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NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF JEWISH AMERICAN SECTION INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER IS GREATLY OFFENDED BY THE MANIPULATIONS OF THE NATIONAL ELECTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR. LOUIS LIPSKY, WHICH HAS RESULTED IN THE PRACTICE OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST LODGES OF OUR ORGANIZATION IN MOST IMPORTANT CITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

WE WISH TO STATE TO PRESIDUM OF AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE THAT OUR ORDER WAS ONE OF THE FIRST ORGANIZATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES TO SUPPORT THE IDEA OF THE CONFERENCE FROM VERY BEGINNING, WHEN CALL WAS ISSUED BY PRESIDENT OF BNAI BRITH, MR. MONSKY. WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY MAINTAINED OUR POSITIVE ATTITUDE EVEN IN THE FACE OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST US, AND HAVE DONE ALL IN OUR POWER TO POPULARIZE THE CONFERENCE IN EVERY CITY WHERE THERE IS A LODGE OF OUR ORDER.

WE ASK THAT YOU, THE WORTHY MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDUM, GRANT AN INTERVIEW TO A DELEGATION OF OUR ORGANIZATION. WE CERTAINLY DO NOT WANT TO BELIEVE THAT YOU, AS THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE, WILL PERMIT THE PRACTICE OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST ANY JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS. WE BELIEVE THAT THE LEADERS OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE WHO WILL MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO DEMAND DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS FOR THE JEWISH PEOPLE, TO DEMAND THAT DISCRIMINATION BE ABOLISHED, WILL COME WITH CLEAN HANDS AND A CLEAR CONSCIENCE, KNOWING THAT THEY REPRESENT A BODY WHICH HAS WRONGED NONE OF ITS FELLOW JEWS BY DISCRIMINATING AGAINST THEM.

WE EXPECT YOU TO ACT ON THIS QUESTION IMMEDIATELY IN ORDER TO CORRECT THE WRONGS THAT HAVE BEEN COMMITTED IN MANY CITIES AND THAT NO FURTHER WRONGS BE COMMITTED BY THE LEADERS OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE.

NAT'L EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, JEWISH AMERICAN SECTION, INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER,

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