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White House Conference on Children in a Democracy, National
Citizens Committee of the, 1940-1941.

THE WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE
ON CHILDREN IN A DEMOCRACY

State Charities Aid Association,
105 East 22nd Street,
New York, N. Y.

May 23, 1940

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

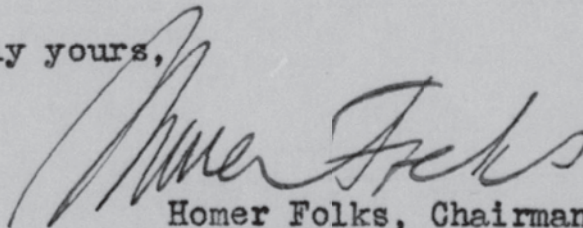
The organization of the National Citizens' Committee on the White House Conference on Children in a Democracy is now practically complete. The people who have accepted membership to date are shown on the enclosed list. No publicity is to be given until the membership is complete and a general press release is sent out.

The present situation in which we find ourselves due to the course of world events makes it necessary to strengthen every effort to safeguard the health and well-being of children in this time of special strain. In order that the National Citizens' Committee may promptly perfect its organization and develop plans for working with State groups which are now being organized in a number of States, I am calling a meeting of the Committee in New York City on Monday, June 17. The meeting will convene at 10 a.m. in the Trustees' Room of the United Charities Building, 105 East 22nd Street, and will probably last all day.

It is of the utmost importance that we have full attendance and I hope that it will be possible for you to be present.

Because the National Citizens' Committee as yet has no funds or budget, it would be greatly appreciated if you could attend without expense to the Committee. However, if there are no funds available for paying the expenses of your attendance, I shall try to arrange that they are met. Please let me know whether this will be necessary.

Sincerely yours,



Homer Folks, Chairman,
Organizing Group for the
National Citizens' Committee.

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IS EXPECTED

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July 15, 1940.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Floyd W. Reeves is unable to serve as Chairman of the Committee on Informational Material because of his assignment as Executive Assistant for Labor Supply for the National Defense Commission. He will, for the present at least, remain a member of the Committee.

It will be necessary for the Executive Committee to fill the vacancy. Dr. Frank G. Boudreau has consented to act. Will you be good enough to return the enclosed postal, registering your vote, at the earliest possible moment.

This is quite essential because for obvious reasons Dr. Boudreau's name will be printed as Chairman of the Committee in the forthcoming White House Conference supplement of "The Child", which is being issued by the Children's Bureau in Washington.

Very sincerely yours,

H. Ida Curry
Acting Director.

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August 7, 1940

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My dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. Marshall Field, as Chairman of the National Citizens Committee of the White House Conference, has designated you to serve under the chairmanship of Mr. Hodson on a standing Committee on Emergency and Special Programs. The other members of this Committee are Dr. Atwater, Mrs. Bellanca, Mr. Comer, and Mr. White.

This Committee was set up primarily to consider any unforeseen emergency which might arise due to the world situation. Should such emergency occur your advice would be of great value. Mr. Field and Mr. Hodson are particularly anxious to have you serve on this standing committee.

I am

Sincerely yours,

H. Ida Curry
Acting Director

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September 11, 1940.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. Field has authorized me to call a meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Citizens Committee of the White House Conference, to be held in Mr. Folks' office, Room 710, 105 East 22nd Street, New York City, at 3 o'clock on Monday, September 23rd. Several matters of importance will be presented for discussion and it is sincerely hoped that you can make it convenient to attend the meeting.

A return postcard is enclosed herewith.

Sincerely yours,

H. Ida Curry
Acting Director.

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October 15, 1940.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. Field has asked me to send you
the enclosed Tentative Agenda for the
meeting of the National Citizens Committee
on October 21st when its relationship to
National and State Defense programs is to
be discussed.

Sincerely yours,

H. Ida Curry
Acting Director.

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NATIONAL CITIZENS COMMITTEE
of the
WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE
on
CHILDREN IN A DEMOCRACY

October 21, 1940

Trustees' Room - National Education Association Building
1201 - 16th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

Presiding: Mr. Marshall Field

9:30 A.M. PROPOSED ACTIVITIES OF THE NATIONAL CITIZENS COMMITTEE
AS AFFECTED BY NATIONAL AND STATE DEFENSE PROGRAMS.

(An informal discussion of common interests, such as:

Content of programs.

What special services affecting children
will be promoted by the National Defense
Advisory Commission through State Defense
Councils; what services will be promoted
in other ways?

Channels of information as to localities
needing additional services.

Machinery for coordinating programs of
State Councils of Defense and State White
House Conference organizations.)

- 1 - Federal Security Agency Wayne Coy
- 2 - National Citizens Committee Homer Folks
- 3 - Advisory Commission to National Council of Defense
 - Health and Welfare Harriet Elliott
Dr. Thomas Parran
 - Education and Training Floyd W. Reeves
 - Housing C. F. Palmer
 - State Relationships Frank Bane
- 4 - School and College Aspects of National Defense
Program John W. Studebaker

2:30 P.M. BUSINESS SESSION OF NATIONAL CITIZENS COMMITTEE.

- I - Report of Acting Director H. Ida Curry
- II - Reports of Standing Committees
 - 1 - State Programs Dr. William G. Carr
 - 2 - Informational Material Dr. Frank G. Boudreau
 - 3 - National Agency Programs Emma C. Puschner
 - 4 - Emergency and Special Programs William Hodson
 - 5 - Finance Charles W. Taussig
- III - Studies Recommended by White House Conference
 - 1 - Nutrition Dr. Frank G. Boudreau
 - 2 - Leisure-time activities Dr. William G. Carr
 - 3 - Religion Dr. William G. Carr
- IV - Proposed Outline for State and Community Study
to be issued by the U. S. Children's Bureau Katharine Lenroot



STATE OF OHIO
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
COLUMBUS

JOHN W. BRICKER
GOVERNOR

March 13, 1941.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
V. Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

In January of last year there was held in Washington the final session of the fourth of a series of White House Conferences called by the President in the closing year of each of the decades of the present century. Each Conference was devoted to the study of some phase of the care of children.

It was peculiarly fitting in these war-burdened times that the theme of the recent Conference was "Our Concern - Every Child". For as the Defense Program gets under way in Ohio it is urgent that we keep in mind our two-fold responsibility - that of meeting intelligently and adequately the many problems of social welfare which the new program inevitably will produce, and at the same time of preserving the gains made during the past several decades in the care and protection of all the children of our state.

To this end I invite you to serve as a member of "The Governor's Committee on the Follow-up of the White House Conference in Ohio", which I am appointing to represent me in working with appropriate agencies for the purpose of initiating a program to put into practical application the recommendations of the White House Conference as they relate to the social, health and educational needs of the children of Ohio.

The first meeting of the Committee will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, April 2 and 3, at the Deshler-Wallick Hotel, Columbus. At that time a tentative program of activities will be presented for discussion and action, and responsibilities and duties of members outlined.

I earnestly hope that you will accept this invitation to assume definite responsibility for developing an effective program for safeguarding the children and youth of Ohio in this critical period.

Please send me your answer within the next few days, if possible. If in the affirmative, a program of the April meeting will be sent you later.

Sincerely yours,

John W. Bricker, Governor.

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Program

THE FIRST MEETING

OF

The GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE

ON THE FOLLOW-UP OF THE
WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE IN OHIO

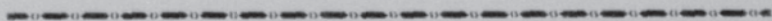


Deshler-Wallick Hotel

Columbus, Ohio

Wednesday and Thursday

April 2 and 3, 1941



PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

9:30 to 11:30 A. M.

Registration — Mezzanine Floor — Deshler-Wallick Hotel

12:00 Noon — Luncheon Meeting, Ball Room

(Open Meeting)

Presiding: The Chairman of the Conference

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

A CHALLENGE TO OHIO

HON. JOHN W. BRICKER, *Governor of Ohio*

RESOURCES AND NEEDS OF

A. The Department of Public Welfare

HON. CHARLES L. SHERWOOD, *Director*

B. The Department of Health

HON. R. H. MARKWITH, M. D., *Director*

C. The Department of Education

HON. E. N. DIETRICH, *Director*

(15 minutes each)

2:30 P. M. SECTIONAL GROUP

DISCUSSION MEETINGS

(Confined to members of the Governor's Committee)

Evaluation of existing services to the children of Ohio, based on the recommendations of the General Report Adopted by the White House Conference, January 19, 1940, entitled "CHILDREN IN A DEMOCRACY."

A. WELFARE SECTION. Room 1540 Wallick

Chairman and Discussion Leader: DR. GRACE COYLE, *School of Applied Social Sciences, Western Reserve University*

Assistants:

Mrs. James T. Hoffmann, *Chairman, Child Welfare, National League of Women Voters*

Mr. Wendell Johnson, *Director, The Child and Family Agency of Toledo*

Mr. Arthur Kruse, *Supervisor, Aid to Dependent Children, Akron*

Mr. Edward N. Lynde, *Director, Cleveland Welfare Federation*

Miss Merle E. MacMahon, *Executive Secretary, Children's Bureau of Dayton*

B. HEALTH SECTION. Room 1440 Wallick

Chairman and Discussion Leader: DR. CARL A. WILZBACH, *City Health Commissioner, Cincinnati*

Assistants:

Dr. Richard A. Bolt, *Director, Cleveland Child Health Association*

Miss S. Gertrude Bush, R. N., *Chief, Nursing Division, State Department of Health*

Mr. Bleecker Marquette, *Executive Secretary, Cincinnati Public Health Federation*

Dr. Robt. G. Paterson, Ph. D., *Executive Secretary, Ohio Public Health Association*

C. EDUCATION SECTION. Room 1340 Wallick

Chairman and Discussion Leader: DR. W. W. CHARTERS, Director, School of Educational Research, Ohio State University

Assistants:

Dr. Walter L. Collins, Director, Division of Instruction, State Department of Education

Mr. Paul A. T. Noon, State Librarian

Dr. Wilbur Batchelor, School of Social Administration, Ohio State University

8:00 P. M. GENERAL SESSION. Ball Room

(Open Meeting)

Presiding: The Chairman of the Conference

A. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS CONFERENCE TO OHIO'S CHILDREN

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, The Temple, Cleveland

B. THE NEEDS OF OHIO'S CHILDREN

Dr. Leonard W. Mayo, Dean, School of Applied Social Sciences, Western Reserve University

C. HOW CAN WE PUBLICIZE THESE NEEDS?

Miss Eleanor M. Johnson, Managing Editor, The American Education Press

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

9:00 A. M. GENERAL SESSION. Ball Room

(Open Meeting)

Presiding: HON. CHARLES L. SHERWOOD, *Director, State Department of Public Welfare*

Reports and Recommendations by Sectional Chairmen

A. *Welfare Section* Dr. Grace Coyle

B. *Health Section* Dr. Carl A. Wilzbach

C. *Education Section* Dr. W. W. Charters

Action by the Governor's Committee on Sectional Reports and Recommendations

12:30 P. M. LUNCHEON MEETING. Ball Room

(Open Meeting)

TRANSLATING THE REPORT OF THE GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE INTO ACTION

MR. OTTO W. DAVIS, First Vice President, Ohio Welfare Conference

THE GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON THE FOLLOW-UP OF THE WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE IN OHIO

Honorary Chairman, HON. JOHN W. BRICKER, Governor of Ohio
Chairman, RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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TENTATIVE PROGRAM

MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON THE FOLLOW-UP OF THE WHITE
CONFERENCE IN OHIO

Deshler-Wallick Hotel, Columbus, Ohio
Wednesday and Thursday, April 2 and 3, 1941.

Honorary Chairman; Governor John W. Bricker.
General Chairman (To be named by Governor Bricker)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

Luncheon Meeting

A CHALLENGE TO OHIO (?) Governor John W. Bricker (10 minutes)

RESOURCES AND NEEDS OF

1. The Department of Public Welfare.
Hon. Charles L. Sherwood. (15 minutes)
2. The Department of Health.
Dr. R. H. Markwith. (15 minutes)
3. The Department of Education.
Dr. E. N. Dietrich. (15 minutes)

Afternoon:

Sectional Group Discussion Meetings

Purpose: To discover where Ohio stands in regard to its services to children; what the outstanding needs are; how these needs can be met most effectively.

1. Welfare.
Dr. Grace Coyle, Cleveland, Chairman and Discussion Leader.
2. Health.
Dr. Carl Wilzbach, Cincinnati, Chairman and Discussion Leader.
3. Education.
Dr. W. W. Charters, Columbus, Chairman and Discussion Leader.

Evening:

- A. THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN IN A DEMOCRACY
Dr. Leonard W. Mayo, Dean, School of Applied Social Sciences,
Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio.
- B. HOW CAN WE PUBLICIZE THESE NEEDS?
Miss Eleanor M. Johnson, Managing Editor, American
Education Press, Columbus, Ohio

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

Morning:

General Session.

Reports, and action on recommendations of Wednesday Afternoon Sectional Meetings.

1. Welfare Section. Dr. Grace Coyle.
2. Health Section. Dr. Carl Wilzbach.
3. Education Section. Dr. W. W. Charters.

Luncheon

Unfinished Business.

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REPRESENTATIVES OF
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE
DR. R. E. BUSHONG, COLUMBUS
JUDGE HENRY J. ROBISON, COLUMBUS

March 19, 1941

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

I have had a request from the Governor's office to send you any available information in regard to the meeting of the Governor's Committee on the Follow-Up of the White House Conference in Ohio which is to be held in Columbus early in April.

The Governor's Committee is composed of about one hundred fifty persons representing both professional and state-wide lay organizations actively interested in the furtherance of progressive programs in the fields of Welfare, Health and Education with special reference to children. Among the lay groups invited to have representation on this committee are Men's Service Clubs; Women's Clubs; The Ohio Congress of Parents and Teachers; The Ohio League of Women Voters; The Women's State Committee of Ohio for Public Welfare, Health and Education; The American Legion of Ohio and the Legion Auxiliary; The Ohio Chamber of Commerce; The Junior Chamber of Commerce of Ohio; The Ohio Committee on Lay Participation in Social Work; The Ohio Child Welfare Planning Committee; the Church, including Jewish, Catholic and Protestant faiths; the Ohio Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Labor organizations, including the C.I.O. and the A.F.of L., The Ohio Welfare Conference, and others.

The main purposes of the White House Follow-Up Program in our state are to acquaint our representative citizens with the needs of our children as they relate to Welfare, Health and Education, and to secure their active, understanding support for a program planned officially to meet those needs.

It has been suggested that the recommendations included in the General Report adopted by the White House Conference, January 19, 1940, Washington, D.C., entitled "Children in a Democracy" be used as a measuring stick in evaluating the services now available to children in Ohio.

Wednesday afternoon will be devoted to three sectional meetings - on Welfare, Health and Education, respectively - running simultaneously. Members of the Governor's Committee will be assigned the meeting they are to attend. This is the time for discovering where Ohio stands in regard to its services to children; what the outstanding needs are; and how they can be met most effectively. A competent secretary will be present at each meeting to take full notes which will be transcribed immediately and placed in the hands of the discussion leader for use in preparing a report to be made at a general session of the com-

mittee on Thursday morning.

We are enclosing a copy of the tentative program for the April meeting of the Governor's Committee.

Sincerely yours

Hannah L. Protzman

Hannah L. Protzman
Secretary - Program Committee
White House Follow-Up Conference in Ohio

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JOHN W. BRICKER
GOVERNOR

STATE OF OHIO
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
COLUMBUS

March 19, 1941.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

It gives me great pleasure and deep satisfaction to request you to serve as general chairman of the committee which I have recently appointed to represent me on the Follow-Up of the White House Conference in Ohio.

This program is to be initiated at a luncheon meeting on Wednesday, April second, at the Deshler-Wallick Hotel, Columbus, and will, I hope, be the opening shot in an invincible fight to safeguard the health, happiness and general welfare of the children and youth of our great state, as well as to continue along the road to better things as Progress leads the way.

I have invited about one hundred fifty citizens to serve on this committee. They represent both professional and state-wide lay groups known to be interested in the furtherance of sound educational, health and welfare programs in Ohio. I have instructed the secretary to send you further information in regard to the composition of this committee, and plans for the program of the April meeting.

I trust you will accept this invitation for leadership in this effort to marshall the forces of Ohio for the care and protection of our children.

Sincerely yours,

A large, flowing cursive signature of John W. Bricker.

John W. Bricker, Governor

March 19, 1941

The Honorable John W. Bricker, Governor
State of Ohio
Columbus, Ohio

My dear Governor Bricker:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of March 13 to Rabbi Silver. Rabbi Silver is at the present time on the Pacific Coast in connection with a campaign to raise funds for overseas relief. I shall be pleased to refer your letter to his attention when he returns to Cleveland the middle of next week.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

March 26, 1941

The Honorable John W. Bricker
Governor, State of Ohio
Columbus, Ohio

My dear Governor Bricker:

Please pardon the long delay in replying to your kind letter of March 19. I have just returned from a two week tour of the Pacific Coast in behalf of overseas relief campaigns.

I deeply appreciate the great honor which you have conferred upon me in asking me to serve as general chairman of the committee on the Follow-Up of the White House Conference in Ohio. I shall be very pleased to serve although I am afraid that I shall not be able to give to it all the time that I should like. I hope to attend the Conference which has been called for April 2.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

THE WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE
ON CHILDREN IN A DEMOCRACY

State Charities Aid Association
105 East 22nd Street
New York, N. Y.

March 28, 1940

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

At the concluding session of the White House Conference on Children in a Democracy, which was organized last year at the suggestion of President Roosevelt, and which met in Washington January 18-20, 1940, it was decided that follow-up work should be undertaken at once with the objective of doing everything possible to carry into effect the recommendations of the Conference. It was decided to entrust the follow-up work to two groups, working in cooperation with each other, but each autonomous and independent of the other and of existing Conference organization. The first group is a National Citizens' Committee to be composed of approximately 15 to 25 persons, with a possibility that the maximum may be somewhat exceeded. These are to be persons not in the service of the Federal Government, and broadly representative of various professions and interested groups including persons without professional connection with children's work. The other group is to be a Federal Inter-Agency Committee composed of representatives of the Federal agencies which have been interested in the development of the Conference program.

In accordance with these decisions of the Conference and with action taken by the Planning Committee of the Conference January 20, the Secretary of Labor, who is the Chairman of the Conference, appointed the undersigned as chairman of an organizing committee to serve as the nucleus of the National Citizens' Committee and to add to its membership until the maximum is reached. The other members of the organizing group are as follows: William G. Carr, Mrs. Saidie Orr Dunbar, Dr. Henry F. Helmholtz, William Hodson, and Rev. Bryan J. McEntegart.

By unanimous action of the organizing group I am authorized to invite you to serve as a member of the National Citizens' Committee. I sincerely hope that you will be willing to accept membership. The first task of the Committee will be to outline the scope of its work and the ways by which it may be carried on. It is entirely a citizens enterprise free to develop any policies which may seem to it best fitted to carry out the general program as represented in the Conference Report and recommendations.

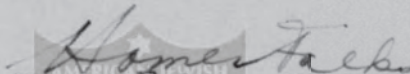
A preliminary copy of the Conference Report is enclosed herewith. It has now been sent to press and will be published within the next three or four weeks. A copy of the recommendations included in the Report is enclosed herewith. I am also enclosing a copy of the Report of the Follow-Up Program, presented by Mrs. Dunbar at the closing session of the Conference and adopted unanimously by the Conference. The functions of the National Citizens' Committee are described on page 4. A list of members of the Conference is also enclosed.

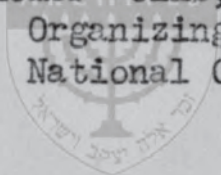
I earnestly hope that you will feel that you can accept membership in the Committee and thus assist in a project which I believe has great possibilities for the welfare of the children of America.

Publicity should not be given to this matter until the formation of the National Citizens' Committee has been completed.

Very truly yours,




Homer Folks, Chairman
Organizing Group for the
National Citizens' Committee.

A circular seal is partially visible behind the typed name. It features a central emblem and text around the perimeter, including the words "NATIONAL CITIZENS' COMMITTEE".

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On the Follow-Up of the White House Conference in Ohio

420 Rowlands Bldg., Columbus, Ohio

March 28, 1941

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

It is a source of the greatest gratification to the members of the Executive and Program Committees of the Governor's Committee on the Follow-Up of the White House Conference in Ohio, that you are to be the leader of this movement in our great state.

We hope that our meeting next week is to be but the beginning of a long-time program of care and protection of the children of our state. We are happy and thankful that you can be with us on the opening day, and you will see from the final program which is enclosed, that we have taken full advantage of the opportunity your presence affords. As Chairman of the Conference, you will preside at the opening meeting which is a luncheon one beginning at 12:00 o'clock noon on Wednesday, April 2, and at which Governor Bricker and the Directors of Welfare, Health and Education, will speak.

You are also scheduled to open the general evening session with an address on "The Significance of this Conference to Ohio's Children". You will be followed by a talk on "The Needs of Ohio's Children" by Dr. Leonard W. Mayo, Dean, School of Applied Social Sciences, Western Reserve University, Cleveland, and another on "How can we Publicize these Needs?" by Miss Eleanor M. Johnson, Managing Editor of the American Education Press, Inc., Columbus, O. We realize this looks like a full evening but every one present has come for the purpose of receiving help and inspiration in making this movement a mighty and invincible one in reaching its objectives.

Sincerely yours,

Hannah L. Protzman
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To Members of the National Citizens Committee:

Enclosed you will find a report of what has been done by the National Citizens Committee in the nine months since its organization. We are sending this out ahead of the meeting on April 8th, in order that it may be reviewed both by Committee members who expect to attend the meeting and by those who will be unable to attend.

It will be particularly useful if the non-attendants will send in, for presentation to the Committee, suggestions which may occur to them, and if those who expect to attend the meeting also will review the report, the time required for a verbal report will be available for its discussion, and for the consideration of other business.

I am

Sincerely yours,

H. Ida Curry
Acting Director

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*National Citizens Committee
of the
White House Conference
on
Children in a Democracy*





Play time on the White House lawn.

THE NATION'S GREATEST RESOURCE — ITS CHILDREN

The White House Conference on Children in a Democracy, which held its final session in Washington in January, 1940, proclaimed its belief

That a free people by conscious effort and thoughtful planning can make certain that the needs of all their children will be met

That they can rear them so that their capacities will be developed for cooperative action in exercising the responsibilities of citizenship in a Democracy

That they can bring up children who in turn will maintain and cherish their freedom.

To this end the Conference addressed itself:—

"to the interests of all the children of the Nation and to every aspect of child welfare, including home life, material security, education, health, and general preparation for the responsibilities of citizenship."

The translation of the findings of the Conference into action is a measure of National Defense of primary importance to the future of America.

The essential needs of American children, as pointed out by the Conference, are to be met through wholesome family life, supplemented, as need be, by society at large.

The American child needs PARENTS diligently eager to secure for him all the things essential for his nurture and safety during childhood and his preparation for useful adult citizenship, including:

Perfect physical condition on entering the world, which can only be approached by adequate medical care to the parents before conception, to the mother during the whole period of pregnancy and delivery, and to the new-born babe himself.

Family life in an abode offering shelter, light, air, and heat in winter, and in addition, surroundings to instill a feeling of comfort and "hominess" so that his early life may center and find satisfaction in the home; a home in which he may love, be loved, and have a sense of belonging; receive food of a kind and amount suited to his age and health; be comfortably and suitably dressed so that he will not be set apart from other children by reason of his appearance.

Health education and health supervision commensurate with modern medical knowledge so that his health may be conserved, that he may be protected from infection and cured of physical ills if they overtake him, and that he may gain an understanding of public health requirements for the benefit of himself and others.

Opportunity for an education at home and at school to train his mind and his hand, to cultivate versatility, initiative, and industry, so that in adult life he may earn a living and intelligently carry his share of civic responsibility; so that he may be prepared to cope with the problems of living in the world as it is or as it may become, in acceptable association with other people.

Religious and ethical training which will cultivate a philosophy upon which he can build a happy personal life in accord with the just demands of the social life about him.

Social, esthetic, and cultural experiences which will enrich his life and contribute to the full development of his talents, whatever they may be.

Experience in democratic living, in his family, his school, and his community, which will give him an understanding of American ideals and institutions.

SOCIETY at large should take whatever measures are necessary to assure these opportunities to every child. It should, through public and voluntary agencies, —

Cooperate with and assist parents in supplying for his needs and, to whatever extent may be necessary, should supplement their efforts for the benefit of him and of all other children similarly circumstanced;

Provide the various forms of skilled health, welfare, educational, recreational, cultural, and other services which the family alone cannot supply;

Exercise the authority of the State to whatever degree may be essential to protect him from want, neglect, abuse, or exploitation, in case he is deprived of his parents or they are incapacitated or incompetent, so that he may have his full opportunity to be prepared for useful life in a Democracy;

Conserve and extend, as needed, both in time of special stress and in times of peace and prosperity, all measures and agencies which contribute to attaining for all children the essentials which are recognized as basic in the conservation of a democratic form of life.

The National Citizens Committee was organized according to a recommendation of the White House Conference on Children in a Democracy, which provided:—

"That the function of the National Citizens Committee include preparing and disseminating printed, visual, and radio material; enlisting the cooperation of National organizations in studying and furthering the objectives of the Conference; cooperating with governmental agencies in matters relating to the follow-up program; and assisting the States and Territories in the development of State and Territorial programs adapted to the needs and interests of each State."

Many state and national organizations are taking steps to follow up the White House Conference findings by studying their applicability to state and local conditions, so that steps may be taken to bring to each American child, wherever he may live, an opportunity to develop into a strong, loyal, intelligent, and responsible citizen.

The preservation of Democracy may ultimately depend upon the steps now taken in behalf of America's children. Children of today cannot wait a solution of the present world problems — they may have to solve them. On the grown-ups of today rests the obligation of preparing the children of today to meet post-war conditions, whatever they may prove to be — to train them so that they may courageously face the rough road that lies ahead.



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April 5, 1940

Mr. Homer Folks
State Charities Aid Association
105 East 22nd Street
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Folks:

Your kind letter dated March 28 was forwarded to me by Mr. Fred K. Hoehler.

I appreciate your kind invitation to serve as a member of the National Citizens Committee, and I shall be very pleased to serve. I have received the Conference Report as well as the report of the Follow-Up Program and I thank you for both.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



JOHN W. BRICKER
GOVERNOR

STATE OF OHIO
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
COLUMBUS

April
Ninth,
1941.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your splendid participation in the recent Follow-Up of the White House Conference in Ohio is deeply appreciated. I want you to have this personal note expressing that appreciation in behalf of the State of Ohio as well as my own personal feeling in the matter. Your contribution I know added much to the success of the conference.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John W. Bricker".

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My dear Rabbi Silver:

At the annual meeting of the National Citizens Committee of the White House Conference on Children in a Democracy, the nominating committee, appointed by Mr. Field, consisting of Dr. Boudreau, Miss Deming, and Dr. Helmholz, presented a unanimous report through Miss Deming. Following the report, your re-election as a member of the Executive Committee was unanimous, as was that of the other members.

There were seven members of the National Citizens Committee present, and proxies of thirteen others were of record.

Very truly yours,

H. Ida Curry
Acting Director

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