

CATHOLIC ASKS DELETION ANTI-JUDAIC TEXTS FROM NEW TESTAMENT

By David Benarone

NEW YORK (WUP) -- Rosemary Ruether, a leading Roman Catholic scholar who serves as associate professor of Historical Theology at Harvard University School of Religion has called for the deletion of the "foundations of anti-Judaic thought" from the New Testament and Christian teaching "to atone for centuries of anti-Semitism and as a means of revitalizing the original Christian vision itself."

According to Prof. Ruether, "rethinking" Christianity's origins is necessary to enable the modern believer to "affirm his faith...in a way which no longer threatens to rob the Jew of his past, eliminate his future and surround his present with rivalrous animosity."

In a frank and wide-ranging analysis of the Christian Church role in the creation of anti-Semitism, Dr. Ruether challenges the traditional Christian view of Jesus' messianic mission as "flawed." What is needed, she states, is a "new way of formulating Christian identity that allows space for the Jewish brother to live...not on our terms, but on his." She adds that revision is "as necessary for Christian identity as it is for improved relationship with Jews."

The analysis, published as a book, "Faith and Fratricide: The Theological Roots of Anti-Semitism" (The Seabury Press), will be distributed by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith as part of its program to improve interfaith understanding.

The noted Roman Catholic scholar concludes that the "fratricidal side of Christian faith can be overcome only through genuine encounter with Jewish identity. Only then might a 'Judaic-Christian tradition,' which has heretofore existed only as a Christian imperialist myth, which usurps rather than converses with the Jewish tradition, begin to happen for the first time."

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MENACING SYRIAN FORCES ON GOLAN HEIGHTS

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Syria is moving its forces around in a menacing manner on the Golan Heights, although the Syrian troops are remaining in the limited forces zone.

Addressing an awards ceremony for women soldiers, Gen. Rapahel Eytan, commander of the northern front, warned that Israeli forces must be ready for

any sudden overt move which could happen "in the near future." However, most Israeli observers believe that the Syrian moves are calculated to maintain tension on the Golan with periodic feints and re-enforcement of troops.

Earlier in Jerusalem, Gen. Mordechai Gur, Chief of Staff, told newsmen that Israel was carefully watching the Egypt's continuing building of large-scale fortifications on the east bank of the Suez Canal and the beefing up of Egypt's naval strength in the Gulf of Suez by way of the canal. Gur stressed that there had been no major violations of the disengagement agreement that have gone uncorrected.

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COORDINATE AGAINST ARAB PROPAGANDA

NEW YORK (WNS) -- A central body to coordinate efforts to counter Arab propaganda in the United States will be established by the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, it was announced by Rabbi Israel Miller, Conference chairman.

Noting that Arab propaganda is "much more subtle and clever" than it used to be, Rabbi Miller said the new central body will include Jewish organizations and individuals in order to have a unified approach.

He also said that the Presidents Conference is asking the State Department and the City of New York to deny official diplomatic recognition to any representative or office of the Palestinian Liberation Organization which is supposed to arrive here for the next United Nations General Assembly.

Yehuda Hellman, executive director of the Presidents Conference, announced that the organization was intensifying efforts on behalf of the 4500 Jews in Syria. The Presidents Conference also opened a campaign to collect about one million signatures on a petition urging President Ford to personally ask Syrian President Hafez Assad to insure the human rights of Syrian Jews and to allow them to emigrate.



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