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Union of American Hebrew Congregations, 1937.

ABSTRACT OF ADDRESS BY DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER OF THE TEMPLE, CLEVELAND, OHIO
AT CONVENTION OF UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS IN NEW ORLEANS
ON SUNDAY EVENING, JANUARY 17, 1937

The major concern of the Synagog in its relation to the non-Jewish world was always not anti-Semitism, but the task of reconstructing society according to the plan of its basic religious and ethical ideals. It was tacitly assumed that as a by-product of a courageous and vigorous championing of its prophetic ideals of monotheism and social justice, it would incur resistance, resentment and persecution. The Synagog hoped and labored for a diminution of this hostility, but never at the price of muting its prophetic voice or of compromising with those ideals which it regarded as basic to any civilization worthy of the name.

It is difficult in these days when the Jewish people is being subjected to such terrific pressure in so many parts of the world to keep this fact dominantly in mind. The Synagog is not primarily an agency for fighting anti-Semitism. It is an agency for preaching and teaching those religious and ethical ideals which it has evolved through long centuries of living and contemplation and upon which it has placed the imprint of its characteristic genius.

Anti-Semitism is only one of the forms of intolerance, all of which die hard. Anti-Semitism recedes or advances, as civilization recedes or advances. In our day, civilization has sharply receded; therefore anti-Semitism has sharply advanced.

The solution of anti-Semitism is bound up with the triumph of the fundamental values of brotherhood, equality and international justice.

The correct attitude which Jews should take toward anti-Semitism should be one of quiet dignity, moral earnestness and strong faith. Jews must regard prejudice as a more or less constant factor in their group experience for a long time to come.

They should not try to run away from it. That is impossible. They should not make it central in their thinking.

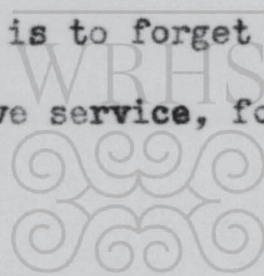
In quiet pride they should accept it as a byproduct of a great

racial experience covering centuries, which has won for them powerful friends and powerful enemies.

The Jewish people would appreciate a little privacy at the hands of writers, journalists and publishers who have found anti-Semitism to be profitable. We dislike to be taken into the dissecting room for anatomical study every other day.

There is much necessary work to be done to regenerate the Jewish home, synagog and religious school. There are the great movements for peace, freedom and economic justice to which thoughtful Jews should give their earnest adherence.

To do all this is to forget anti-Semitism in the urgency and joy of great constructive service, for Israel, for America and for humanity.



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JANUARY 15^{to}19
1937

NEW ORLEANS

PROGRAM



Thirty-Fifth Council

of the

UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TEMPLE SISTERHOODS

Twelfth Biennial Assembly

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TEMPLE BROTHERHOODS

Seventh Biennial Convention



FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, MONDAY, AND TUESDAY
JANUARY 15, 16, 17, 18, AND 19, 1937

HEADQUARTERS

THE ROOSEVELT HOTEL
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

MEN rarely live to see their dreams take shape . . . but Isaac Mayer Wise witnessed the embodiment of his vision. The founder of American Progressive Judaism forged an instrument with which to make the dream a reality . . . he created in 1873 the Union of American Hebrew Congregations to build and preserve a Jewish religious life compatible with the ideals of liberal America.

With the founder's lofty ideals translated into practical endeavor, the frame work of the Union answers the most important needs of American Jewry. Trained religious leaders were lacking: the Hebrew Union College was founded. Educational work among the adult laity, among non-Jews, and among the young was necessary: the Department of Synagogue and School Extension was the product of that need. Reform Jewish men and women lacked a medium of expression for the task of intensifying Jewish congregational and community activity: the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods and the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods were called into being.

The Union sends its message into every corner of the far-flung American Jewish Community. Its regional rabbis minister to isolated and remote settlements. In the field of synagogue activities, the

Union brings concrete suggestions and stimulating plans to every Reform congregation.

Through these agencies and their many subdivisions, the Union carries on its work. The Union knits together its 289 congregations, 361 sisterhoods, and 120 brotherhoods in the task of building a healthy, fruitful American Jewish life. It seeks unity with liberal Jews throughout the world through the World Union for Progressive Judaism, it cooperates with our orthodox and conservative brethren through the Synagogue Council of America, and it participates in the good-will movement through the National Conference of Jews and Christians.

The Union carries its message of knowledge and growth into concrete effort and accomplishment. It is the prime agency for promoting American Liberal Judaism.

Board Meetings



UNION

The Executive Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations will meet at the *Roosevelt Hotel*, Room E (Mezzanine Floor) on Thursday, January 14, 9:30 a. m.

The Post-Convention meeting will be held Tuesday immediately after the close of the 35th Council, Room E.

SISTERHOODS

The Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods will meet at the *Roosevelt Hotel*, Gold Room (Mezzanine Floor) on Thursday, January 14, 9:30 a. m.

The Post-Convention meeting will be held Tuesday immediately after adjournment of the Assembly, Gold Room.

BROTHERHOODS

The Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods will meet at the *Roosevelt Hotel*, Room G (Mezzanine Floor) on Thursday, January 14, 2:00 p. m.

The Post-Convention Board meeting will be held in Room H (Mezzanine Floor) on Monday, January 18, 4:30 p. m.

The Executive Boards of the Union, Sisterhoods, and Brotherhoods will be entertained at Luncheon Thursday by the corresponding local Boards.

Time and place will be announced at the Board meetings.

The West End Country Club extends the courtesy of its golf links to registered delegates and official visitors.



See Interesting Exhibit

OF THE

UNION'S WORK

THE ROOSEVELT HOTEL

Parlor C—Mezzanine Floor

The Religious Services

Friday,
January 15

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7:45 P. M.

TEMPLE SINAI

ST. CHARLES AND CALHOUN

Evening Service . . . RABBI WALTER G. PEISER,
Baton Rouge

Sermon—*The Synagogue and Its Relation
to Jewish Life*

RABBI EDGAR F. MAGNIN, *Los Angeles*

Adoration and Kaddish

RABBI MEYER LOVITT, *Jackson, Miss.*

Benediction . . . RABBI MAX C. CURRICK, *Erie*

Saturday,
January 16

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10:30 A. M.

TOURO SYNAGOGUE

4238 ST. CHARLES AVE.

Morning Service . . . RABBI DAVID H. WICE, *Omaha*

Torah Service . . . RABBI WOLFE MACHT, *Waco*

Sermon—*The Message of Judaism in the
World Crisis*

RABBI MORRIS S. LAZARON, *Baltimore*

Adoration and Kaddish

RABBI SAMUEL TEITELBAUM, *Ft. Smith*

Benediction . . . DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER,
Cleveland

THE XXXV COUNCIL
Union of American Hebrew Congregations

Friday,
January 15

★
9:30 A. M.

Formal Opening

XXXV COUNCIL U. A. H. C.
TWELFTH BIENNIAL ASSEMBLY N.F.T.S.
SEVENTH BIENNIAL CONVENTION N.F.T.B.

THE ROOSEVELT HOTEL
TIP TOP INN (*Twelfth Floor*)

Joint Session of All Delegates and Visitors

Invocation . . DR. DAVID PHILIPSON, *Cincinnati*
Election of Temporary Officers
Address of Welcome . . . MR. J. D. DRESNER,
General Chairman, The New Orleans Committee
Report of Committee on Credentials
Election of Officers of XXXV Council
Address by the President of the Council
Address of the Chairman of the Executive Board
MR. JACOB W. MACK, *Cincinnati*
The President's Message
MRS. LEON L. WATTERS, *New York*,
President National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods
The President's Message
MR. SAMUEL B. FINKEL, *New York*,
President National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods
Appointment of Council Committees
Appointment of Sisterhood Committees
Appointment of Brotherhood Committees

2:00 P. M.

Discussion Meeting

DOME ROOM (*Mezzanine Floor*)

I. WORSHIP IN THE SYNAGOGUE

PRESIDING : MR. ALBERT F. MECKLENBURGER, *Chicago*

LEADERS OF DISCUSSION

Ritual RABBI LOUIS WITT, *Dayton*

Ceremonial . . MR. OSCAR H. STEINER, *Chicago*

Music DR. JACOB SINGER, *Chicago*

Sermon RABBI IRVING F. REICHERT,
San Francisco

General Discussion

7:45 P. M.

Religious Services

TEMPLE SINAI

ST. CHARLES AND CALHOUN



Religious Services

TOURO SYNAGOGUE

4238 ST. CHARLES AVE.

Saturday,
January 16

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10:30 A. M.

AFTERNOON

Open for Sight-Seeing

9:30 P. M.

Reception to Delegates and Visitors

(Admission by Card only)

THE ROOSEVELT HOTEL

DOME ROOM

Sunday,
January 17

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9:30 A. M.

Discussion Meeting

HOTEL ROOSEVELT

DOME ROOM (*Mezzanine Floor*)

II. JEWISH EDUCATION

PRESIDING: MR. EUGENE B. STRASSBURGER, *Pittsburgh*

Invocation . . . DR. HENRY BARNSTON, *Houston*

LEADERS OF DISCUSSION

What Education Has Meant to the Jew

RABBI MAX REICHLER, *Brooklyn*

Youth Education . DR. SAMUEL M. BLUMENFIELD,
Chicago

Formal Adult Education . RABBI LEON FRAM, *Detroit*

Informal Adult Education

MR. LESTER D. COHN, *Chattanooga*

General Discussion

WRHS



Discussion Meeting

(Joint Meeting of All Delegates and Visitors)

TIP TOP INN (*Twelfth Floor*)

III. SISTERHOODS AND BROTHERHOODS
IN ACTION

PRESIDING: MRS. LEON L. WATTERS, *New York*

LEADERS OF DISCUSSION

Sisterhood . . . MRS. G. GEORGE FOX, *Chicago*

Brotherhood . . . MR. JACK E. RAPPAPORT,
Cincinnati

From the Rabbi's Viewpoint

DR. HARRY W. ETTETSON, *Memphis*

From the Congregational President's Viewpoint

MR. HENRY S. MILLER, *Dallas*

General Discussion

8:00 P. M.

Discussion Meeting

(Joint Meeting of All Delegates and Visitors)

TIP TOP INN (*Twelfth Floor*)

**IV. THE SYNAGOGUE AND THE
NON-JEWISH WORLD**

PRESIDING: DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER, *Cleveland*

LEADERS OF DISCUSSION

Present Day Aspects of Anti-Semitism

DR. LEE J. LEVINGER, *Columbus, Ohio*

From a Christian's Viewpoint

REV. A. W. GOTTSCHALL, *Baltimore*

How Shall the Jew Face Anti-Semitism?

MRS. AARON L. LAMBIE, *Pittsburgh*

MR. SAMUEL B. FINKEL, *New York*

General Discussion

Monday,
January 18

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9:30 A. M.

Joint Meeting of All Delegates and Visitors

HOTEL ROOSEVELT

TIP TOP INN (*Twelfth Floor*)

Invocation RABBI JOSEPH M. TAXAY,
Terre Haute

Reports of Committees

On Resolutions
On Chairman's Message
On Printed Reports

2:00 P. M.

Reports of Committees (Continued)

DOME ROOM (*Mezzanine Floor*)

On Time and Place of Next Council
On Nominations
On Thanks

7:00 P. M.

The Banquet

TIP TOP INN (*Twelfth Floor*)

TOASTMASTER: MR. MONTE M. LEMANN, *New Orleans*

Invocation . . . DR. HENRY COHEN, *Galveston*

The Western World . . . DR. JONAH B. WISE,
New York

Judaism Without Jews . . . MR. A. B. FREYER,
Shreveport

Jews Without Judaism
MR. HUGO SONNENSCHNEIN, *Chicago*

Paths to Jewish Progress
DR. SOLOMON B. FREEHOF, *Pittsburgh*

Tuesday,
January 19

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9:30 A. M.

Business Session

HOTEL ROOSEVELT

DOME ROOM (*Mezzanine Floor*)

Invocation . . . RABBI EUGENE BLACHSCHLEGER,
Montgomery

Unfinished Business

Benediction . DR. JULIAN MORGENSTERN, *Cincinnati*

Notes on the Sisterhood Program

THE theme for the Twelfth Biennial Assembly of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods is "Educating through Sisterhoods for the Modern World." It is the hope of the committee that planned this program that delegates will avail themselves of the opportunity to participate in all sessions, whether at the open assemblies, the round table discussions, or the informal luncheon discussions. If any additional luncheon meetings are desired, these can be arranged through the Executive Secretary, providing she is notified no later than noon, Saturday, January 16th.

Each delegate or visitor is urged to read the program carefully in order to enter into discussion. The success of any Convention depends upon an interchange of ideas whereby the delegates from one community may receive the stimulation of hearing about Sisterhood projects elsewhere. Furthermore, it is just as true that the representative of the smaller Sisterhood may give helpful suggestions to the larger groups as vice versa.

Through the general theme, "Educating through Sisterhoods for the Modern World," it is hoped that the participants in the Convention will take away with them a broadened view of the program of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. In the last analysis, each National Standing Committee is attempting to fulfill some particular phase of Jewish education through which members of the Federation may be better equipped to meet their responsibilities to their local Synagogues and communities, as well as to the wider challenges of Liberal Judaism.

XII BIENNIAL ASSEMBLY
National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods

Friday,
January 15

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9:30 A. M.

Formal Opening

THE XXXV COUNCIL

Joint Session of All Delegates

(See Union Council Program)

THE ROOSEVELT HOTEL

TIP TOP INN (*Twelfth Floor*)

This Session will include:

The President's Message

MRS. LEON L. WATTERS, *New York*

Appointment of Sisterhood Convention Committees

2:00 P. M.

Opening of the

XII BIENNIAL ASSEMBLY

TIP TOP INN (*Twelfth Floor*)

Invocation . MRS. DEBORAH HIRSHBERG, *Oakland*

Addresses of Welcome

MRS. BERNARD ZOLLER, *President*

Sisterhood Congregation Gates of Prayer

MRS. NORMAN J. KAUFFMAN, *President*

Temple Sinai Sisterhood

MRS. ISIDORE CAHN, *President*

Sisterhood of Touro Synagogue

Response . . . MRS. DAVID LEFKOWITZ, *Dallas*,
Third Vice-Pres., National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods

Greetings from League of Jewish Women's

Organizations of New Orleans

MRS. JOSEPH E. FRIEND, *President*

Report of Committee on Credentials

Report of Committee on Rules

Minutes of Recording Secretary

MRS. JOSEPH STOLZ, *Chicago*

Report of Executive Secretary

MISS JANE EVANS, *Cincinnati*

Report of Treasurer

MRS. JONAS FRENKEL, *Cincinnati*

4:00 P. M.

Round Table Discussion

THE GOLD ROOM (*Mezzanine Floor*)

"THE ABC OF PUBLICITY"

LOUISE WOLK ANTICK, *Leader*

Former Publicity Director, Union of American
Hebrew Congregations

7:45 P. M.

Religious Services

TEMPLE SINAI

ST. CHARLES AND CALHOUN

Saturday,
January 16

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10:30 A. M.

Religious Services

TOURO SYNAGOGUE

4238 ST. CHARLES AVE.

Immediately following the Services, the Executive Officers and Board of the New Orleans Section, the National Council of Jewish Women, will be hostesses to the Officers and Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods at a buffet luncheon at Gates of Prayer Center, Napoleon Ave.

AFTERNOON

Open for Sight-Seeing

8:00 P. M.

Reception to Delegates and Official Visitors

(Admission by card only)

THE ROOSEVELT HOTEL

TIP TOP INN

Sunday,
January 17

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9:30 A. M.

Assembly

THE ROOSEVELT HOTEL

TIP TOP INN

Invocation MRS. JULIUS OELSNER,
Kansas City, Mo.

EDUCATING THROUGH PROGRAMS

PRESIDING: MRS. ALBERT J. MAY, *New York*
Second Vice-President, N. F. T. S.

First Demonstration—Hebrew Union College
Slides MRS. LEROY S. BLATNER, *Albany*
Second Demonstration—"Traditional Music of
the Jewish Home" MRS. ROSE S. BERNARD,
San Antonio
Third Demonstration—"The Jew Looks at
War and Peace"*

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Two Friends MRS. ARTHUR L. REINHART,
Cincinnati
MRS. JESSE M. JOSEPH,
Cincinnati
A Voice MISS JANE EVANS, *Cincinnati*

*This Program is based upon Rabbi Roland B. Gittelsohn's series, "The Jew Looks at War and Peace." It was presented before the Sisterhood of the Isaac M. Wise Temple of Cincinnati. The three characters are members of this Sisterhood, of which Mrs. Arthur Reinhart is the President.

Suggested Questions for Discussion

1. Shall the Sisterhood budget for outside talent for every meeting or shall it endeavor to develop the necessary talent for interesting programs from among its own members?
2. Shall the themes of Sisterhood programs be distinctly Jewish or is it justifiable to select any subject connected with present-day life?
3. Shall the various programs of regular monthly meetings be unrelated or shall they be built around a theme for the whole year's work?
4. What are the particular program problems and needs of smaller Sisterhoods?

12:30 P. M.

Meetings at Luncheon

PARLOR G (Mezzanine Floor)

Meeting of State Presidents at luncheon* Mrs. Leon L. Watters, National President, Presiding.

PARLOR E (Mezzanine Floor)

Meeting at luncheon open to anyone interested in holding an informal discussion regarding Religious Schools.* Mrs. Julian Hennig, Columbia, S. C., Chairman of National Committee on Religious Schools, Presiding.

*All reservations for luncheon meetings must be made in writing to Miss Jane Evans, Executive Secretary, no later than noon, Saturday, January 16th. This can be done by leaving a note in Miss Evans' box at the Hotel Roosevelt, stating clearly the luncheon meeting or meetings you will attend.

2:00 P. M.

Joint Meeting of All Delegates and Official Visitors

(See Union Council Program)

TIP TOP INN (Twelfth Floor)

8:00 P. M.

***Joint Meeting of All Delegates and
Official Visitors***

(See Union Council Program)

TIP TOP INN (*Twelfth Floor*)

Monday,
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9:30 A. M.

***Joint Meeting of All Delegates and
Official Visitors***

(See Union Council Program)

ROOSEVELT HOTEL

TIP TOP INN (*Twelfth Floor*)

12:30 P. M.

Meetings at Luncheon

PARLOR E (*Mezzanine Floor*)

Meeting at luncheon open to anyone interested in holding informal discussion regarding the work of the National Committee on Jewish Literature for the Blind.* Mrs. Fedora Jonas-Lewis, Washington, Chairman, Presiding.

PARLOR G (*Mezzanine Floor*)

Meeting at luncheon open to anyone interested in holding informal discussion regarding work of the National Committees on Hebrew Union College Scholarships and Uniongrams.* Mrs. Joseph Stolz, Chicago, and Mrs. Eli M. Oettinger, Greensboro, N. C., respective Chairmen, Presiding.

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2:00 P. M.

Business Meeting

TIP TOP INN (*Twelfth Floor*)

Invocation . MRS. ERNEST C. SAMUEL, *New Orleans*
Report of Committee on President's Message
Resolution in Memory of Mrs. Isidore Feibleman
Report of Committee on Revision of By-Laws
Report of the Nominating Committee (if ready at
this time)
Election of Executive Board Members
Unfinished Business

3:00 P. M.

Round Table Discussion

THE GOLD ROOM (*Mezzanine Floor*)

"SISTERHOOD PEACE PROJECTS"*

Mrs. G. George Fox, Chicago, Chairman, and Mrs.
Samuel Kubie, New York, Vice-Chairman, National
Committee on Peace, Presiding.

Demonstration—Educational Motion Picture Peace
Films

*For the duration of the Assembly, there will be shown in
the Gold Room, an exhibit of peace materials arranged
through the courtesy of Mrs. Ralph Wertheimer, Cleveland,
a member of the National Committee on Peace, and Mrs.
William Cosel, New Castle, Pa.

7:00 P. M.

Banquet

THE ROOSEVELT HOTEL

(See Union Council Program)

Tuesday,
January 19

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9:30 A. M.

Panel Discussion

THE ROOSEVELT HOTEL

TIP TOP INN (*Twelfth Floor*)

Invocation . . . MRS. PHILIP STERN, *New York*

“HOW SHALL WE TRAIN THE JEWISH
CHILD AND YOUTH FOR MODERN LIFE”

PARTICIPANTS

DR. EMANUEL GAMORAN, *Chairman, Educational
Director, U. A. H. C.*

DR. ISAAC RABINOWITZ, *Director of Youth Activities,
U. A. H. C.*

DR. SAMUEL H. MARKOWITZ, *Rabbi, The Temple,
Fort Wayne, Ind.*

MESDAMES: DAVID E. GOLDFARB, *New York*; JESSE
HEIMAN, *Little Rock*; CHARLES SHULMAN, *Glen-
coe, Illinois*



12:00 NOON

Closing of Twelfth Biennial Assembly

TIP TOP INN (*Twelfth Floor*)

Unfinished Business

Report of Committee on Resolutions

Report of Committee on Thanks

Benediction . . . MRS. JOSEPH STOLZ, *Chicago*

Adjournment

2:00 P. M.

Post-Assembly Meeting of the Executive Board

THE GOLD ROOM (*Mezzanine Floor*)

VII BIENNIAL CONVENTION

National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods

Monday,
January 18

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2:00 P. M.

THE ROOSEVELT HOTEL

PARLOR G (*Mezzanine Floor*)

*Discussion: How can the Brotherhood secure
the participation of its membership in
carrying out its program?*

1. Introduction—Activities other than the regular monthly meetings calling for actual participation.

BEN SHAPIRO, *Boston*

2. What activities in a Brotherhood program are of particular interest to the younger men?

BERNARD LEVINSON, *Seattle*

3. In what ways can the Brotherhood advance Adult Education and to what extent should the subjects treated be exclusively Jewish?

SAMUEL GREENBERG, *Brooklyn*

4. Are sports and amusements for sociability and good fellowship in keeping with the Brotherhood program?

FERDINAND T. WEIL, *Pittsburgh*

5. To what extent should civic and general social projects make up part of the Brotherhood program of activity?

ELI KRUPP, *El Paso*

Concluding Business


Committee Reports

Benediction ROBERT ARONSON, *St. Louis*

SCHEDULE OF SESSIONS

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	
<p>UNION—Second Discussion Meeting</p> <p>SISTERHOOD Assembly Session</p>	<p>Joint Meeting of All Delegates</p>	<p>UNION Business Meeting</p> <p>SISTERHOOD Assembly Session</p>	MORNING
<p>NOON</p> <p>N.F.T.S. State Presidents—Meeting at Luncheon</p> <p>Luncheon—Sisterhood National Committee</p> <p>2 P. M.</p> <p>Third Discussion Meeting—Joint Meeting of All Delegates</p>	<p>NOON</p> <p>Two Sisterhood Luncheons—National Committees</p> <p>2 P. M.</p> <p>UNION Business Meeting</p> <p>SISTERHOOD Assembly Session</p> <p>BROTHERHOOD Convention</p> <p>4:30 P. M.</p> <p>BROTHERHOOD Executive Board</p>	<p>UNION Executive Board</p> <p>SISTERHOOD Executive Board</p> 	AFTERNOON
<p>Fourth Discussion Meeting—Joint Meeting of All Delegates</p>	<p>Banquet</p>		EVENING