

RABBI HIRSCH. Approximately 1 million persons is what we talk about, although you may know the Jewish community does not count souls but families. However, counting as one would in the Christian community, it is approximately 1 million.

Of course, the resolution which is the basis of our testimony, was passed at an assembly where there were perhaps 1,500 to 2,000 people present, again representatives in the very way that I suppose Congressmen are selected as representatives.

Mr. DELLENBACK. I am not sure about the chairman, but I am sure when I speak all 460,000 of my people are solidly with me.

Rabbi HIRSCH. Well, I mentioned it because I would imagine that Congressmen are acutely aware of the representative character of the religious leaders' role, because they themselves have had similar experiences in determining exactly whom they represent. I think there is some analogy in this respect between religious and political leadership. The other major group I represent is the Central Conference of American Rabbis, which is the national organization of Reform Rabbis in America, and they passed a resolution which I believe was unanimously approved. If you don't mind, I would like to read it into the record, because I did not have it at the time the written testimony was prepared.

Mr. DELLENBACK. I would be very pleased.

Rabbi HIRSCH. This was adopted by the Central Conference of American Rabbis at its last convention:

We hail the results already achieved in the Delano Strike which brought historical recognition by some agricultural employers of the right of farm workers to organize and to bargain collectively, and we hope that this right will soon be extended to all farm workers.

So, to return to your question, Congressman Dellenback, we are cognizant of the problems inherent in any representative role. I would say, in effect, what the other gentlemen have said: namely, that our position does represent a consensus of what the leadership of our groups would believe.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Oftentimes our stands as representatives, either as Congressmen or as religious leaders, really reflect what we think ought to be the stand of our people instead of, of necessity, a counting of heads as to what their stands in fact are.

Rabbi HIRSCH. I am in agreement that this may sometimes be the case. But I want to make one other statement which I didn't have a chance to respond to in the question of Congressman O'Hara, concerning whether or not the churches understand the practical problems of the growers, a question which I think is also related to what you are now asking.

I am aware of the fact that the church, very frequently, is accused of meddling and of not being very sophisticated in some of these issues. However, if there is any issue in which the churches have involved themselves recently and have tried to get to the depth of the problem, I think this is the issue, and particularly in a place like California.

Speaking for the Jewish community, I don't know of one Jewish farmworker. We have no narrow vested interest in the plight of the farmworkers. I do know there are many Jews who are either growers or who are involved tangentially with farm production. I do know