

Bias Against Jews Denied In Saturday Evening Post Ad

By the Associated Press.

PHILADELPHIA, April 15.—The Saturday Evening Post is purchasing newspaper advertising space to disclaim any anti-Semitic bias. The advertisement, text of which will appear as a Post editorial in the May 16 issue, said protests had been received concerning a recent article, "The Case Against the Jews,"

by Milton M. Mayer, but that it felt the article's purpose was misunderstood.

The author and the Post's former editor who purchased the piece, "looked upon it as a plea, directed at any Jewish people who may have strayed from the fold, to return to the faith of their fathers," the advertisement said.

It continued that "a good many Jews" agreed with this interpretation, but "we have received several thousand letters from people—both Jews and gentiles—who sincerely believe the article was intended as an attack on the Jewish people." "Naturally, we deeply regret this misunderstanding. The Post never has been, is not now and never will be anti-Semitic in belief or expression. It is not anti any group * * *." The text was written by Ben Hibbs, the publication's new editor, whose name appeared on the masthead for the first time with this week's issue. He succeeds Wesley Winans

Stout, who resigned several weeks ago.

The advertisement-editorial continued:

"This editorial is being published not only to clear away a misunderstanding, but because the new editor of the Post feels so deeply, so completely, that the only real cause in these anxious war days is the cause of America—the cause of freedom."