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Relates How Discrimination Against Jews Has Diminished

Problems of discrimination against Jews in America have "vastly decreased" in the past thirty years, an intergroup relations expert said here today.

Harold Braverman, New York City, told the 17th annual Race Relations Institute at Fisk University that most of the discrimination against Jews today tends to be "social" rather than economic.

Comparing problems of anti-Semitism with discrimination against Negroes, Mr. Braverman declared that "whereas the Negro tends to be denied decent housing, employment and public accommodations, the Jew is denied only his first choice in these areas."

Mr. Braverman, who is director of the national discriminations department of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, cited the cases of Dr. Jonas Salk, developer of the anti-polio vaccine. In 1935 when Dr. Salk graduated from college he had to wait a year to get into a medical school, because of the quota system against Jews

in effect at that time, Mr. Braverman said.

Today 18% of the students admitted to medical schools are Jewish, he reported.

In the so-called Ivy League colleges the proportion of Jewish students admitted has doubled within the last decade.

A similar situation obtains in employment opportunities public accommodations and political life, Mr. Braverman said, adding that today's discrimination against Jews in job opportunities is what he termed "gilt-edged discrimination."

The latter he characterized as the failure to hire Jews for top policy-making jobs, in large corporations.

Discrimination in the "executive suite" as Mr. Braverman termed it, is increasingly tied to social discrimination. He cited the case of a large corporation president who could not hire a well head one of the company's qualified Jewish engineer to branches because the civic and social clubs in the small city in which the branch was located would not admit Jews to membership and membership in such clubs was a business necessity of the branch manager.

Mr. Braverman credited anti-discrimination legislation with much of the progress that has been made in intergroup relations. "We hardly ever see any discrimination against Jews in New York, New Jersey or Massachusetts — except in the executive suite", he said, indicating that anti-discrimination laws were well enforced in these states.

In contrast he cited a five year study made in Chicago, where no anti-discrimination law exists, which disclosed that 22% of the job orders to private employment agencies discriminated against Jews.

In discussing the recent wave of anti-Semitic incidents and swastika paintings, Mr. Braverman praised the prompt action of civic and religious groups and public officials who took forthright stands against such acts.

But he added ruefully, "The people who in public office deplore these desecrations of synagogues and swastika paintings were often the gentle people who go along with the polite discriminations against Jews on the social level."

Mr. Braverman declared that "Today the number one intergroup relations problem is the status of the Negro."

Warning his audience, which was more than half Negro, to be cautious of "buy black" movements because of "overtones of anti-Semitism" to be found in them,

The Bible Today

Dr. A. M. Chirgwin tells the story of how Mr. J. A. Clarke, Translator of the New Testament into Luba Katanga, hit on the word to use in translating "faith". One day when on a journey through wild and mountainous country Mr. Clarke called a halt about midday when the sun was hot. While resting in the shade one of the porters picked up a stone and sent it ricocheting down the mountain side into the ravine below. After some seconds the silence was broken by a plunging, splashing sound from the depths of the river below, followed by a bainter sound or echo. Just as the echo was dying away the porter turned round and said with a smile, "Twi tabilo, listen to it. It is the rocks sending back the sound."

In this way a word captured for the service of the Gospel. For "twi tabilo" was henceforth used to translate "faith" — the echo of God's voice from the depths of sinful human hearts, or, in other words, man's response to God's offer of salvation.

Suggested Bible Readings.

Sunday, July 17, Proverbs 3: 1-35
Monday, July 18, Mark 1: 1-20
Tuesday, July 19, Mark 1: 21-45
Wednesday, July 20, Hosea 1: 1-11
Thursday, July 21, Hosea 2: 1-23
Friday, July 22, Hosea 3: 1-5
Saturday, July 23, Hosea 5: 6-10

Mr. Braverman said "Anti-Semitism and anti-Negro discrimination have the same roots. We must work together to exterminate both."

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