vigorously and unjustly in your February 11th issue, I trust you will give me space for a reply.

Your editorial not only did an injustice to the ACPC Committee but more importantly it did violence to your own Christian professions. You permitted an historic political animus against Zionism to take you down the callous byways of unbrotherliness and indifference.

Quite apart from what the ACPC is, or is not, I would have expected more of a humanitarian concern from The Christian Century than that expressed for the Jews of Rumania in this editorial. While there is a possibility that the Communists may have in mind the sinister goals you intimated, it is far more likely that the release of the Rumanian Jews has a purely internal causation. Khrushchev recently declared that the Jews are an "indigestible" element — a tribute to the independent and democratic character of this religious people. They have refused to be swallowed by a monolithic society no matter how ruthless. This is no doubt the situation in Rumania, long an area where anti-Semitism has been tragically respectable.

Whatever the cause of the flight of the Jews of Rumania and other satellite lands, and possibly even from Russia eventually, does The Christian Century propose that their flight is wicked and that they should remain even if they could? And are the rescuers of these victimized people likewise wicked? One would suppose that The Christian Century at least would have suggested that the U.S., if not Israel, should open its doors. Perhaps the U.N. ought to be asked to offer help. Fortunately, the people of Israel are willing to open their hearts and economy to receive them. To condemn the Rumanian Jews and also their rescuers because of your highly subjective and debatable political appraisal of Zionism seems strangely unchristian.

Now as for the charges against the ACPC, all that need be said is that you have apparently not read our materials nor followed our activities. Those who know us will be incensed, if not amused, by your slurs, and for those who don't know us and our program, we would be happy to have them ask for our materials or attend our programs and judge for themselves.

Sincerely yours,

The Rev. Karl Baehr

The Christian Century did publish Karl Baehr's reply. In its March 4th issue, meanwhile, in the "Editorial Correspondence" columns, appeared an account of our recent Midwest regional conference in Chicago. The opening sentence of this report reads: "Objectivity was the keynote of the American Christian Palestine Committee's regional conference held in Chicago February 12-14." While we have reservations on some scores, the article on the whole represents what is called a "good press". We congratulate The Christian Century for being, in this instance, the first to confound one of its own — if minor — bleak predictions — that with respect to ACPC's role in the Christian community.

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NOTE: It should be noted that the Rumanian Government has not given explanation of the movement of Rumanian Jewry. As can be readily appreciated, the Rumanian Government is extremely sensitive to the implications of this immigration and would resent publicity about this movement or speculation about motives ascribed to it. For this reason the material presented in this Newsletter on the Rumanian emigration should be considered as restricted and not for general publication.