

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING  
BALLROOM OF THE DEAUVILLE HOTEL,  
ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.**

**MAY 25-27, 1967**

PART I—MAY 25, 1967

**Report of Committee on Public Issues**

Mr. Emanuel Berlatsky, presented the report of the Committee on Public Issues, as circulated to the membership in the Spring-Summer, 1967 issue of *Concurrents*, and as distributed at the registration desk. The four resolutions (on *Jewish Youth*, *Inter-Group Relations*, *Personnel Shortage*, and *Use of Public Funds by Jewish Agencies*) were accepted as presented.

**Plan and Scope**

Dr. Walter A. Lurie presented the report of the Commission on Plan and Scope, (the main body of which had been made available to the membership in the same manner as Public Issues, above). Dr. Lurie added the following:

“In barest summary, we recommend that, for optimum growth and maximum benefit, the NCJCS move in the direction of becoming the central core of a number of more or less autonomous affiliated professional groups, going beyond the presently affiliated NAJCW, NCJE, and others, so that eventually there will be affiliates covering the entire range of Jewish communal service, and every individual member will have at least one affiliated association appropriate to his or her professional discipline and area of interest, and will belong to NCJCS through that affiliation rather than directly. Furthermore, we recommend that NCJCS take positive steps to move towards the proposed form of organ-

ization, but do so flexibly and without coercion. This is the essence of the report on Conference structure; you have it all in writing; the Executive Committee has accepted it; and the Commission on Plan and Scope asks you to adopt it officially.

On behalf of the Commission and with Executive Committee endorsement, I also ask you to accept a final portion of our report which you do not have in writing and which is too lengthy to present orally at this time. It deals with procedural questions and principles of organization for the technical operation of the NCJCS, in a way compatible with the structural recommendations, presuming proper balance so that both memberships—in the particular professional association and in the central NCJCS—are meaningful and valuable to the Jewish communal worker. The questions proposed for Executive Committee consideration cover essentially the following matters:

—adjusting *nominations, elections, and committee appointment* procedures to provide for automatic direct representation of affiliated organizations plus some representation at large;

—moving towards the pooling of staff and office facilities to provide for adequate service both to NCJCS as the central core and to each affiliated organization, with a full-time executive for professional staffing of NCJCS and its affiliates; and

—reviewing the *finances of NCJCS and its affiliates* together, to assure an adequate and equitable distribution of funds for both central activities and the individual operations of the affiliates. Although you do not have this part of the report in writing, the Commission is not unreasonable in asking you to take action now, because all that is sought is for you to instruct the Executive

Committee to put the Commission's procedural questions on its agenda and to move along with such steps of implementation as in its judgment are warranted. The Executive Committee earlier today indicated its willingness to be so instructed. The procedural suggestions have more detail and cover some related matters I have not mentioned, but they were not intended by the Commission nor regarded by the Executive Committee as binding in any way. Of course, any changes in the By-Laws that may eventually be required will be spelled out specifically and will then be presented formally for action, in accordance with established procedures.

Therefore, in summary, we are asking action now on:

1. The "direction of movement" towards emphasis on membership in NCJCS through membership in one or more affiliated professional associations; and
2. Instruction to the Executive Committee to place on its agenda and follow through at its discretion some suggested approaches to implementation."

Dr Lurie then voiced appreciation to the members of the Commission; summarized the Plan and Scope recommendations adopted in 1965 and 1966 and moved "the adoption of the specific recommendations on structure, as presented to this Annual Meeting by the Commission on Plan and Scope; and instruction to the NCJCS Executive Committee to place the procedural suggestions on its agenda as it moves toward implementation; and that the Commission then be discharged."

The report was accepted as presented, with deep appreciation to Dr. Lurie for his herculean undertaking, and the understanding that future specific changes in the "direction of movement" would be approved, at each point, by the NCJCS and the Associate Groups.

## PART II—MAY 26, 1967

### Retired Members

Mr. Avrunin presented Miriam R. Ephraim, "retiree extraordinaire", as a

representative of the Conference leaders, now retired, who have contributed so heavily to the NCJCS.

Miss Ephraim, in the introductory statement, pointed out that we must be mindful of the reality that retirees just "ain't what they used to be" and that is why the Conference Committee on Retirees has recommended that we take a new look at agencies' retirement plans and procedures, particularly with a view to recommending improved standards and programs for retirement including the more creative and productive use of the experience and knowledge of retirees as they are able and willing to be involved.

Greetings and good wishes were extended to the following people who have retired during the past year:

#### *National Association of Jewish Center Workers*

Harry Herbert, Director, Fund-Raising, National Jewish Welfare Board, New York City

Samuel Levine, General Director, Jewish Community Centers, Chicago

Florence Arginteanu, Projects Director, YM-YWHA, New York City

Samuel Greenberg, Physical Education Director, Jewish Community Center, Atlantic City

Fritzi Satz, Physical Education Director, YM-YWHA of Essex County, Newark

Harold Beker, Executive Director, Jewish Youth Camps of Philadelphia

Harold Morris, Associate Executive Director, Jewish Community House of Bensonhurst

#### *Association of Jewish Community Relations Workers*

Eugene B. Block, Executive Director, San Francisco Jewish Community Relations Council

Samuel Caplan, Editor of Congress Bi-Weekly, American Jewish Committee, New York City

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Irene Gould, Membership Aide, New York Chapter, American Jewish Committee, New York City

Gertrude Noar, Director of Education De-

partment, Anti-Defamation League, New York City

George Shapiro, Director of Administration, American Jewish Congress, New York City  
 Majorie Maertz, Research Assistant, Anti-Defamation League, New York City

*National Council for Jewish Education*

Judah Pileh, Director, National Curriculum Research Institute, New York City  
 Israel Abrams, Hebrew Institute of Pittsburgh

*Community Organization*

Samuel A. Goldsmith, Executive Vice-President, Jewish Federation of Chicago  
 Harry Greenstein, Executive Director, Associated Jewish Charities of Baltimore  
 Sidney Cohen, Vice-President of Bequests and Endowments, Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Boston  
 Maurice Hexter, Executive Vice-President, Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York City  
 Joseph Willen, Executive Vice-President, Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York City  
 Max Engler, Assistant to Executive Vice-Presidents, Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, New York City

*National Association of Jewish Homes for Aged*

Julius Stein, Executive Director, Home for Jewish Parents, Oakland

**Presentation of Award**

Mr. Irving Greenberg, Chairman of the Duplications Committee awarded a scroll to Dr. Arnold Gurin, Professor of Social Administration, Florence Heller Graduate School for Advanced Studies in Social Welfare, Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts, for the best paper of the 1966 Annual Meeting entitled, "Sectarianism: A Persistent Value Dilemma."

**PART III—MAY 27, 1967**

**Resolutions**

Mr. Emanuel Berlatsky presented the following courtesy resolution:

WHEREAS the 69th Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Jewish Communal Service held in Atlantic City May 25 through May 28, 1967 reflected the continuing growth

of our Conference and attested to the strengthened bonds of our professional Fellowship

WHEREAS this Conference, meeting in an atmosphere dominated by the Middle East confrontation, provided opportunities to deliberate and act on matters of vital concern to Israel, other Jewish communities overseas as well as the American Jewish community

WHEREAS this Conference expanded our understanding and deepened our insights of current developments and pertinent issues effecting our practice and services

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we give full measure of our appreciation—

to the achievement of the Program Committee so ably led by the Chairman, Dr. Benjamin B. Rosenberg, and the Associate Chairman, Mrs. Anne G. Wolfe in determining upon the Conference theme and the establishment of an effective format for the conduct of the many sessions.

to Jules Cohen, Chairman of the General Sessions for stimulating analysis and content by provocative observers

to the Conference President, William Avrunin for his committed, thoughtful, helpful leadership

to the officers and the Executive Committee to the many members of the Conference, who by serving on committees, participating in various and sundry aspects of the operations, made the Conference an instrument for professional growth

to Executive Secretary, Preston David for his competence and wisdom in dealing with the ever expanding Conference activity and detail, and

to his dedicated Aide, Sylvia Horowitz for her efficient management of the many chores and tasks attendant to the conduct of the Conference

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we extend our thanks to Irving Spivack, Executive Director of the Federation of Jewish Agencies of Atlantic City for the assistance provided to this, the 69th Annual Conference.

The resolution was accepted as presented.

Mr. Sidney Z. Vincent, Executive Director of the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland, Ohio, 1st Vice President, NCJCS, presented a program of guidelines for community action with regard to the crisis in the Middle East.

He then presented the following resolution which was unanimously passed:

Nasser's reckless actions during the past week are driving the entire Middle East toward a tragic war that threatens the peace of the world. Egypt has massed on Israel's borders the largest troop concentration ever recorded in the area. Nasser has blockaded the Gulf of Aqaba, an international waterway which is Israel's outlet to Africa and Asia—a step that is tantamount to an act of war against Israel, threatening its very life, its development of the Negev, and its economic survival; and that flagrantly defies international guarantees of the right of free and innocent passage through international waterways.

The dangers posed by these provocations and aggressions must not be underestimated. Miscalculation about Nasser's intentions were a major factor in precipitating the present crisis. Continued world acquiescence in his belligerence can only deepen the already critical prospect of war.

Therefore, we commend the clear restatement by President Johnson of our country's firm commitment to the political independence and territorial integrity of all Middle Eastern nations.

We are also gratified at the President's reaffirmation that the Gulf of Aqaba is an international waterway and that a blockade of Israel's shipping is illegal and potentially disastrous to the cause of peace.

We are heartened by the President's declaration that the right of free and innocent passage of international waterways is of vital interest to the United States as well as to the international community.

We express our support for such action that our country must take, either in concert with other nations or on its own, to protect Israel's national sovereignty and territorial integrity; to guarantee the international waterway, and to preserve peace in the Middle East.

#### **Election Returns**

Mr. Maurice Bernstein, Chairman of the Nominating Committee presented the following election returns:

#### **OFFICERS**

President: Sidney Z. Vincent, Executive Director, Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland, Ohio

First Vice-President: Martha K. Selig, Consultant on Family and Children's Service, Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York City

Second Vice-President: Sanford Solender, Executive Vice-President, National Jewish Welfare Board, New York City

Secretary: Benjamin B. Rosenberg, Executive Director, Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston, Massachusetts

Treasurer: Irving Greenberg, Executive Director, Jewish Counseling and Service Agency, Newark, New Jersey

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Three-year term)**

Manuel G. Batshaw, Director, National Services, National Jewish Welfare Board, New York City

Arnold Gurin; Professor, Florence Heller Graduate School for Advanced Studies in Social Welfare, Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts

Charles Miller; Associate Director, Federation of Jewish Agencies of Greater Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Bernard Stern; Executive Director, Jewish Education Association of Essex County, Newark, New Jersey

#### **New President**

Mr. Avrunin introduced the new President, Mr. Sidney Z. Vincent, Executive Director, of the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland, Ohio, as a brilliant Jewish communal leader who had given years of service to the Conference and who had played so heavy a role in relating this year's Conference to the crisis in Mid-Eastern affairs.

Mr. Vincent made a brief acceptance speech commenting on the central direction of the Conference and the need to develop closer understanding among the various Associate Groups.

Mr. Vincent then presented a plaque to Mr. Avrunin for his devoted service to the Conference during the 1966-1967 administration.

Respectfully submitted,  
PRESTON DAVID  
Executive Secretary

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