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PANEL CONSIDERS "NEW CHRISTIAN RIGHT

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The vehement support of Israel by Christian rightwing fundamentalists coupled with their reactionary anti - liberal political and social views pose a serious dilemma for American Jews, according to members of a panel discussion on "The New Christian Right and the Jew." But the panelists disagreed on how this problem should be approached.

The panel was part of the 1980 National

Conference Editors of the Jewish Student Press Service held at American Jewish Congress headquarters here. The participants were Annette Daum, Interreligious Affairs Director of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC) and Kenneth Jacobson, Middle East Affairs Director of the Anti - Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. The discussion was moderated by Dr. Henry Feingold, professor of American

Jewish history at City University of New York,

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According to Jacobson, the fundamentalist Christian right and especially the Moral Majority movement headed by Rev. Jerry Falwell demonstrates an "extremely strong pro - Zionist position" that American Jewry should cultivate and encourage.

But, at the same time he noted, the Jewish community should be aware that the motive of the Moral Majority in supporting Israel "is not so pure from our point of view" because, he said, they see the ingathering of all the Jews in Israel as a precondition for the second coming of the Messiah.

A different approach was advocated by Daum who called on American Jews to come out "in the open" against the Moral Majority despite their support of Israel. She warned that if the opinions and views of the moral Majority are translated into political power, America will face "a new repressive era" which, she warned, would be "dangerous to the Jews."

Daum said, "We should appreciate FRIDAY, JAN. 16, 1981

the support (of the Moral Majority for Israel) but yet we should not give them awards. We are going to end with egg on our

face. We have to fight them in the open. She added that the American Jewish community is against the agenda of the Moral Majority on social, educational, and economic issues.

JEWS DENOUNCE PLO RECOGNITION

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The governing board of the National Council of Churches (NCC) at its semiannual meeting here recognized the Palestine LiberationOrganization as the legitimate representative

of the Palestinian people. The move was immediately denounced by Jewish organizations including the American Jewish Committee; the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC); the American Jewish Congress; the Synagogue Council of America and the Rabbinical Council of America, an association of Orthodox rabbis. ISRAELITE

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PRESIDENT GERALD R, FORD, LEFT: AND JOHN L. LOEB, JR., RIGHT, INITIATOR OF THE DAR EXHIBIT IN WASHINGTON. D.C., THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN EARLY AMERICA, 1654 - 1830, ADMIRE A PORTRAIT AND DOCUMENTS OF REV. GERSHOM MENDES SEIXAS, THE HEAD OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY DURING RE-VOLUTIONARY DAYS. PRESIDENT FORD OPENED THE EXHIBIT WHICH RUNS UNTIL MARCH 15.



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