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Key 73 to operate in Denver

Evangelistic program is formed

By TOM REES
Rocky Mountain News Religion Editor

A 19-member committee has been formed in Denver to attempt to coordinate and stimulate activities for the Key 73 evangelistic program in the metropolitan area.

The Rev. Emil H. Bunjes Jr., pastor of University View Christian Church, 4401 E. Mexico Ave., is chairman. The Rev. John Markbrook, Jr., pastor of Mountain View Community Reformed Church, 3839 W. Florida Ave., is vice chairman, and Mrs. Robert Kenning of 1115 W. Shepperd Ave., Littleton, is secretary.

The Rev. Paul Johnshoy of the American Lutheran Church Central District here is a member of the national committee.

MRS. LENA REIDEL, the Rev. James Selms and Dr. William Macintosh of the Colorado Council of Churches staff are members of the Denver committee. Clergy and laymen from a number of metropolitan area churches are members of the local committee.

The Key 73 program was launched at noon Christmas Day when participating churches rang their bells to call people to repentance and prayer. The celebration of Good Friday, which will continue through Sunday, is the first phase of the year-long evangelistic effort.

Five other phases are planned for the year. The second phase, which will continue through Lent, will emphasize distribution of Scripture, marriage Bible study and witnessing.

The third phase, at Easter time, will stress witnessing to the Resurrection and the implications of the Easter message. A fourth phase will start at Easter time and run through the summer. It will include mass youth meetings and special ministries.

Moving into the fifth phase next fall Key 73 will be marked by youth outreach, witnessing at county and state fairs, crusades, rallies and locally planned gospel presentations.

The national program will draw to a close in the period from Thanksgiving to New Year 1974 with special activities centering on the spiritual significance of the holiday time.

Framers of Key 73 describe it as an effort to confront the people of the continent "more fully and more forcefully" with the Gospel of Jesus Christ "by proclamation and demonstration, witness and ministry, word and deed."

More than 30 denominations, church bodies and paracommunities are participating. The way the program was developed, they can work individually or in cooperation with other groups or congregations at the community level.

Organizers of the evangelistic thrust point out that half the people on the continent claim membership in some 340,000 Christian churches. They estimate 200,000 churches will participate, in some fashion, in Key 73. They hope to reach 100 million persons this year with the claims of Christ.

The Rev. Mr. Bunjes sees the role of the Denver Committee as "a clearing house to let everybody know what's going on in the area."

"We don't feel it's our responsibility to develop a single program, but to encourage others to develop their own programs according to their own bent."

The Rev. Mr. Bunjes said the effort is practical "because it has very specific objectives that are not only part of the great commission but that can be done by committed Christians."

The Rev. Mr. Bunjes believes the main effect of Key 73 will be felt by the Christian churches themselves. "I don't think we'll see a sudden bursting out at the seams, but I do think we'll see a numerically stronger church."

"I think it'll help renew the American church in a way to make it more effective as an instrument of God's will through an awareness of the power of prayer and a realization of our responsibilities to be evangelistic," he added.

The Denver coordinating committee will sponsor a special television program Sunday featuring a documentary film, "Faith in Action," designed by the national committee to launch the Key 73 effort. The film will be shown at 9:30 a.m. by KWGN, Channel 4, and 2 p.m. by KOA-TV, Channel 1.

The local committee is considering sponsoring a choir concert next spring and an art festival in the summer.

"The House of the Lord" show telecast at 9 a.m. Sundays by KOA-TV, Channel 4, will feature panel discussions on Key 73 Jan. 14 and 21.
KEY 73 IN THE NEWARK REGION:
CATHOLIC-PROTESTANT COOPERATION

By Religious News Service (1-9-73)

NEWARK, N.J. (RNS) -- Catholic-Protestant cooperation is a notable feature of Key 73 as it operates in the Newark metropolitan area.

A report by Anne Buckley in The Advocate, newsweekly of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark, cites a comment from "one elderly Protestant minister" that "the time had arrived when Catholics and Protestants really came together in a spirit of fellowship."

Although the interdenominational, continent-wide evangelistic effort had been "pretty much an unknown quantity in Catholic parishes" at the start of the year, Miss Buckley wrote, Newark's parishes are now becoming aware of, and participating in, its various aspects.

Phase I, which began on Thanksgiving Day last year, got underway in Roselle and Roselle Park, N.J., with a "Call to Repentance" program held in the Roselle Catholic High School auditorium on Nov. 30. Sponsored by the Interfaith Council of the two towns, it drew a crowd of 750 for a multimedia presentation that focused on youth.

Attracting youth back to the Church is one Key 73 goal of Father Edward Cooke of Queen of Peace Parish, North Arlington, N.J.

"I feel that there has been a great defection from the institutional Church by young people and that amounts to defection from Christ," he explained, adding "any program that tries to address itself to this is worth exploring."

Father Donald C. Rackley of St. Joseph's Church in Roselle agreed, at the same time denying charges that Key 73 poses a threat to the Jewish community because of its evangelistic emphasis.

"The thrust is to people who have abandoned the Church, to get them back through expression of our Christian concern," he said. "And the recommended Summer activities, for example. They are intended to reach people not ordinarily reached by Christians."

Msgr. Thomas Tuohy of Queen of Peace Parish anticipated that during Phase III -- "Calling Our Continent to the Resurrection," scheduled to begin after Easter -- Christians of different traditions will have an opportunity to develop an increased consciousness "of what we have in common in the Bible, of our union in Christ."

"It is when we come together to pray," he added, "that we begin to accept, like, and love each other in the Christian sense."
RABBI TANNENBAUM

Address Set On Key '73

Rabbi Marc H. Tannenbaum, world ecumenist, will speak in Denver at 8 p.m. Monday. He will address the Denver Rabbinical Council at a private luncheon and will speak at a public meeting at 8 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 4800 E. Alameda Ave.

Both addresses will concern the implications for Jews of the interdenominational evangelistic thrust called Key '73.

He has been quoted as saying the effort "could well become a historic turning point in relations between evangelical Christians and Jews of the magnitude of Vatican Council II if the aim is not to make Jews objects of Christian conversion."

Rabbi Tannenbaum is national director of the interreligious affairs department of the American Jewish Community, New York City. His appearance here is sponsored by the committee's Colorado chapter.

He has worked with the American Catholic hierarchy to advance Catholic-Jewish relations and in similar programs with the World and National Councils of Churches.

He has lectured throughout the world on the history, theology and sociology of Judaism and Christianity.

He is former director of the Synagogue Council of America.
January 10, 1973
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Marc Tanenbaum
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Key '73

Letters to the Editor Exchange

I thought you would find of interest copies of the attached "letters to the editor" in regard to Key '73. The letter sent by Rev. A.E. Gysan, Christ Lutheran Church was evidently in response to the reporting of the session at the NEC meeting. I waited two weeks before I responded in order not to encourage any impression that there was a dispute. A copy of my letter is also attached.

Survey of Junior High and High School Students

I am also attaching a copy of a letter and questionnaire which has been sent to Rabbis, Religious School Principals and Youth Leaders in regard to misrepresenting activities encountered by Jewish youth.

As soon as we know what cooperation we will be getting, I will write to you. We have just had our first response. One school, Beth Am, a Reform Congregation School is asking for 600. Rabbi Lehrman's religious school has asked for a total of 65 copies.

I thought you would also find of interest the attached news reports on "Key '73" activities planned for Miami.

Campus

I have not personally observed any activities on campus. In talking with Rabbi Ringler, the Hillel Director, he has indicated that except for one program in which a magician used "magic" in "selling" Jesus Christ, he has also not seen any campus activity.

Needless to say, we will continue to be vigilant during the next year and will keep in touch with you on this score.

With best regards.

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cc: I. Terman
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To The Editor:

Recently an article appeared in your paper stating the opposition of certain Jewish Rabbis, and perhaps other leaders, to the presently unfolding Key 73 evangelism program.

As one who has been, and is still, involved with Key 73, please allow me to say that there is nothing "deceptive" about it at all, nor are we "ignorant of Judaism." Sharing the gospel of good news is what we have always attempted to do. The only added feature is that Key 73 involves the close working together of many Christian denominations.

Most important of all, is it not correct to believe and to say that in our country each one of us should defend the right of another to believe as he or she wills in the area of faith? However, is it not duty to protect the privilege of each person to endeavor to "convert" another to his or her point of view? If either of these "rights" is destroyed, then we are no longer a democracy.

REV. A. E. GYSAN
Christ Lutheran Church, Miami
To The Editor:

A writer in the News recently cited "the opposition of certain Jewish Rabbis and other leaders to the presently unfolding Key '73 evangelism program" and raised the question about the right "to believe as he or she wills in the area of faith" and the "duty to protect the privilege of each person to endeavor to convert another to his or her point of view" as basic democratic rights.

No one to my knowledge, has raised any opposition to the fact that in America's pluralistic society, efforts to inform another of one's position or beliefs is both a civic and religious right, and all religious communities have the inherent right to propagate their faith.

However, it has been the Jewish experience that missionary approaches are frequently based on a false, stereotyped and caricatured image of Judaism as an incomplete or obsolete religion which has been replaced by the new Israel of Christianity — a view which is a moral offense against the dignity and the honor of the Jewish people.

We therefore urge the various Christian bodies participating in Key '73 and similar evangelistic efforts to show elementary feelings for Jews, to refrain from contributing to the development of anti-Jewish attitudes in the Christian community, and to give serious thought to the conclusions of reputable Christian scholars affirming the continuing validity of Judaism.

We urge those groups engaged in Key '73 and other programs of evangelism to avoid the implication that Christianity and America are synonymous. We must all join in the assurance of religious freedom while preserving the pluralistic character of American society, lest the forthcoming evangelistic campaign becomes a source of tension and conflict.

DR. WALTER ZAND,
Florida Director
American Jewish Committee
December 27, 1972

TO: Rabbis, Jewish Educators and Jewish Youth Leaders  
FROM: Alan Kessler, Chairman, Jewish Communal Affairs Committee

One of the significant developments affecting contemporary Jewry is the recent intensification of programs of evangelism.

During the next eighteen months an unprecedented evangelistic drive known as Key '73 is scheduled throughout the United States and Canada. This campaign, while rooted in evangelical Protestantism, has wide ecumenical support and takes as its aim "to share with every person in North America more fully and more forcefully the claims and message of Jesus Christ."

In addition, there has been a marked increase in the efforts of those missionary groups which specifically aim at the conversion of Jews to Christianity.

The American Jewish Committee would appreciate your cooperation in a study it is doing of efforts to missionize Jewish youth in Greater Miami by false, stereotyped and caricatured images of Judaism as an "incomplete" or "obsolete" religion which has been replaced by the "new Israel" of Christianity.

Once we have secured enough data to warrant an assessment of the extent of the effort to reach and convert Jewish youth, we plan:

1. to issue to you and other respondents a summary of our findings;
2. to secure models of what our national agencies and other local communities are doing about the problem; and
3. to call a meeting of representatives of the religious schools and Jewish youth groups in Greater Miami to explore the dimensions of the problem and consider counter measures.

Attached is a copy of the questionnaire we would like to have completed by Jr. High and Sr. High School students in your religious school, youth programs, etc.

Will you please return the enclosed card indicating whether you will participate in this Survey and the number of questionnaires you will need so that we may plan accordingly.

With kindest personal regards.

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Film Delays Kickoff of Key '73

BY ADON TAFT
Herald Religion Editor

The first major thrust of the Miami phase of the "Key 73" program was scheduled to take place this weekend.

However, a delay in the arrival of the movie which will officially kick off the campaign locally has forced the Metropolitan Fellowship of Churches to reschedule the debut of "Key 73" for next Saturday and Sunday.

Over that weekend the film called "Faith in Action," developed nationally to demonstrate the hope for the future of the program, uniting the more than 1,000 Protestant and Catholic denominations in a year-long effort to "call the continent to Christ," will be shown at least three times by local television stations.

THE FELLOWSHIP is a series of vignettes about real people who put their faith into practice in daily situations—two rock musicians who wrote an opera on the conversion of Paul; and an Indian woman operating an orphanage in Oklahoma; a judge who works with kids in Seattle and organizes prayer breakfasts for government officials; a black executive who fights prejudice in the employment field; and others.

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In some churches, television sets will be set up so members can view the film during the Sunday school hour, discuss what they see, and formulate projects they can undertake as part of "Key 73."

THE FIRST showing of "Faith in Action" is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 13, on Channel 6. It also will be shown at 9 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 14, on Channel 10 and at 9:30 a.m. that day on Channel 7.

The Rev. Robert Barber, the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church pastor who heads the communications committee of the Greater Miami "Key 73" effort, is still negotiating in hopes of getting the film on other channels.

Meanwhile, four churches of the North Miami area will stage a "Key 73 Happening" at 3 p.m. this Sunday in Griffling Park. It will be mostly a musical affair featuring Susan Tr Cove, a soprano who is a former Miss Miami; The Messengers, a vocal and instrumental group directed by Don Davis; and the Adult and Youth Choirs from the sponsoring churches. North Miami Mayor Robert Houch will bring greetings.

Participating churches are Christ Lutheran, St. Paul's United Methodist, North Miami Presbyterian, and First Congregational.

Directing the choir will be Fred Zeleski, Harry Carney, Mrs. Howard Burns, and Mrs. Robert Feils.

AS PART of its participation in the "Key 73" program the Good Shepherd Lu-
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SURVEY OF MISSIONIZING EFFORTS
TO CONVERT JEWISH YOUTH TO CHRISTIANITY

1. Has any student in your High or Jr. High School talked to you during the past semester about Jesus and Christianity? Yes___ No____

If Yes, please explain:

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2. Has any student given you during this semester a pamphlet on Jesus or a copy of the "New Testament?" Yes___ No____

If Yes, please explain circumstances under which this was done.

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3. Have there been any assembly programs in your school this semester in which a speaker talked about Jesus or Christianity? Yes___ No____

If Yes, please explain:

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4. Has anyone approached you outside school and given you literature on Jesus or Christianity this semester? Yes____ No___

If Yes, please explain:

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Evangelistic effort lags, cleric says

By BOB WILCOX
Miami News Religion Editor

Key '73, the massive Christian evangelistic effort that has worried other religions because of its supposed proselytizing effect, isn't making headway among Dade churches, the president of the Metropolitan Fellowship of Churches here says.

The Rev. Lloyd Knox says only about 20 to 25 per cent of Dade's 600 churches are actively involved in the effort "and that's an optimistic estimate at best."

Rev. Knox says it appears that the biggest problem is communication between local churches and the national denominations that are leading the program.

"There seems to be a missing link at the regional level," he said. "We don't have strong intrachurch programs at the state level and the information isn't coming down. What we need is more coordination."

Because of the problem, said Rev. Knox, a film called "Faith in Action," originally scheduled to be shown on television in the Dade County area, had to be postponed because it didn't arrive on time.

The film will be shown next weekend, he said. The times are: 8:30 a.m. Saturday on Channel 6; 9 a.m. Sunday on Channel 10 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday on Channel 7.

The film is used to explain Key '73 and its aims. "It should have been here a month ago," said Rev. Knox.
To the Editor: In the Enquirer (December 17) Ben Kaufman, the religion reporter, quoted Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, as follows: "He (the rabbi) equated mass efforts to convert the Jews (to Christianity) with Nazi eunuchism and Soviet persecution, saying the whole question of efforts to convert the Jewish people out of their religious existence becomes a morally unconscionable position."

Now, the scholarly rabbi makes a very serious indictment. I resent being labeled a Nazi torturer or a human exterminator as I go about trying to help less fortunate people than I or, for that matter, more fortunate than I, and especially in persuading people to accept the claims of Jesus Christ. He plainly offered mankind an imminent escape from the hells and evils on this Earth, and He plainly advocated a way that men could live at peace with themselves and with others, if they would so choose.

Not one thing has God withheld from me as I walk uprightly—as clearly defined in the 84th Psalm and as Christ also promised. There is enough historical evidence and authenticity by a good many eyewitnesses, most of whom were Jewish—to the fact that what Jesus said and what He did, particularly, proved Him to be no mortal man.

Consequently, when I urge people to accept Christ and His teaching, am I inhuman when I try to avoid dishonesty or stealing or cheating or lying or malming or murder? Or when I do my best to avoid slander and mischief, obey authority, or warn against sexual permisiveness prior to marriage (fornication in the Bible) or adultery after marriage?

Jewish leaders, painfully, are so prone to sweep under the rug incontrovertible historical documentation of one of their own leaders, a member of the Sanhedrin, the ruling ecclesiastical body in Jerusalem at the time of Christ. This man was Saul, later to be known as the Apostle Paul, his Christian name. His story is well-known. It has been shot at many times over the course of several centuries, but it still has the effect of changing lives.

Paul once wrote, "I have a great sorrow and in my heart, a pain that never leaves me. I could wish myself cut off from Christ and damned for my fellow Jews, my own flesh and blood. They are the people of Israel; they were made God's family. They have the glory, the covenant, the law, the worship and the promises. They have the ancestors, and from them according to His body came Christ, who is God over everything.

"My heart's desire and my prayer to God, is to save the Israelites. I can testify they are zealous for God, but they don't understand. Not knowing the righteousness God gives, and trying to set up their own, they haven't submitted to God's righteousness. You see, Christ is the end of the law to give righteousness to everyone who believes."

The record shows that on one of the days of Pentecost as many as 3000 Jews were converted. Was this a day of mass moral unscrupulousness? Indeed not, but the lack of understanding that Paul cited over 1900 years ago still seems to be with us. Jews ought to confront themselves for answers as to who King David talks about as suffering in the 22nd Psalm, or who their wondrous prophet Isaiah describes as greatly suffering in the 53rd chapter of the Isaiahist prophecy.

Rabbi Eisendrath should not fear, when rightly understood, about the Jewish existence. We Christians know that Jews will always be with us, that their future is a bright one, that the miserable centuries of suffering is terminal. Moreover, the good rabbi's zealously in tagging the fundamentalist Christian evangelizers as "Nazi" and "Soviet" is unwarranted and summarily irresponsible.

William C. Hillard, 1600 Glendale-Hilfield Rd.
Rabbi's Criticism of Key '73 Draws Rebuke From Editor

Dallas (RNS) — A United Methodist editor here has strongly criticized Jewish leaders who have warned that intensified Christian evangelism could threaten the Jewish community.

The Rev. Spurgeon Dunnam III, editor of The Texas Methodist, addressed himself particularly to the comments of a New York rabbi on Key 73, the broadly based evangelistic program set for 1973.

"If Jewish leaders are seriously concerned about the effects of Christian beliefs on Jews, we suggest they should concentrate on solidifying the beliefs of their own people, rather than asking Christians to 'lay off,'" Mr. Dunnam wrote in the Dec. 22 issue of the weekly paper that has a wide circulation in Texas and other states.

In early December, Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, national director of interreligious affairs for the American Jewish Committee, voiced concern that Key 73 and other evangelism programs might be used to proselytize Jews.

He urged Christians "to recognize that a Christian theology based on the negation of Judaism and that sees Christianity as a substitute for the Jewish faith will have the human effect of destroying the existence of the Jewish people."

He also said that Key 73, which has "calling the continent to Christ," as a theme, could be an opportunity to "clarify Christian recognition of Jews and Judaism as valid sources of truth rather than as objects of conversion."

Mr. Dunnam responded that Rabbi Tanenbaum is, in effect, asking Christians to negate their own faith. "The Jewish leader wants Christians to avoid any attempt to convert Jews," he wrote.

"For Christians to accept this suggestion would be to compromise a basic principle of our faith," that is, to take the Gospel to the whole world, he said.

The editorial maintained that "calling our continent to Christ is completely different from seeking to force our continent to accept Christ."

Christian Unity Week...
Prayer is the Theme

The theme of Christian Unity Week, Jan. 18-25 will be prayer, according to Father Titus Cranney, SA. Ecumenism "has come upon hard times," Father Cranney said in a statement from headquarters of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement in Cumberland, R.I., "and that is a reason why prayer is so necessary."

Unity Week was begun in 1908 as the Church Unity Octave by Father Paul James Francis, SA. Since then ecumenism has grown with the foundation of the World Council of Churches in 1910 and the second Vatican Council.

The phrase from St. Luke 11:1, "Lord, teach us to pray," will be used as the theme for the week, said Father Cranney. In the Gospel, this phrase precedes Jesus' teaching the apostles the Our Father.

In Rochester, Father Henry Atwell, head of the Genesee Ecumenical Ministries, will speak at the Unity Week observance of the Four Downtown Churches at St. Luke's Episcopal, Sunday, Jan. 21, at 10:45 a.m.

In Avon, where Father Atwell is pastor of St. Agnes, services will be held at 7:30 each evening, Jan. 21-26, in the various churches.

A typical service is that arranged at Holy Family Church, which will be the gathering place for eight area congregations at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18.
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Meetings Set
For Key 73

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Deanery meeting schedule for chairmen and priest-directors is as follows:

South City-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, at Holy Family Parish center, 4125 Humphrey st.
North City-8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, at Holy Rosary Parish church basement, 3905 Clarence av.

Northeast County-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, at St. William Parish school, 9330 Stansberry av., Woodson Terrace.

Southeast County-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, at St. Paul Parish cafeteria, Hwy 141 North, Fenton.

Southwest County-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, at St. Mary Magdalen Parish basement, 3618 Brentwood blvd., Brentwood.
St. Charles-8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24, at St. Joseph Parish new school building, Cotteville.
St. Genevieve-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, at Valley High School, Ste. Genevieve.
Washington-8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 22, at Our Lady of Lou Parish cafeteria, 590 Madison.

Washington-7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 29 at Good Shephérd Parish, Hillsboro.

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Remarks:

Churches Here to Take Census
As Part of Key 73 Program

Catholic parishes—and in some places their Protestant neighbors—will conduct a religious census of every dwelling in the area the weeks of March 11 and March 18.

The census is part of Key 73, a cooperative program of Christian denominations in the U.S. and in Missouri.

Key 73 census takers, regardless of their own denomination, will ask every household:
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Purpose of the Key 73 census "is to enable the various church bodies to be aware of where their members are and to let them know that the churches are interested in them," said Msgr. Richard J. Lubeley, census chairman for the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

The information obtained from the Key 73 census will remain in the local area, or possibly with state jurisdiction of various religious bodies. There are no plans to send the data to any national office, Msgr. Lubeley said.

Because Key 73 is a joint project of Christian denominations, the work of taking the census will be shared by Catholic and Protestant groups in many areas, Msgr. Lubeley said. Catholic pastors have been asked to invite neighboring Protestant denominations to take part of the parish territory and conduct the census with members of their own congregation.

A letter this week from John Joseph Cardinal Carberry to all priests stressed the cooperative aspect of the census. "Wherever possible, I would urge that the other Christian churches within your parish boundaries be invited to join in this census," the Cardinal wrote.

Meetings to prepare pastors and parish census chairmen will be held in the coming weeks in several deaneries, conducted by the Archdiocesan Council of the Laity. The meetings will explain

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American Jewish Committee Starts Talks with Christians Leadership on 'Key-73'

BY BORIS SMOLAR
(Managing Editor Emeritus, J.T.A.)
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THE AMERICAN SCENE: Leaders of the American Jewish Committee have started talks with Christian leaders to "sensitize" them to the Jewish concern over the potential dangers which the "Key '73" nationwide evangelical campaign may carry for Jews. The evangelistic drive is intended "to bring the nation to Christ." It includes a "Jews-for-Jesus" slogan aimed at bringing Jews—especially Jewish youth in high schools and on college campuses—to the acceptance of the Christian religion.

Although the campaign is not intentionally anti-Semitic, Jewish organizations fear it may lead to interreligious tensions. The American Jewish Committee is therefore assisting Jewish communities throughout the country to this possibility and to possible approaches for dealing with it.

In addition to the tensions which the slogan "Jews for Jesus" may provoke between Christians and Jews, the American Jewish Committee is also disturbed over the fact that the evangelist movement seeks to revive the notion of America as a Christian nation. It will stress this view in its large "Key '73" campaigns which will be conducted during the year on the widest possible scale. Some 130 denominations and church groups are affiliated with the effort for which the sum of $5,000,000 has been budgeted.

Leaders of the American Jewish Committee have indicated that they will work actively in 1973 through their own chapters, as well as with local Jewish Community Relations Councils and local rabbis in a "_responding to the issues involved in the "Key '73" drive in a constructive spirit. The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has similarly indicated that it will make Christian leaders and groups aware of the Jewish concerns. The ADL believes that Evangelical campaigns directed towards Jews will tend to thrive on notions about Jews and Judaism which nurture anti-Semitic attitudes.

ALARMIST ASSERTIONS: Some Jewish groups in this country are perturbed over the fact that John G. Schmitz, who ran as candidate for President of the United States on the ticket of the right-wing American Party received more than 1,000,000 votes during the election in which 75,000,000 votes were cast. The American party and Schmitz, a former Republican Congressman, are described by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith as "distributors of anti-Semitism."

The number of votes received by Schmitz is probably wrongfully considered by some as a bad omen for Jews in this country. Coupled with the fact that the John Birch Society is now disseminating a book "None Dare Call It Conspiracy," containing anti-Jewish innuendos, and with other developments, signal the increase in anti-Semitic activities, alarmist assertions are being made by some that Jews better be prepared for the idea that anti-Jewish persecution is possible in this country.

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Methodist editor Jewish charge answered

By MARTHA MAN
Religion Writer

The editor of a United Methodist newspaper has lashed out at criticism from officials of a national Jewish agency leveled against the massive Christian evangelistic effort known as Key '73.

"If Jewish leaders are seriously concerned about the effects of Christian beliefs on Jews, we suggest they should concentrate their efforts on solidifying the beliefs of their own people, rather than asking Christians to 'key off,'" charged the Rev. Douglas Dunnam III in the Dec. 23 issue of The Texas Methodist.

In an editorial in the Dallas-based, statewide publication, was in response to remarks made earlier this month by Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, National director of interreligious Affairs for the American Jewish Committee.

Rabbi Tanenbaum expressed the concern the evangelistic effort of 'Key '73', a nationwide campaign by more than 350 Christian denominations and church groups to "call the Continent to Christ," might be threatening to the Jewish community.

He characterized the campaign as the latest evidence of a growing evangelical thrust which has taken place in the nation during the past few years in such movements as Campus Crusade for Christ (sponsors of Expo '72 last June in Dallas), Inter-Varsity Fellowship, Jesus' Fren and Jews for Jesus.

THE RABBI appealed to the "Christian conscience to recognize that a Christian theology based on the negation of Judaism and that sees Christianity as a substitute for the Jewish faith will have the human effect of destroying the existence of the Jewish people."

He added the "whole question of efforts to convert the Jewish people out of the religious existence became a morally unconscionable position."

In his editorial reply to the rabbi's accusations, the Rev. Mr. Dunnam stated, "Although the campaign seeks to 'call the Continent to Christ,' it would be to compromise a basic principle of our faith which is Christ's command to take the gospel to all the world, the Rev. Mr. Dunnam stated."

IN ANSWER TO charges of 'coercion' in witnessing to one's faith, the Methodist editor replied, "Calling our county to Christ is completely different from seeking to force our county to accept Christ."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Atwell, the parents of Father Atwell, have joined the bandwagon of those who want the Church to be spurred to action. They are among the many who think the Church has always had ups and downs, that should be encouraged to go back and test the waters.

Father Atwell views Key as a "wait and see" approach to the problems of the Church. He believes that the Church should take a "wait and see" attitude towards the situation, and that it should not be too quick to take any action.

Key 73

Personal Renewal Seen as Goal

By BARBARA MOYNEHAN

The three major phases of Key 73, according to Father Atwell, are the prayer service that all people can join in, the knowledge of God's love, and the realization that we are not alone. The prayer service is the beginning of the process, and the knowledge of God's love is the middle phase. The third phase, the realization that we are not alone, is the most important phase.

Business In the Diocese

DiPerno Vitale

Armando Vitale and Dan DiPerno have added to the staff of the diocese a new office at 400 Northampton St. in Pittsfield, Mass. The new office is devoted to the work of the diocese.

Dipeso, formerly with the U.S. Department of Justice, has completed a course in Resident Counseling at the Rochester School of Religion. He lives at 79 Schoon Terrace in Gates, N.Y. He is pastor of Holy Ghost Church.

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Sr. Margaret Still Active For Peace

By BARBARA MOYNEHAN

Sr. Margaret, R.S.M., who was arrested last April while demonstrating against the Vietnam War, has applied to Congress to receive the sponsorship of "Maude." She is currently living in Washington, D.C., in the form of a letter to her congresswoman.

Sr. Margaret carried a letter from the National Catholic Social Justice Conference, which is paid for from funds given by the diocese. When the letter was delivered by Thomas, the letter was returned to the National Catholic Social Justice Conference, which is paid for from funds given by the diocese.

When they arrived at their congressman's house, they had a chance meeting with the congressman. They were told that the congressman was not available, but that he would be in Washington later that day.

The aim of the conference was to put pressure on the congressman to cut off funds for the war in Vietnam.

The letter, "Key to St. Thomas More Club," was signed by the congressman and two other congressmen.

Every Christian denominations in the America region are participating in some way or another. They are required to participate in the effort to fight the war in Vietnam.

Key 73 with its stress on personal commitment to Christ is right up in the line of fundamentalist churches but Father Atwell uses the word "key" to mean for socially active churches getting involved in the current day's prayer and study activity.

"It is good for socially active churches to be spurred to get back to scripture. You can get your help to work up in activities. It is good to go back and test your waters.

Not, however, not all religious groups back Key 72. The United Church of Christ, the Episcopal Church and the United Presbyterian Church do not. Father Atwell says that some denominations, with membership and finances widening, have been asked by groups of key 72 in a little attempt to pump new life into their churches.

Father Atwell said he agreed with that criticism. "I think the Church has always had ups and downs," he said, calling it a "good idea" that the Church "develops ideas on how to get back up again when it's down in the dumps."

Nationality the Jewish community has raised questions whether Key 72 will make gains in Jewish-Christian understanding. Rabbi Hersey Golden of Temple Shalom will sit in on the group's Thursday night meetings to hear what is being planned.

Father Atwell views Key 73 as just one aspect of ecumenism. He is one of the Christian churches, he is, as practive, working to understand and missionary work, which can all be done separately.

In the future the Christian churches will "leave labels to the home," when filling the good will and moral role which he said "can be done almost entirely ecumenically."

Planning Dinner-Dance

Mrs. Linda Pasture, left, and Mrs. Betty Juliano check arrangements for the Personal Wonderland of the Mothers' Club of Holy Apostles will give Jan. 27 in the school hall, 2 Austin St. Dinner at 7 p.m. will be followed by dancing, KQ-130, to the music of the Barney Masoners orchestra. Festivities will conclude with a continental breakfast. Jan. 24 is the deadline for reservations, to be made with Mrs. Marsha Hoeft, 647-1099, or chairman.
Youth 'Defections' Feared

Key '73 Concerns Jews

United Press International

Jews have been conditioned by history to view with alarm any concerted effort at conversion undertaken by Christians in a predominantly Christian country. They remember, only too well such episodes as the 15th Century Inquisition in which thousands of Sephardic Jews had to flee Spain to avoid forced conversion to the Catholic religion.

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Even a gentle can sympathize with the anguish Jewish parents must feel when their children commit what they regard as an act of apostasy from their ancestral faith.

But can one say — in the name of religious tolerance — that Jewish youth are to be barred from choosing to give their allegiance to a Jewish teacher who said he came “not to destroy, but to fulfill” the religion of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob?

That is not an easy question and certainly not one that can be answered by strident words from either side.

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Rabbi Raps Key '73 in L.A. Press Conference

On January 8th, "Key '73," a nationwide Christian evangelist campaign, launched its drive to "call the continent to Christ." As is generally known, this unprecedented ecumenical crusade to evangelize "all the people of America" in 1973 has resulted in a series of critical reactions on the part of a number of Jewish religious and communal leaders. Among the issues with which they are concerned are these:

What are the implications of a campaign to evangelize America for the pluralist character of America?

Will an evangelical theology that perceives Christianity as a "substitute covenant" for that of Judaism feel negative and even anti-Semitic attitudes toward the Jewish people?

Will the Key '73 campaign which emphasizes testifying to Christ through neighborhood door-to-door canvases and college and high school crusades lead to coercive pressures against the conscience of Jewish individuals and groups?

According to Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, National Director of the Interreligious Affairs Department of the American Jewish Committee, who this week in Los Angeles said: "Key '73 could become an historic turning point in relations between Evangelical Christians and Jews of the magnitude of Vatican Council II, provided it is used as an opportunity to clarify Christian recognition of Jews and Judaism as valid sources of truth rather than as objects of conversion". He characterized the movement as the latest evidence of a growing evangelistic thrust that has been taking place in the United States over the past few years, and that has been shown previously in such movements as Campus Crusade for Christ, Inter-Varsity Fellowship, Jesus-Freaks and Jews for Jesus.

Rabbi Tanenbaum expresses concern that conversionary efforts were beginning to have an influence on Jewish youth, especially those on college campuses. He points out that these efforts appear particularly threatening to the Jewish community because they had arisen at a time when American Jews and Jewish communal agencies were engaged in serious discussions about the implication of increasing rates of intermarriage, the need for a heightened sense of Jewish identity and new ways to ensure Jewish continuity in a secular society.

"We call on the Christian conscience to recognize that a Christian theology based on the negation of Judaism and that sees Christianity as a substitution for the Jewish faith will seriously impact upon the existence of the Jewish people", Rabbi Tanenbaum declares. He further states:

"After the Nazi Holocaust, which destroyed one-third of the Jewish people, and in the face of Soviet threats to carry out a program of enforced cultural and religious assimilation which could destroy another one-third of the Jewish people, the whole question of efforts to convert the Jewish people out of their religious existence becomes a morally unconscionable position."
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Key '73 Convert Drive Open

By LOUIS CASSELS
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Sincerely,

John W. Porter, Jr., Elder UPUSA

PS: - When no minister and no church moderator will repent openly for heresy against Jesus Christ within their denominations, then we are indeed in real trouble.
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Sincerely,
John W. Porter, Jr., Elder, HPUSA
Open Letter—1973

I was shocked to read where some State Health officials and Planned Parenthood officials over the nation are in favor of new laws so that teenagers can legally buy contraceptives without parental consent. They say this will reduce ruined lives and unwanted children. How wrong can you get? They miss the more important point altogether—how to have a standard of morals and enforce it. Perhaps these big shots can answer another question or two in this connection. Like what if a poor child going to do who cannot afford to buy contraceptives on his meager allowance? Is he going to be discriminated against and forced to do without, or will Welfare or the State or Planned Parenthood furnish the contraceptives? And what about the poor children who have no place or cannot afford a decent, safe, private place to use their contraceptives without parental consent? Is Welfare or the State or Planned Parenthood going to furnish nice, safe, cozy, private rooms or motel accommodations where these poor children can safely make use of their contraceptives without their parents' consent and free of charge to them or their parents? Or will we have discrimination and all this permissiveness will just be just for the permissive rich children, or those children whose parents don't give a damn, or just for those whose wayward churches or church boards condone it? Pardon me while I laugh! Although I would like the answers. Seriously though, it is all very sad. Some of these big shots and a lot of others, including some church boards and leaders don't have sense enough to know right from wrong as don't care—or don't have the grace to abide by Bible teachings and draw lines and say no and mean it. They just seem to want to go to hell and take a lot of children with them for company. That's one big reason we have so much juvenile delinquency—too many adult nuts showing the way.

Sincerely,

Judge John W. Porter, Jr.
ARCHBISHOP OUTLINES LIMITS

A Catholic Diocese Joins National Evangelism Program

By Dan L. Thrapp

Key 73, the unprecedented nationwide evangelism drive by virtually all the major churches, has received a major Southland thrust with the announcement by Archbishop Timothy Manning that 1.8 million Roman Catholics would participate.

He formally brought the Los Angeles Archdiocese into the year-long drive by 140 denominations, groups and other Christian bodies to confront every American with the Gospel by Dec. 31.

In a pastoral letter, the archbishop stressed, however, that "our participation in this joint undertaking will take place within the framework and context of our own Catholic teachings and traditions."

He thus implied that Catholic work would not in any way compromise the faith's claim to uniqueness.

Many other denominations and communions likewise are doing so for individual goals. The Key 73 endeavor is thus more frequently separatist in intent; although the overall goal is to bring more people to a knowledge of the saving power of Christ.

Various Jewish organizations have expressed some alarm over the possibility that Key 73 enthusiasts may launch a major drive to convert Jews, although many responsible churchmen have denied that this is the intent.

Rather, they say, the drive, which has no precedent in recent history, is directed toward the unchurched, and to deepening the commitment of the churched.

Only a handful of major church bodies have remained aloof from the enterprise. The National Assn. of Evangelicals, the largest organization of the conservative-evangelical churches, has not formally endorsed Key 73, although many of its comp.
Catholic participation was encouraged by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, and a number of dioceses have formally endorsed the drive.

Bishop Leo T. Maher of San Diego recently called upon his diocese to take part.

Archbishop Manning noted that "the primary objective of Key 73 is not pointed to the proselytization of non-Christians but rather pointed to a deeper spiritual union of ourselves with Christ."

"It is obvious that we will sound the trumpet of Christ in vain over the heartland of our nation if the trumpet of our own personal lives gives forth only an empty, hollow and uncertain echo."

He said that the "authentic witness value" of the campaign would be "most effective on the parish level," and he urged the faithful to mark the "great cycles of Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost and Advent" with a "fresh and intense effort to reflect Christ in our daily lives."

He called upon Catholics therefore to make more frequent use of the sacraments, to prayer and a fresh dedication to reading and meditation upon the Bible.
TV Special Sunday to Open National Crusade

Key '73 Drive Involving 150 Denominations Aims at Reaching All Residents in U.S.

A nationwide television special on Key '73, "Faith-In-Action," will introduce a continental evangelism drive to Southlanders today.

Key '73 is a crusade involving nearly 150 denominations and religion groups, aiming at bringing the message of Christ to every resident of the United States by Jan. 1, 1974.

The half-hour color television special will be seen at 4:40 p.m. today over KTLA (5); on San Diego Channel 10 at 7:30 p.m., and at Phoenix Channel 3 at 5:30 p.m.

The telecast will be viewed from more than 200 communities in this country and many more in Canada, an introduction to the work of Christians in sharing their gospel with unchurched millions. It was produced by the Rev. Everett Curry of the Los Angeles Baptist City Mission Society.

Roman Catholic Archbishop Timothy Manning, although he has issued no official statement on the drive, has quietly supported it, and the archdiocese is involved in certain of its undertakings.

Bishop Leo T. Maher of San Diego has officially recommended that the clergy and laity of the diocese become involved in the movement, and in a statement said:

"The National Conference of Catholic Bishops has recommended that American Catholics participate in this program of evangelism. I strongly urge our clergy and people to become involved in Key '73. Pray that the Holy Spirit will bless this remarkable effort to make Jesus Christ more fully known throughout our continent.

"I earnestly request our people to join their prayers to those of millions of other Christians."

About 150,000 churches with 50 million members are involved in the endeavor, the greatest evangelistic program in the history of the Christian movement.

Sunday is a special day of worship in many of these churches, bringing the drive to the attention of members, and urging them to pray for its success.

The Rt. Rev. Gaylord Falde, bishop of the South Pacific district of the American Lutheran Church, will be speaker at a North Orange County area Key '73 commitment service at 5 p.m. Sunday. It will be held at La Habra's Fashion Square, at Imperial Highway and Beach Blvd.

Singer Norma Zimmer of the Lawrence Welk television program will be so-
Protestants, Catholics, Jews Unite

BY URSULA VILS
Times Staff Writer

A Protestant's "friendly invitation to luncheon" to a Jew and a Catholic has resulted in organization of the largest group of women in Southern California history.

When Mrs. James K. Sasaki was installed a year ago as president of Church Women United, an interdenominational group of Protestant women, she invited Mrs. Louis Paradiso, president of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, and Mrs. Theodore Harris, president of the Women's Conference of the Jewish Federation-Council, to attend.

Out of their conversation has come the Women's Interfaith Committee, an organization of Catholics, Jews and Protestants with the potential of reaching nearly two million Southland women.

The committee, chaired by Mrs. Harris, will sponsor its first event Wednesday, an interfaith meeting on strengthening family life. The setting will be Town and Gown at USC, an appropriate location since ground for the university was donated by a Catholic, a Protestant and a Jew.

Connie Harris met with Mary Louise Sasaki, Margaret Paradiso and Mrs. Harold (Marilyn) Sonners, her successor as president of the Jewish Federation-Council Women's Conference, to detail plans for the event and to outline the new group's goals.

She recalled how it all began with Mrs. Sasaki's "friendly invitation to luncheon."

"I sat next to Margaret (Paradiso)," Mrs. Harris said, "and she gave me a brochure on the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women.

"I got to reading it at home and I discovered another world. I had just never thought about it, I guess, but I discovered the Catholic women were doing pretty much what we were."

Mrs. Harris suggested to her Catholic and Protestant counterparts, Mrs. Paradiso and Mrs. Sasaki, that they discuss forming a women's interfaith group.

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There is no shortage of interfaith groups," Connie Harris said, "but they are mostly for professionals—clergymen, theologians and so on.

"The laywoman has never been involved on the total interfaith level. We thought that if we put our muscle and prestige together, we could do a lot more. Possibly we as women could have an influence on families and children and the community."

The potential for influence is tremendous. Church Women United in this area includes women from 350 Protestant churches, a total uncounted but probably ranging from 750,000 to 1 million. The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women includes a half-million members in 300 parishes and affiliated interparochial groups. The Women's Conference of the Jewish Federation-Council numbers 60,000 women in approximately 40 groups.

Their goal is more than mere fellowship. "I want to know," said Mrs. Harris, "why Catholic or Protestant women may have a different point of view than mine."

A case in point is the Key '73 project, a year-long Christian evangelistic effort to make Americans aware of the gospel. Although some Jews have expressed distaste for the campaign, the leaders of the Women's Interfaith Committee seem to have resolved any problem.

"Key '73 is merely a way to deepen our own faith," said Mrs. Paradiso.

"I see it as operating only in our own individual churches, on a local level," said Mrs. Sasaki.

"This illustrates one of the Interfaith Committee's purposes," Mrs. Sonners said. "Through it we have a chance to understand better what is meant by such programs as Key '73."

"I see the committee as a way to express our own fears and to broaden opportunities for better understanding."

"I feel," said Mrs. Sasaki thoughtfully, "that this is more than an ecumenical age for Christians. It is an age for interfaith, for new depths of relationships around us, all in the love of God."

The United Crusade, for instance, is a big thing with all of us," Mrs. Paradiso said.

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The committee has no plans to become involved in community programs or social issues, its leaders said.

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for us to take a specific stand on social issues," Mrs. Sasaki said. "We represent so many different viewpoints; I think we have to be terribly careful."

Mrs. Paradiso said that the ACCW's position coincides with that of the Chancery (bishop's office). When the issues of abortion and birth control were raised, Mrs. Harris noted that "The orthodox Jewish view would be the same as the Catholic view."

All-Protestant, Jewish, Catholic—agreed that the Women's Interfaith Committee grew out of burgeoning interest in religion rather than a need to unite because of dwindling memberships.

"We (Church Women United) are gaining membership consistently," Mrs. Sasaki said. "Women are much more concerned about religion now. Many are floundering and have come back to religion to find an answer. They are concerned with conditions in the world."

Mrs. Paradiso and Mrs. Sonners concurred that their members are showing increasing interest in Bible study groups and seminars on religion, its traditions and social issues.


The committee's kickoff program Wednesday will focus on strengthening family life, with Appellate Justice Mildred Lillie discussing marriage. A minister, priest and rabbi will speak and answer questions from the audience.

And next year?
We haven't talked about that," said Connie Harris. "After Wednesday, we'll sit down and talk about whither?"
KEY '73 OFF WITH MISSION FOR NATION

By RICHARD DARLINGTON
Herald-Examiner Religion Writer

Many of the councils, committees and unions seeking to unite major Christian denominations have long been under criticism (primarily from fundamentalists) for stressing social concern while overlooking the basis for the church — faith in God.

A recently formed interdenominational movement, however, sought to reshape this pattern to give a more expanded gospel message. More than 500 representatives of 140 denominations gathered early this week at the Century Plaza hotel to do their part to kick off the evangelistic program, "Key '73," designed to sweep the nation with renewed faith.

Only a small faction persisted in interrupting the theme with the single issue of Vietnam bombing.

Prayers for evangelism and support for civic and national leaders dominated the three-hour hotel prayer luncheon, but a last minute change of schedule included a prayer that called for ending Indochina bombing.

"Let us look evil in the face and call it by name; let us look at the war and call it wrong," said Dr. Louis Smedes, who led the prayer. He is an ethics professor at Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena.

Permission for the prayer was given by luncheon chairman Dr. Kermit Long, pastor of North Hollywood Methodist Church, after a small protest group from Fuller was denied opportunity to deliver a statement calling for an end to the war. The statement was in sharp contrast to the pre-establishment atmosphere of the meeting.

"Today a savage and brutal war continues on a different continent, a continent not included in the plans of Key '73. However, Jesus calls us to compassion and mercy for all men. While we bring a message of new life to the people of this land, we send a message of hate and death to those people of Indochina."

Dr. Long said he did not know what Dr. Smedes was going to say but allowed him to go ahead on faith. "I only said that, "you can speak, but speak to God. This is a prayer meeting."

In an interview later, Dr. Smedes said he was appalled at the direction the luncheon had taken. "It was a forced marriage of the Christian gospel and the American way of life — praise for Reagan and the like." He added that he is a strong supporter of Key '73, but is afraid that if it continues in this vein it will broaden the gap between evangelicals and social oriented churches.

Dr. Long said that "personally, I don't know which direction Key '73 will take. I hope both aspects of the gospel will be brought forth." We should preach "salvation and also roll up our sleeves to deal with social issues."

Including a Vietnam bombing protest as a social issue, though, would almost certainly mean disaster for a movement whose representatives have such a wide range of opinions on this topic.

Originally the intention of Key '73 was quite clear. The theme of the national effort is: "Calling Our Continent to Christ."

The aims were to present the gospel claims to people of America and also to apply evangelism strategies to modern social conditions.

The Rev. Dr. Theodore A. Raedeke of St. Louis, executive director of Key '73, says that under the plan each church or group can take part in the way they choose within the structure. It "enables all Christian denominations and groups to participate without violating or compromising their position or practice," he says.

Aside from social issues other problems have come to the fore. Because mainline denominations are involved, some Jewish leaders have expressed anxiety that the movement would give encouragement to those groups that stress converting Jews to Christianity.

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Otherwise much tension could ensue.

Key '73 was five years in the planning and included churches of all kinds: Catholic and Protestant, big and little, fundamental to liberal, pacifist to militant.

Episcopalians avoided the movement. The United Presbyterians voted at their general assembly last year not to join but allowed individual parishes to make their own choice.

The idea for the movement was conceived at an interdenominational consultation in 1967 arranged by Baptist theologian Carl F. Henry, former editor of Christianity Today.

The meeting took place at a motel near the Key Bridge in Washington, D.C., thus providing the name "Key" to the movement. It spread from there to member denominations in the National Council of Churches on one side and to conservative National Association of Evangelicals on the other.
EPISCOPAL LEADER OF CHURCH UNION SEEKS KEY 73 BRINGING STABILITY

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 1973

By Religious News Service (1-15-73)

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (RNS) -- Canon Albert J. duBois, executive director of the American Church Union, has suggested that the Christian witness of Key 73 may bring stability to the nation.

Addressing a Meeting for Christian Witness at Brown University here, the leader of the "Anglo-Catholic" wing of the Episcopal Church pointed out that the purpose of Key 73, a continent-wide evangelistic effort, is "to tell the nation about Jesus, with conviction, determination and persuasion."

He declared that the only way out of the present situation of confusion, bewilderment and violence will be found "in a mighty movement of repentance and of a new commitment to the Bible; in a return to personal prayer and worship; and in a recovery of a sense of the majestic transcendence of God which makes His passionate, sacrificial love for man a compelling basis for man's response in a loving concern for others."

Such a concern, Canon duBois said, is one "which we must recover in American life if we are to return to a measure of stability and preserve those freedoms which are God-given rights."

Today, he asserted, "we are moving out of the period when the doubters, the 'God is dead' people and the skeptics have had their day. The news media and the people of the land are growing weary of denials. The proclamations of the destroyers are no longer sensational headlines."

Since Christians are called to "bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ," Canon duBois said, "what necessarily goes on in church buildings cannot be separated from each Christian's personal responsibility for the welfare of all who stand in need of love and care in his neighborhood, his community, his nation, and the world."

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KEY 73 UNLOCK PANDORA'S BOX FOR JEWS?: The Rev. Spurgeon Dunnam III strongly criticized Jewish leaders who have warned that intensified Christian could threaten the Jewish community. "If Jewish leaders are seriously concerned about the effects of Christian beliefs on Jews, we suggest they should concentrate their efforts on solidifying the beliefs of their own people, rather than asking Christians to 'lay-off,'" Mr. Dunnam wrote. In early December, Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, national director of interreligious affairs for the American Jewish Committee, voiced concern that Key 73, a broadly-based evangelistic program set for 1973, might be used to proselytize Jews. He urged Christians "to recognize that a Christian theology based on the negation of Judaism and that sees Christianity as a substitute for the Jewish faith will have the human effect of destroying the existence of the Jewish people."

Mr. Dunnam responded that Rabbi Tanenbaum is, in effect, asking Christians to negate their own faith. "The Jewish leader wants Christians to avoid any attempt to convert Jews," he wrote. The editorial maintained that "calling our continent to Christ is completely different from seeking to force our continent to accept Christ." Several Jewish spokesmen and groups have expressed anxiety over the proselytization of Jews for Jesus, the strong youth evangelism program of Campus Crusade for Christ and the possible use of Key 73 momentum to attempt conversion of Jews. Rabbi Charles Sheer, a chaplain at Columbia University, claims that the Jewish community is "overreacting" to Christian evangelistic movements. Jewish communal concern with current evangelical movements has been stimulated by announcements that hundreds of staff are involved in an $18 million campaign to proselytize on campus," he said. "Although the thrust of the Campus Crusade for Christ and Key 73 is toward the non-affiliated Christian, many fear that our own brethren will be swept along in the evangelical tide." "Why are we not distressed when college-age Jews who are for Judaism do not know how to live, talk and think like Jews?"
The Council of Christian Communions of Greater Cincinnati plans to coordinate the citywide Key '73 evangelistic program.

"We have had several requests asking us to coordinate the Key '73 program here," the Rev. T. X. Graham, executive director of the council, said.

"The council's executive committee agreed that we should move ahead and help any way we can."

THE EMPHASIS during the months of January and February will be on Bible study and the distribution of Scripture portions.

One goal is to place a portion of the Scriptures in every home in the city.

Two television stations will help launch Key '73 here this weekend with the showing of the film "Faith in Action." The film was presented on Channel 5 (WLW-T) at 1 p.m. today and on Channel 9 (WCPO-TV) at 10:30 p.m. Sunday.

"The film has a place in it where interested persons are to call for further information," Mr. Graham explained. "The council's number will be used. We will be manning phones at our office Saturday."

The Council of Communions is at 1836 Fairmount avenue, Fairmount. The number is 251-4666.

THE KENWOOD - MADEIRA Ministers Fellowship has endorsed Key '73. The Rev. Louis S. Lunardini, pastor of Madeira Presbyterian Church, says pastors in the fellowship will urge their congregations to participate in the program.

Key '73 is continentwide in scope, encompassing most Protestant denominations and the Roman Catholic Church in the U.S. and Canada.

Mr. Graham said a gift from a friend of the council will permit the distribution of 3000 copies of Good News for Modern Man, the New Testament in modern language, to children attending the council-sponsored, after-school religious classes.

Key '73 is seen by its proponents as a potential bridge in bringing together both conservative and liberal churches for one common goal.

The local congregation, however, still will be the basic unit of witness and evangelism. Those churches not wishing to join in a cooperative venture on either a community or citywide basis may still witness on an individual basis.

The national headquarters for Key '73 is in St. Louis. The organization's headquarters will supply churches with appropriate materials for worship services, commitment cards and identification pins.

The rationale for Key '73 is that if the growing number of unchurched persons in North America are to hear the claims of Christ it will mean the mobilization of laymen as well as clergy.

REPUDIATED JEWISH GUILT: Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, who died in New York at the age of 65, is greeted by Pope Paul during a 1971 meeting at the Vatican. At a 1964 meeting with Pope Paul, the famed Jewish theologian reportedly expressed his anxieties at an early draft of the Council's declaration on the Jews, which, according to some reports, placed more emphasis on the desire to convert Jews to Christianity than to repudiate the concept of Jewish guilt for the crucifixion of Christ. Later, when the Council passed a document repudiating collective Jewish guilt for the crucifixion, he praised its acceptance "by the overwhelming majority of the Council." (RNS Photo)
KEY '73 - This is an evangelism effort sponsored by a number of denominations. Watch your newspapers for special TV programs. Bethany will be forming a special committee to see how we can "evangelize in '73." You'll hear more about this on Sunday.

NOTES FROM THE CHOIR LOFT - We welcome as new members Alice Kennedy and Claire Peck. And we were pleased to have such a fine attendance at our Christmas Eve Carol Service. We are sorry to report that, due to insufficient interest, the youth folk choir has been canceled.

PEOPLE AND EVENTS - We have a need for used postage stamps, any kind, even the common ones. These can be sold and the proceeds used for charity. Please leave them on the envelope and bring to the church office. Thanks!... Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John French (nee Tracey Harrison) on the birth of a son, Derek John... the 1973 offering envelopes have been mailed to all who did not pick them up.... Youth Fellowship Sunday meetings will be January 7 and 21 at 6 p.m.

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A View of Religion

Key '73 Stirs Reaction Among Jews

By William R. MacKaye

AT THIS point the most striking thing about "Key '73," the year-long interdenominational effort to remind Americans of the claims of Christianity that began Monday, is the powerful reaction it has stirred among Jews.

As a dispatch elsewhere on this page describes, members of United Synagogue Youth, a Conservative Jewish group, are preparing themselves to "meet the missionary at the door." Some other groups have reacted with equal vigor in recent weeks, with some even suggesting that vigorous evangelistic efforts by Christians may be improper.

The questions about Key '73 raised in Christian groups have been of quite a different order, focusing primarily on whether Christians who differ so widely in their understanding of their faith can really work together and on whether Key '73 really will change lives.

Key '73 does have the tacit endorsement of practically every Christian group in the country with the exception the Episcopal Church, the United Presbyterian Church and some very conservative bodies, many of them in the orbit of the American Council of Christian Churches or the fundamentalist Rev. Carl McIntire.

BUT SOME OF THESE endorsements, particularly that attributed to the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, are more in the nature of "no objection" than promises of active support. In terms of providing door-to-door salesmen for the task they may not amount to very much.

Writing in the January issue of Worldview, Richard J. Coleman notes that the originators of the Key '73 concept based their plan on the hopes they could harness the religious restlessness manifest in the outpouring of the Jesus People movement among the young and the fascination of many of their elders with pentecostalism as well as the widespread and growing skepticism about secular values generally.

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BUT COLEMAN goes on to warn that it is hazardous to assume that because the evangelical stance of Key '73 offers firm answers to men and women weary with asking questions and facing uncertainty, it will thereby draw them into the Christian fold.

He writes: "Granted we are no longer in awe of the progressivesiveness and irreversibility of secularization, modern man is still glued to the TV, consumed by the uncontrollable desire to make and spend money, and hesitant about committing himself to anything as nebulous as God. It is not getting any easier to round up new Sunday School teachers."

"As schizoid as modern man is about religion, he is nobody's fool when asked to exchange some of his worldly goods for a measure of spiritual peace ... Under enough pressure and propaganda he can be convinced to give up part of his Sunday for God, but don't attempt to crowd out his football game or his bowling night."

THE AMERICAN love of comfort and of things, even when they are enjoyed clearly at the expense of other people, is going to be the biggest and very possibly the insuperable obstacle to be faced by those seeking to "claim the continent for Christ."

Faced with such a challenge the likelihood does not seem great that Key '73 evangelists will spend great swatches of time and effort proselytizing among Jews or adherents of other faiths who are seriously committed to their own persuasions.
Sisters Take Vote To Protest Viet War To Congressmen

By BARBARA MOYNEHAN

The Diocesan Sisters' Council started off the new year with a decision to protest the recent bombing of North Vietnam by sending a letter to legislative representatives in Washington, D.C.

The 23 member council decided to write to Representative Frank Horton, Robert Connelly, and Howard Robinson, and Senators Jacob Javits and James Buckley to "decry the unnecessary killing in Vietnam."

Sister Esther Cooksberry, Religious Education Coordinator of the Southern Tier, moved the protest letter be sent explaining that "on this moral issue we represent the Church and we must speak out."

The motion was prompted by a report from Sister Elizabeth Ann LaVallée, member of Nazareth College's baccalaureate department, presiding over the first meeting of the new year with vice president, Sister Ann Miller, principal of St. John the Evangelist, Humboldt St., at her side.

President of the Diocesan Sisters' Council, Sister Louise Weber, a member of Nazareth College's baccalaureate department, presided over the first meeting of the new year with vice president, Sister Ann Miller, principal of St. John the Evangelist, Humboldt St., at her side.

Youth Speaks out for Life

Pro-Life Group Formed

A new anti-abortion group linked with the local Right to Life organization has been formed. The fledgling group, Youth Speaks Out for Life, chaired by a freshman at Gates Chili High School is only in the formative stage, but one parent organization is hopeful that it will succeed.

Chairman Steve Schmidt said that the group started when he and a number of friends protected St. Patrick's Church during the last election campaign, and met Sue Batsy, a resident of Gates Chili High School and a number of officials of all the Catholic High Schools and grammar schools in Monroe County and received a response from 80 to 100 students of eight schools who shared their concerns.

A disappointing organizational meeting and Mass was held recently at St. Jude's Church. Gates. George Goodwin, head member of Rochester Area Right to Life, Inc., blamed the poor attendance at the meeting on the fact that it was scheduled during school vacation time.

Nevertheless, Goodwin, who is also chairman of the Gates Chapter of Right to Life, said he hopes to eventually see Schmidt's group become a supportive complementary arm of Right to Life.

He said that the organizers deserve much credit because of the leg work they put into forming the group.

Schmidt also hopes to continue successfully with Youth Speaks Out for Life. He will send out more letters and plan a future meeting.

He has obtained the use of a slide show presentation on abortion, prepared by Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Watts, who are well-known pro-life proponents. He is willing to show the presentation to Catholic schools for instructional purposes.

"We want to inform kids about abortion, and let them make their own decisions," he said.

Youth Speaks Out for Life is open to all junior and senior high school students, both from Catholic and public schools.

Its officers are Steve Schmidt, chairman; Janet Herberg, vice-chairman; Sue Callow, recording secretary, and Tim Herberg, corresponding secretary.

Anyone interested in joining the group may contact Schmidt at 247-1309.

St. Jude's Hospital Raises $10,000 Here

More than $10,000 was raised in Monroe County last year for the St. Jude's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. The amount was obtained from Mrs. Carol Rogers who heads the annual local drive.

A feature of last year's drive was a work-a-thon during which the young people would ask subscriptions for their work.

Bringing in the greatest amount of money in the project were two Catholic school students, Christopher Burch, a student at St. Andrew's School, raised $318, and Sara Clipp, a student at St. Theodore's School, raised $318.

Angelics Brothers

Jacob Pabon, 3, and his older brother, Adrian, 5, on right, made adorable angels in the nativity scene at the Puerto Rican Arts and Cultural Center last Saturday, as part of the Three Kings celebration.
January 19, 1973

Neil Sandberg  
Samuel Rabinovitch  

Religious activities in Phoenix public schools

In your recent memo on this subject, you said that Marvin Kaplan, Chairman of our DAC in Phoenix, wants some information about religious activities in the schools. You noted that there are some serious problems with regard to religious activities in a number of schools in the Phoenix area, while stressing that the political climate in Arizona is quite conservative, and resistant to change.

As far as Gideon Bible distribution is concerned, my memo to Sam Katz of November 5 (cc to Noah Newman) of course is directly in point. As for Christmas observance in public schools, my memo to you of November 17 on the subject of the survey of religious holiday programs in Los Angeles public schools also ought to be shared with Marvin. I am forwarding herewith, along with an extra copy of AJC’s Statement of Views on Religion and Public Education, copies of two very recent memos I sent to Art Raskin relating to the law suit challenging the Christmas Pageant in Westfield, New Jersey public schools. These materials, taken as a whole, should convey to Marvin some sense of AJC’s posture with respect to this thorny problem.

In the light of U.S. Supreme Court decisions, it is quite clear that religious observances, or activities of any kind which serve to advance religion, have no place in public schools. Enforcing the law, however, particularly in areas where traditional practices are deeply rooted, is apt to be extremely problematic. My advice to Marvin is to consult with representatives of the Arizona Civil Liberties Union (if he has not already done so) as to their view of the possibilities for improvement in this area. I believe that a challenge by the Jewish community to the illegal practices, even if there were internal support for such a move, would be counterproductive. A challenge under neutral auspices such as AJC, especially if it could draw support from liberal Christian clergy, might be able to make some headway, the anticipated ferocious resistance notwithstanding.
January 10, 1973

Arthur Rifkin

Samuel Rabinove

Committee Against The Establishment of
Religion in the Public Schools v. Board of
Education of the Town of Westfield

You sent me a copy of the Complaint in this case, as well
as an excerpt from Judge Lacey's opinion which denied the application
for a preliminary injunction against performance of the public school
Christmas Pageant in Westfield. You asked me whether the Chapter
should consider participating in this matter in support of the plain-
tiffs.

Based on this material, along with what I have gleaned
from the newspaper clippings you forwarded, I believe the plaintiffs
have a pretty good case. Despite what the Board of Education says about
the appropriateness of "teaching about religion" in the public schools,
it is fairly apparent that the Christmas Pageant at issue is devotion-
al and Christological in nature. Since evidently at least a large part
of the Jewish community in Westfield feels strongly enough about it to
be willing to endure the hatred which any lawsuit against school
Christmas celebration invariably brings to the surface, I certainly
think the Chapter should consider being supportive of their cause in
whatever way may be helpful.

But what is really needed here, it seems to me, far more
than any additional Jewish participation in the controversy, is a
weighty and visible Christian presence on behalf of the beleaguered
plaintiffs. While this is not easily attainable, the effort should be
made nevertheless. (Since I expect to be meeting with some Christian
clergy and denominational lawyers at the National Council of Churches
this Friday, I will raise the issue with them and let you know their
responses.)
In any event, if the Chapter decides to enter the case in some fashion, please let me know so that I can present it to the National Legal Committee for approval.

P.S. In the Complaint, in several places the word "secular" is used when the word "sectarian" is probably intended.
January 15, 1973

Arthur Rifkin
Samuel Rabinove

Suit against school Christmas Pageant in Westfield

On January 12, I attended a meeting at the Interchurch Center of an ad hoc group of denominational representatives concerned with using the law to advance social justice. The meeting was poorly attended, with only 8 of the 18 or so people who were expected showing up. Nevertheless, it provided an opportunity for a useful exchange of views between those who were present, almost all of whom were clergymen.

On behalf of AJC, I articulated our overriding concern for religious liberty and separation of church and state. I described the Westfield suit and underscored the need for Christian support for the principled constitutional position espoused by the plaintiffs against religious celebrations in public schools. The people present personally seemed to agree with our basic viewpoint, but I gathered that they also are cognizant of the internal political problems they would encounter in trying to align their constituents in support of an unpopular cause which some characterize as "anti-Christian." Nor is this in any sense a "priority" issue for them. In any event, I requested that the matter be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the group, scheduled for the beginning of March. A strong effort will be made to secure a better attendance for that meeting.

SR:ig
cc: A. J. Rudin
     W. Katz – I. Texman
Dear Rabbi Tannenbaum -

It was with great relief that I read in the newspapers about new awareness on the part of the AJC spearheaded by your own warnings of the implications of the evangelical movement gaining such fast momentum.

I would have been even more relieved to have seen this awareness manifest itself before the recent Presidential election. I wrote to all the major Jewish organizations (copy of my much-too-long letter is enclosed) asking them to please take some positive steps in view of the prior actions of leading evangelists - I had no response nor was there any apparent concern that I could detect on the part of any.

Key 73 chills me even more than Expo 72, and many is the nightmare I have had over the possibilities, G-d forbid, of a Lock 74, Step 75, Finish 76, etc. etc.

I believe that there are forces at work in this country, which are not only approved, but initiated by Billy Graham, the leading evangelist, who is at this very moment in a very prominent through quiet spot in our government. I enclose some of the materials that I accumulated before the elections; since then I have accumulated lots more but I feel that now there are leaders in charge, and I can trust in them to do the work which I was begging to do months ago....

thank you for speaking out.

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Gentlemen:

I am taking the liberty of enclosing part of a small collection of clippings which have given me much food for thought recently, and which would probably remain personal under ordinary circumstances.

However, inasmuch as the 1972 Presidential elections have made an extraordinary circumstance out of the so-called "Jewish vote", I feel that I must call on the rabbinate and other great Jewish minds to consider seriously what the major polls all conclude to be a massive pro-Republican position of American Jews, and to examine in the light of their superior education and knowledge the real meanings and real issues faced by our Jewish numerical minority in America.

I am proffering the enclosures for your perusal. I suppose that I am being very presumptuous and am therefore quite humble about it. I am, however, less than humble, in fact, outright hostile and disgusted, when I consider that Jewish leadership is probably failing its people in this important matter. Jewish civil servants, press and radio, industrialists, urban-dwellers can perhaps be forgiven for their lapse since all have particularized and rather narrow interests to serve. But for rabbinical, educative, theological and cultural leaders to abdicate their clear duty to interpret, and to speak out — this, in view of their carefully-acquired wisdom and dedication to loftier purposes, is not forgivable.

I have approached fellow Jews (laymen) and have been called paranoic and obsessed: I have been told that my conclusions of relatedness between unrelated matters are silly; that I am building mountains out of molehills; and I have been smiled at even by Holocaust survivors who feel my fears are foolish.

So I have decided once and for all to express my thoughts to minds more worthy than mine to peruse these fears and treat them with whatever respect or nonchalance they deserve. I can do no more than that.

I have with my own eyes and ears assessed the fervor and fanaticism of campus groups which the latest surge of Christian religiosity has developed and I say emphatically that these groups get more "high" than any pot-smoking youth whom Nixon and Agnew piously denounce. I find the burgeoning in novelty stores of masses of religious symbols and samplers, and the bookstores with religious tracts, more frightening than the sexy posters and books they have replaced; I have seen staid and decorous locations like Wall Street, Park Avenue, reverberating to the Bible-thumping of hypnotic preachers and a Christmobile full of "goodies" to distribute to the uncommitted nonreligious American majority. (true, New York City sophisticates smile and pass by, but New York is not the United States, and who can tell what happens in the Peorias and Wichitas and Little Falls of this vast non-Jewish country as an effect of such soul-drives. I have been told of disaffected Jewish kids flocking to Billy Graham's crusades, compounding my nightmare of a takeover by the Great Silent Majority (of Goyim) to an even worse nightmare.

I have come to believe that there is a real menace to the security of Jews in this country and that it lies in the present unprecedented blur of the traditional division between church and state that has thus far served to protect Jews, and this welding together of the church and
the state is being slowly but very really and with directly political intent introduced by President Nixon. Obviously, Rev. Graham's slogan of "one way", in the light of his intimacy with the President's power, must arouse the suspicion, if not the gravest concern, to the American Jewish community. Most of us cannot make the necessary thought-links but those of you with greater-than-average knowledge and awareness of what "one-way" states have done to the Jewish folk in the bloody decades and centuries past, are charged with the responsibility of taking some initiative in investigating the possibilities of a Nixonian re-election that is not only blessed by but packaged and sold by the President's pal Billy Graham far and wide around the land, and which Jews in their own ignorance and neglected by their leaders' abdication are unwitting supporting on the emotive basis of such rationales as Nixon's proclaimed pro-Israeli stand (read: Nixon will get rid of the black menace in big cities where Jews live, or: Nixon will protect Jews from losing jobs to other minorities, or: The GOP will donate 7 millions of dollars to the UJA or other organizations under some fancy name, of course). There is no disputing these legitimate worries of the Jewish population; but no solution to local problems will be worth anything if a national wave of anti-Semitism disguised as good, holy, pure and righteous religion, is in the making. (assuming without conceding that the Republicans have real solutions).

Such a result is unavoidable if the fundamentalist doctrine is brought to its ultimate goal of evangelizing "the whole world by 1980". Now, where, when did we hear that before, or something like it? Berlin? 1937? 1939? wonder....

As for the Republican Party's appeal to Jewish voters on the basis of "saving" Israel, ho hum! Golda's none-too-subtle foreign political philosophy (pro-Nixon) is cut of the same cloth as her domestic religious philosophy as evidenced by recent designations of who is a Jew. That which will flood the Holy Land with immigrants is welcome; non-Jews are declared Jews; and even a forced exodus (G-d forbid) of American Jews will not break Golda's heart. A sympathetic world-wide Jewry and the support of a Democratic Congress in America backed up by a secure people, and above all the helping hand of the Almighty, were Israel's strengths before Nixon brainwashed us.

I for one will be watching Reverend Graham's role at the forthcoming Republican Convention very closely in line with this trend of thinking and will see what can be gleaned from odd little news items during September and October. After November, I won't be looking any more; if Graham, oops I mean Jesus, oops, I mean Nixon, is elected, I shall start packing.

Thank you very much if you have read this far.

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P.S. This letter has been addressed to several yeshivos, organizations and rabbis and educational instrumentalities. Having done this, I desist from harassing friends, relatives and others who are with my "paranoia", and rest my case. American Jews must cast an anti-Nixon vote even if they can't really love McGovern.
WAKE FOREST, N.C. (JTA)—A rabbi warned here that a nationwide evangelistic drive to be launched throughout the US next year under the slogan "Key 73" poses a serious threat to "the pluristic idea that Jews, Catholics and others are full partners in American society." The warning was issued by Rabbi Marc H. Tannenbaum, national director of the inter-religious affairs department of the American Jewish Committee, who addressed the opening session of a three-day colloquium on Civil Religion in America co-sponsored by the Southeast Baptist Theological Seminary and the AJCommittee.

Rabbi Tannenbaum said that a careful reading of "Key 73" literature and the speeches of its sponsors indicated that this "evangelical revival" is based on the conception that America is a "Christian nation" in which "Jews and other non-Christians were tolerated as less than full partners in the democratic enterprise." The announced intention of "Key 73" is "Calling our Continent to Christ in 1973."
B. S. For more professional and probably more "objective" analyses of the unique phenomenon of the Almighty doing his work in the East Room of the White House, the following reading list might prove valuable.

WHITE HOUSE SERMONS edited by Ben Hibbs
Harper & Row, New York

SO HELP ME GOD by Robt S. Alley
(Religion and the Presidency, John Knox Press, Richmond
Wilson to Nixon)

RELIGION & THE NEW MAJORITY
(Billy Graham, Middle America and the
Politics of the 70s) by Lowell Streiker & Gerald Strober
Association Press, New York

THE NIXON THEOLOGY by Chas. Henderson Jr.
Harper & Row, New York
January 8, 1973

Rabbi A. James Rudin
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Dear Jim,

I am beginning to receive information from national Jewish organizations which discuss Key '73 in panic terms. And I wonder —

We in this part of the hinterlands know nothing of it. I have checked in Lexington and there seems to be little afoot here for it. And Billy Graham was here and had no impact either.

I recall the todo over the New York Teachers' strike and Jay Kaufman's statement. I would urge your office to consider that what may be the case in New York area may not be the case west of the Hudson as far as Key '73.

Seymour Brief was very good and well received. Thanks.

Best,

William J. Leffler

WJL:mt