

# AJC HITS RESTRICTED CLUBS

NEW YORK, The American Jewish Committee called on all figures in American public life "to exercise clear-cut moral leadership" by "publicly disassociating themselves" from restricted clubs.

The call, issued by Nathan Perlmutter, Associate Director of the human relations

agency, came at a time when the subject of clubs that ban Negro or Jewish members has been in the news as a result of the current political campaign.

In his statement, Mr. Perlmutter said that the agency did not "argue the right of a private club to engage in policies of racial and religious

restrictions, socially gauche and offensive though they be." However, he added, "we do affirm the social responsibility of public figures to remove their sanction - implied by their membership - from such clubs."

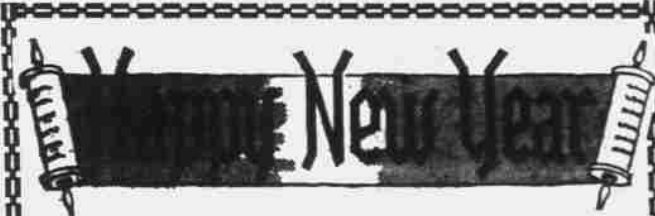
Mr. Perlmutter's full statement follows:

"The issue of membership of public figures in restricted private clubs has risen again, and once again the American Jewish Committee urges public figures to review their affiliation with clubs which, albeit they are public in pretense, are bigoted in practice.

"We do not argue the right of a private club to engage in policies of racial and religious restrictions, socially gauche and offensive though they be. We do, however, affirm the social responsibility of public figures to remove their sanction - implied by their membership - from such clubs.

"The course is a well-travelled one. In the past several years, increasing numbers of public figures have resigned from restricted clubs. In doing so, these men not only have refused to be party to an imputation of group inferiority, but they have caused a number of clubs to reconsider, in the light of current values, admission policies devised in socially dark ages.

"The term 'polarization' has recently assumed new and dramatic inferences.



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