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At a meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada, held on Thursday, the 9th day of Adar I, the question was raised why the Union of Orthodox Rabbis tolerates the impudence of people who are fully ignorant of the laws pertaining to kashruth, but have set themselves up in the business of issuing Hechsherim. In addition, they have the effrontery to publicly slander prominent Rabbis, as was done a number of times in the case of one of the foremost Rabbis in America, Rabbi L. Seltzer, under whose supervision Kojel is being produced. Opinions permitting its use were rendered by the greatest rabbinic scholar of the last generation Rabbi Chaim Ozer Grodzensky, of blessed memory, and by other sages in their responsa. Naturally, it is unbecoming for Rabbi Seltzer to reply to these slanderous remarks, but the question is raised now and then as to why the Union of Orthodox Rabbis permits such attacks upon one of their foremost members to go unanswered.

The Administrative Committee therefore unanimously decided to call upon the office of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis to condemn and protest against such behavior, and to publicly announce that their slanderous attacks are nothing more than sheer impudence and dissoluteness, and that one cannot ever reply upon their Hechsherim, which are based on ignorance. It is unheard of that laymen should take the authority to say what is Kosher and what is tref, when they themselves require supervision. Kashruth is not decided upon by a laboratory, but by the Jewish law, and those who are not well versed in Jewish law are no authorities, and no one may rely on their Hechsherim.

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