

# American Jewish Conference Votes to Admit IWO Affiliate

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PITTSBURGH, Dec. 4.—The General Committee of the American Jewish Conference today voted to admit the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order, affiliate of the International Workers Order, as a national Jewish membership organization. The decision, voted in by 36 to 10, is a great step for all-inclusive Jewish unity in the United States.

As the Conference wound up the first day of its three-day session, representatives of more than 60 national organizations and delegates from Jewish communities heard a program calling for the orderly but certain punishment of Nazis for crimes against the Jewish people.

Drawn up by the Postwar Commission of the Conference and presented by Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, co-chairman of the Commission, the program called for: Indictments against Axis or satellite nations for crimes committed against the Jews; trial of war criminals in the respective national courts of the countries in which the crimes occurred, except in the case of Germany and her satellites, where the crimes shall be tried by international courts; surrender of war criminals by the Axis countries or any country in which they seek refuge; Jewish representation on any national or international court which may try war criminals and Jewish representation on any commission for investigation of war crimes.

Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the Conference's Rescue Commission, in making his report, hailed President Roosevelt's order setting up the War Refugee Board as a turning point in rescue work.

"Since its creation, the Board has been the focal point for the whole rescue effort," he said.

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Rabbi Miller also described the importance of the President's order setting up the Oswego refugee shelter and the constant efforts of the Conference to "marshal public opinion in support of this project." He praised the unity of the Conference and unaffiliated groups in bringing about the mass demonstration protesting the massacre of Hungarian Jews.

He pointed out, however, that too many Jewish organizations "employed dubious technicalities to escape or sidestep what should have been regarded as an inescapable obligation to cooperate."

It will be remembered that the Jewish Labor Committee, together with the Forward Association refused to sign the memorandum on rescue endorsed by all the affiliates of the conference as well as by the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order and the Jewish Peoples Committee.

The Conference also heard from Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the Palestine Commission, who hailed the action of the House Foreign Affairs Committee in reporting favorably on the Palestine resolution.