

NEGROES IN STUDY ARE NOT ANTI-JEW

B'nai B'rith Says Survey Refutes Hostility Charge

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CHICAGO, Oct. 1—A scientific study of Negro attitudes shows that Negroes feel more friendly toward Jews than toward other whites, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith reported today.

It said the study refuted a recurring charge that Negroes were strongly anti-Semitic.

A sample taken in New York City showed that 17 per cent of the Negroes who expressed variations in their general attitudes toward whites thought Jewish landlords were better than other white landlords and that only 9 per cent thought they were worse.

A preliminary report of the study's findings was made by Benjamin R. Epstein of New York, national director of the League, at the annual meeting of the League's National Executive Committee at the Ambassador Hotel. The meeting is being held today and tomorrow.

Jewish Community Disturbed

The five-year study, which is continuing at the University of California Survey Research Center, was commissioned by the Anti-Defamation League in 1961 to investigate anti-Semitism and to find more effective ways of combatting it. Upon completion next spring, the study is to be published under the title "Protest and Prejudice."

Mr. Epstein said he was releasing the interim report because talk of Negro antagonism toward Jews had seriously disturbed the Jewish community.

He said that Negroes seemed to feel that they shared minority group status with Jews and that the Negro position as a persecuted minority had led

Negroes to reject discriminatory behavior against other minorities.

Negroes, he said, are more opposed to discrimination against Jews in employment and social clubs than are non-Jewish whites. Negroes, more frequently than non-Jewish whites, said they would not vote for a political candidate who had an anti-Semitic platform, and they said they would oppose any legislation to curtail Jewish immigration, Mr. Epstein said.

He said the study disclosed that most Negroes' attitudes toward Jews were comparable to their attitudes toward whites in general. But where there are differences, he said, they tend to be in favor of Jews.

The League director reported that, in nationwide interviews, 24 per cent of Negroes said Jewish landlords were better than other white landlords and that 7 per cent said they were worse.

The study was conducted in non-Southern urban areas, and special samples were taken in New York City, Chicago, Atlanta and Birmingham.

Mr. Epstein said that in Chicago 20 per cent of Negroes who expressed variations in

attitude thought Jewish landlords were better than other white landlords and that 6 per cent thought they were worse. The figures were 31 per cent to 4 per cent in Atlanta and 19 per cent to 4 per cent in Birmingham.

Other findings included:

¶Nationally, 20 per cent said Jewish store owners were better than other white store owners and 7 per cent said they were worse.

¶Thirty-four per cent said Jews were better to work for than other whites and 19 per cent said they were worse.

¶Seventy per cent said Jews were better than other whites regarding the hiring of Negroes.

¶Forty-five per cent believed Jews were more in favor of civil rights than other whites, and 3 per cent felt Jews were less in favor.