

Rescue of European Jewry - 1946

By unanimous vote of the Committee on Resolutions for the 16th Biennial, we present to the Assembly in the spirit of the action taken by the 39th Council of the Union a reaffirmation of the resolution adopted May, 1944, by the NFTS Executive Board, to wit:

Mindful of the appalling plight of European Jewry and of the necessity for the voice of the American Jewish community to be heard in alleviating the distress of their brethren, as well as to advices in the post-war reconstruction of their lives, the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods concurs in the Resolutions on the rescue of European Jewry and on post-war Jewish problems, adopted at the historic sessions of the American Jewish Conference held August 29 to September 2, 1941.

Recognizing that the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine is a subject in which the members of the Federation must exercise the right of individual conscience and belief, the Executive Board refrains from action on the Palestine Resolution, but calls upon its units and members to cooperate fully in all measures seeking to aid the oppressed both of our own and other peoples.

In accordance with the message of the NFTS President to this session we underscore her first recommendation that this position of neutrality in relation to the Palestine Resolution of the American Jewish Conference be understood to apply not only to the Conference Resolution but also to Zionism and non-Zionism.

There was submitted to this committee a signed resolution which is herewith recorded for the record without abrogating the unanimous consent with which the foregoing has been presented: "That the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods disassociate itself from the American Jewish Conference." In the best interest of Sisterhood unity and harmony this minority position is recorded for the record, not for action. The signers of this resolution, in agreeing unanimously to the position of neutrality adopted, are not only fulfilling their right to maintain convictions differing from those of the majority but also expect, as a result thereof, that the majority will fulfill its obligations to maintain scrupulously the official stand.