

THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE
Meeting of the Executive Committee held on
December 5, 1934

M I N U T E S

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held on Wednesday, December 5, at the Harmonie Club, New York.

PRESENT: Dr. Adler in the chair, and Messrs. Bressler, Ittleson, Leidesdorf, Marshall, Rosenberg, Rosenwald, Stern, Roger W. Straus, the Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, and by invitation, Mr. Sidney Wallach.

EXCUSES: were received from Messrs. Becker, Butzel, Davis, Elkus, Frank, Hirsch, Kirstein, Lasker, Lazarus, Lehman, Ratschesky, Rosenau, Rosenman, and Stroock.

The reading of the Minutes of the meeting held on October 30 was suspended with.

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3. A letter was presented from Mr. Walter White, Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, asking the Committee to endorse a federal anti-lynching bill along the lines of the Castigan-Wagner Bill which was introduced during the last Congress and which is going to be re-introduced when the new Congress meets next January. It was agreed that the Committee endorse this legislation and contribute \$100. toward defraying the cost of efforts in the direction of securing the passage of such a measure.

III. LEGAL MATTERS

1. Mr. Rosenberg stated that the Congressional Committee, which has been investigating un-American movements, is about to complete its hearings and to begin the preparation of its report, which will undoubtedly include recommendations for legislation. His motion that Messrs. Stroock, Roger W. Straus, and he be appointed a special committee to look into legal matters of special interest to Jews, was carried.

2. A letter was presented from Rabbi Charles I. Hoffman of Newark, New Jersey, reporting that the State Board of Education had recently introduced Saturday session in Normal Schools, and that protest against this practice had been lodged with the State Superintendent of Education, who had requested that a brief outlining the objections to the practice be prepared and submitted to the State Board. It was pointed out that in the past, matters of this kind were handled by the late Max J. Kohler, and the need for a legal committee was