HUGH ROSS

INVOCATION

RABBI ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN,  
Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, New York

GREETINGS

DR. RALPH J. BUNCHE,  
Under Secretary of the United Nations;  
Chairman of the Dedication Committee

READING FROM "LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE"

by STEPHEN VINCENT BENET  
*Cornelia Otis Skinner*

CEREMONY AT THE BUILDING FOR BROTHERHOOD

WILLIAM CLAY FORD  
ROGER WILLIAMS STRAUS  
RT. REV. HORACE W. B. DONEGAN, D.D., S.T.D.,  
Bishop of New York

MESSAGE FROM

PRESIDENT DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

CANTICLE OF FREEDOM (Aaron Copland)

Symphony of the Air and the  
Hugh Ross Schola Cantorum Choir,  
Conducted by LEONARD BERNSTEIN

BENEDICTION

DEDICATION LUNCHEON\* — November 11, 12:30 p.m.

*Waldorf-Astoria*

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RABBI MAURICE N. EISENDRATH,  
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

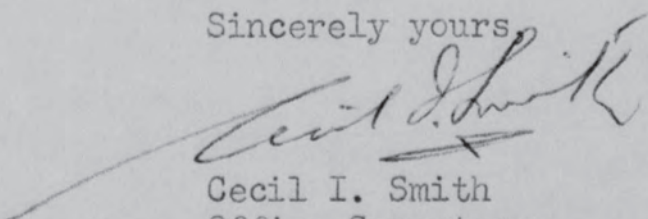
I am writing you about Brotherhood Week because a replacement has not yet been found for Mr. Allyn P. Robinson who is no longer Director of the Commission on Religious Organizations.

It would be of great assistance to our publicity department if you could let me have at your earliest convenience a brief statement expressing your own convictions about the importance of the 1956 observance of Brotherhood Week.

Could you also include a photograph and some biographical material, which I may keep handy in case our publicity department wishes to use them.

I am most grateful for your help.

Sincerely yours,

  
Cecil I. Smith  
Office Secretary  
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
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Dear Rabbi Silver:



I am sending you under separate cover the Catholic, Jewish and Protestant Brotherhood Week program packets printed for the Commission on Religious Organizations and our general Brotherhood Week folder. Enclosed are copies of the statements which have come in from Monsignor Murray and Dr. Sockman, co-chairmen with you of the Commission's Brotherhood Week campaign. I will keep you informed as the Brotherhood Week campaign develops.

Sincerely yours,

Cecil I. Smith  
Office Secretary  
Commission on Religious  
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*February 19 - 26, 1956*

# **BROTHERHOOD WEEK**

**BROTHERHOOD**

*for PEACE and*

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*believe it!*

*live it!*

*support it!*

*National Conference of Christians and Jews*



**BROTHERHOOD** is giving to others the rights and respect we want for ourselves . . .

The purposes of **BROTHERHOOD WEEK** are:

**1** To give people an opportunity to rededicate themselves as individuals to the basic ideals of respect for people and human rights which are essential to our way of life.

**2** To dramatize the practical things which people can do to promote an understanding and realization of these ideals.

**3** To enlist the support of a large number of people in year-round activities to build brotherhood.

## WHAT IS THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE?

Since 1928 the National Conference of Christians and Jews has carried on a nationwide program to promote intergroup understanding. Founded by Charles Evans Hughes, Newton D. Baker, S. Parkes Cadman, Roger W. Straus, Carlton J. H. Hayes and other distinguished Americans as an answer to the appalling anti-Catholicism and religious hatred of the Ku Klux Klan which stirred America during Alfred E. Smith's campaign for the presidency, the Conference launched a vital educational program . . . *"to promote justice, amity, understanding and co-operation among Protestants, Catholics and Jews and to analyze, moderate and finally eliminate intergroup prejudices which disfigure and distort religious, business, social and political relations."*

The National Conference annually sponsors Brotherhood Week and conducts an extensive year-round program to build better human relations. The outreach of the Conference is accomplished through five Commissions — on Educational Organizations, Religious Organizations, Community Organizations, Labor-Management Organizations and Mass Communications, working through 62 regional offices in major cities in the United States.

## BROTHERHOOD WEEK

has been observed since 1934. It has not been set aside as the one week of the year most suited to the practice of brotherhood for the Conference holds that all weeks are equally in need of that practice. Rather it is a time of resolution and renewal to sustain brotherhood throughout the year which can and should be done without seeking a union of religious bodies, without modifying the distinctive beliefs of Protestants, Catholics and Jews, and without weakening the loyalties of those of any faith.

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*ll of us must continue our efforts to promote a belief in brotherhood among people of varied backgrounds, to uphold the right to freedom of worship, to foster the individual citizen's understanding and tolerance of his neighbor's spiritual convictions. Such efforts, which rest upon a belief in the equality and dignity of men under the fatherhood of God, are essential to our unity and strength as a society.*

*Dwight D. Eisenhower*



STATEMENT BY DR. RALPH W. SOCKMAN

Brotherhood Week, 1956

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The observance of Brotherhood Week has become so well-established that it needs no endorsement from me to give it impetus. Not only America, but the world, watches the growth of the fraternal spirit as fostered by the National Conference of Christians and Jews. The impact of this work is being felt in every area of business and social life. When the international tension is still so marked, we must all the more earnestly work for the spirit of unity within our borders.



STATEMENT BY RT. REV. MSGR. EDWARD G. MURRAY

Brotherhood Week, 1956

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I look forward to doing whatever I can to help the observance of Brotherhood Week in 1956. If we did not have some such organized expression of our unity as human beings, as fellow-citizens and as children of one God, the very fact of our obvious diversities would make it needful for us to emphasize the underlying unity. Ours is a land in which we all accept the fact of religious pluralism. It is basic to the pattern of our lives together. We do not have in the United States any official pattern of religious belief with other beliefs being identified as dissident. We recognize nonetheless that there are no loyalties that are so profound as those loyalties which derive from religious belief. They could contain within them the seeds of a divisiveness in our body politic, unless a sense of responsibility animates each religious-minded person. This sense of responsibility will tell him that his religious convictions, seen clearly, will in no way keep him from living in harmony and brotherhood with his neighbor of different religious belief.



December 22, 1955

The National Conference of Christians & Jews, Inc.  
43 West 57th Street  
New York 19, New York

Attention of Cecil I. Smith, Office Secretary  
Commission on Religious Organizations

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is Rabbi Silver's statement for your use in the 1956  
Brotherhood Week campaign.

Also enclosed is a photograph and some biographical material  
for your publicity department.

Very truly yours,

Miss Sophia Levine  
Secretary to Dr. Silver

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June 4, 1956

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
 The Temple  
 Ansel Road and 105th Street  
 Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Would it be possible for you to give the attached your immediate attention?

President Eisenhower will release the attached statement this evening for publication tomorrow morning. His message is in response to a request from the national Co-Chairmen of the Commission on Religious Organizations of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Their request is also attached.

The President has suggested that religious leaders take the initiative in calling together concerned citizens to treat social and group tensions as they arise.

When we release this story Wednesday morning, we would like to have your reaction or statement which we may use for publication.

Due to the shortness of time, I would like to call you sometime Tuesday for your reaction. Sorry to have to rush so, but we were just notified of the President's message.

Sincerely,

*Robert L. Beda*

Robert L. Beda  
 Director  
 Public Relations

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The complete text of the President's message follows:

"To the Co-Chairmen  
Commission on Religious Organizations  
National Conference of Christians and Jews

"The message to the American people, released by the Commission on Religious Organizations of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, is creative and constructive in its proposal that our religious leaders take the initiative in calling together concerned citizens on a local basis, to treat social and group tensions as they arise.

"Problems of such magnitude as American race relations and inter-cultural goodwill and cooperation can be dealt with most effectively on the moral and spiritual plane. Courageous action by the leaders of the three great religious traditions of our country is basic to all other steps that must be taken.

"A free people, in voluntary associations, can unite their talents for the solution of all problems. Self-reliant minds recognizing moral responsibilities that conscience dictates, will reach righteous solutions. But the struggle must be led by those with strong moral motivation and spiritual resources.

"The message to the American people is a ringing call for action by those best fitted to act."

(Signed) Dwight D. Eisenhower



The complete text of the statement by the Commission on Religious Organizations of the National Conference of Christians and Jews follows:

"A Message To The American People

"Deeply disturbed by growing religious and racial conflicts which are dividing our people and dissipating our strength at home and abroad, members of the Commission on Religious Organizations of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, feel that we are passing through a crisis in human relations in this country and that the crisis can worsen unless moderating moral leadership is more in evidence. Thoughtful people need to dedicate themselves anew to building brotherhood as an inescapable moral imperative, grounded in the Judaeo-Christian heritage.

"Hatred and prejudice, bigotry and pride are resulting in violence and turmoil. When one group is singled out for attack, no group is safe. We are all endangered, economically, politically, nationally and most of all spiritually.

"The failure to treat all men as brothers, under the Fatherhood of God, is not a regional one, nor is it confined to any one group. Certainly, there is no place for self-righteousness. Even within the religious community itself, North and South, we have been guilty of the sins of bigotry and prejudice; but this false pride is contrary to the will of God, and we ask all men to repent with us.

"We rejoice in the courage, sacrifice and restraint that clergymen and other religious leaders, as well as citizens in all walks of life, have shown in recent months in fearlessly proclaiming and living brotherhood. They do not stand alone. They are part of a great company of men and women throughout history who have helped to preserve the best in society for the generations yet to come. We are also grateful for the forward steps which have thus far been taken to strengthen the fabric of good community relations.

"We are confident that agreements can be reached and that our religious heritage will act as a reconciling force. We therefore suggest that ministers,



priests and rabbis call together like minded citizens wherever common action could lessen tensions and promote good will.

"These are days of testing and of decision. The momentum of change and of history is such that we must learn to do quickly what our fathers learned to do slowly, perhaps too slowly. In the struggle for the minds and hearts of man on a world scale, our relations with each other here at home may be decisive. As Jews and as Christians we have borne witness to this truth. Now we feel constrained to remind all our people of its awful urgency. We must focus on building brotherhood as our inescapable religious responsibility."

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