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Federal Council Of The Churches Adopts Resolution

Washington, D. C. Oct. 10—The Administration Committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America records its strong conviction that the recent rise of organizations whose members are masked, oathbound and unknown, and whose activities have the effect of arousing religious prejudice and racial consequences so fraught with grave consequences to the church and to society at large. Any organization whose activities tend to set class against class or race against race is consistent neither with the ideal of the church nor with true patriotism, however vigorous or sincere may be its professions of religion and Americanism.

"Evils of lawlessness and immorality, however serious, can never be remedied by secret, private and unauthorized action. They must be handled by the state and by the recognized forces

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of education. For groups of individuals wearing masks and concealing their identity to pass judgment on men and women and to carry out humiliating

measures of their own devising, is subversive of every principle of civilized government, and undermines respect for the established agencies of law and order.

"The Administrative Committee of the Federal Council of Churches is opposed to any movement which overrides the processes of law and order, and which tends to complicate and make more difficult the work of cooperation between the various political, racial and religious groups in the Republic. No such movements have the right to speak the name of Protestantism and the churches are urged to exert every influence to check their spread."