NEW YORK, July 23.....Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, National Interreligious Affairs Director of the American Jewish Committee who has been termed "the leading figure among Jewish ecumenists," will be one of five outstanding world religious personalities to receive honorary degrees as the highlight of the Anniversary Ecumenical Institute at Assumption College, Worcester, Mass., on August 17.

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Among the subjects to be examined at workshops and panel sessions at the institute will be: interfaith education; Jewish-Christian dialogue: the next decade; Third World agenda for an Ecumenical dialogue; local and regional Ecumenism; life/death issues in an age of science and technology; and Holocaust awareness.

Founded in 1906, the American Jewish Committee is this country's pioneer human relations organization. It combats bigotry, protects the civil and religious rights of Jews at home and abroad, and seeks improved human relations for all people everywhere.
Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, Director
The American Jewish Committee
165 East 56th Street
New York, N.Y. 10022

June 30, 1980

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Sincerely yours,

(Rev.) Luc E. Martel, A.A.
Program Coordinator
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of North America
on the occasion of the CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR FOUNDER FATHER EMMANUEL D'ALZON (1810-1880)
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August 12, 1980

Mr. Joseph H. Hagan, President
Assumption College
500 Salisbury Street
Worcester, MA 01609

Dear Mr. Hagan,

I wish to acknowledge receipt in our offices of your recent letter to Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum.

The Rabbi is on vacation. I called him and read your gracious invitation to him. He is most grateful to you and Mrs. Hagan, and is looking forward to joining you and your other distinguished guests at the Maison Francaise on Sunday, August 17, at 5:00 P.M.

Sincerely yours,

Miss Rita P. Reznik
Secretary to Rabbi Tanenbaum
August 4, 1980

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

Mrs. Hagan and I request the pleasure of your company for aperitifs and Sunday supper to be held in honor of you and your other distinguished colleagues who will receive honorary degrees at the convocation opening the Anniversary Ecumenical Institute.

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We look forward to being with you on this happy occasion.

Sincerely,

Joseph H. Hagan
President

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
Director, Dept. of Inter-Religious Affairs
American Jewish Committee
165 East 65th Street
New York, NY
July 18, 1980

Father Luc E. Martel, A.A.
Program Coordinator
The Assumptionists
329 West 108th Street
New York, New York 10025

Dear Father Martel,

Thanks very much for sending me a copy of the program for the August 17th convocation.

This will help me in planning my schedule for that week.

I look forward with much pleasure to seeing you at that time.

With warmest good wishes for a pleasant, restful, and above all a peaceful Summer, I am,

Cordially yours,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
National Director
Interreligious Affairs

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RELIGIOUS LEADERS TO BE HONORED AT ECUMENICAL INSTITUTE (180)

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May 20, 1980

The Rev. Luc E. Martel
Assumption College
500 Salisbury Street
Worcester, Massachusetts 01609

My dear Father Martel,

I appreciate very much your recent thoughtful telephone call during which you informed me of your most gracious decision for my inclusion among the recipients of your ecumenical awards.

I am both deeply moved and honored to be included among such an august body. It will give me particular pleasure to be with Cardinal Willebrands again, having had the privilege of being associated with him and Cardinal Bea during and since Vatican Council II.

It would help me to have a more detailed outline for your August 17th program.

Again, with warmest personal good wishes and my prayers for God's richest blessings over you,

Faithfully,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
National Director
Interreligious Affairs

MHT:RPR

BC: Bert Gold
Selma Hirsh
Bob Jacobs
Mort Yarmon
date July 28, 1980

from Mort Yarmon

subject

Just had a call from the Anglo-Jewish paper in Worcester, expressing interest in the Assumption College event. I sent on a photo, which was asked for. If you get any advance stuff, you might send it on, to:

Ms Sandy Davis, Feature Editor
Jewish Chronicle-Leader
340 Main St. (Suite 551)
Worcester, Mass. 01608

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