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Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
The Temple
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Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Rabbi:

Isaiah Minkoff, Executive Director of the NCRAC, spoke to me in New York a few days ago about possible Cleveland representation at the White House Conference at Airlie House, described in the enclosed material. I told him that by far the best person in this part of the country to attend such a Conference would be Rabbi Silver, who combines all the necessary qualities - interest in public welfare, interest in civil rights, leadership in the fields of both religion and human rights. I told him I had no idea at all as to whether you would be interested or whether your calendar would permit your attendance at this meeting.

Would you take the time to glance over the enclosed material and let me know whether there is any chance at all that you could attend these sessions? We would of course all be delighted if you could. If not, do you have any suggestions at all as to whom we might encourage to go to Airlie House?

Warmest regards.

Cordially,

Sidney Z. Vincent
Associate Director

October 26, 1964

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C O P Y

THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington

October 14, 1964

Dear Mr. Minkoff:

An unusual opportunity has presented itself for capitalizing on the recent gains in equal opportunity legislation. As a result of several meetings in New York and Washington during the past month, the President's Committee on Equal Opportunity in Housing, the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity, the Department of Justice, the Department of Education, the President's Task Force on Poverty, the Civil Rights Commission, and the newly-developed Community Relations Service have agreed to participate in an Interreligious Consultation on Equal Opportunity.

The purpose of the Consultation will be to put key religious and communal leaders of all denominations in personal touch with government officials from equal opportunity agencies and with one another. The Consultation will be limited to 175, and will be held November 16 to 19 at Airlie House, just outside Washington (see brochure).

Special explanation will be given of the new Civil Rights Bill, including its implications for the Departments of Justice and Education, the Anti-Poverty legislation and the Presidential Orders on equal opportunity in housing and employment. There will be question and answer sessions, public and private. There will also be time for ecumenical and denominational programs and planning will be started for regional conferences of a similar nature in six major areas of the country beginning in January.

We expect this to be a unique kind of experience, and we know because of the past interest of your organization and its activities in this field that this consultation will be of great value to your people. We feel also that your presence will be of great value to the Consultation.

The cost will be \$20.35 per day all inclusive, plus a small registration fee and, of course, transportation. Kits of significant equal opportunity legislation are being put together as well as other practical information for implementing that legislation.

At present, I would say that you could send five delegates, and I will be in touch with you shortly about the possibility of sending more.

May I suggest that in selecting representatives you give consideration to their position with regards to both region and their place in the community. Those attending should know and have contacts throughout the structure of their local and regional communities. They should be able through knowledge, experience, commitment, and position to help organize similar Consultations in their respective areas. This would also mean that you try to send your people from as many different regions as is possible.

Mr. Isaiah Minkoff

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I have enclosed information about Airlie House (those attending must make their own reservations directly), plus a copy of the preliminary program and the minutes of the last planning session.

You will note from the program that the calibre of people participating from the government will be unusually high. This is not to be just "another conference".

I will send you additional information as it becomes available and, in all events, will be in touch with you shortly about the possibility of your sending more people to the Consultation.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask me.

Very truly yours,

/s/

Edwin Friedman
President's Committee on Equal
Opportunity in Housing
Conference Coordinator

Mr. Isaiah Minkoff
55 West 42nd Street
New York, New York 10036

Special Delivery

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Tuesday 11/17

9-10 a.m. - CIVIL RIGHTS ACT (Speaker & Questions)
Honorable Burke Marshall, Assistant Attorney
General for Civil Rights

10-12 p.m. - Workshop I (*)

12:30- 2 p.m. - Lunch (free time)

2- 3 p.m. - HOUSING (Speaker & Questions)

3- 5 p.m. Workshop II

5-6:30 p.m. - Free for consultation between religious
leaders and government people

6:30-8:00 p.m. = Dinner - Free time

8:00-10:00 - Denominational meetings

Thursday 9-10 a.m. - Civil Rights Commission and Community
11/19 Relations Service
10-12 noon - Workshop V (**)

(**) This workshop also may be used for regional planning and follow-up.



**NATIONAL
COMMUNITY RELATIONS
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

55 WEST 42nd STREET
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October 30, 1964

Rabbi Daniel Silver
Temple Tifereth Israel
University Circle at Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

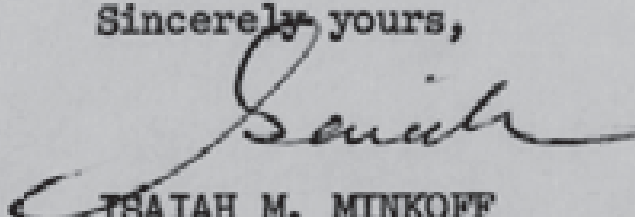
I am delighted that you have accepted our invitation to represent the NCRAC at the Consultation on Equal Opportunity to be held in Washington beginning November 16th at Airlie House, just outside Washington.

From the attached copy of the letter to us you will note that "the purpose of the Consultation will be to put key religious and communal leaders of all denominations in personal touch with government officials from equal opportunity agencies and with one another." I trust that this conference will be constructive not only for all the voluntary agencies that are ready to cooperate with the government "equal opportunity" agencies, but will prove to be just as beneficial to the government agencies charged with implementation of the program.

The NCRAC has been invited to send a total of five delegates. Our national synagogal member agencies will hopefully be represented through the Synagogue Council. Thus, we would like to compose our delegation of representatives of our other national member agencies and community leaders. We would very much like you to be designated as a representative of the NCRAC and identified at the same time as Co-Chairman of the Committee on Public Affairs of the Cleveland Jewish Community Federation. Accordingly, I am so advising Mr. Edwin Friedman of the President's Committee on Equal Opportunity in Housing, who is acting as the Conference Coordinator. I am also enclosing a Preliminary Agenda and an Airlie House Brochure. I assume that you will be making your reservation directly.

It was indeed a pleasure to speak to you and I am very gratified with your readiness to serve.

Sincerely yours,


ISAIAH M. MINKOFF
Executive Vice-Chairman

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AIRLIE FOUNDATION

Warrenton, Virginia

INFORMATION SHEET TO ASSIST CONFERENCE DIRECTORS

Airlie is located forty-five miles from Washington on Route 605, three miles from Warrenton, Virginia.

TRANSPORTATION

By Automobile: From Washington drive out route 50 to Fairfax Circle. Then continue on routes 29-211 through Centreville. About a mile on the other side of Centreville, turn left on route 66 and continue to the junction with routes 29-211 at Gainesville. Continue about nine miles on routes 29-211. On the right you will see a sign "Warrenton, 5 miles". About two miles beyond that, just over the top of a hill, turn right on route 605 (it is marked by a green highway sign, "Airlie"). Continue on 605 until you see the Airlie gates on the left. Pass the first two gates, go over a stone bridge and turn left at the main entrance of Airlie. The driveway goes to Aillie House.

By Bus: Trailways buses carrying forty-one passengers may be chartered for approximately \$55.00 per trip. The staff at Airlie will be glad to arrange for this service.

There is regular Trailways Bus service daily from Washington to Warrenton, the fare is \$1.65. Schedules are available. Passengers will be picked up at the Warrenton Bus Terminal and brought to Airlie, free of charge. It is important that Airlie be notified if a bus is to be met.

If participants in a conference are arriving in Washington from distant points and at different times, a convenient place for them to assemble is at the Alumni Rooms of the George Washington University at 20th and H Streets, N.W. (To be scheduled in advance). Coffee and cookies will be served there free of charge and participants may wait for a chartered bus in comfort. This location is within twenty minutes by taxi from the National Airport and fifteen minutes from Union Station.

By Airlie Car: Five passenger capacity. The charge is \$25.00 per trip to Metropolitan Washington and \$20.00 per trip to Dulles Airport.

Dulles Airport is half an hour away from Airlie.

LODGING

Participants are lodged in the Carriage House (24 double rooms); the Groom's Cottage (7 doubles and one single); International House (8 doubles and 1 single) and Airlie House (4 doubles). Silo House

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(Lodging Continued)

(20 doubles and 8 singles). Farmer's House (27 doubles). All lodging is within a five minute walk of Airlie House with the exception of International House which is about a fifteen minute walk. Regular transportation is provided to and from International House.

MEALS:

All meals (except in special cases) are served at Airlie House. Meal hours are flexible, but are usually as follows:

Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
Luncheon	12:30 p.m.
Dinner	6:30 p.m.

Menus are planned in advance. If any of your participants have dietary problems please notify the staff at Airlie, either beforehand or by leaving a message at the Front Desk upon arrival.

SOCIAL HOURS

Social hours may be arranged with beverage service and hors d'oeuvres at hours that are convenient to the conference schedule. There is no open bar.

COFFEE BREAKS

Coffee breaks may be arranged at a charge of \$.25 per person per break. This includes coffee, tea, cookies and/or pastry.

LAUNDRY AND VALET SERVICES

Laundry and dry cleaning left at the Front Desk at Airlie House by nine in the morning will be returned by noon of the following day. Laundry and dry cleaning should be marked with name and room number.

MEDICAL SERVICES

Doctors are available in case a participant should need them. At night use the pay phone in any of the buildings and dial 347-1300. During the day, inquire at the Front Desk at Airlie House. There is a hospital in Warrenton.

TELEPHONE CALLS

Incoming calls will be received at our switchboard and messages will be taken. It is our policy not to interrupt meetings except in case of an

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(Telephone Calls Continued)

emergency. This helps assure privacy and continuity. Telephone messages will be at the Front Desk.

Outgoing calls should be made on the pay telephones located in all buildings.

CLOTHING

Airlie is an informal center, and participants in conferences may dress accordingly. We request that gentlemen wear jackets in the dining room for the evening meal. We advise bringing along a pair of heavy shoes for walking in the country and a raincoat, depending on the time of year.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

A six hundred acre game preserve provides excellent bird shooting from the first of October to the thirty-first of March. The charge, including guide and dogs is \$25.00 per day. The limit is eight birds.

There is a skeet range on the grounds. The charge is \$4.50 per round, including targets and shells.

Shotguns are available for rental at \$1.50.

Horseback Riding on Airlie's twelve hundred acres is \$3.00 per hour.

Tennis court and equipment is available at no charge.

Fishing is available in a nearby lake.

Golf may be played on a nearby course.

A heated swimming pool is available.

A steam room, gymnasium, whirlpool and sauna are under construction.

Hiking in rolling country is excellent.

An attractive game lodge is available for social gatherings.

The showing of movies can be arranged. Advance notice is necessary.

AUDIO-VISUAL SERVICES

16 mm sound motion picture projection --\$4.00 per hour

35 mm slide projection --\$4.00 per hour

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(Audio-Visual Services- Continued)

3-1/4 x 4" slide projector --\$4.00 per hour

Audio taping at \$5.00 per hour, plus the cost of the tape.

SECRETARIAL AND OFFICE SERVICES

Office space may be made available for your conference staff at no charge.

Secretarial services may be arranged.

Mimeograph and operator are available at \$4.00 per hour.

Stenotype services may be arranged. Advance notice is necessary for this.

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES

Special equipment and services can be arranged. It is advisable to give us sufficient notice in order that we may obtain what is necessary.

MAIL

Incoming mail will be at the Front Desk. Outgoing mail should be left at the Front Desk.

GRATUITIES

Gratuities are included in your conference charges. No tipping is necessary.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Group portraits or other photographs may be taken by arrangement with the Administrator

NEWSPAPERS

Newspapers (The Washington Post) are available.

CHURCHES

Church information is available at the Front Desk. There are churches of Roman Catholic and most Protestant denominations in Warrenton.

OTHER INFORMATION

Participants are awakened each morning.

Toothpaste, aspirin, etc. are available at the Front Desk.

Information Sheet to Assist Conference Directors

(Other Information - Continued)

Cigarettes are available in the Lodge and Airlie House.

Other drugs and toilet articles may be obtained by ordering through the Front Desk.

Our telephone numbers:	In Washington, D.C.	CR 3-6554
	In Warrenton, Virginia	347-1300

CHARGES

Our charges are \$18.50 per person per day in double rooms plus 10% in lieu of gratuities, for a total of \$20.35. In single rooms the rate is \$22.50 per person per day plus 10% in lieu of gratuities for a total of \$24.75 per person, per day. These charges include food, lodging, services and the use of our conference facilities.

If there are participants in your conference traveling on government per diem of \$16.00 per day, we can render them bills in the amount of food, lodging and services. A separate bill for facilities, services, conference rooms and equipment would be rendered to your agency.

NOTES:

It is our intention to provide your group with privacy, comfort and excellent meeting facilities. If there is anything we can do to make your conference more successful and productive, please let us know. We want you to have an enjoyable stay.

We feel that it is advisable for each conference director to visit Airlie to make final arrangements for his conference. In this way everyone can be sure that facilities, scheduling, services, etc. are arranged satisfactorily. Coordination is important for a successful conference.

We will be happy to submit sample menus.

We request sufficient notice if special equipment is needed in order that we may arrange for it.

We will be happy to assist you in arranging for faculty and speakers for your conference if you would like us to do so.

If there are any questions about any of our facilities and services, please let us know.

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Information Sheet to Assist Conference Directors

Members of the Airlie administrative staff are experienced in structuring conferences for specific purposes and results. If this kind of professional assistance is required, please contact the Administrator in advance. The Airlie Conference Center has been designed specifically as a site for meetings. The staff has been trained to design conferences in order that they may best achieve their purposes. We feel that the design of a conference is often as important as the facilities in which the conference is held.



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Religious Action Center

UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

2027 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. 20036 TEL: (CODE 202) 387-2800

Director: RABBI RICHARD G. HIRSCH

November 10, 1964

Rabbi Daniel Silver
Temple Tifereth Israel
University Circle at Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Danny:

I was delighted to learn that you will be attending the Interreligious Consultation on Equal Opportunity at Airlie House in Warrenton, Virginia on November 16 to 19.

Your name has been put on the list and you will shortly be receiving a kit of reading materials.

On Tuesday evening, November 17, time has been set aside for all the representatives to meet together on a denominational basis. The Jewish participants will meet immediately following dinner in a room to be designated at Airlie House.

Participants will be gathering at the George Washington University Alumni Lounge (corner of 20th and H Streets, N.W.) between 1 and 3 p.m. Monday afternoon. Coffee will be served and the busses will leave for Airlie House between 2:30 and 3.

I look forward to seeing you and to what I hope will be a fruitful conference.

Sincerely,

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Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch

cc: Rabbi Irwin Blank
Mr. Edwin Friedman

*I hope we shall have an opportunity for
a good ol' fashion + shuness.
Mayel Tor on your selection
as editor of CCAR Journal.*

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Air Mail

November 10, 1964

Mr. Isaiah M. Minkoff
National Community Relations
Advisory Council
55 West 42nd Street
New York 36, N. Y.

Dear Isaiah:

I hoped to be able to attend the Airlie House Conference next week. A number of responsibilities have come up here in Cleveland which I cannot reschedule, and I now find it will be impossible to attend. I hope it is not too late for you to find another delegate. I am truly sorry.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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November 12, 1964

Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
Religious Action Center
2027 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Dick:

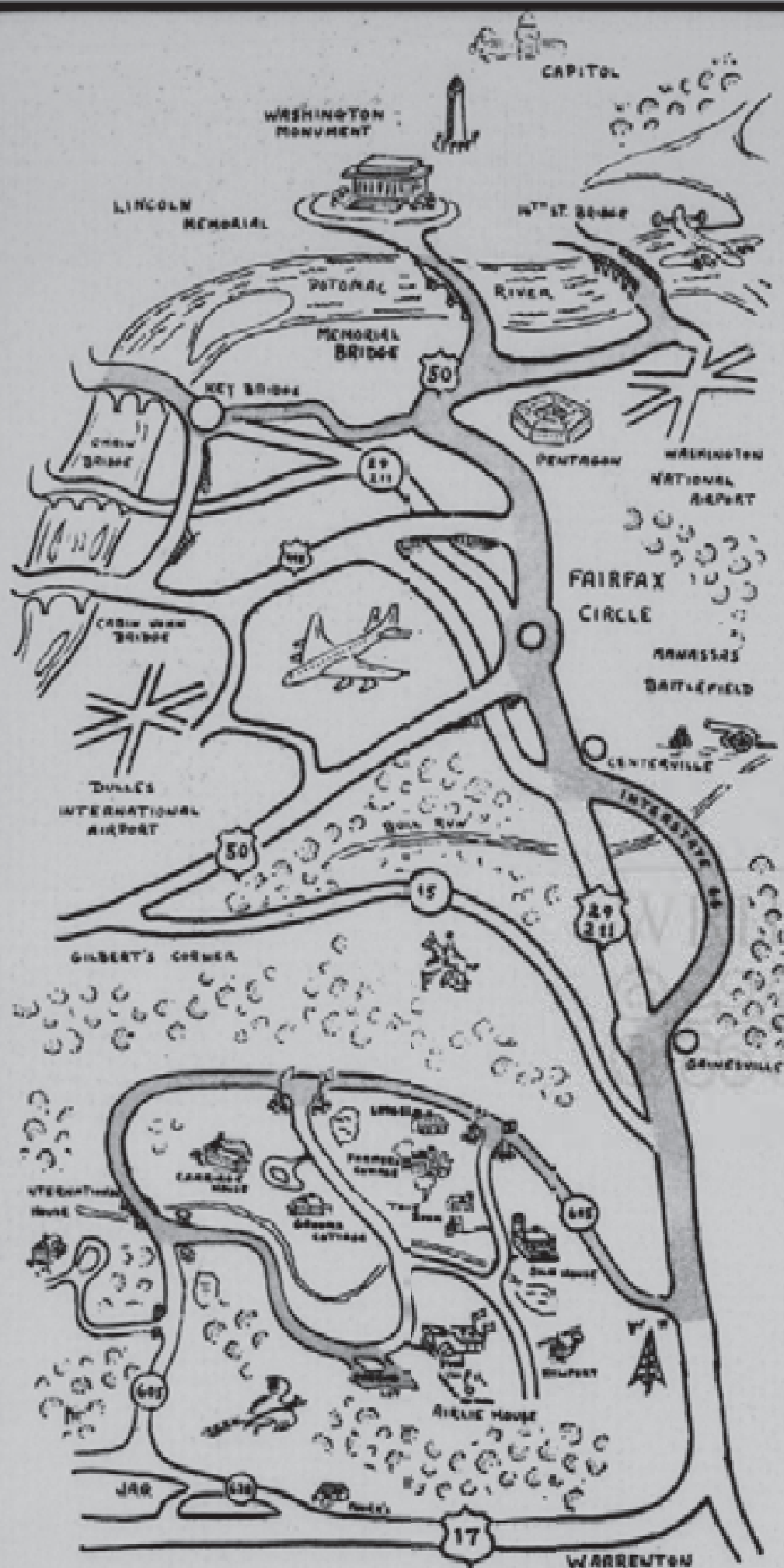
Thank you for your kind letter of November 1th. Unfortunately, just the day before yesterday I had to write to Mr. Minkoff at the NCREC that I could not be present at the Airlie House conference. The world has a way of closing in, and my schedule just doesn't permit that degree of free time. However, I would like to receive the reading kit. I am chairman of our Federation's Public Welfare Committee, and much of it would be of practical use.

I'm sorry that I'll miss the shmooos and thank you for the good wishes on behalf of the Journal.

Cordially yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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From the Potomac River bridges, follow the shaded route to Airlie House.

This map will also aid conferees in locating Airlie Buildings.



WARRENTON, VIRGINIA



*A*IRLIE HOUSE is operated by Airlie Foundation as an educational and research conference center. The facility is offered for use to groups who wish to study and work in privacy and informality. The primary purpose of The Center is to encourage the exchange of ideas and to provide a forum for the discussion of the problems within our society.

Airlie House is the first rural center of its type accessible to the Nation's Capital. Distinguished speakers are readily available from private life, The Congress, government agencies, research centers, universities, and industry without the problems of

excessive expense or time lost in travel. This Center, therefore offers distinct advantages for conferences in national and international affairs.

Airlie House is operated by Airlie Foundation, a non-profit corporation chartered by the Commonwealth of Virginia. The facility is not operated to produce a continuing profit. Airlie House is designed to provide a modern, functional conference center maintained in a rural setting. Charges for the use of the Center are contingent upon achieving these goals.



Airlie House



Silo House



International House

Conferences at Airlie

During its first years of operation, Airlie has achieved a distinguished reputation in the conference field. Outstanding groups of educators, scientists, government officials, diplomats, students and many others from all parts of the world have participated in conferences and seminars here.

A successful conference requires special skills in planning and a special atmosphere to achieve its purpose. The staff at Airlie has a wealth of experience in providing the necessary elements for serious conferences. The center itself has been designed specifically to offer visitors the privacy and freedom from interruption that allow them the time and the atmosphere in which to think and to exchange ideas.

Accommodations

Two large Georgian manor houses form the nucleus of the center. They have been restored and enlarged to provide excellent conference facilities, while maintaining the traditional feeling of the Virginia countryside. Several large conference rooms for groups of up to three hundred people and a number of smaller rooms for group sessions and smaller meetings are available. Because of the physical relationship of the conference rooms, several groups may meet simultaneously in privacy without interruption.

Sleeping accommodations are situated in nearby restored buildings, all of which are within a few minutes' walk of Airlie House itself. Rooms are modern, air conditioned and are furnished in a simple and comfortable fashion that befits the country. Two hundred guests may stay overnight. If necessary, others may be accommodated at a nearby modern motel.

The kitchens at Airlie have been provided with the latest equipment. Cuisine is varied but specialized toward food native to Virginia. The management prides itself on serving interesting food in a pleasant atmosphere.

Conference Planning

The Airlie staff is ready to assist in planning conferences and in coordinating arrangements. The center requests that each conference director make a personal visit to Airlie to plan his conference in order that the arrangements will be wholly satisfactory.

Services and Equipment

A medical clinic has been established on the Airlie grounds to provide care for guests of the center.

Projection facilities for slides and motion pictures are available.

Audio taping by the resident staff may be arranged. Special equipment may be obtained from Washington. Laundry and dry cleaning services are available daily. Barber and shoe shine are available by appointment. Stamps, film and other articles may be ordered through the front desk.

Communications

Through Airlie Productions, a division of the foundation, documentary films may be planned and produced for training, broadcast and audience viewing.

Candid and portrait photography may be done by our staff photographers.

Publication and reproduction of conference reports and abstracts may be arranged.

REPORT FROM AIRLIE, a series of special, half hour, color television presentations are broadcast at intervals throughout the year. These programs cover a wide range of subjects.

Other programs are produced in cooperation with appropriate sponsoring institutions for broadcast and private viewing.

Church Information

Churches of all faiths are located in nearby Warrenton.

Recreation

Game Preserve—A large, private game preserve provides six months of excellent upland game shooting (October through March). Guides, dogs, guns and ammunition are available.

Airlie Lodge—A charming rustic hunting lodge is situated on the grounds for your informal enjoyment during the day or in the evening. It has been the scene of many gatherings at which conference participants could relax and enjoy themselves. A skeet field is nearby.

Swimming—A beautiful heated pool has been provided for your pleasure.

Gymnasium—A Sauna, Steam and Hydro-therapy room is available.

Fishing—Lakes and streams provide excellent fresh water sport.

Hiking—The countryside is ideal for a quiet walk or for a more ambitious hike through open, rolling fields and forests.

Tennis—A tennis court is located on the grounds for your use.

Riding—Quarter horses are available for trail riding with a choice of English or Western tack.

Golf—Two courses are available nearby. Transportation is provided.

Side Trips—Trips to the many historic shrines of Virginia may be arranged. The Manassas Battlefield, Thomas Jefferson's "Monticello", Colonial Williamsburg and the Virginia Tidewater country are all accessible from Airlie. The Skyline Drive and Shenandoah National Park are less than an hour away. The city of Washington, with its endless opportunities for sightseeing is forty-five miles away.

Location and Transportation

Airlie is located three miles west of Warrenton, Virginia on a 1200 acre estate in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. It is accessible throughout the year by four-lane highways from Dulles International and Washington National Airports as well as from Friendship International Airport in Baltimore. A heliport is available on the grounds, and a private landing strip is planned. Chartered buses and other private transportation from Washington may be arranged. There is regular bus service between Washington and Warrenton. Driving time is one hour from the Potomac River bridges.

For further information, write or call

AIRLIE FOUNDATION, WARRENTON, VIRGINIA
Warrenton, Va. 347-1200, Area Code 703
Washington, D. C. 273-8554, Area Code 202



The Airlie Pool



Conference in session



Filming an Airlie Report

ON THE ISRAEL TASK FORCE

NCRAC June 28, 1970

Daniel Jeremy Silver

I have been asked to speak towards the development of an effective program of interpretation supportive of Israel. With your indulgence, I will dispense with any rhetoric justifying such involvement. For our purposes this morning K'lal Yisroel is a psychological fact and an existential responsibility. Israel is. Israel needs us. We feel compelled to respond. The question is how to respond effectively.

Why can't the organized Jewish community simply keep on doing what we are doing? On the national level a rather effective, if rather loose, modus operandi has developed through which contacts are maintained with the Administration and Congress. The Council of Presidents of Major Jewish organizations, AIPAC, the UJA, etc. are all somehow inter-related and coordinated. From time to time representatives from the communities are summoned to Washington for a mass rally and constituent-representative meetings are organized; and from time to time the national bodies suggest appropriate strategy (letter writing - telegrams - newspaper advertisements, etc.) to their constituencies and the local communities. On the local level every community has any number of organizations which respond to these requests and any number of more or less ad hoc groups which coalesce when a crisis evolves (a spate of negative editorials, a local minister who begins to fulminate about refugees). I am one who feels that our structures are good at counter-punching, responsive to immediate threats, but less than successful at developing a continuing and systematic year in and year out public information campaign concerned with maintaining for Israel the sympathy and understanding of the American people. We have been crises managers rather than long range planners.

It would be folly for organized Jewry to assume that a positive climate of opinion towards Israel is ours by some natural and immutable right and it is precisely such a positive climate which has allowed our work in Washington and with the powerful to be as effective as it has. The place of the Arab-Israel confrontation in our political life has changed in basic and significant ways. Up to 1967 there was a breathing space between each crisis. 1948, 1956, 1967. Now we live in a period of unrelenting crisis. Americans traditionally want quick and final solutions. We don't like to back teams which seem to be slipping in the standings. During the 50's and 60's America was internationally oriented. As the 70's begin America is increasingly isolationist. The movement to end the war in Vietnam has become a peace movement, gun shipments are somehow immoral, a vague romantic pacificism has become the operational political philosophy, if not the religion, of some, and these see Dayan not as the protector of settlements but as the unredeemed cold war warrior. Twenty years ago young people looked on Israel as the example of human courage and social pioneering. Today some young people, and blacks who espouse the anti-western policies of the third world, look upon the El Fatah as true revolutionaries, valient rebels against American imperialism. A far more sophisticated Arab propaganda apparatus is in operation. The Arabs have learnt to work through local front groups, graduates of the American University of Cairo and Beirut, missionary societies, the Black Panthers, etc. There exists in some of our cities a small but growing community of people of Arab extraction and they are increasingly finding their tongue. Given these realities it seems to me that a sustained information and education campaign of significant proportions is long since due. Further, I am convinced this campaign must be mounted at the grass roots level, ultimately Washington does respond to basic changes in American opinion and the current trend, unstaunched, bodes Israel little good.

We have brought into being such an activist long range I and E structure in Cleveland. Perhaps in describing our operation, I can suggest what we have learnt, our feeling as to what can be accomplished, our understanding of the problem, as well as suggest our enthusiasm for similar projects nationwide. To be useful I must cite chapter and verse and you must honor the fact that I am speaking off the record. Information and Education covers a multitude of activities. We are careful of how things are done and often seek legal counsel. The correlary to this is that our work is no work for headline hunters or the man-child who likes to play C.I.A.

The information and Education Task Force was created in and through our Federation in January 1969. Its birth was catalysed by a number of discussions in the Community Relations Council and at The Federation Executive Board all of which dealt with specific Mid-East related activities and supported the need to coordinate and rationalize our response. It was determined to bring into being such a coordinative and action program and our Endowment Committee gave the I. E. Task Force an initial grant. As important as the money was the willingness of the Federation, and to a less extent local chapters of the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress, and the Jewish Community Centers, to provide us with staff to coordinate and develop all that was undertaken. Staffing is now entirely from the Federation; the JVS schedules of the non federation pros proved an obstacle, but their help was and is invaluable. I have no idea of the full cost to Federation in terms of staff time; officially, it was something on the order of a man and a half that first year. I do know that at one time or another most of the Federation's personnel have been involved and that their involvement has had important

consequences. Each brought his own circle of community friends, each brought his special skills. Each by his presence made it clear that we represented the organized community and were not just another group operating on its own terms. Let me illustrate the importance of these contacts. One of our local colleges, had a long history of involvement in Middle East missions. Several Arab apologetes were on the faculty and a Middle East Institute, partially financed by the government, staffed primarily by Arab sympathizers existed on the campus. The executive vice president of our Federation and several of our officers were on the Board of this institution. Discussions were begun immediately. The programs of the Middle East Institute began to reflect a broader spectrum of opinion. We assembled information, monitored speeches, collected syllabi. They went out and had further discussions. As of today this college has dropped its Middle East Institute, one of the most vehement professors has moved on, the most active pro-Arabist has been given a year's sabbatical and we have been invited to discuss with them further programming on the Middle East.

I cannot over emphasize the significance of having the central body of the Jewish community undertake this work. Three ingredients are necessary: money, staff, and proper accreditation. Much was achieved because we spoke as the organized Jewish community and not as one segment of unspecified size and consequence. Those who go out need credentials. Because so many people have been involved we constantly receive unexpected information input. There are few places of significance where we cannot tap someone of consequence. When we do there is no question with those we visit of the seriousness of the approach. In domestic terms Federation involvement allows us at least to suggest some community disciplines. Many well intentioned Jews all too

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Through the speakers bureau activities we have learned of the vast other world of women's organizations and are now creating a special women's committee for these groups. This work too has raised some questions which need to be answered on a national level. We cannot ourselves print and develop the variety of visual and pamphlet material which each group and issue requires. Many national organizations, Hadassah, Pioneer Women, the religious groups, AJC etc. at times print effective statements but no one seems to coordinate this work. There is much duplication, much falls between stools and much is not made available in form suitable for mass distribution.

Though it does not fall under any specific committee, some of our most serious effort has been invested in maintaining significant contact with the black community. A number of its most influential members have made trips to Israel. We have maintained close contact with the Call Post, the black community's major newspaper, and, so far at least have kept anti-Israel propaganda from becoming an accepted part of the platform litany of the black community.

We also maintain a file on known Arab propagandists, tapes of their speeches, etc. so that if our people appear on similar platforms, they will be armed. We are bringing into being a clipping service which will skim the nationality press, church bulletins, college newspapers to keep us abreast. We maintain the voting records of our congress people and clippings of their speeches and pronouncements.

What I am pleading for is an organized, systematic assumption of responsibility by each Jewish community for this public relations work on a continuing and ongoing basis. There must be a delegation of specific responsibility, proper funding, adequate staff, regular meetings. Sporadic effort cannot change a community's climate. Our committee heads meet twice a month at 8:30 in the morning. Each committee meets at least once a month and the entire Task Force meets every five or six weeks. Our meetings are business meetings - no minutes - no speeches. We discuss programs, problems and policy. The Jewish community does not hear of us in the press. They know of us by the press of our activity. We have reported only twice in 18 months to the Board of the Federation. What we do we do because it must be done. No one gets kayod.

We try to move without extraneous procedures yet with responsibility. Everything is discussed between the Task Force chairmen and the Federation staff. Effective funding will come only if the local coordinating body is properly, that is centrally, based. No one demands a line-by-line accounting, but there must be a pocket for scholarships, trip stipends, publications, travel expenses, honorariums. No one must feel left out but the needs of the hour and not the needs of any given organization or any one's ego must be paramount.

What does it all add up to? A sense that we have done what can be done. A sense of involvement which translates itself both into dollars and

personal commitment. An input of ideas which comes about because we provide a forum for their exchange, the emotional liberation of being active instead of wringing of the hands, a sense of movement instead of frustration, a sharpened awareness that such an activity needs not only local community participation but national coordination---a chance, at least, to meet, discuss, describe, cross fertilize. Finally, a growing realization of the immensity and urgency of the task we have made ours. I have dealt with structure not the substance of what we say. Our answers necessarily vary with the issue, the occasion, the sophistication of the audience. Will we succeed? I do not know. National moods and national policies are not always national or predictable, but we will have tried.

Let me close in my normal clothes, that of our rabbi. In our synagogues this week we read in the Torah of the spies sent out by Moses to chart the land. The majority saw and wrung their hands in despair: The land flowed with milk and honey but the people who dwelt on the land were fierce and the cities were well fortified. They gave their report, and their advice summed up really in a single cry of self pitying weakness - But, but, - we despair - it's impossible. One spy, Caleb, was undaunted, he too had seen the strong men and the strong cities. Caleb counselled action. Let us immediately go up. We are able to accomplish it. Caleb's courage and advice are relevant. Israel's problems are fierce. The enemy is well fortified, the burden of numbers and all is beginning to tell. But what does one gain if he says: It is impossible - more years of wandering the wilderness. The pessimists made an accurate report but they were wrong in the event,

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I have been asked to speak towards the development of an effective program of interpretation supportive of Israel. With your indulgence, I will dispense with any rhetoric justifying such involvement. For our purposes this morning K'lal Yisroel is a psychological fact and an existential responsibility. Israel is. Israel needs us. We feel compelled to respond. The question is how to respond effectively.

Why can't the organized Jewish community simply keep on doing what we are doing? On the national level a rather effective, if rather loose, modus operandi has developed through which contacts are maintained with the Administration and Congress. The Council of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations, AIPAC, the UJA, etc. are all somehow inter-related and coordinated. From time to time representatives from the communities are summoned to Washington for a mass rally and constituent-representative meetings ~~AND BALANCE~~ ~~with Congress people~~; and from time to time the national bodies suggest appropriate strategy (letter writing - telegrams - newspaper advertisements, etc.) to their constituencies and the local communities. On the local level every community has any number of organizations which respond to these requests and any number of more or less ad hoc groups which coalesce when a crisis evolves (a spate of negative editorials, a local minister who begins to fulminate about refugees). I am one who feels that our structures are ~~too~~ ~~existential~~ good at counter-punching, responsive to immediate ^{THREATS} ~~issues~~, but ~~rather~~ less than successful at developing a continuing and systematic year in and year out public information campaign concerned with maintaining for Israel the sympathy and understanding of the American people. We have been crises managers rather than long range planners.

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1948, 1956, 1967. Now we live in a period of unrelenting crisis. Americans traditionally want quick and final solutions. We don't like to back teams which seem to be slipping in the standings. During the 50's and 60's America was internationally oriented. As the 70's begin America is increasingly isolationist.

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We defrayed half the cost of some 25 church people. Our local Professor of Jewish Studies went as mentor. The trip was carefully planned and the results showed some moderate success but, frankly, none of us were prepared for the utter lack of preparation of the group. You would have thought they they would have done some reading up on the land they were going to visit. Moreover, we failed to screen as carefully as we should have - the Fundamentalist/Liberal// Protestant/Catholic mix did not always mix.

V. The Speakers Bureau and Information Desk. The information desk consists of a library at the Federation with readily available periodical and research material on Israel and the Middle East. We encourage newspaper and mass media people to use these resources and help them in their research. We have devised and ~~do~~ the scheduling for a mounted mobile display which ⁶ ~~can be~~ placed in churches, libraries, schools, which tells the story of Israel, and from which one can take ^{useful} ~~copies and~~ brochures. Our speakers bureau is constantly finding new opportunities for presentations, retraining its people,

providing speakers with more and more up to date information, checking the effectiveness of presentations, etc. I can not emphasize sufficiently that in such presentations good intention and passion are not enough. Audiences tend to be passive and relatively ignorant, nothing can be assumed, latent anti-semitism "The Jews want to get us into another Vietnam" is close to the surface. A speakers bureau in brief cannot ^{be built around} ~~depend on~~ ^{exist} those who volunteer. It needs trained minds, men and women who never stop reading. Care must be used even in dealing with the Jewish groups. Many Jews who are not reinforced as routinely as is a community's leadership have questions and want balanced answers.

✧ Through the speakers bureau activities we have learned of the vast other world of women's organizations and are now creating a special women's committee for these groups. This work too has raised some questions which need to be answered on a national level. We cannot ourselves print and develop the variety of visual and pamphlet material which each group and issue requires. Many national organizations, Hadassah, Pioneer Women, the religious groups, AJC, etc. at times print effective statements but no one seems to coordinate this work. There is much duplication, much falls between stools and much is not made available in form suitable for mass distribution.

Though it does not fall under any specific committee, some of our most serious effort has been invested in maintaining significant contact with the black community. A number of its most influential members have had trips to Israel sponsored for them. We have maintained close contact with the Call Post, the black community's major newspaper, and ^{so far} at least on a public level have kept anti-Israel propaganda from becoming an accepted part of the platform litany of the black community.

We also maintain a file on known Arab propagandists, tapes of their

speeches, etc. so that ^{As people in similar platforms, they will} our people can be armed. We are bringing into being a clipping service which will skim the nationality press, church bulletins, college newspapers to keep us abreast. We maintain the voting records of our congress people and clippings of their speeches and pronouncements.

What I am pleading for is an organized, systematic assumption of responsibility by each Jewish community for this public relations work on a continuing and ongoing basis. There must be a delegation of specific responsibility, proper funding ^{adequate} and staff, regular meetings. Sporadic effort cannot change a community's climate. Our committee heads meet twice a month at 8:30 in the morning. Each committee meets at least once a month and the entire Task Force meets every five or six weeks. Our meetings are business meetings - no minutes - no speeches. We discuss programs, problems and policy. The Jewish community does not hear of us in the press. They know of us by the press of our activity. We have reported only twice in 18 months to the Board of the Federation. What we do we do because it must be done. No one gets kavod.

We try to move without extraneous procedures yet with responsibility. Everything is discussed between the Task Force chairmen and the Federation staff. Effective funding will come only if the local coordinating body is properly, that is centrally, based. No one demands a line by line accounting, ^{but} there must be a pocket for scholarships, trip stipends, publications, travel expenses, honorariums. No one must feel left out but the needs of the hour and not the needs of any given organization or any one's ego must be paramount.

What does it all add up to? A sense that we have done what can be done. A sense of involvement which translates itself both into dollars and personal commitment. An input of ideas which comes about because we provide

The emotional liberation of active action instead
a forum for their exchange, a ~~sense of pride instead~~ of the wringing of the hands,
a sense of movement instead of frustration, a sharpened awareness that such
an activity needs not only ^{local} community participation but national coordination - - -
^{at least} a chance to meet, discuss, describe, cross fertilize. Finally, a growing
realization of the immensity and urgency of the task we have made ours. I

have dealt with structure not the substance of what we say. Our answers neces-
sarily vary with the issue, the occasion, the sophistication of the audience. Will we
succeed? I do not know. National moods and national policies are
~~So far all we have had to do is tell the truth.~~
Not always rational or predictable, but we will have tried.

Let me close in my normal clothes, that of our rabbi. In our synagogues
this week we read in the Torah of the spies sent out by Moses to ^{chart} ~~spy out~~ the land.
The majority saw and wrung their hands in despair: The land flowed with milk

and honey but the people who dwelt on the land were fierce and the cities were
well fortified. ^{They gave their report, and their advice was to turn back. It was a simple}
^{if the cry of the self-pitying. It spells despair -}

^{But, alas - was despair - it is impossible. One says}
^{he too had seen the strong men and}
impossibility. Caleb, ~~however~~, was undaunted, and Caleb ~~stilled~~ the people. ^{the}

^{Caleb}
He counselled action. Let us immediately go up. ^{אף על פי כן} ^{עלינו}

~~But~~ We are able to accomplish it. Caleb's courage and advice are relevant.

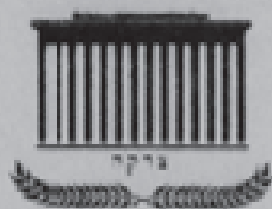
Israel's problems are fierce. The enemy is well fortified. But what does one

gain if he says: ^{אולי} It is impossible. ^{The burden of numbers and all beginnings}
The pessimists made an accurate

report but they were wrong in the event, ^{אף על פי כן} ^{עלינו}

We are able to accomplish it - to secure our

land.



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June 18, 1970

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
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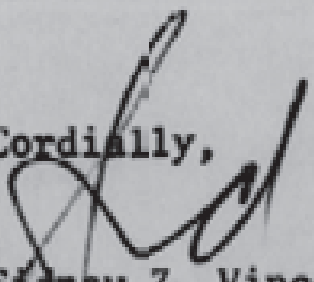
Dear Rabbi:

Thanks for sending me the offprint from the Journal. I shall try very hard in the future whenever I begin to feel a bit restless during a sermon to remember that what I am listening to is very much in an ancient and honorable - even though occasionally challenged - tradition.

By something of a coincidence, Dr. Walter Lurie of the NCRAC staff called me at this point in my dictation to talk over some problems connected with the forthcoming Plenum, and told me of a very slight shift in the program for Sunday morning that perhaps you already know about. It appears that the workshops following your presentation Sunday morning will not be broken down on a subject basis (political work, the mass media, church groups, etc.) but will deal with the whole subject generically. I cannot see that this would make the slightest difference in your talk, but if this modification has not been called to your attention, perhaps you would be interested in knowing just how the workshops will be constructed.

Best regards.

Cordially,


Sidney Z. Vincent
Executive Director

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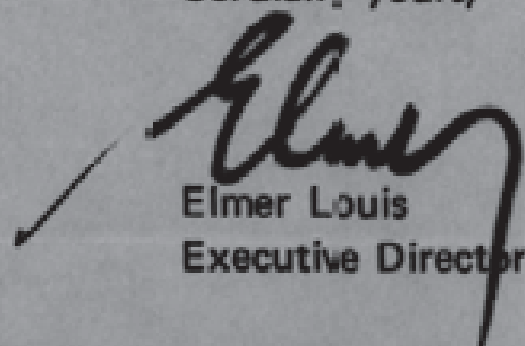
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your cogent, incisive and inspiring presentation at the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council Plenary Session impels me to request a copy of this address if it is available.

You outline a program that can serve as a model for all of us and I am sure will stimulate many communities to similar action.

Thank you for your consideration.

Cordially yours,


Elmer Louis
Executive Director

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July 6, 1970

Mr. Howard R. Berger
Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland
1750 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Howard:

As you were able to judge for yourself, Rabbi Silver's report of Cleveland's significant efforts to develop public awareness and understanding of the Middle East situation was extremely well-received at the NCRAC Plenary.

Several of our lay people were quite impressed by his remarks and have asked me to inquire whether a copy of his talk can be made available to us for consideration by our newly appointed Committee on Israel and the Middle East.

If his talk is not available, a memorandum summarizing the highlights of the Cleveland program will certainly suffice.

Best personal wishes.

Cordially,

Meyer Fine
Meyer Fine
Executive Secretary

Sent 7/10/70

From the desk of—

RABBI DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

July 7, 1970

Please find enclosed a copy of my presentation
on the Israel Task Force at the NCRAC meeting
on June 28th. This paper is not for publication.

 ~~Sincerely,~~ 

~~DANIEL JEREMY SILVER~~

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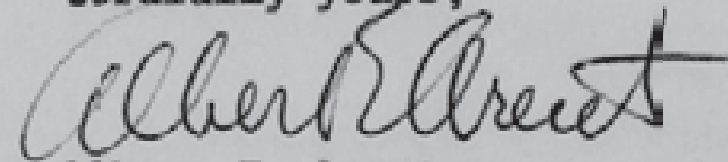
Immediately after the Plenum I left for a trip abroad. I have only just returned, and so this unavoidable delay in writing to you.

My colleagues and I want to express our deep appreciation for your magnificent presentation at the Sunday morning session on PROGRAMMING FOR INTERPRETATION OF THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST. The value of your very effective talk was evident in the workshops that followed.

My colleagues and I hope that you will continue your interest in the work of the NCRAC. Our Plenum and all of the activities of the NCRAC derive their special character from the broad and devoted participation that we have enjoyed from knowledgeable people like yourself.

My best wishes for a pleasant summer.

Cordially yours,


Albert E. Arent
Chairman

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Plenary Session
Program

June 25-28, 1970

Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel

Cleveland, Ohio

Chairman's "Open House"
 Wednesday, from 9 p.m.
Navajo Room
 all delegates welcome

Registration: On the EAST MEZZANINE, beginning Wednesday, at 7:30 p.m.
 The registration desks will be staffed through most of Thursday and Friday. At other times, delegates will be registered in Plenary Session Headquarters.

Headquarters: CIRCUS ROOM, Mezzanine Floor

Press Room: TEPEE ROOM

Thursday, June 25

9:30 a.m.

Opening Session

Gold Room

Chairman: JORDAN C. BAND, *Chairman, NCRAC*

Welcome: HENRY L. ZUCKER, *Executive Vice President, Cleveland Jewish Community Federation*

Remarks: BERNARD B. DIRENFELD, *National Commander, Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A.*

Preview of Program: SIDNEY ZILBER, *Cleveland Jewish Community Federation; Chairman, Agenda Committee*

10:30 a.m.

Reshaping of Government in Metropolitan Areas To Deal With the Urban Crisis

Gold Room

The problems confronting our cities and suburbs are many and complex. A great many are area-wide in nature, cutting across political boundaries. They are made all the more difficult of solution because of overlapping and conflicting political jurisdictions. This session will deal with some ways in which local, metropolitan, state and federal authorities can be brought into effective co-operative approaches to some of these problems; while the citizens of local communities retain control and management of local affairs. Implications for Jewish community relations will be examined.

Chairman: ALBERT E. ARENT, *Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington; Vice Chairman, NCRAC*

Speaker: PHILIP M. KLUTZNICK, *Chairman, Subcommittee on Reshaping Government in Metropolitan Areas of the Research and Policy Committee of the Committee for Economic Development*

Consultants: HONORABLE CARL B. STOKES, *Mayor of Cleveland*

STANLEY H. LOWELL, *Vice President, American Jewish Congress; Vice Chairman, NCRAC*

2:30 p.m.

Gold Room

The Plight of Soviet Jewry

A recent emigrant from the Soviet Union will give a first-hand account of the situation of the Jewish community in that country. His presentation will be followed by a presentation on the effort to make American public opinion aware of the problems of Soviet Jewry and to improve the situation in which Soviet Jewry finds itself, followed by questions and discussion of approaches, programs and activities that have been or can be undertaken nationally and in communities to advance this effort.

Chairman: RABBI JOSEPH KARASICK, *President*, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America

Speakers: A recent emigrant from the Soviet Union

RICHARD MAASS, *Chairman*, Foreign Affairs Commission, American Jewish Committee

Interrogators: ALBERT D. CHERNIN, *Executive Director*,

Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Philadelphia

MRS. HOWARD H. LEVINE, *Jewish Community Council of Essex County, N.J.*

SAUL SOMRIN, *Executive Director*, Milwaukee Jewish Council

DAVID H. WHITE, *Chairman*, Community Relations Committee, Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Houston

8:00 p.m.

Gold Room

**Rights and Freedoms Under Law:
Today's Challenge**

The traditional rights and freedoms of Americans are being affected today, favorably or adversely, by various forces at work in our society in a complex interplay. This session will examine some of the interactions among some of those forces — e.g., right-wing, left-wing, students, other dissenting groups, government itself — the polarizations they engender, etc. It will seek to develop suggestions for action by government and by private organizations to assure greater protection to individual rights and freedoms and the preservation of the orderly processes of democracy in times of stress like the present.

Chairman: LEWIS D. COLE, *Conference of Jewish Organizations, Louisville;* *Vice Chairman*, NCRAC

Speakers: JAMES LIPSIG, *Consultant*, Jewish Labor Committee

ALBERT WORSFAN, *Director*, *Commission on Social Action*, Union of American Hebrew Congregations

Interrogators: AARON BUCHSBAUM, *Savannah Jewish Council;* *Secretary* NCRAC

LAWRENCE GOLDBERG, *Chairman*, Jewish Community Relations Council, San Francisco

WALTER E. KLEIN, *Executive Director*, Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Detroit

ROBERT E. SEGAL, *Executive Director*, Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Boston

Friday, June 26

8:00 a.m. (continental breakfast)

Whitehall Room

8:30 a.m.

Joint Program Planning

South Ballroom

Review of and action on proposed Joint Program Plan for Jewish Community Relations for 1970-1971

Chairman: MILTON I. GOLDSTEIN, St. Louis Jewish Community Relations Council; *Vice Chairman,* NCRAC

12:30 p.m.

Luncheon Session

Gold Room

In Honor of Jordan C. Band

Chairman: MRS. LEONARD H. WEINER, *President,* National Council of Jewish Women

Greetings: LLOYD S. SCHWENGER, *President,* Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland

Tribute to JORDAN C. BAND: by IRVING KANE, Cleveland, *Past Chairman,* NCRAC

Address by the Chairman of the NCRAC, Jordan C. Band

2:30 p.m.

Jews in the Inner City

South Ballroom

This session will address itself to the special problems faced by Jews residing or engaging in business enterprise in the central cities, and the ways in which Jewish community relations agencies can best relate to those problems. Following an opening presentation, the delegates in small groups will engage in informal roundtable discussion. A composite summary of the roundtables will be presented at the Sunday morning session of the Plenum.

Chairman: AARON GOLDMAN, Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington; *Past Chairman,* NCRAC

Speaker: THEODORE R. MANN, *President,* Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Philadelphia

Summarizer (on June 28): HERBERT A. LELAND, San Francisco Jewish Community Relations Council; *Vice Chairman,* NCRAC

(Roundtable personnel listed on page 2)

5:00 p.m.

Jewish Community Federation Building

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cordially invites all delegates
to an evening of relaxation and conversation
and a light collation
from 9 'till 11
in the LEWIS ROOM

Saturday, June 27

2:30 p.m.

Oneg Shabbat

Gold Room

**Israel and the Conflict in the Middle East:
Strategies for Winning American Public Opinion
in Today's Climate**

This Oneg Shabbat and the session scheduled for the following day (Sunday) at 8:15 A.M. are planned as complementary sessions. At the Oneg Shabbat there will be a colloquy on the major factors affecting American public opinion today, their relevance to the issues in the Middle East, and the messages and approaches most likely to be effective in mobilizing opinion favorable to United States support of Israel. The following morning, six concurrent workshops will address themselves more specifically to the tactics and methodology of interpretation.

Chairman: DAVID SHER, *Chairman*, Board of Governors,
American Jewish Committee; *Past Chairmen*, NCRAC

Speakers: RABBI ARTHUR J. LELYVELD, *President*, American Jewish
Congress

DR. WILLIAM A. WEXLER, *President*, B'nai B'rith

Interrogators: BENJAMIN R. EPSTEIN, *National Director*,
B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League

SIDNEY Z. VINCENT, *Executive Director*, Cleveland Jewish Community
Federation

JERRY WAGNER, *Chairman*, Community Relations Committee
of the Hartford Jewish Federation; *Vice Chairman*, NCRAC



9:00 p.m.

Gold Room

Change in the Churches—Some Emergent Trends

In recent years, changes of unprecedented magnitude have occurred in the Christian world. All of these changes — in theological thought, ecumenical movements, lay-clergy relationships, social action, doctrine — have occasioned considerable interest and comment. The speakers and interrogators will attempt to supply perspective on these large changes and their meaning for the groups directly concerned, and to assess their implications for the Jewish community.

Chairman: DR. LOU H. SILBERMAN, Jewish Federation of Nashville and
Middle Tennessee; *Vice Chairman*, NCRAC

Speakers: THE REVEREND DR. DAVID R. HUNTER, *Deputy General
Secretary*, National Council of Churches

PHILIP SCHARPER, *Editor*, Sheed & Ward, Inc., Publishers

Interrogators: DR. ISAAC FRANCK, *Executive Vice President*, Jewish
Community Council of Greater Washington

LESTER J. WALEMAN, *Director of Organization and Planning*, Anti-
Defamation League of B'nai B'rith

RABBI MARC H. TANENBAUM, *Director*, Department of Religious
Affairs, American Jewish Committee

DR. OSCAR STADTLER, United Synagogue of America

Sunday, June 28

8:15 a.m. (continental breakfast)

Whitehall Room

8:45 a.m.

Gold Room

Programming for Interpretation of The Situation in the Middle East

At this session, following an opening presentation, the delegates will divide into six concurrent workshop groups, which will discuss methods and approaches for interpretation of Israel and the Middle East, in local communities.

Chairman: SIDNEY M. WEINSTEIN, *President*, Jewish Community Council of Essex County, N. J.

Speaker: RABBI DANIEL JEREMY SILVER, *The Temple*, Cleveland;
Chairman, Israel Task Force, Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland

Concurrent Workshops

Workshop I

Navajo Room

Chairman: C. E. ISRAEL, *Past Chairman*, Jewish Community Relations Committee, Cincinnati

Consultant: NATHAN BARNETT, *Executive Director*, Jewish Federation of Delaware

Workshop II

Terminal Room

Chairman: HOWARD F. SACHS, *Chairman*, Community Relations Bureau, Jewish Federation-Council of Greater Kansas City

Consultant: EPHRAIM SPIVEK, *Executive Director*, United Jewish Federation of Norfolk and Virginia Beach

Workshop III

Parlor 32

Chairman: HAROLD W. DUBINSKY, *President*, St. Louis Jewish Community Relations Council

Consultant: NORMAN SIDER, *Executive Director*, Indiana Jewish Community Relations Council

Workshop IV

Parlor 34

Chairman: BENNETT YANOWITZ, *Cleveland Jewish Community Federation*

Consultant: ROBERT S. PERLZWEIG, *Executive Director*, Jewish Community Relations Council, Oakland

Workshop V

Chieftain Room

Chairman: BERNARD L. ROSENBERG, *Chairman*, Cincinnati Jewish Community Relations Committee

Consultant: SAMUEL L. SCHEINER, *Executive Director*, Minnesota Jewish Community Relations Council

Workshop VI

Erie Room

Chairman: LAWRENCE Y. GOLDBERG, *Chairman*, Community Relations Committee, General Jewish Committee of Rhode Island

Consultant: HOWARD BERGER, *Director*, Community Relations Committee, Cleveland Jewish Community Federation

11:30 a.m.

Gold Room

Closing Session

Financial Report: BEN L. CHERNOV, *Milwaukee Jewish Council; Treasurer*, NCRAC

Election of Officers and Executive Committee Members: JULIAN FREEMAN, *Indianapolis Jewish Community Relations Council; Chairman*, Nominating Committee

Summary of Friday afternoon roundtables

Personnel for Round Tables, Friday 2:30 p.m.

<i>Table</i>	<i>Chairman</i>	<i>Consultant</i>
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2	CHARLES B. FINE, Indiana	ROBERT FITTERMAN, Dayton
3	EVERETT F. FINK, Hartford	MEYER FINE, Essex County, N. J.
4	ALBERT M. FRANCO, Seattle	IRVING GEISSER, Springfield, Mass.
5	PAUL GOODWIN, New Haven	HAROLD E. KATZ, Birmingham
6	MRS. BERNARD KRESHTOOL, Delaware	IRVING KESSLER, Hartford
7	SEYMOUR LEVINSON, Norfolk	ALVIN KUSHNER, Pittsburgh
8	SYLVAN LIBSON, Pittsburgh	BURTON LAZAROW, Waterbury
9	PHILIP PECAR, Indianapolis	JEROME L. LEVINRAD, Cincinnati
10	BERNARD I. ROSEN, Akron	LOUIS LIEBLICH, San Diego
11	STANLEY SCHWARTZ, JR., Columbus	RONALD MILLER, New Brunswick
12	MRS. NORMAN SENGIN, Camden	ROBERT S. PERLZWEIG, Oakland
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April 20, 1976

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are very pleased to learn from Howard Rieger that you may attend our Plenary Session, June 27-30, 1976, at the Galt House, Louisville, Kentucky, as a representative of the Cleveland Jewish Community Federation.

The Plenary Session is the annual delegate meeting of the NJCRAC, attended by some 250 designated delegates of its national and community member agencies (all of which are listed on the reverse side of this letterhead), at which major policies and programs are discussed and plans formulated for the ensuing year.

We shall be sending you fuller information in due course, together with advance registration forms and other material. Meanwhile, I trust you will be reserving the dates and planning to be with us.

Cordially yours,

Handwritten signature of Lewis D. Cole

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May 25, 1976

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
The Temple
University Circle - Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Dan:

We are now planning some of the specific discussions at our forthcoming Plenary Session, which will, as you know, be held at the Galt House in Louisville, Ky. from June 27-30, 1976.

We would particularly like you to lead a workshop discussion on Monday, June 28 at 10:30 a. m. on the subject: Media Monitoring Projects. This will be one of the workshops dealing with various aspects of community programming for Israel.

We know that Cleveland had a particularly effective project in this area, and we would like to share the information and insights among the member agencies.

We hope most earnestly that it will be possible for you to undertake this assignment. We will be in touch with you about the details as we proceed with the planning. We look forward to your participation in our sessions.

Cordially yours,

Walter A. Lurie

Walter A. Lurie, Director
Program Reassessment

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CC: Howard Rieger

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April 30, 1976

To the Membership and Prospective Delegates
To the NJCRAC Plenary Session
At the Galt House, Louisville, June 27-30, 1976

A stimulating program has been developed for our 1976 NJCRAC Plenary Session by our Program Committee, chaired by Judge Robert Weil of Los Angeles.

Those of you who have participated in Plenary Sessions in the past know what a unique forum they provide for the candid exchange of experience and views among national agency and community delegates and what a unique mutual learning experience they are.

This year's program includes informative and challenging presentations on major issues that enlist our concern today and that will challenge us in the year ahead. Outstanding guests, as well as our own most knowledgeable and perceptive lay and professional members, will be among the speakers. The program also provides for small-group "how-to" discussions in workshops on a variety of currently demanding topics; and, of course, for review and adoption of the annual Joint Program Plan, a projection of the major issues expected to claim our attention in the year ahead and of plans for meeting them effectively.

An outline of the program is enclosed.

Aside from business, the Plenary Session will, as always, afford rare opportunities for making new friends, renewing old acquaintanceships and cultivating fellowship. Chairman Lew Cole will receive all delegates at a reception (with appropriate libations) on Saturday evening, June 26; the following afternoon, Sunday, a cocktail reception -- all delegates invited -- will honor Arnold Aronson, veteran member of our NJCRAC staff, who is retiring; on Monday evening, the Jewish community of Louisville -- in one of its many extraordinary demonstrations of hospitality -- will tender a cocktail-buffet supper reception as a prelude to the evening business session. The Tuesday luncheon will feature a speech by outgoing Chairman Cole and an appropriate recognition of his devoted and selfless service during the three years of his incumbency.

We hope you will join us, both in our serious deliberations and in the festivities interspersed with them.

An advance registration form is enclosed, together with a hotel reservation request form. Please complete and return them as early as possible. This will save you time at the registration desk in Louisville and be a big help to us, as well. Early room reservations are essential, as the hotel will not guarantee availability of rooms after June 15.

We look forward to seeing you in Louisville.

Cordially,

ALBERT D. CHERNIN
Executive Vice Chairman

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June 10, 1976

memo

TO: NJCRAC and CJFWF Member Agencies

FROM: Theodore R. Mann, Chairman, NJCRAC Israel Task Force

SUBJECT: Action on Anti-Boycott Legislation

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The Export Administration Act, which declares it the policy of the United States "to oppose restrictive trade practices or boycotts fostered or imposed by foreign countries against other countries friendly to the United States..." is scheduled to expire on September 30, 1976. In order to give legislative backing to this policy, which has all too often been observed only in the breach, the Stevenson-Williams anti-boycott Bill was offered as an amendment to the Export Administration Act renewal - S 3084 - and reported favorably out of the Senate Banking Committee on May 6, 1976.

While the Stevenson-Williams amendment to S 3084 does not make the secondary boycott of Israel illegal (that is, wherein the Arabs refuse to do business with an American concern unless it certifies its compliance with boycott requirements), it forbids, as a restraint of trade, the tertiary boycott wherein one American concern refuses to do business with another domestic concern blacklisted by the Arabs. This prohibition is interpreted to make illegal the refusal of a bank to pay on a letter of credit when a company refuses to certify compliance with boycott conditions demanded by the letter of credit. Another provision would make possible the public disclosure of mandated reports of boycott compliance submitted to the Office of Export Administration.

The NJCRAC Israel Task Force regards enactment of the Export Administration Act renewal - S 3084 - with the Stevenson-Williams provision, as a significant step forward in combatting the Arab Economic Warfare.

While no date has been scheduled for floor debate, it is hoped that the Senate will act before the summer recess. Therefore, it is not too early to stimulate communications to Senators from the Jewish community, businessmen, business organizations, labor, and a broad cross section of the non-Jewish community urging expeditious action on S 3084. The following points should be stressed:

- (1) The Arab boycott distorts traditional American values and business practices and is an inappropriate, unwarranted, and unacceptable intrusion of foreign political objectives on American business.
- (2) It is the stated policy of the United States to oppose foreign imposed boycotts against nations friendly to the United States, and legislative backing is necessary to carry out that policy.

- (3) The nature of the boycott is such that American business need a legislative shield against the intrusions of the boycott.
- (4) No matter how much the Arabs argue their boycott is not aimed at Jews, nor how much legislation is passed to outlaw discrimination resulting from foreign boycotts, only by legislating against the boycott itself will it be possible to eliminate those acts of overt discrimination, and more insidiously, those discriminatory "accommodations" which some businesses have made to ingratiate themselves with the Arabs.
- (5) There is no concrete evidence to show that Arab states would take their business elsewhere if strong legislation is passed; to the contrary, the weight of evidence indicates the desire, intention, and commitment of the Arabs to continue and expand trade with the United States, even if anti-boycott legislation is strengthened.

These points were aptly noted in the Wall Street Journal's editorial of June 1, 1976 which stated: "Arab governments should be told that American businessmen will not be allowed to do the work of enforcing the boycott, either by discriminating against Jewish personnel or by refusing to deal with other companies solely because of connections with Israel. Arab economic officials are no fools; they prefer American technology, they have already built large American contracts into their development plans, and they are not going to disrupt their progress in a futile attempt to warp our traditions."

On The House Side

Hearings on the renewal of the Export Administration Act before the House International Relations Committee began June 8. A counterpart to the Stevenson-Williams bill has been introduced by Congressmen Edward Koch and James Scheuer - HR 11463, and they, together with Congressmen Robert Drinan, Jonathan Bingham, and Benjamin Rosenthal are moving to further strengthen the anti-boycott provisions through an amendment which would specifically prohibit the imposition of a secondary boycott against a nation friendly to the United States. Intense opposition from the Administration and sectors of the business community is already manifest. Treasury Secretary, William Simon contended in testimony before the House International Relations Committee that legislation to counter the boycott would "be detrimental to the totality of United States interests both here and in the Middle East." The Associated General Contractors of America has already written to all Senators expressing their belief that anti-boycott legislation will cost jobs and "is clearly not in the best interest of our nation and all of its people." It is abundantly clear, then, that concerted and broad-based efforts are required to secure the passage of meaningful anti-boycott legislation. Therefore, communities whose Congressmen serve on the House International Relations Committee (listing attached) are urged to write requesting their support for the strongest possible anti-boycott amendments to the Export Administration Act renewal including those which would place an outright ban on the secondary boycott.

Please keep us abreast of the views of your Senators and Representatives. We will keep you informed as developments unfold.

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June 11, 1976

TO: Phil Baum
Morris Fine
Abraham Foxman
Emanuel Maravchik

FROM: Charney V. Bronberg

RE: Enclosed material on Arab Americans

We are beginning to receive an increasing number of clippings and other materials on Arab American activities across the country. Enclosed are items from San Diego, Los Angeles and Wilkes-Barre. I have also enclosed a detailed outline summarizing the deliberations of the National Association of Arab Americans in convention in Cleveland. Some of the presentations, questions and discussions would appear, from this outline to be somewhat fanatical and unrelated to reality, but others sessions (e.g., page 6 questionnaire) show a measure of sophistication.

Would you review this material, particularly the outline summary from Cleveland with a view toward determining whether the Task Force should place the question of growing activity of Arab Americans on its agenda, and if so, in what context?

I anticipate that this broad subject will be broached, in one way or another, at the Plenum so, I would like to know before then (if possible), even in the most general terms, if you think this is an issue with which the Task Force should be dealing.

CVB:wh
Enc.

cc: Albert D. Chernin
Howard Rieger
Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver ✓

The Arab American Society of San Diego

P.O. Box 3188 San Diego, California 92103

(An Open Letter to)

April 2, 1976

The Honorable Pete Wilson
Mayor, City of San Diego
City Administration Building
202 West "C" Street
San Diego, California 92131

Dear Mayor Wilson:

On behalf of humanity, justice and the principles of our great nation, we, the members of the Arab-American community of San Diego, call on you to re-examine your support of the Zionist oppression of the Palestinian people. Since you have recently stated that you believe Israel to be a great democracy, we wonder if you can cling to these beliefs in light of the past days' events in the State of Israel.

We list below the most pertinent reasons for you to reconsider the facts and re-evaluate your viewpoint with regard to the Israeli propagation of Zionist philosophy:

- 1). The recent deportation of Arab community leaders in the occupied territories. (Violation of basic human rights).
- 2). The alteration and desecration of the Holy places in East Jerusalem, and the building of permanent Jewish settlements on occupied territories. (In violation of the Geneva Convention, and an obstacle to peace. (As stated by Mr. Scranton, U. S. Ambassador to the U. N. in the last security council-session).
- 3). The armed attack on the home of Tawfiq Zayad, an Arab member of the Knesset and Mayor of the City of Nazareth. (S. D. Union and L. A. Times-March 31).
- 4). The continued policy of confiscation of Arab lands, personified by the recent taking of 5,000 acres of Arab land near Nazareth. (Christian Science Monitor-March 30th-31st).
- 5). The presence of half million Arabs in pre-1967 Israel; that constitutes 20% of the population, yet only 3% Arab representation in the Knesset.

The Arab American Society of San Diego

P.O. Box 3188 San Diego, California 92103

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6). The fact that in a Democratic Society the right to freedom of speech and expression and the right to strike, are principles inherent, yet on March 29-30th, Israeli armed police and military troops brutally and barbarically attacked the un-armed civilian Arabs in Gallilee in an attempt of putting down the strike or any expression of protest against the Government policy. Photographs of this barbaric action were on the front pages of all newspapers, and news-reels were shown on all three networks in the United States.

In conclusion, Mayor Wilson, we see a serious contradiction between your expression of support for the great Democratic State of Israel and the events of recent days. We feel you owe it to your constituency to explain this contradiction and whether you continue in your obviously blind support of what the above mentioned facts indicate; are not the actions of a Democratic State.

Very truly yours,

Fozi A. Khouri

Fozi A. Khouri
Arab Community Spokesperson
and Executive Director of The
Arab American Society of San Diego

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BY ARAB COMMUNITY

Mayor's Support Of Israel Assailed

Members of the local Arab community called on Mayor Wilson yesterday to reconsider his support for Israel.

Fadi A. Khouri, executive director of the Arab American Society of San Diego, criticized the mayor's public support for the Jewish state, citing what he called a "serious contradiction" between the principles of democracy and "the Zionist oppression of the Palestinian people."

In an open letter to the mayor, Khouri asked "if you can cling to these beliefs in light of the past days' events in the State of Israel."

EVENTS CITED

He alleged among those events deportation of Arab community leaders in the occupied territory, desecration of the holy places in East Jerusalem and building of permanent Jewish settlements in occupied territories.

Khouri also alleged a recent attack on the home of the Arab mayor of Nazareth, confiscation of Arab lands and rough treatment of Arabs protesting government policy in Galilee.

"Since you have recently stated that you believe Israel to be a great democracy," the letter continued, the Arab community asked the mayor to re-evaluate his stand in view of recent Israeli activities.

NO COMMENT

Wilson said he would have no comment on the letter until he had time to study it.

The mayor has been the guest of the Israeli government in Israel and late last year resigned from the United Nations Association of San Diego in protest over the U.N. General Assembly vote equating Zionism with racism.

Leonard -

In case you missed what
started this

Just

THE PALESTINIAN
ARAB COMMUNITY

Post Office Box 15761
Los Angeles, Calif. 90015
(213) 387-9515 or (213) 461-2315

April 12, 1976

Dear Supporters of Palestine:

We, the undersigned, the duly elected Palestinian committee of representative members of Arab organizations of Southern California, are bent on helping the PLO achieve its goals. We are venturing on a course of organizing the Palestinian Arab community that will support the world wide efforts of other Palestinians to rehabilitate our people and to facilitate restoring to them their dignity, their rights and their national homeland.

Our task is a great and noble one, indeed. We need the support of every man, woman, and child. The organizing committee requests from every Palestinian Arab, from other Arabs, and from all those that support the cause of the PLO to commit themselves to pay a minimum of one US dollar per each member of a family per month. A family of six pays \$6 per month.

This approach has been used successfully in the Middle-east, South America, Europe, and other parts of the world. It generated funds for the PLO. We intend to use a share of the collected funds right here in our community on projects that will help the Palestinian cause with the American political machinery.

This requires money and hard work. We are willing and ready to work and to provide some money. HOW ABOUT YOU? DO YOUR SHARE NOW.

We will keep our community well informed of our activities and accomplishments. We are willing to serve and assume the awesome responsibility -- HELP US. In addition to your dollar per person per month, we would like to count on your physical and moral support. You may start in April. Provide us with a list of the nearest addresses of your friends and relatives of Palestinian origin that will share and work to support Palestinians.

Send your monthly commitment now to:

The Palestinian Arab Community of Southern California
P.O.Box 15761, Los Angeles, CA 90007

Help us with letters to be typed and folded, envelopes to be addressed and brochures to be made. Send us your name.

The Committee:

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For the Committee:

Chairman

Dr. Issa Azat

State Arab-Americans Elect Neddoff, Namey

The first annual election of officers of the newly formed Arab-American Federation of Pennsylvania was recently held at Neddoff's Restaurant, Wilkes-Barre.

Dr. Isaac Abraham, president of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Association of Arab-Americans, the local organization, welcomed delegates from all sections of the state, including student organizations and professional organizations such as the Arab-American University Graduates. Speaking on behalf of the Northeastern Pennsylvania organization, Mr.

Abraham said Wilkes-Barre was honored to have been selected as the site for the first meeting of the Pennsylvania federation.

The objectives of the AAFP, as described by Dr. James Zogbe, Harrisburg, president, include the unification and coordination of the Arab organizations and community activities throughout Pennsylvania. The AAFP will ensure the availability of educational program resources and various scholarships for the Arabic community in the state, approximately 200,000.

The election of officers resulted in the following executive committee selection of the board of directors: Dr. James Zogbe, president, Harrisburg; John Neddoff, vice president, Wilkes-Barre; Salem Latouf, second vice president, Pittsburgh; Dr. Norman Namey, secretary, Wilkes-Barre; Selma Wajib, corresponding secretary, State College; Albert Richie, treasurer, Allentown. Board of directors include: Dr. John Nassar, Anton Modrich, Kamal Abboud, Khaled Kayab, Albert Azar, James Mowad, Raff Ellis, Atty. Richard Joseph and John Hyder.



STATE ARAB-AMERICANS ELECT — Shown are some of the principals elected to office at a meeting in Wilkes-Barre of the recently formed Arab-American Federation of Pennsylvania. John Amory was chairman of arrangements for the event held at Neddoff's Restaurant, 101 Hazle Ave., Wilkes-Barre. One of the highlights of the state-wide meeting was a dinner featuring Arabic foods. From left, seated: Albert Azar, John Neddoff, Dr. James Zogbe, Isaac Abraham. Standing: Gerald Decker, Dr. Norman Namey, Ms. Nabila Mango, Albert Richie and Dr. John Nassar.

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June 15, 1976

TO: Rabbi Daniel Silver

Thank you for agreeing to play a leading role in an important local community programming workshop at the Plenary Session of June 27-30 at the Galt House in Louisville. We look forward to your participation as follows:

Topic: Media Monitoring Projects re. Israel

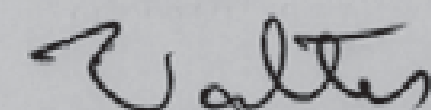
Time: Monday, June 28, 10:30 a.m., in the Old River Room

Your Role: Lead-off speaker

The purpose of the workshop is to provide an opportunity for those agencies interested in dealing actively with the topic to exchange information among themselves. Each workshop will have a chairman, whose task is to provide the conditions for an orderly discussion; a lead-off speaker, who will be called on first for a 10 minute presentation, to present the relevant experience of his or her own agency briefly in order to stimulate others to report, evaluate, and compare; and a resource person or persons, who will help the chairman keep the discussion on the main points and will contribute relevant aspects of local experience as the discussion may require.

We look forward to your participation.

Cordially,



Walter A. Lurie, Director
Program Reassessment

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P.S. We will be in touch with you about an informal preliminary planning session in Louisville, to discuss specific procedures for this workshop.

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June 18, 1976

TO: Mr. Bernard S. White, Mr. Sherman Harris, Rabbi Daniel Silver
FROM: Joel Ollander
SUBJECT: Workshop Planning Session - "Israel: Media Monitoring Projects"
Monday, June 28, 8:30 a. m. -- River Grill Restaurant

We have arranged an informal breakfast meeting on Morday, June 28 at 8:30 a. m. in the River Grill Restaurant in the Galt House to plan for our workshop. Please be at the restaurant promptly.

If you cannot attend the breakfast meeting, please contact me as soon as possible.

I look forward to seeing you in Louisville.

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P. S. -- The Workshop Session, scheduled for Monday, June 28 at 10:30 a. m., will be held in the Old River Room.

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NATIONAL JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY COUNCIL

PLENARY SESSION

June 27 - 30, 1976

Galt House, Louisville, Kentucky

OUTLINE OF MAJOR PROGRAMS

Registration will open Saturday evening, June 27, after Shabbat

The Chairman invites all to join him Saturday, beginning at 9:30 p.m. for an informal reception in his suite.

MAJOR THEME OF THE SESSION: "FOR THE BICENTENNIAL - HONORING
THE AMERICAN DEMOCRATIC PLURALISTIC WAY OF LIFE"

Sunday, June 27, 1976

9:30 a.m. Opening Ceremonies

10:00 a.m.

DEMOCRATIC PLURALISM AND THE STATUS OF JEWS IN THE UNITED STATES TODAY

(Presentation, followed by questions and discussion from the floor)

George Washington said that the spirit of America gives "to bigotry no sanction." Did he state an ideal which has held to this day? Have the status and security of Jews been reinforced as democratic pluralism has developed? Or are Jews experiencing increasing threats to their security and status? How do American Jews regard their own status and security, and the prospects for the future?

2:00 p.m.

*Joint Program Planning I -- "Individual Freedom and Jewish Security"

3:30 p.m.

ISRAEL: THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION; PROSPECTS FOR PEACE

An authoritative presentation by an official Israeli speaker, following a brief report on the work of the NJCRAC Israel Task Force in interpreting Israel and America's stake in the Middle East.

5:00 p.m.

Business Session: Financial Report

5:30 p.m.

Cocktail Reception in honor of Arnold Aronson, retiring Director of Program Planning of the NJCRAC

* Five time periods throughout the program are set aside for review and adoption of various portions of the Joint Program Plan for Jewish Community Relations, 1976-77

proselytizing directed towards Jews, of secularistic pressures against all religious expression, of cynical exploitation of religious feeling by demagogues. What is the status of interreligious relationships today, with particular reference to Christian-Jewish harmony or conflict? What have been the consequences of Vatican II and of Nairobi? Of trends toward ecumenism? Of differences between Jews and others in interpretation of domestic social and of international issues? What are the implications for the community relations agencies?

Tuesday, June 29

8:30 a.m. (Continental breakfast)

Joint Program Planning IV -- "Church-State and Interreligious Relationships"

10:00 a.m.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING WORKSHOPS

Concurrent small discussion groups dealing with examples of local community relations action on various topics

12:00 Noon LUNCHEON SESSION

Presentations by Chairman and Executive Vice Chairman

Election of Officers and Executive Committee

2:30 p.m.

THE CURRENT STATUS OF SOVIET JEWRY -- BRUSSELS II AND ITS IMPLICATIONS

(Presentation and questions from the floor)

3:30 p.m.

Joint Program Planning V -- "International Community Relations Concerns -- Soviet Jewry"

5:00 p.m.

SOVIET JEWRY WORKSHOPS

Concurrent small group discussions of relevant aspects of community relations action for Soviet Jewry

8:30 p.m.

ACTION FOR EQUALITY OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS

(Presentations, followed by discussion)

Current status of the movement for women's rights; the alignment of opposing forces, the prospects specifically for the Equal Rights Amendment. Activist groups pro and con have made it a campaign issue. What are the implications for action by the Jewish community relations agencies?

8:30 p.m.

AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY AND THE MIDDLE EAST

(Presentation, followed by questions and discussion)

How do the many complex interests of the United States affect U. S. foreign policy specifically in the Middle East? Do the seeming inconsistencies reflected in recent U. S. statements and actions indicate a shift in policy? What U. S. postures can be projected in response to various reasonably expectable developments in the Middle East? What implications does all this have for Jewish community relations?

Monday, June 28

9:00 a.m.

Joint Program Planning II -- "International Community Relations Concerns - Israel"

10:30 a.m.

PROGRAMMING WORKSHOPS FOR ISRAEL

Concurrent small group discussions for exchange and evaluation of community experience in conducting various programs and activities relating to Israel.

1:30 p.m.

SCHOOL DESEGREGATION IN AN OPEN SOCIETY

The current status of desegregation, and of quality integrated education, in the schools of the United States. Some cities are operating under court-ordered busing to facilitate school desegregation. Efforts to desegregate schools by other processes preceded the court orders in many cases. What has been the impact on the quality of public education, and on the fabric of American society? What implications can be drawn for Jewish community relations action?

Concurrent Workshops

Immediately following the foregoing session, the delegates will meet in small groups to compare experiences in various communities and evaluate different approaches and techniques in relation to school desegregation and the advancement of quality education.

4:15 p.m.

Joint Program Planning III -- "Equal Opportunity"

6:45 p.m.

Cocktail Reception and Buffet Supper tendered by the Jewish Community Federation of Louisville

8:30 p.m.

RELIGIOUS PLURALISM IN AMERICA: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

(Presentations, followed by questions and discussion from the floor)

Religious pluralism in the United States started with Roger Williams long before the Declaration of Independence. Since then there have been periods of greater and lesser tolerance, of heightened and diminished

Wednesday, June 30

8:30 a.m. (Continental breakfast)
COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING WORKSHOPS

Additional concurrent small discussion groups dealing with examples of local community relations action on various topics.

10:30 a.m.
ETHNICITY AND AMERICAN POLITICAL PROCESSES

(Presentations, followed by questions and discussion from the floor)

The old concept of the American melting pot has melted away. Ethnic identity as a factor in social and political behavior has regained recognition and respectability. In this electoral year, candidates and platforms address themselves unabashedly to blacks and other "minorities" and to various white ethnic groups. Many issues are of specific concern to the Jewish community. What sharpening -- or what amelioration -- of intergroup conflicts may be expected in relation to the significant issues today? What are the implications for the Jewish community relations program?

12:00 noon Adjournment



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TRAVEL ECONOMIES

Your attention is directed to the possible availability of attractive reduced airfares for groups of 10 or more traveling together between U. S. cities. (Check with a local travel agent, since group size and days of the week may vary from place to place.)

If your own Plenary Session delegation is not of sufficient size, you might want to consider getting together with delegations of nearby communities to make a group.

We cannot undertake any of these arrangements for you, but will gladly help in any other way.

FOR KOSHER MEAL SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS,

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KOSHER MEALS FOR DELEGATES

All food service at scheduled functions of the Plenary Session will be in accordance with the kashruth, under rabbinic supervision.

If a sufficient number of delegates desire kosher meals at other times, arrangements can be made to accommodate them. This will require advance arrangements, including non-refundable prepayment of charges and the establishment of a fixed meal schedule.

If you are interested, please circle, below, the meals for which you would want us to arrange. We will check costs and send you further information.

Sunday, June 27	breakfast	lunch	dinner
Monday, June 28	breakfast	lunch	*
Tuesday, June 29	*	*	dinner
Wednesday, June 30	*	lunch	

*Scheduled meals

YOUR NAME: _____

AGENCY: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

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