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## Steinbrink Files Formal Complaint Against New Jersey Hotel

Justice Meier Steinbrink of Brooklyn has filed a formal complaint with the New Jersey Division Against Discrimination charging that he was denied accommodations by the Chalfonte-Haddon Hall in Atlantic City because of his "Jewish creed."

The incident which prompted the action by the recently retired New York Supreme Court Judge occurred on March 5, 1952, when no accommodations were availhe attempted to make a reserva- able for March 6 because of "Eastion for a double room through ter." Mrs. Seligsberg pointed out the Chalfonte's New York office. in her complaint that March 6 The request was made via telephone by the Judge's secretary the Easter holiday. in his name. Later that same day the Hotel's New York representative called back to say that no for the desired dates, March 25th to April 1st.

"Suspecting that the refusal of accommodations was due to my Jewish name," Justice Steinbrink stated, "I immediately arranged for a telephone call to be made to the New York office of the respondent hotel under the name of John Elliot."

This reservation, the Judge asserted, which was for the same accommodations originally requested by him, was granted by the hotel and subsequently confirmed by letter.

On the basis of these facts, Justice Steinbrink concluded in his complaint that the Chalfonte-Haddon Hall had denied him accommodations "on account of my creed, thereby violating the law of New Jersey barring such discrimination."

The Chalfonte Haddon Hall Hotel has also been named in a similar complaint filed with the New Jersey Division Against Discrimination by Mrs. Rose Seligsberg of New York City.

Mrs. Seligsberg maintained that she called the hotel for a single reservation for March 6 and was assured by a room clerk that "I could come to the hotel any time and that they had any number of rooms available." After giving her name, however, she subsequently received a letter from George J. Turcotte, the manager, stating that no accommodations were available because the hotel was "completely booked to capacity."

Mrs. Seligsberg related that she went to Atlantic City on March 3 and pointed out to Mr. Turcotte that his letter was "inconsistent with the information I had re-

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ceived over the phone." The manager still claimed, however, that was more than a month prior to

In a letter to the New Jersey Division Against Discrimination, Oscar Groner, of Newark, New accommodations were available Jersey Regional Director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, recalled that "numerous persons of Jewish faith had complained of discriminatory practices on the part of the Chalfonte-Haddon Hall Hotel.

Mr. Groner further pointed out that "the hotel frankly admitted its anti-Semitic policy in a circular letter to travel agents dated July 22, 1938," which noted that "We solicit Gentile patronage." Subsequently, the hotel denied following a policy of discrimination but, Mr. Groner added, "complaints invariably point out that persons with Jewish names who wanted to make a reservation at the hotel were told that no accommodations were available

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