

a group of Jewish civic leaders. At this meeting a resolution was adopted that the group constitute itself as a permanent agency whose purpose it should be to "study the merits of the requests for support, the amounts asked, and the time fixed for such solicitations." It was understood that the indorsement of the Community Council would carry with it its moral support and that the findings, either favorable or unfavorable, would be given full publicity.

The action taken at this meeting was ratified by the organizations represented and the Council was empowered to function along the lines indicated.

As the requests for endorsement began to come in greater numbers, the Council began to feel that the entire membership could not justly decide on the merits of the campaign in question. In 1930 it recommended that the Executive Committee be delegated to give careful consideration to each request.

ORGANIZATION OF JEWISH WELFARE FUND

During the years 1929 and 1930 the Council was slowly changing from a passive endorsing agent to an active co-ordinating and unifying body. During these two years the groundwork was laid for the creation of the Jewish Welfare Fund. The resolution initiating the organization of the Jewish Welfare Fund, introduced in 1930, read as follows: "The Cincinnati Jewish Community Council looks with favor upon the suggestion of a joint solicitation of funds for such Jewish philanthropies as make appeals to the local community, but are not associated with or eligible to the Cincinnati Community Chest, provided such organizations subscribe to the regulations of a properly constituted body representing the Jewish Community Council." This resolution was adopted unanimously.

Early in 1930 the Council began to lay plans for the conduct of a campaign in the fall of the year. It authorized a Jewish Welfare Fund as its instrument to conduct such campaigns. Among other things, organizations entering the Welfare Fund consented to the condition that what they receive through the Fund should not be in excess of the amounts which they had collected theretofore, minus the collection expense.

The Executive Committee of the Council was set up as a reviewing committee for all requests before these requests are presented to the Council. The Executive Committee was composed of representatives of all groups of local Jewry. In May, 1930, a constitution was adopted which was revised in 1934.

The relationship between the Jewish Community Council and its subsidiary, the Jewish Welfare Fund, was defined as follows: The Council controls and supervises the Fund. It determines which organizations should be included as beneficiaries of the Fund and the allocations. The Council appoints a quota committee and decides on the time of the campaign. The Welfare Fund raises and distributes the funds. A special committee appointed by the Council and Fund allocates and distributes emergency, miscellaneous and unbudgeted demands which come between drives.