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National Conference of Christians and Jews, 1952.

STATEMENT OF DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

*For 25 anniv of 52-20
National Conference
of Christians & Jews
Oct 17, 1952*

One of the most significant contributions to brotherhood was made by the National Conference of Christians and Jews in the last quarter of a century. It was providential that in these 25 years of world upheaval, dangerous tensions and threatening spiritual collapse, there was in existence an organization such as the National Conference of Christians and Jews, dedicated to healing and reconciliation, to better understanding and cooperation.

It is clear then even today that all men of good will must unite their forces in urgent defense of their common spiritual heritage which is still being threatened. They must never accept the idea of inevitable and irrepressible conflicts between religions, races, nations or economic systems.

Jews and Christians and men of all other faiths have work to do in the world, not merely as citizens of their countries, but as adherents of historic and prophetic faiths whose mission it has always been to teach men to rise above the levels of limitations of system, class, nation, or race to the high levels of humanity, to an eager and out-reaching cooperativeness in the building of the good society on earth, where man's high hopes for justice, freedom and peace can find at last their happy anchorage.



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Statement for
NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS & JEWS, INC.

The call issued by the Commission on Religious Organizations of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and the earnest endorsement given to it by the President of the United States, draw attention to the seriousness of the problem of racial conflicts which has been heightened by events in recent months. American citizens of deep religious conviction and loyalty to the historic traditions of America should do their utmost to keep the situation from getting out of hand. The prestige of our country and the effectiveness of its leadership in the world today depend in a very large measure upon the manner in which the issues of brotherhood and basic human equality are met. The mobilization of the spiritual forces of America to apply themselves to the task of lessening racial tensions in our country is most urgent.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

June 5, 1956

STATEMENT

by

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

Brotherhood Week, 1956

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Brotherhood Week has become a welcome institution in American life. It is welcomed both as a reminder of the goal toward which we are all striving and the efforts which are being put forth to achieve that goal. Our age needs the strengthening of every bond of unity to counter-act the powerful economic and political forces which are operating in the world today which cause division, dissension and mistrust. The great religions of mankind which have learned from a long and bitter experience how necessary it is to learn toleration for the sake of the spiritual progress of mankind will point the way to the peoples of the earth to accept other forms of toleration for the sake of peace.

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