

RESOLUTIONS

1958 BUDGET

The budget for the fiscal year 1958 will be \$500,000. This amount is deemed essential for the proper operation of all Council programs.

COMPLICATIONS CREATED FOR AMERICAN JEWS BY PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF ZIONIST-ISRAELI NATIONALISM

One of the fundamental principles of the American Council for Judaism is that Judaism is a religious faith; that no "double nationality" status shall be attributed to Americans of Jewish faith by reason of their being Jews; and that national rights in, and national obligations to, the State of Israel must not be assumed to apply to citizens of Jewish faith in countries other than Israel simply because they are Jews.

We have objected before when the government of the United States has acquiesced in violations of these principles by either Zionists or Israel. We therefore now object, with equal emphasis, when the government of the United States acquiesces in a confusion of our faith and national rights on the part of Saudi Arabia.

We earnestly petition the proper authorities of our government once again, as we did in our Memorandum of April 8, 1953, and our formal request of November 4, 1957, to take every action possible and necessary to correct both the Zionist-Israeli and the Saudi-Arab (or any other Arab state) imputation that Americans of Jewish faith have any national rights other than American or will be expected to endure any national disabilities at the hands of any foreign country because of their faith.

The basic American traditions of separation of church and state and of freedom of religion are involved in both situations and removal of the confusions is a proper, constitutional responsibility of our government.

ISRAEL AND ZIONISM

Because of our continuing humanitarian interest in the welfare of our co-religionists in Israel, and our concern for their security in the increasingly precarious situation in the Middle East, we declare:

The American Council for Judaism reaffirms the primacy of its concern for the integrity of a Prophetic Judaism of universal values and the status and dignity of Americans of Jewish faith. We are deeply concerned for the security and happiness of our co-religionists throughout the world.

We recognize that the State of Israel has provided refuge for many Jewish victims of conflict and disaster, and we hope that its citizens will develop a stable, peaceful and prosperous society.

We continue to seek appropriate methods of extending proper philanthropic assistance to our needy co-religionists in Israel and elsewhere without subsidizing the political program of Zionism and without involvement in the national and economic affairs of the State of Israel.

We believe that a just peace between Israel and her Arab neighbors is essential to world peace. We further believe that the close affinity of Israel and expansionist Zionism on the one hand and the refusal of the Arab nations to recognize the political fact of a state of Israel on the other hand are both obstacles to such a just solution. Since expansionist Zionism is one of the obstacles to peace, we believe that American Jews can make a significant contribution to this end by making clear and definitive their rejection of the "Jewish" nationalist rights in and obligations to Israel with which Zionism seeks to endow them.

We urge Americans of all faiths to reject the Zionist-fostered concept that the State of Israel is in any sense a fulfillment of Biblical prophesy or the real or fancied "homeland" of American Jews.

AUTHORIZING DIRECTIVE

The National Executive Committee, drawing on the broadest representation, will attempt to formulate a statement of views reflecting the current Council position with respect to Judaism, Zionism, Israel and related matters.