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Chamber of Commerce resignation and Town Club address,
Cleveland, 1923.

1. Notes -

2. My resig. was not due to fact that I disagreed with labor program & C. 1920- Irish even tho I pointed out certain deficiencies.

3. I resigned bec. C. violated ^{spirit of} its own prog. - Refused to live up to it in toto., & from helpful construct. inst. became a verulent prog. agency duplicating Am. Plan Assoc.

4. My letter. Butler - Propaganda - C. & action - I do not agree with him - but assume that his pos. is correct then C. stands convicted of bias & partiality in "action" - In it was only this plank that received praiseful props - others were merited -

5. Report of Com. on Labor Rel. Dec. 1922, Enumerates

16 closed shops - 126 closed no union shops -
We all know of vigorous action in builders -
(anti union, 1921), Plumbers, Mill' Union etc.
We know of no action against non-union.

6. Lab case of Steel Strike 1919 - No closed-shop - Unl. Church Would More "some workers put cause in complaint - dis. Wages, Hours, Lab Prog. - Low Supply Demand - Cost of Living - Unhappy at Silent - with Ordinance Regul. Employ. Steel Ind.

7. Comm. Strike - Program - Employees
Employees should uphold in their integrity
all agreements entered into bet. them
Pres. W. S. . Silent

8. Baker - Trade Union - Chamber -
"necessary to prosp. & welfare" - "any
effort to destroy it against pub. interest"
- A Trade Union is one - what
has Ch. done to help org. & am
improvement

9. You will say that it is not its function
there are other agencies. Exactly. And there
are other agencies to fight closed shop -
you assumed

10. ① Had it been a minor issue I would have
ignored it. C. made it major - Most of it
liberal on this subject - Had they given any
interview & clearing - I would have remained -

② But its despicable partnership was in my eyes
③ cast a murderous in darkness & way
other & it activities - by used direct means -
the lost confidence & public -

11. To retake their way further - I do not disagree
bec. I believe in Closed Shops as against Open
Shops - I ^{do} believe in prefer union shop - but -
But I do not believe in forcing -

① Attacks abuses, labor. (2-2)
1919-1920

② Not believing in it I do not seek to destroy
when it now exists - Soviet

③ And no helpful counsel in people.
labor movement - needing closed shop!
90% union - strike among them -

④ Make Closed Shop union - by pref. law.
by red coll. law by shop union -

12. Arguments -

1. No intention to make issue. (Read)
2. No authority
3. Repeated statement -
4. Unfortunate - not first nor only one - Speech

13. Jew Angle -

1. If we refrain - Anti Sem. has won -
redeemers - miserably beaten

14. Why
Spended
Rabbi
Mix -

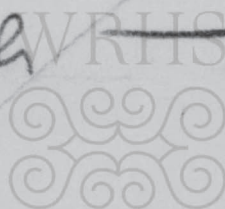
- * 2. Simple - Bankers - Jews - Refrains from
3. Honest to ourselves -
4. In passing - corresp. rank file -

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~~I may be wrong but this is
my faith - By it I must live -
I am just dead -
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no other~~



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