

Zealous Proselytizers

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NASHVILLE -- Christian leaders, especially those who head the current nationwide evangelical drive known as Key 73, must recognize that any attempt to convert large numbers of Jews constitutes a negation of the 4,000 years of suffering and martyrdom experienced by the Jewish people, as well as the Jewish belief in God's covenant with Abraham, a noted Rabbi declared.

Addressing a unique interreligious confer-

ence of Catholics, Southern Baptists and Jews, Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, National Interreligious Director of the American Jewish Committee, stated:

"The Jewish people stakes its existence on the truth and validity of the Covenant made by God with those whom He has elected. For the Jewish people to be told that its Covenant has been abrogated or replaced is in fact to tell us that our 4,000 years of testimony and human existence has been a lie. Our Christian neighbors must face forthrightly the implications of this conversionary attitude towards Judaism and the Jewish people."

Rabbi Tanenbaum described over-zealous proselytizers as "virtually ignorant of the spiritual richness, the piety, and the liturgical power" of Judaism, and urged the leaders of Key 73 to issue a "policy statement that takes into serious account the profound biblical claims regarding the Jewish people."

The three-day meeting of scholars and religious leaders of the three faiths was sponsored jointly by the Department of Interfaith Witness of the Home Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention; the Secretariat for Catholic-Jewish Relations of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Nashville; and the Interreligious Affairs department of the American Jewish Committee, and the Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee.

In a panel discussion on "Ecumenism, Evangelism, and Pluralism", Rabbi Tanenbaum urged that the Key 73 campaign concentrate its efforts on "deepening the faith commitments of Christians to Christianity and transforming their lives so that Christians will become more effective instruments of God's love, justice, and reconciliation between men."

Concerning efforts to convert Jews, however, he quoted the late Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, who asked:

"Do Christians really believe that it is God's will that every Synagogue throughout the inhabited world be closed down? That the Torah no longer be taken from the Holy Ark and read and studied in reverence and prayer? That the Jewish observances of the Sabbath and the Holy Days ordained by Sacred Scripture come to an end? That Hebrew prayers and

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Jewish piety be terminated?"

"That is what the evangelization of the Jewish people ultimately comes down to when you think through its inner logic," Rabbi Tanenbaum declared.

Rabbi Tanenbaum stated that he had paid a special visit to St. Louis last October to discuss his concerns with Key 73 leaders, and that he had recommended the issuance of a statement to the effect that the campaign did not intend to proselytize the Jewish community.

"Regrettably, that counsel was ignored by some of the leaders of Key 73, and we now have this unfortunate development."



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