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Address delivered before the
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NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS
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it thru the years - expanding human relations program -
among all sections of our population - all age groups -
all professional and industrial groups - early & widespread - all civic organizations

2) I have watched with increasing admiration its numerous
institutions, ^{teacher} workshops, conferences, and its program as large
scale - and its net-work of relations directed by them
thru more than 60 Regional units, in U.S. - Canada, etc. and its
activities are now reaching into Europe and Asia.

3) For nearly 30 yrs. in our, the most turbulent eras in
human history it has carried on its great, patient,
unselfish and dedicated work - not in behalf of any one
specific group or by relations - any one particular social reform
but in behalf of the total program of human brotherhood -
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together for their common good - and how to remain
these values which defeat their common purpose and
retard human progress.

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of education. It has endeavored to create a climate
of mutual understanding and sympathy - whereby all the
cherished and desirable goals of social progress and

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reform could the more readily be achieved.

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~~relationships in a free society~~

6) I still think that there is the most important thing to be confronting our society to day. -

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7) But when all this is said: the fact still remains that our major problem is our age - is not how to watch ~~our~~ ^{the} our J. F. K. with these, the Russians. But how to live in the same world with them - "Sputniks" and counter Sputniks will not solve this problem: we must disarm by reaching on a large and drastic scale. and with deadly weapons.

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of missiles - ~~and~~ ^{and} bombs and "H" bombs -

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8/ I submit that we should turn our attention more
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18). By teaching us how to live together - in unity in diversity and
democracy - it is not only saving us - materially - making
our work lives sweeter and easier - It is helping us
courage to maintain our position, building up moral
position in the world - which is also to reform strength
and authority.

We have always stood as a beacon, held up to
the world - the principle of freedom, democracy &
equality ^{and human dignity} upon which our pol. life is based. We as this
these principles are challenged in the world to day. The free
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- But our moral professions cannot win unless and
when all races / peoples - if we ~~are~~ are at home
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of the color of his skin - If there is a part - then acknowledge

He is the God, all over all, and if there is a Divine (6)
law of Justice and Compassion - then surely there is the
law for all men! -

Some, the most insistent materialists, are forced
in our churches the law, an ^{g and day} church - where, sin
of followers is confounded with the ^{will} sin of hypocrisy.

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Favorably it exists - it should be ^{strong} ^{thrust} ^{influenced}
so that it can work even more effectively and on world
large scale.

IN THESE WORDS

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In Support Of

THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS



*"As the National
Conference of Christians
and Jews seeks
to promote the welfare
of all people in the
Family of Man, it has my
complete support and
determined participation."*

Dwight D. Eisenhower

Honorary Chairman, Brotherhood Week,

in a special message to NCCJ: "The fight for freedom today is in a real sense, a fight for the idea of Brotherhood . . . Bigotry and intolerance, racial or religious hate and discrimination are spiritual acts of treason . . . I extend to the National Conference of Christians and Jews my fervent wish that the next 25 years may match, in honorable accomplishment, the brilliant quarter of a century you have now completed."

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Dr. John S. Millis

An Address Before
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To me, the ideal of the Brotherhood of Man without the basic belief in the Fatherhood of God, seems to remain a pious hope, beyond attainment in the competitive world in which we live. Tolerance and forbearance are undoubtedly virtues which we wish all men to possess. But both are negative concepts describing the human moral responsibility to put up with the evil, the ugly, and the objectionable aspects of our fellow men.

The Christian and the Jew hold, as the most fundamental belief, that God is the Creator and the Father of all men. They believe that God is the source of life for each man born into this world. They believe that every man is endowed with God-like capacities of intelligence, of spirit, of free will which are his to be developed in accordance with God's purpose. As we are all the sons of God, so are we all brothers, and as brothers we must find the means by which we may live together in love and therefore in peace and brotherhood. The ideal of the Brotherhood of man under the Fatherhood of God should perhaps be stated as "because of the Fatherhood of God."

The National Conference of Christians and Jews is dedicated to achieving the Brotherhood of Man. But this dedication is not to a pious hope of achieving mere tolerance or forbearance. Rather this dedication is to the task of bringing all men to the realization of the beneficent Fatherhood of God. If man will but know the Father, he may then know and love his brother. Then, and then alone, may we expect to see the dream of the Brotherhood of Man become a reality.

When time and the events of history place the twentieth century in its proper perspective chroniclers of the future will mark as a turning point in the social and cultural development of the United States and of the world the advent of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Historians when they analyze the circumstances out of which the Conference grew, the progress it made and the work and good it accomplished will point to this unique organization as one of the strongest moral forces in our pluralistic society.

These are the reasons why. From the times of the ancients, the days of the Jewish prophets, the seers of the non-Judaeo peoples, the teachings of Christ and the prophets of the non-Christians there have been voices raised that echoed the predominate thought, "God Is The Father — All Men Are Brothers." Religious leaders, poets, writers, statesmen, humanitarians, scientists, "Everyman" himself, have known and felt this truth.

It remained for the National Conference to focus on common social, welfare and civic problems the tremendous forces for good that held this common ground. This is the outward sign that has made the Conference the telling force it is and it is the touchstone that has helped it succeed and endure.

Still more wonderful and amazing is that the Conference has succeeded in accomplishing this feat **without** comprising or **watering down religious or philosophical beliefs** but has in fact buttressed all beliefs with the basic premise that we respect the differences and recognize the moral good in all men.

Coming as it did out of the tensions of the late twenties, growing through the depression and war years and now continuing to expand in these times of cold and luke-warm wars the Conference has utilized the most effective and enduring tool to bring to all peoples the message of the Brotherhood of Man under God's Fatherhood. This tool is

Louis B. Seltzer, 1957-58
Brotherhood Week
Chairman



education, schools, colleges, civic groups, youth organizations, farm, labor and management groups, wherever and whenever an opportunity has presented itself the Conference has created an atmosphere of understanding out of which has come FEPC laws, desegregation in schools, non-discriminatory business and commercial practices, better children, more informed adults and more democratic minded Americans.

True, the process of education is not flamboyant, dramatic nor sensational. It is also a lengthy process, needing time and circumstance to help it achieve its goal. But the end result is more dramatic and sensational than immediate some-time methods. For from this action through education comes an informed and believing society that recognizes its responsibilities to their fellow men.

This then, is why I believe in the work of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Because it has brought to our society an awareness of the need for the practice of brotherhood; it has held fast to the principle of the equality of men; it has marshalled the moral forces of all philosophies; and it has given to the watching nations of the world an example of how a free and democratic people can work together to solve common intergroup problems. I respect the work it has done in the past. I recognize its present effectiveness, I believe in its future.

The world will long note and remember well the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

"NO WORK MORE IMPORTANT"

Benjamin F. Fairless

My thoughts, my prayers and deepest beliefs are bound up in the great work you are doing. To me there is no more important task today than the effort of the Conference to seek justice and foster amity, understanding and cooperation among the Protestants, Catholics and Jews of America.



This work is all the more important now. Each day we see America's leadership in the free world facing some new strain—some new testing of the strength of our great principles and beliefs. The Conference stands for the greatest of these—an attitude toward fellow human beings that says there must be no distinction made between one group and another, one race and another or one faith and another.

The Conference will need that kind of thinking in planning for the future. In this age where science has created such horrible and such vast powers of destruction we need as never before a world-wide enlistment of every moral resource. All of mankind is involved and every living religion can help. Perhaps we can find in the moral strength of a world-wide brotherhood the greatest defense against man's capacity to destroy.

"NCCJ IS ON GOD'S SIDE"

George Meany

It is a real privilege to take part in even a small way in the highly important work being done by the National Conference of Christians and Jews. In these trying days when practically all mankind is praying for peace under the shadow of an ever present threat of another world conflagration, the spiritual and moral value of an organization such as this cannot be overestimated. We must never forget that the godless fanatics of the Kremlin are determined not only to create division among the free nations of the world but also to divide the peoples within those nations if they can possibly do so by propaganda and infiltration. From the Communist point of view world domination is impossible unless the United States is either destroyed or rendered impotent by internal strife and discord.

There is perhaps no greater threat to our unity as a people than bigotry and its vicious by-products. Racial and religious discrimination is not only morally wrong at all times but it is today practically an act of treason. The National Conference of Christians and Jews is truly an organization that is on our country's side as well as on God's side.



"NCCJ IS A VITAL FORCE"

Ernest R. Breech

I believe in the National Conference of Christians and Jews because I subscribe wholeheartedly to the principles upon which the organization was founded and because I have faith in the sound and reasoned way it works toward achieving the ideals to which it is dedicated.



Its very existence is visible and comforting proof of the common spiritual heritage that has been passed on through generation after generation of Americans.

I believe in the NCCJ because it has demonstrated that the concept of brotherhood is a workable reality of today.

I admire the NCCJ for its rational and effective approach to the task at hand. I respect its consistency and its unswerving determination. I place high value on its willingness to face up calmly and confidently to the problems which confront it.

While battling bigotry and prejudice, the NCCJ has not allowed itself to be entrapped in negativism. It has won notable success by emphasizing the good that man derives from his Creator and by maintaining a positive perspective as it deals with the misunderstandings that lead to distrust and finally to hatred. By first fighting for what is right, the NCCJ has been most effective in fighting against the evils that foment discord.

Respect for the inalienable rights of the human being is the foundation upon which the NCCJ builds toward brotherhood. Underlying the entire NCCJ program is a fundamental belief in the dignity and worth of the individual.

The NCCJ is more than an institution of high purpose. It is a vital force which constantly exercises a tremendous influence for good in every phase of our national life. It welds together in the strong bonds of mutual understanding and provides a common ground on which men of totally different persuasions and origins may meet in peace and friendship.

The National Conference of Christians and Jews is a great asset to all of us. The moral strength it represents is a powerful defense against any force which would subvert the principles laid down by the founding fathers. The Conference and its work deserve the active interest and support of every American.

A program that has earned universal support



GENERAL DAVID SARNOFF: "The educational activities of the National Conference of Christians and Jews are of prime importance . . . you seek to enrich and strengthen the spirit of men by breaking down the barriers which now divide them. And in seeking to promote understanding, freedom and tolerance, you are demonstrating the part that science plays in the solution as well as the creation of human problems."



HENRY R. LUCE: "We can be thankful for the voluntary efforts by which Americans organize themselves to improve their own standards of behavior. Of all these efforts the National Conference of Christians and Jews is both an outstanding and a unique example."



DR. REINHOLD NIEBUHR, Union Theological Seminary: "The work toward mutual understanding of religious groups conducted by the National Conference is of inestimable value."



FATHER EDWARD V. CARDINAL, C.S.V.: "In doing its work, the NCCJ has been activating the philosophy of St. Vincent de Paul, who once said in a conference of his priests, 'we must love all God's creatures but we must love those who differ from us a little more.'"



RAYMOND GARY, Governor of Oklahoma: "We are making progress toward better human and group relations in Oklahoma. I know this progress is largely due to persistent efforts of the National Conference which consistently strives for a better understanding between all men."



PHILIP J. HICKEY, Superintendent of Instruction, St. Louis Public Schools: "The National Conference of Christians and Jews with its spirit of goodwill coupled with its skills to work with diverse groups has played a unique role in making St. Louis a wholesome place to educate and bring up our children."



SAMUEL D. LEIDESDORF: "This year NCCJ will spend two and one-half million dollars. But as a conservative estimate this money will multiply itself to 25 million dollars because NCCJ enlists the volunteer help of thousands of other organizations and hundreds of thousands of people who work and give assistance on a voluntary basis. I commend NCCJ for its efficient operation and its highly effective program."



DR. LOUIS FINKELSTEIN, President, Jewish Theological Seminary of America: "All of us have every reason to be grateful to the National Conference for the great contribution which it has made toward the goal of a united humanity."



PAUL HOFFMAN: "It is a privilege to participate in the National Conference. Its work at home is vitally important in combatting Communism abroad."

The oldest and most
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THE RECORD OF THE NORTHERN OHIO CHAPTER

Organized in 1933, an early office of NCCJ, the Northern Ohio Region services all of Ohio south to Columbus. The fourth largest Conference operation it has amassed a proud and successful record.

IN EDUCATION

Developed the Human Relations Workshop programs with regular summer sessions at Western Reserve University, Kent State University, Ohio State University, University of Toledo. The University of Akron, Baldwin-Wallace College have also held similar sessions.

Granted more than \$40,000 in scholarships to workshops and other training courses to qualified teachers, students, police and firemen, welfare and social workers.

Developed "In-Service Training" program whereby teachers continue their human relations training on-the-job in their schools.

Work with all school systems, public, parochial and private on elementary and high school levels and with all colleges and universities on both under-graduate and graduate levels.

Held over 3,000 institutes, scholarship programs, youth programs, adult leadership sessions.

Conducted research, teacher training, textbook revision: prepared teaching materials.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Worked with every community organization, service group, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, women's clubs, professional groups, veterans, fraternal organizations and youth groups. 350 programs annually.

IN RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

Created and developed the Moral and Spiritual Values workshops and institutes. Held clergy conferences, youth training, seminary lectures; create special publications. 200 annual projects.

Every organized denomination and organization has been included.

IN MASS MEDIA

Press, radio, television, magazines, motion pictures, publishers are utilized year-round to marshal public opinion. Over 40,000 column inches annually and 600 hours of radio and television time.

IN LABOR MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATIONS

Created the Human Relations in Industry projects. Held film showings, work with industrial concerns and labor groups to promote understanding of intergroup problems and the contribution of sound human relations to the national economy.

BROTHERHOOD WEEK

Extend help to 1,100 cities and communities in this region in the annual observance of Brotherhood Week.

SPECIAL AREAS

Public meetings and dinners gather thousands to hear national leaders such as John Foster Dulles, Sen. John Kennedy, Vice President Richard Nixon, Benjamin Fairless, Benson Ford, Paul Hoffman.

Consultative Services available to other organizations and local governments.

Speakers Bureau maintained with active volunteers to service the hundreds of public programs.

Development and Expansion activity that has seen the organization of chapters and citizen committees in Columbus, Toledo, Akron, Youngstown, Ashtabula, Canton, Hudson, Sandusky.

Religious News Service supplies a weekly international wire and photo service to all media.

AN EVEN BRIGHTER FUTURE

Expansion and involvement of more of the public is the keynote. Some of the plans include:

- . . . A Human Relations Center.
- . . . A 13 week television show, locally produced but using national talent.
- . . . An international research study to be conducted at Western Reserve University.
- . . . Expanded police and firemen training.
- . . . Preparation of local films, pamphlets and publications.
- . . . Special projects with labor and management.

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