

# AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE SPONSORS UNPRECEDENTED DIALOGUE

Saint Meinrad, Indiana, "Pluralism is something more than the simple condition of man; it is the will of God," a leading Jewish theologian declared in the course of an unprecedented four-day dialogue here with one of Europe's most brilliant young Catholic scholars.

Dr. Arthur Hertzberg, Lecturer in History at Columbia University and Rabbi of Temple Emanu-El, Englewood, New Jersey, examined various aspects of the theme, "Religion and the Modern World: Jewish and Christian Perspectives," with Father Johannes Baptist Metz, Professor of Fundamental Theology and Dean of the Catholic Theological Faculty of the University of Muenster. Father Metz made a special trip to the United States to take part in this dialogue.

The unprecedented colloquium, which took place at St. Meinrad School of Theo-

logy, was co-sponsored by Saint Meinrad and the American Jewish Committee.

In his lecture Rabbi Hertzberg said: "The definition of Maimonides of the Messianic age is that it will be a world of justice and peace in which the varying communities of man will continue to exist. The confrontation with secular ideology at this moment in history has to be a confrontation with the whole of the religious and cultural tradition of the West."

He continued: "If pluralism is, indeed, the will of God, then He has created these diverse traditions and outlooks as correctives of each other. If God is larger than the church or synagogue, then something of what He wants is present in secular ideologies. All of us together are subject to one ultimate judgment, that we should labor for the minimum of constraint upon each other, the barest minimum that is necessary for social

order."

Both Father Metz and Rabbi Hertzberg agreed that we are living in a secularized, pluralistic world in which religion has a definite role to play.

Father Metz said that the Christian eschatological message (of Hope and Faith) was not a private concern but a public one in which the church must unite with other groups to work for peace, social justice and the protection of the oppressed.

"While the technological planners work on one level to achieve these ends, the role of the church is to act as a responsible critic," Father Metz said.

"Whereas political, ideological institutions limit their goals and define the means for attaining them, the institution of the Church must go further," according to Father Metz, saying it must protect the sanctity of the individual so that he doesn't become a card in a

vast computer, and deal with those problems of personal survival that are not related to the politic-economic state.

To the extent that Christian and Marxist goals to improve the future of man on earth are similar, they can work together, Father Metz said.

The Church, he continued, should not, therefore, be a "tranquilizing force" focusing hope on the after world, but should be "a litigant in man's suit for a better life on earth."

Conceding that, historically, the Church has more often been counter-revolutionary than revolutionary, Father Metz declared that the institution of the Church must be prepared to be the object of criticism as well as a critic, if it is to have credibility.

Rabbi Hertzberg pointed out that while the Jews benefited from the Enlightenment by gaining civic equality, they have always been a group outside of the establishment. "Judaism, both as a faith and as a self-image of the individual Jew, was not more at home in the new age than it had been in the older, medieval ones," he said. Today, in this pluralist world, he says, Christianity is also a diaspora community as is Marxism.

In his remarks at the opening session, Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, Director of Interreligious Affairs of the American Jewish Committee said: "The dialogue between a leading Catholic and a Jewish scholar devoted to a searching examination of the relationship of Christianity

and Judaism to the modern world has meaning beyond the inherent value of their intellectual probings. It demonstrates that both Judaism and Christianity, confronted by common challenges of secular modernity, have profound insights to

contribute out of their respective and differing histories and traditions which are mutually complementary as well as mutually corrective."

(To Be Continued)

ISRAELITE ADS PAY



HAPPY PASSOVER  
**Beauty Salon**  
IN THE CENTER OF THE STRIP  
WIGS Styled and cleaned while you wait . . . .  
WIGS Returned to Your Hotel FREE  
SHAMPOO and SET **\$4.00**

Hair Fashions by  
**ZELLO'S**  
Across from the Stardust in Fashion Square Shopping Center  
Open 8 a.m. to Midnight Including Sundays and Holidays  
735-7471 735-5062



Best Wishes  
to our  
Jewish Neighbors  
At  
**PASSOVER**  
*Frank Schivo's*  
**CALIFORNIA CLUB**  
1st and FREMONT — DOWNTOWN

**HAPPY PASSOVER**  
To Our Friends in  
The Jewish Community



FREE ESTIMATES  
FREE  
PICK-UP & DELIVERY  
Insurance Jobs Our Specialty  
Wheel & Front End Alignment  
Intra-Red Baked Enamel Auto Painting  
24-HOUR TOWING - AUTO GLASS

**382-6412**


1066 S. MAIN - LAS VEGAS  
(Main & Charleston)

*Passover Greetings*  
TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY



**Nevada  
Blind & Floor Co.**  
1300 So. Main

*Passover Greetings*



THE  
**Shoe Tree**

Corner Maryland Parkway & E. Sahara  
In Parkway Plaza

— WOMEN'S SHOES —  
Featuring  
★ CALIFORNIA COBBLERS  
★ FREDELLE IMPORTS  
★ NINA  
★ P. F. FLYERS  
★ HUSH PUPPIES

— CHILDREN'S SHOES —  
Featuring: JUMPING JACKS  
★ CAPEZIO DRESS SHOES  
★ SIMPLEX FLEXIES & SABELS  
★ CORRECTION & SURGICAL  
"Bring Your Doctor's Prescription to Us"

**735-5588**

TO THE  
**Jewish  
Community  
In Las Vegas**