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B'nai B'rith exhibition hall, 1956.

- 1/ I feel <sup>honored and</sup> privileged to participate in these ceremonies marking the cornerstone-laying of the Bnai B'rith Exhibit Hall and Building in the capital of our country.
- 2/ This is not the first building which Bnai B'rith is erected on our precious land. In well-over a century of outstanding services to the cause of America and American Israel, B.B. has built many edifices which have housed, even as they <sup>valued</sup> ~~symbolized~~ its <sup>unusually</sup> ~~philanthropic~~ cultural and spiritual interests. Many towns and cities in the United States pride themselves upon <sup>a Jewish community in every</sup> ~~the~~ Bnai B'rith institutions - hospitals, homes for the aged, centers or synagogues which Bnai B'rith established in their midst. Many a college <sup>and university</sup> ~~campus~~ now <sup>includes</sup> ~~contains~~ a Bnai B'rith Hall <sup>and</sup> ~~building~~ among <sup>their</sup> ~~its~~ valued <sup>campus</sup> ~~assets~~.
- 3/ It is therefore altogether fitting that this <sup>shuman</sup> ~~newest~~ (and most inclusive, grandest and most representative) series of <sup>the</sup> Am. Jewish <sup>shoah</sup> ~~shoah~~ also erect an impressive structure here in <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ capital of our country the United States which will at the cross-roads of American life - which will not only house



~~has sought~~ This cannot be said, ~~unfortunately~~ <sup>what they</sup> all natural Jewil organizations, ~~some of them~~ have been unfortunately destroyed themselves by their ~~superstitions~~ and their ~~monophthe~~ <sup>off</sup> procher her-  
zephyrus to seek Hob, I do - <sup>but</sup> in their own particular bias and exclusions shut as Jewil life.

Israel But has served tirelessly and selflessly  
in recent decades for the Jewish people.  
Wherever there was Jewish need - local, national or  
international - there Israel But ~~was~~ started out  
on a <sup>long</sup> helping hand, not stopping to inquire as to origin  
or ethnic loyalties, never drawing a line of  
division in the Jewish people.

I will remember the decisive role which Anne  
Butt played in the critical days, which preceded  
our long struggle for the establishment of the State Park.  
She was an enemy which at ~~times~~ <sup>times</sup> ~~threatened~~  
agitated the Army. <sup>as few men had come by</sup> - and at times  
threatened a <sup>most serious</sup> ~~serious~~ <sup>disaster</sup> ~~disaster~~ in the <sup>of its solidarity</sup>.  
At the Ann. J. Conference held at the Ark, N. J. in May  
1943 - when passion was running high - and the Army  
was running dangerously close to an impasse - it  
was the voice of Anne Butt - speaking through the mouth  
of the leader - the very heart - whose memory will be honored

in this respect ~~also~~ which has raised us down and 14  
~~unforgotten~~ <sup>unforgotten</sup> times - calling for unity and for discipline,  
and the exercise of responsible leadership in Jewish life.  
- Reading ~~for the~~ <sup>for the</sup> right response to the challenge of  
our historic hour - and the summons ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> to  
loyalties and just ~~loyalties~~ <sup>loyalties</sup>. - <sup>Since that day 13.15.</sup>  
of the Bnai B'rith has been a champion of human rights -  
not only of J. rights. Jewish rights will never be  
secure in the world - if the rights of all other  
peoples are not secure.

And even when <sup>13.15.</sup> you fight ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> safeguard  
the fair name of Israel as agent to Malabar and  
Gadaver - as you should have, as you should continue  
to do - for the first day of universal brotherhood is not  
yet here - you have also given your full support  
to all movements which sought to abolish all  
forms of discrimination against any and all people  
regardless of race or ~~sex~~ religion.

In this you have followed the logic of the teachings of  
Judaism. - ~~which has been a business~~. It is for this  
very reason ~~that~~ <sup>that</sup> you have been ~~permitted~~ <sup>permitted</sup> in the ~~land~~ <sup>land</sup> of ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~con-~~  
b/ You have not been ~~permitted~~ <sup>permitted</sup> in the ~~land~~ <sup>land</sup> of ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~con-~~  
which you have acted as - you know B did not  
hesitate to ~~be~~ <sup>be</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~defence~~ <sup>defence</sup>, ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~rights~~ <sup>rights</sup>.  
You realized that the Jewish people could not survive without

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Jordanian. No J. community ever survived for long  
which did not cultivate Jewish learning and study and  
which did not cultivate the prescribed way / Jewish religious  
life - at least in the essentials

We shall not be able to survive as a secular  
nationality, just as the Diaspora, especially in these  
countries, like the U.S. where there are <sup>really</sup> no Jewish nat.  
groups which are determined to preserve their cultural  
identities, and where the freedom accelerates the process  
of assimilation. It would be a mistake to assume that  
the State of Israel will, despite present Jewishness rather  
wonder is outstanding. This is a task all, the  
more, which the Jews, the world must carry on in the  
future as in the past.

7. It is hazardous to know that the B.B. is delivering  
~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~word~~, it thought to admit of education, to the  
travelling of Jewish youth on <sup>and</sup> ~~an~~ college campuses  
and to the encouragement of J. scholarship.

8/ This stepwise will bear on Jewish community  
~~in a real sense~~ one says say old community.  
I have said - But the <sup>word</sup> ~~is~~ not do a ~~more~~ <sup>filler</sup> ~~filler~~  
stone - Let a name. ~~hence~~ <sup>remember</sup> of ~~freedom~~ <sup>perhaps</sup> ~~freedom~~  
- the very word which in the ~~past~~ <sup>past</sup> is ~~not~~ <sup>not</sup>  
~~spontaneous~~

1) Honored - privileged - B.B. Exhibit Hall - + Bldg -  
Not the first - gracious land - In were over - edifice - house  
and symbolized - Many a f. corner - prides itself upon a fine  
Many a college and Univ - now includes - valued campus

2. It is: a. altogether fitting - <sup>olden</sup> monument series away of time leaving  
erect an impressive structure here in Washington - cross-roads  
- which will last - but <sup>also</sup> records which will tell in facts  
and ~~records~~ - to the many - the hero,  
- I understood - contemplated Exhibit Hall - present a capital  
panorama - documentary structure - achievements in  
and for America.

It is a story well worth the telling (Jewell)  
Why should not this story - so credible - complementary  
- and together so mutually complementary - be told - ~~shared~~  
dramatic - for edification

3. B.B. - not limited itself to construction of Bldg - however useful  
thru the years - devoted itself to construction building in  
Worked for Univ. - <sup>base. apparatus of Univ.</sup> list distribution - panels - Vict. park  
Sown no discord - loyal and honorable career  
this could be said - disregarded -  
B.B. - John H.B. - wherever - needed - never stopping  
- a sense of direction

4. I well remember - B.B. - 1943 - Since that day  
solidarity remains in fact



BACKGROUND MATERIAL FOR RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER  
ON B'NAI B'RITH AND CORNERSTONE-LAYING OF  
B'NAI B'RITH EXHIBIT HALL AND BUILDING

*unify*  
*Israel + America*  
*supported religious + political*  
*Civil rights*  
*campus*  
*Israel (Zion)*  
*Chad + Elmer*

Since its founding in 1843, B'nai B'rith has acted as a major force in unifying Jews, despite differences in ritual, national origin or economic status, to serve their people, their country, and all humanity. Wherever Jews have settled in towns and cities throughout the United States, the B'nai B'rith lodge has led in building synagogues, libraries, community centers, hospitals and homes for orphans and the aged. It has been the cement with which many Jewish communities were constructed. In recent decades, B'nai B'rith has assumed responsibilities of training and guiding Jewish youth, both on and off the college campus, promoting the expansion of civil rights, aiding the social and economic development of Israel, stimulating adult Jewish education, and providing community services to our men and women in uniform and our hospitalized veterans.

*Tell story of Jewish people in America*  
*defence of civil rights*  
*- Exhibit Hall*  
*Nathan*  
*Huntley + Schindler*  
*Beard*  
*US + Israel*  
*Storck*  
*Myer*  
*Survival*  
*Chad + Elmer*

Today, in laying the cornerstone of a magnificent exhibit hall and B'nai B'rith building, B'nai B'rith has undertaken another major enterprise. It is seeking to erect a structure that will, to a large extent, tell the story of the part played by Jews in the development and defense of our country. It is a story that has been much neglected, both by our own people and consequently by our neighbors. In almost every field we Jews have played a distinguished role. One needs only to recite some of the names: in law, Louis D. Brandeis, Felix Frankfurter, Benjamin N. Cardozo; in medicine, Dr. Bela Schick, Dr. Selman Waksman, Dr. Jonas Salk; in social work, Lillian Wald, Sophie Irene

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Loeb, Frieda Miller; in philanthropy, Nathan Straus, Felix Warburg, Julius Rosenwald, Jacob Schiff; in music, Ernest Bloch, Samuel Barber, Aaron Copland, Pierre Monteux, George Gershwin, Isaac Stern, Jascha Heifetz, and numerous others; in literature, Lillian Hellman, Edna Ferber, Arthur Miller, Fannie Hurst; in labor Samuel Gompers, Sidney Hillman, David Dubinsky; in science, Albert Einstein and Robert Oppenheim; in public service Oscar Straus, Henry M. Morgenthau, Jr., Senator Herbert H. Lehman; in industry, David Sarnoff and the dozens of men who built the garment and moving picture industries in this country.

It is important that we should know who these people are and what they did. They can become, and should become, guiding stars for our youth in particular--lasting proof that we have done and are doing our share in fortifying our country both from without and within. The new B'nai B'rith building will contain documents, photographs, sculpture, paintings, and all kinds of historic material designed to refresh our memory of their achievements. It will increase the pride and prestige of all of us. Owing to its location in Washington, the nation's capital, it will be visited by thousands of sightseers and students, both Jewish and non-Jewish, who will thereby gain a new appreciation of one of the many cultural strands which have made America what it is today. The building should prove specially attractive to scholars in the field of American Jewish history, since it will contain an authoritative collection of books on this subject.

I am particularly delighted that one section of the building will be devoted to a permanent exhibit on man's struggle for political and civil liberty. This section of books and manuscripts will document our struggle against totalitarianism and anti-Semitism. And I hardly need tell this audience how gratified I am that there will be another section dealing with the connections between the United States and Israel. It is a bond which we must continually work to strengthen, expressing as it does both our faith in democracy and in the future of the Jewish people.

B'nai B'rith has done much to strengthen that bond, beginning in 1865 when it sent funds to aid victims of the cholera plague in Palestine, and continuing with the establishment of aid to many religious and educational institutions there. After World War One it raised funds for housing and emergency relief, and established two colonies in honor of past presidents Alfred M. Cohen and Henry Monsky. In the months of tension before and after the new State of Israel was founded, B'nai B'rith provided for Israel tools, machinery, ambulances and many other items valued at millions of dollars. In 1950 it established a B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at the Hebrew University, and last year dedicated a veterans rehabilitation center at the Tel Hashomir Hospital in Tel Aviv and a Home for Maladjusted Children near Jerusalem. During the current campaign B'nai B'rith members have purchased or sold \$6.5 worth of Israel bonds, planted thousands of trees in the B'nai B'rith Forest, part of the Great Martyrs Forest, and conducted many other projects under the aegis of its B'nai B'rith Israel Committee. On the

political scene, under the vigorous leadership of Philip M. Klutznick, B'nai B'rith has intervened strongly to promote peace in the Middle East and security for the new state.

There is one more function that this new exhibit hall should help to perform. It will help to guarantee the future of the Jewish people. Here in this country there can be little future for us as a group unless we can encourage and stimulate a revival of Jewish thought and learning, of art and philosophy, of religion and theology. This was the soil that nurtured the achievements which will be noted in this building; it is our task to prepare fresh ground for new and greater accomplishments. B'nai B'rith--indeed all of us--hope and expect that this new structure will raise the sights and enlarge the vision of our people, spurring them on to new advances in medicine, art, philosophy, music, industry, labor, law and government--achievements based on our heritage and rich in a distinctive Jewish approach and insight.

REMARKS OF RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER  
AT CORNERSTONE-LAYING CEREMONY, B'NAI B'RITH,  
17th STREET AND RHODE ISLAND AVENUE, N. W.,  
WASHINGTON, D. C., on MAY 6, 1956, at 3:00 P. M.

It is altogether fitting that the B'nai B'rith, the foremost humanitarian service agency of American Jewry, should erect an impressive building here in Washington at the crossroads of American life which will not only house its national activities, but which will tell in pride and gratitude, to the many who will come to this city for the future from all parts of the nation - nay, from all parts of the world - the heroic and magnificent story of the contribution of American Jews to the life, progress and defense of America. It is a story worthy to be told not alone to ourselves, but to our fellow citizens.

Our beginnings here were humble, as were the beginnings of all peoples who came to these shores. Steadily through the years, and more rapidly in the last century, our numbers increased, and we shared eagerly and gratefully in the growing and evolving life of America.

Our people became in outlook and in hopefulness, true children of the new world, and in service and devotion, loyal and proud citizens of the United States. They served it patriotically in peace and in war. They made creditable contributions to its material prosperity, to its political and social progress, to labor and industry, to its arts, science, literature and music. They supported generously all the philanthropic and social institutions of their communities, Jewish and non-Jewish alike. They have been not an unworthy and unimportant part of the noble mosaic which is America.

Why should not this story of the American Jewish community, so creditable in itself and so complimentary to the greatness and goodness,

the freedom and opportunities of American life - and both so mutually complimentary - be told in an impressive and dramatic manner for the edification of our citizens.

B'nai B'rith has never limited itself to the construction of buildings, however useful and worthy they have proved to be. Through the years it has devoted itself to constructive building in all fields of vital Jewish and human interest.

It has worked for unity and harmony in Jewish life. It has not been doctrinaire or parochial or violently partisan. It has sown no discords in the American Jewish community throughout its long and honorable career. This cannot be said of all national Jewish organizations, some of whom have unfortunately distinguished themselves by their competitiveness and by their monopolistic proclivities. B'nai B'rith has served catholic Israel. I well remember the decisive role which B'nai B'rith played in the critical days in our long struggle for the establishment of the State of Israel. Here was an issue which threatened the most serious cleavage in the Jewish community of America. It was at that time that the B'nai B'rith raised its clear and persuasive voice, calling for unity and discipline in Jewish life and pleading for the surrender of lesser loyalties and pet ideologies, in order to meet the challenge of a great historic hour.

B'nai B'rith was tremendously helpful in maintaining the solidarity of the American Jewish community and since that time it has contributed significantly to the upbuilding of the State of Israel. This unity in behalf of Israel has fortunately been retained in the years since the establishment of the State of Israel, inspite of irresponsible attacks made by a handful of Jews ~~xxxxxx~~ x who, in their embittered words and acts, reflect the sentiments neither of America nor of Judaism.

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# B'NAI B'RITH LAYS A



Convention delegates and visitors at cornerstone ceremony for new B'nai B'rith Building in Washington. President Philip M. Klutznick presided. The addresses of the two principal speakers, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver and Sen. Herbert H. Lehman, are published below.



Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

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When sudden illness prevented Dr. Maurice Goldberg, VP of BB, from attending the convention, his message of greetings at opening session was read by his wife, a past president of Women's Dist. No. 5. Harry Dobkin, Director of the BB National Youth Service Appeal, was also ill, and the convention passed "get-well" resolutions for both.

ployment of the Physically Handicapped, the study of good government and the improvement of immigration laws, co-operation with Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, and the sponsorship of public naturalization ceremonies in federal and state courts.

The name of the Vocational Service Bureau was also changed by dropping the word Bureau.

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Sen. Herbert H. Lehman

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cannot shirk the responsibility that accompanies it.

Today the challenge posed by Communism to our free way of life is more formidable than ever before. The new and softer face presented by the ruling group in the Kremlin reveals no weakening of their basic determination to impose their kind of society and their view of man upon the whole world. The free world is properly concerned lest the Communist bloc, by concentrating all its human and material resources, achieve military superiority.

The Kremlin is building weapons as destructive as those we have developed. Indeed, they may be building them faster today than we are. But as long as Communist pilots, soldiers, scientists, and workers have to keep looking over their shoulders to see if they are being shadowed by their suspicious and intolerant masters, we should enjoy a clear advantage. If our scientists can work free of the restraints of serving any ideology but truth, we should not need to fear being outstripped by Communist technology. And we would have a better claim, too, on the minds and hearts of the millions throughout the world who are still uncommitted in the contest between democracy and Communism.

Unfortunately, we in this country have weakened our own cause by misreading the nature of the Communist threat, and the true requirements of American loyalty and security. For too many years we have lived in a fog of synthetically-manufactured fear. We have treated with elaborate dignity the smears and reckless charges which in a happier day we would have recognized immediately as false. We have seen Congress permit its chambers to be used as a privileged sanctuary for the launching of irresponsible assaults against the good name of perfectly loyal individuals and institutions.

In the last year or two, the fog has begun to lift. For this improvement, courageous individuals, and organizations like B'nai B'rith and others, who refused to be stampeded or silenced by the political demagogues, are to be congratulated. But much remains to be done.

Only the other day the Attorney General proposed to Congress the adoption of a law that he said would permit government agencies to retain employees against whom security charges have been filed until final adjudication of their cases. This surely is the plain requirement of



Triennial Convention  
*of*  
B'nai B'rith  
Supreme Lodge



*May 5-9, 1956*  
*Washington, D. C.*



PHILIP M. KLUTZNICK  
*President of B'nai B'rith*

# *Convention Program*

*May 5-9, 1956*

*Statler Hotel, Washington, D. C.*

SATURDAY, MAY 5—2:00 P.M. *Congressional Room*

## PRE-CONVENTION ONEG SHABBAT

"THE FOUNDATIONS OF JEWISH SPIRITUAL AND CULTURAL UNITY"

*Symposium based on papers submitted by:*

DR. MORDECAI M. KAPLAN, Professor of the Philosophies of Religion at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and founder of the Reconstructionist Movement.

DR. SIMON RAWIDOWICZ, Professor of Hebrew Literature and Jewish Philosophy Brandeis University.\*

DR. EMANUEL RACKMAN, Rabbi of Congregation Shaaray Tetila, Far Rockaway, New York.\*

DR. BERNARD J. BAMBERGER, Rabbi of West End Synagogue, New York City.

DR. TRUDE WEISS ROSMARIN, Editor of the Jewish Spectator.\*

DR. HORACE M. KALLEN, Dean, Graduate Faculty of Political and Social Science, The New School for Social Research.\*

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\*Participants—Oral Presentation Saturday

SUNDOWN—REGISTRATION—*Mezzanine Lobby*

SATURDAY, MAY 5

7:30 P.M. OPENING SESSION—*Presidential Room*

*National Anthem*.....MRS. HERMAN HERTZBERG

*Invocation*.....RABBI EMIL W. LEIPZIGER, Rabbi Touro Synagogue, New Orleans, Louisiana

*Welcome*.....ROBERT E. McLAUGHLIN, President, Board of Commissioners,  
District of Columbia

DR. MAURICE GOLDBERG, Vice President, Supreme Lodge

*Remarks*—on behalf of the Women's Supreme Council of B'nai B'rith—  
MRS. LOUIS L. PERLMAN, President

*Ratification of Appointment of Convention Committees*

*President's Message on the State of the Order*.....PHILIP M. KLUTZNICK,  
President, B'nai B'rith

*Report of Credentials Committee*

*Report of Rules Committee*

9:30 P.M. CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS,  
(Rooms Posted)

SUNDAY, MAY 6

9:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. MEETINGS OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES

1:30 - 2:30 P.M. PLENARY SESSION—*Presidential Room*

3:00 P.M. CORNERSTONE EXERCISES, B'NAI B'RITH BUILDING  
erected by  
THE B'NAI B'RITH HENRY MONSKY FOUNDATION  
17TH STREET AND RHODE ISLAND AVENUE, N.W.

*Chairman*—PHILIP M. KLUTZNICK

*Posting of Colors*—Jewish War Veterans of the United States

*National Anthem*

*Greetings*—FRANK R. S. KAPLAN, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Henry Monsky  
Foundation  
MRS. LOUIS L. PERLMAN, President, Women's Supreme Council

*Address*—HON. HERBERT H. LEHMAN, U.S. Senator from New York

*Address*—RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER, The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio

*Cornerstone Ceremony*—MRS. HENRY MONSKY

*Prayer Service* { RABBI ARTHUR J. LELYVELD  
RABBI HAROLD WEISBERG

(District of Columbia Police Department Band)

INSPECTOR CHARLES BENTER, *Conductor*

PRIVATE OLIN MAXFIELD, *Assistant Conductor*

## SUNDAY, MAY 6—STATLER HOTEL

6:30 P.M. B'NAI BRITH ACTIVITIES PANORAMA DINNER—*Presidential Room,  
Statler Hotel*

*Chairman*—MRS. LOUIS L. PERLMAN

*Invocation*—RABBI HARRY SILVERSTONE, *Tifereth Israel Congregation*

*Greetings by Overseas Delegates:*

*Introduced by:*

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Vocational Service Commission*

*Presentation of Awards*

*Crusade for Freedom—Presentation:* WILLIAM A. GREENE, *President*

*Acceptance:* SIDNEY G. KUSWORM, *Chairman  
B'nai Brith Commission on Americanism  
and Civic Affairs*

*Membership—Special Triennial Convention Award*

*Presentation:* BERNARD ROMAN, *Chairman  
Membership Cabinet*

*Acceptance:* JEROME SCHULMAN *of District Six*  
STANLEY YESKEL *of District Three*

B'NAI BRITH ACTIVITIES PANORAMA

"THE NEW DAY"—*Produced and directed by HIMAN BROWN*

*Starring* DONALD COOK *with* NANCY WALKER, MARTIN AGRONSKY, ED HERLIHY,  
DON RICHARDS, BOB DALTON, PETER BARASH, ROSALIE GOODE *and* WILLIAM  
MANN

*Benediction*—RABBI TZVI PORATH, *Montgomery County Jewish Community Center*

## MONDAY, MAY 7

9:00 A.M. "IN MEMORIAM"—*Necrology*—RABBI MEYER PASSOW

*Presidential Room*

BUSINESS SESSIONS (*extending to adjournment on Wednesday, May 9*)

TUESDAY, MAY 8

7:00 P.M. CONVENTION BANQUET—*Sheraton Hall, Sheraton Park Hotel*

*Chairman:* PHILIP M. KLUTZNICK, *President, B'nai B'rith*

*National Anthem*

*Invocation* ..... RABBI NORMAN GERSTENFELD, *Washington Hebrew Congregation*

*Address* ..... THE HONORABLE JOHN FOSTER DULLES, *Secretary of State*

*Presentation B'nai B'rith President's Medal*



to JOSEPH CHERNER  
(Posthumously)

*Presentation of Award to B'nai B'rith*

ABRAHAM FEINBERG, *President*  
Development Corporation for Israel

*Benediction* ..... RABBI DAVID PANITZ, *Adas Israel Congregation*

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*Musical Selections* ..... UNITED STATES MARINE BAND

CAPTAIN ALBERT SCHOEPPER, *Leader*  
C.W.O. DALE HARPHAM, *Assistant Leader*

RICH TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL SINGING ROCKETS OF PARK FOREST, ILLINOIS

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