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National Conference of Christians and Jews, 1956-1957.



THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS & JEWS, INC.

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NEW YORK 19, N. Y.

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May 25, 1956

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We already are making plans for the observance of Brotherhood Week in March, 1957. As usual, the President of the United States will serve as the Honorary Chairman; and the National Chairman for this observance will be Louis B. Selzer, Editor of the Cleveland Press.

At a recent meeting of our National Commission on Religious Organizations, it was unanimously decided to ask you, Msgr. Murray and Dr. Sockman, to continue to serve in the year ahead as the National Co-Chairmen for Brotherhood Week, representing our Commission. In behalf of Dr. Bonnell, Father O'Brien and Rabbi Eisendrath, we would, therefore, like to invite you to serve again for the year 1957. We all hope that you will be willing to do this and we would appreciate very much if we could hear favorably from you in the near future.

Cordially yours,

Roy McCorkel
Director, Commission on
Religious Organizations

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Dictated but not read

May 29, 1956

Mr. Roy McCorkel, Director
Commission on Religious Organizations
The National Conference of
Christians and Jews, Inc.
43 West 57th Street
New York 19, New York

Dear Mr. McCorkel:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of May 25th.

I shall be pleased to continue to serve as one of the Co-Chairmen for Brotherhood Week.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:sl

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THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS, INC.

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MEMORANDUM

To Dr Abba Hillel Silver Date 8 July 56
From E. R. Clinchy

Dear Abba, Responsible Beirut
business men, with evidence that
the 4 colleges in the area concern,
would like WORLD BROTHERHOOD
to send a staff man to Lebanon
to organize Arab Christians, Muslims
and Lebanese Jews into a working
chapter. They believe extension
work can be carried from Leban-
on to Egypt, Trans Jordan, Israel,
Syria.

Two foundations denied our
request for funds. S.D. Heides-
dorf enthusiastically approved,
tried one Eastern individual

unsuccessfully. A man of extraordinary capacity who has worked in Asia for a dozen years, is available. He has been with the International YMCA, and was vouched for by General Wm J. Donovan when he was in Thailand, & by Ford Foundation people.

If we paid him \$12,000 for a year's leadership, and allowed \$5,000 for expenses, a job of great possibility in the Middle East could very well be achieved. It might save Israel millions, - if it works. Compton, Romulo, Spaak believe this worth trying. You have contacts with individuals who could give such a sum, and your stationariness would be of enormous value in guiding it.

What do you think of such a job being done via all educational, civic & business channels for brotherhood among Jews, Christians, Muslims in the Near East?

Everett

OFFICE OF
LOUIS B. SELTZER
EDITOR



The Cleveland Press

October 22, 1956

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You have already received an invitation to attend the Annual Meeting of The National Conference of Christians and Jews on November 11th and 12th.

As National Brotherhood Week Chairman I would like to extend a personal invitation to you to be my guest at the dinner meeting of the 1957 Brotherhood Week Team from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Crystal Room of the Hotel Plaza on Sunday, November 11.

Will you let Dave Hyatt, NCCJ's Public Relations Director, 43 West 57th Street, New York 19, know whether or not we may expect you?

I'll look forward to seeing you on November 11.

Cordially,

Louis
Louis Seltzer

THE LUNTZ IRON & STEEL CO.

1372 Hanna Building
CLEVELAND 15, OHIO



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO

The Annual Meeting
and
Brotherhood Luncheon

THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS



November 11-12, 1956



HOTEL PLAZA
Fifth Avenue and 59 Street
New York 19, N. Y.

BUILDING FOR BROTHERHOOD
43 West 57 Street
New York 19, N. Y.

Program

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH

2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

MEETING, NATIONAL PROGRAM COMMITTEE
Committee Members Only

Hotel Plaza
State Suite

Chairman: Dr. J. Martin Klotsche, Provost
University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee

4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

RECEPTION, NCCJ NATIONAL CO-CHAIRMEN
CANADIAN CO-CHAIRMEN
Delegates and Friends

Hotel Plaza
Baroque Suite

Panel Presentation: NEW CHALLENGES

Chairman: Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, President
National Conference of Christians and Jews

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

DINNER MEETING, 1957 BROTHERHOOD
WEEK TEAM
Members Only

Hotel Plaza
Crystal Room

8:00 p.m.-9:45 p.m.

SYMPOSIUM: ONE FAMILY OF MAN
Delegates and General Public

Hotel Plaza
Baroque Suite

Chairman: Louis B. Seltzer, Editor
The Cleveland Press

Speakers:

The Hon. Carlos P. Romulo
Ambassador from the Philippines
Dr. Milton Katz, Professor of Law
Harvard University
The Hon. David Croll
Senate of Canada, Toronto
The Hon. Oscar L. Chapman
Former Secretary of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

DISCUSSION

Program

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH

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

ANNUAL MEETING, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Board Members Only

Building for
Brotherhood
Hughes Hall

Chairman: James F. Twohy
National Co-Chairman, NCCJ

12:00 noon

DEDICATION,
CHARLES EVANS HUGHES HALL
Delegates and Friends

Building for
Brotherhood

Chairman: Roger W. Straus
National Co-Chairman, NCCJ



12:30 p.m.

ANNUAL BROTHERHOOD LUNCHEON*

Hotel Plaza
Grand Ballroom

Chairman: The Hon. Thomas E. Dewey

Speaker:

The Chief Justice of the United States
The Hon. Earl Warren

*FIVE DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS A COVER

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December 10, 1956

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are presently completing our plans for the observance of Brotherhood Week, February 17-24, 1957. As one of the Co-Chairmen, representing our Commission, for this annual observance, we would appreciate receiving from you a statement regarding Brotherhood Week, which can be used for publicity purposes. If possible, we should like to receive this within the next two weeks, and would suggest that it be approximately 50 to 75 words in length.

With sincere thanks for your continued cooperation and support.

Cordially yours,

Roy McCorkel

Roy McCorkel
Director, Commission on
Religious Organizations

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December 28, 1956

Mr. Roy McCorkel, Director
Commission on Religious Organizations
The National Conference of Christians
and Jews, Inc.
43 West 57th Street
New York 19, New York.

Dear Mr. McCorkel:

WRHS



In response to your request I am enclosing statement by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver to be used for publicity purposes in connection with Brotherhood Week, February 17-24, 1957.

Sincerely,

Miss Sophia Levine
Secretary to Dr. Silver

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encl.

Mr. Roy McCorkel, Director
Commission on Religious Organizations
The National Conference of Christians & Jews, Inc.
New York, 19, New York

IN THE MIDST OF THE MANY STRAINS AND TENSIONS OF OUR WORLD
THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS IS CONTINUING WITH
INCREASING DEDICATION TO DIRECT PEOPLES AND RACES TOWARDS AMITY
ON THE BASIS OF THEIR COMMON HUMAN NEEDS AND HOPES. THROUGHOUT
OUR LAND AND IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD IT IS CARRYING ON AN
ACTIVE EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND IS
DISCOVERING FOR PEOPLE MANY AVENUES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR FRUIT-
FUL COOPERATION. THE CONFERENCE IS MAKING A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION
TO THE PROGRESS OF MANKIND ALONG THE ROAD OF RECONCILIATION AND
UNITY WITHOUT WHICH THE VERY SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR AGE
MAY WELL DESTROY IT.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

December 1956

Statement on Brotherhood Week, February 17-24, 1957
To be used for publicity purposes.

IN THE MIDST OF THE ^{many} STRAINS AND TENSIONS OF OUR WORLD THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE
OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS IS CONTINUING WITH INCREASING DEDICATION TO DIRECT PEOPLES
AND RACES ON THE BASIS OF THEIR COMMON HUMAN NEEDS AND HOPES.

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towards unity

THROUGHOUT OUR LAND AND IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD IT IS CARRYING ON AN ACTIVE
EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING ~~BETWEEN RACES AND RELIGIONS~~ AND IS
DISCOVERING FOR PEOPLE MANY AVENUES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR ^{brotherly} COOPERATION. The Conference
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RECONCILIATION AND UNITY WITHOUT WHICH THE VERY SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR AGE
MAY ^{well} ~~BE~~ DESTROYED ^{it}.

Reverend Helen Schucman

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THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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SPEAKER AT LUNTZ DINNER

THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS IS PLANNING TO OPEN THE 1957
BROTHERHOOD ~~XXXX~~ OBSERVANCE WITH A NATIONAL BANQUET IN CLEVELAND, OHIO.

LOUIS B. SELTZER, CLEVELAND PRESS EDITOR IS NATIONAL BROTHERHOOD WEEK CHAIRMAN
AND A. M. LUNTZ, ALSO OF CLEVELAND, IS TO RECEIVE THE 1957 BROTHERHOOD AWARD.

SINCE THIS OCCASION WILL ATTRACT NATIONAL LEADERS FROM EVERY WALK OF LIFE WE
EXTEND TO YOU AN INVITATION TO BE THE PRINCIPAL SPEAKER OF THE EVENING.

THE DATE WOULD BE AROUND WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12 OR ANY SUNDAY EVENING IN JANUARY
DEPENDING UPON YOUR SCHEDULE. YOU WOULD DO THE STATE OF OHIO AND THE CITY OF
CLEVELAND AND THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE A GREAT HONOR IF YOU WOULD ACCEPT THIS
INVITATION. PLEASE WIRE YOUR REPLY TO MR. LOUIS B. SELTZER CARE OF THE CLEVELAND

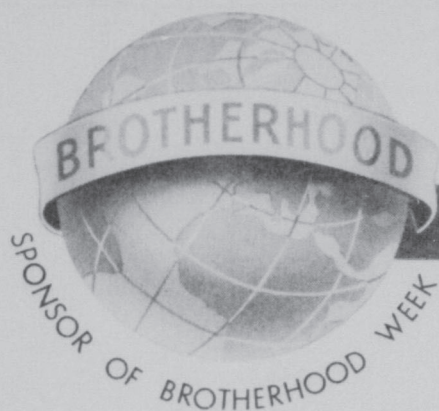
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to be signed by GOVERNOR LAUSCHE, MAYOR CELEBREEZE
LOUIS B. SELZER and ABBA HILLEL SILVER
also McKALE OF FOREST CITY

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February 28, 1957

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We have not yet completed an evaluation of our national and regional Brotherhood Week activities for 1957; however, we are assured that more of our nation's citizens than ever before participated in this nation-wide observance. We are very gratified that the demand for literature and other programming aids related to Brotherhood Week reached a new high this year.

We want to express our sincerest appreciation to you for your gracious service as one of our Commission's Co-Chairmen for this 23rd annual observance of Brotherhood Week.

With all good wishes.

Cordially,

Roy J. McCorkel
Director, Commission on
Religious Organizations

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City of Cleveland

ANTHONY J. CELEBREZZE
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

Designating the Week of February 17 to 24, 1957, as

"BROTHERHOOD WEEK"

WHEREAS, each year Americans observe Brotherhood Week with appropriate ceremonies during the week of the Birthday of George Washington; and

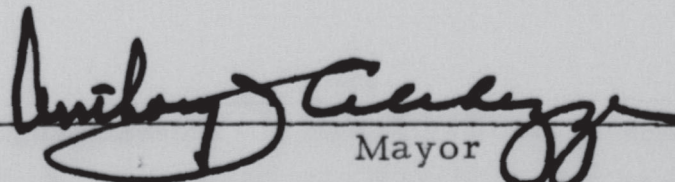
WHEREAS, the principal initiating sponsor of this observance is the National Conference of Christians and Jews which has offices in Cleveland, Cincinnati and Columbus; and

WHEREAS, it is altogether fitting and proper that our people should give serious thought to the necessity of living together in peace and harmony as brothers, under the common Fatherhood of God; and

WHEREAS, in particular, at this time, when our American way of life is being gravely threatened, we must not allow differences in creed, race, or national origin to divide us as a people, but must stand together for those principles which all Americans cherish.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anthony J. Celebrezze, as Mayor of the City of Cleveland, do hereby proclaim the week of February 17 to 24, 1957, as "BROTHERHOOD WEEK" in Cleveland, and urge all to whose attention this proclamation may come to appreciate the true value of the brotherhood of man under the Fatherhood of God; to esteem fully the worth of good human relations and the benefits which accrue from the increase of human understanding and the elimination of ignorance and prejudice, and I ask all to accord recognition and appreciation to such worthwhile organizations as the National Conference of Christians and Jews, which has been the spearheading organization in the development of Brotherhood Week, and which since its founding in 1928, has contributed significantly to the promotion of justice, amity and understanding among peoples of differing backgrounds and diverse segments of our population.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here-
set my hand and caused the Corporate
Seal of the City of Cleveland to be
affixed this 20th day of February, 1957.


Mayor

