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National Conference of Christians and Jews, 1946.

THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS & JEWS, INC.

FOUNDED IN 1928

For Justice, Amity, Understanding and Co-operation among Protestants, Catholics and Jews

381 FOURTH AVENUE, NEW YORK 16, N. Y.

October 28, 1946

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

Dear Abba:

Here is a letter which I received.

What should I say in answer?

Cordially,

Everett
Everett R. Clinchy

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THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
State and William Streets
ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

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Minister
Rev. Leonard A. Parr, D.D.

Dear Dr. Clinchy:

As one who has always opposed anti-Semitism in any form, and who has been sympathetic with your work may I offer you the following consideration, which doubtless will not appear in the discussions of your Conference.

The recent sensational newspaper ads. and the political-pressure activity of American Jews seeking to rouse American public opinion against a friendly ally, and one who is trying its best to solve an almost insoluble problem, cannot help but undo much of the work you have done for the past ten years. Aggressive, belligerent attitudes like the above are too reminiscent of what produced conditions in Europe, cannot but fail to chill the friendly feelings of some of us, and sow still more widely the baleful seeds of Anti-Semitism.

Yours sincerely,

LEONARD A. PARR

November 5, 1946

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

My dear Friend:

I received your note and a copy of the letter addressed to you by Rev. Parr. I think it would be fair to ask Rev. Parr what methods he would employ to persuade Great Britain to open the doors of Palestine to the Jewish refugees who have every right to go there by the terms of the mandate under which Great Britain administered the country. Great Britain voluntarily assumed the obligation to facilitate Jewish immigration into Palestine so as to build Palestine into the Jewish National Home in the quickest possible time. Our own government, under the terms of the Anglo-American Convention of 1924, stands committed to this program, and the Congress of the United States, as recently as last year, overwhelmingly endorsed the opening of the doors of Palestine for Jewish immigration and colonization to its maximum absorptive capacity "so that they may freely proceed with the upbuilding of Palestine as the Jewish National Home." The President of the United States has repeatedly asked the British Government to permit the hundred thousand refugee Jews in the detention camps to go to Palestine. The Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry unanimously recommended that these hundred thousand be enabled to go into the country within 1946.

Is your correspondent opposed to the Jewish National Home or to the admission of these hundred thousand, or is he only critical of the newspaper ads which seek to bring to the attention of the American public the desperate plight of the refugees, and the story of Great Britain's broken pledges? If it is the methods that he is objecting to, perhaps he would recommend to us more effective methods.

I trust that you are well, and with all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK