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NEW YORK, May 12 New York's Episcopal Bishop today called on Christians and Jews to seek jointly to inject their common ideals of "justice and compassion" into American defense and social policies.

The Right Reverend Paul Moore Jr., Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New York, expressed his views at a meeting of the American Jewish Committee's National Interreligious Affairs Commission, chaired by Robert S. Jacobs, outgoing chairman of the commission. The session was part of AJC's 77th Annual Meeting, which continues through Sunday at the New York Hilton Hotel here.

"Building a relationship between Christians and Jews is more important now than ever before in our country's history," said Bishop Moore, "because our nation is on the edge of dangerous militarism both in our nuclear policy and in our posture toward Central America. We also face tragic social cutbacks at home in the areas of social welfare, health, education, and housing.

"Consequently, the two great 'Peoples of the Book' must unite to bring to bear on the people of America the strong Biblical teachings of justice, freedom, peace and compassion."

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Noting that relations between Christians and Jews were sometimes strained, Bishop Moore pointed to the "conflicts of our inner-city ghettos" and the "highly complex and emotional issues in the Middle East" as partial causes of the "obstacles between our people in recent history." These factors, he said, along with a "resurgence of Christian Fundamentalism and political conservatism," had "created a difficult climate for understanding and cooperation."

However, he adjured, "we must continue and intensify our cooperative efforts, and we must use both our minds and our hearts to enhance our relationship and to deal with the problems caused by our different perspectives."

Despite differences, Bishop Moore continued, "there are still countless examples of Jewish and Christian leaders working shoulder to shoulder for better social conditions, and there are many deep friendships between rabbis and Christian clergy, and among lay persons of both faiths."

Citing a recent example of interfaith cooperation, Bishop Moore remarked that he had just met with several rabbis, Christian clergy, and community-group representatives to discuss a program to provide permanent housing for New York's homeless.

Responding to Bishop Moore's talk on "Liberal Protestants and Jews: Collision or Coalition?" Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, AJC's National Interreligious Affairs Director, said that "the time is past due to seek to rebuild the coalition between liberal Protestants and Jews," adding: "While recent events in the wake of the Lebanon crisis have strained that relationship on some levels of leadership, it is clear that what unites liberal Protestants -- as well as Catholics and Evangelicals -- is far greater than that which divides them."

"Given the magnitude of the challenges that the American people and the human community face -- the challenges of potential nuclear holocaust, world refugees, world hunger, and domestic justice -- the need for rebuilding broad social-justice and humanitarian coalitions is not a luxury; it is an urgent necessity on which human survival depends," Rabbi Tanenbaum said.

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NEW YORK, May 15...A leading Christian theologian asserted today that the birth of Israel had "forced the Church to take off its ancient blinders and recognize that the people Israel is still alive and vigorous, and the God the Church worships is the God who has made an eternal covenant with the Jewish people."

Dr. Paul van Buren, Professor of Religion at Temple University, made his remarks at a session of the American Jewish Committee's 77th Annual Meeting, which was held May 11-15 at the New York Hilton Hotel here. Robert Jacobs, retiring Chairman of AJC's Interreligious Affairs Commission, chaired the session at which Dr. van Buren spoke. Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, AJC's National Interreligious Affairs Director, responded to Dr. van Buren's presentation.

With the existence of Israel, said Dr. van Buren, "Judaism now comes into its own and is put to the real test: the building of a whole way of life, with all the social, political, military and economic responsibilities that go with that....This marks a new and exciting era for the Jewish people."

However, he stressed, the founding of Israel has also led to a new era for Christians "because the church of Jesus Christ is nothing other than the community of Gentiles who have been called by the God of Israel to love and serve him...."

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"As the apostle Paul said to his Gentile readers, 'Remember, it is not you that support the root' -- that is, Israel -- 'but the root that supports you.' "

"It is therefore no accident or coincidence," continued Dr. van Buren, "that the church has responded to this new situation by reversing 180 degrees its teaching of some 18 centuries concerning its root. Popes, bishops, official councils and synods, both Protestant and Catholic, have come to see what the Jewish people have always seen, that the covenant between God and His people Israel endures and is alive.

"The result is that since the founding of the State of Israel, the relationship between the Church of the God of Israel and the people of the God of Israel is finally, after 19 miserable centuries, beginning to take on the cooperative character that God must surely have intended for it from the beginning."

However, continued Dr. van Buren, many Christians "still don't realize that a new era has begun." Among those, he said, are "many Christians so accustomed to their old spiritualism that they cannot see the things of God in matters so mundane that they actually make headlines in the newspapers.

"They want their God either in the highest heavens or in their innermost selves, but they certainly do not want Him messing around in politics and disputes about real estate.

"Such Christians, whom I will designate Liberals, hardly seem to know their own tradition concerning incarnation. They do not seem to be able to accept the idea that God might do a new thing in His world, especially if He were to act as He did of old, that is, through human beings."

Disputing "this old spiritualizing view of reality," Dr. van Buren called the State of Israel "an unavoidable item in the real world of God's real creation....and a stimulus for both Jews and Christians to take a long, hard look at the ambiguous realms of politics, economics, government, and military and social policy as the realms in which God's will for His creation is going to be worked out."

Furthermore, Dr. van Buren declared, "the fact of the State of Israel confronts us with the question of what we are doing in our synagogues and churches if it is not directly concerned with those realms in which God calls us to serve Him and His world," adding:

"Israel's existence warns us that we will either pray to the God of Israel with dirty hands -- dirty from working in His world -- or our prayers will be only a game we play with ourselves."

Dr. van Buren also said that Jews and Christians alike "must reject" those Christians "who indeed greet the birth of the Jewish State, but greet it as the harbinger of the imminent return of Christ and the total conversion of Israel to him." Such Christians, he maintained, have "misunderstood the signs of the times."

Turning to Christian views of the Arab-Israel dispute, Dr. van Buren

said:

"Liberal Christians who say that the Jews are living on the land of the Arabs are unaware of the complex history of land ownership in the area. They are unaware that over 70 per cent of the land that Israel held after its War of Independence was inherited from the British Mandate, and only 16 per cent of it was land abandoned by Arabs whom Israel's enemies persuaded to flee....

"It does not seem historically or legally accurate to say that the Jews are living on Arab lands unless one assumes the legality of a general claim to all land in the area by a hypothetical entity called the Arab world. Such a claim certainly had no standing under four centuries of Ottoman rule or the 30 years of the British Mandate."

Remarking that "the Palestinians are also people and they too want their own land," Dr. van Buren pointed out that the Jewish people "recognized this when they accepted the United Nations partition proposalbut the Arabs said no and have been saying no ever since."

"What the relatively moderate Palestinians want now," continued Dr. van Buren, "they could have had 35 years ago, and what they could get now will no doubt be something they will only ask for after another 35 years or so."

"In the meantime, I can only ask my Christian friends that they grant to Israel the fact that it is difficult to negotiate with someone who refuses to acknowledge that you even exist.

"If someone seriously wants to negotiate peace with Israel, they have only to look to Egypt to see how possible it is."

"I do not see," concluded Dr. van Buren, "how anyone can love the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the Holy One of Israel, blessed be He, the God and Father of Jesus Christ, the Creator of this actual world, Who wills the redemption of this actual world He has created, and Who called His people Israel and His Gentile church to join Him in His purpose -- I do not see how one can love this God without giving thanks for the existence of the State of Israel and without praying daily for the peace of Jerusalem."

In response, Rabbi Tanenbaum said: "Dr. van Buren's forthright statement is a harbinger of a fundamental rethinking of Christian theology that is beginning to take place and that is finally finding religious space for the centrality of Israel in Jewish existence. This bold reconceptualization of Christian approaches to the acceptance of Israel, paralleled by the growing Christian accommodation to Judaism as a living reality, may well mark an historic turning point in the 1,900 years of Jewish-Christian relations.

"Ultimately, Dr. van Buren's contribution may constitute the most significant advance in establishing harmony and fruitful collaboration between Christians and Jews in promoting peace between Jews, Christians, and Muslims in the Middle East."

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It is our deep felt prayer that the atmosphere of the City, its commitment to democracy and to learning, will permeate our coming together. May this National Workshop contribute significantly to the pursuit of productive and positive relationships among our several communities.

Sincerely,

Irving B. Levine

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Berkeley/Clarendon Room

An Introduction to Christian-Jewish Relations

Sunday, April 24 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Monday, April 25 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

Presenters: Father Edward H. Flannery

Rev. William H. Harter

Rabbi A. James Rudin

Resource Dr. Eugene J. Fisher

People: Dr. J. Warren Jacobs

Rev. David E. Simpson

SUNDAY

Registration 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm Mezzanine

MONDAY

Registration 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Mezzanine

Plenary Session I 2:00 pm Imperial Ballroom

Keynote Address: The Next Generation of Christian-Jewish Relations

Dr. Krister Stendahl

Small Group Discussions

Facilitators:

Rev. Craig B. Adams • Dr. Thomas J. Allen

Bob Brashear • Rev. Dr. Monty Burnham

Sister Helen Cornelia • Marjorie Epstein

Rabbi Richard Fagan • Rabbi Samuel Fox

Robert Francis • Rabbi Steven Fuchs

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Lawrence Sternberg • Ms. Janet Sternfeld

Rev. Joanne M. Swenson • Kip Wanemaker

Caucus Period 5:00 pm

NCCJ Youth Leadership Project Room #421

Dialogue Participants Room #418

Plenary Session II Faneuil Hall 8:00 pm

Religion and Public Life

Address: Jacqueline G. Wexler

President, National Conference of Christians & Jews

Moderator: Rabbi Mordecai Waxman

Respondents: Governor Michael S. Dukakis

Dr. Paul Parks

TUESDAY

Continental Breakfast 7:30 am - 8:45 am
Plaza Ballroom

Plenary Session III 9:00 am - 10:30 am Imperial Ballroom
Jews and Christians in a Changing World
 Rabbi Eugene B. Borowitz
 Dr. Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza
 Dr. Paul M. van Buren
 Moderator: Dr. George Rupp

Seminars: 10:45 am - 12:30 pm

1. Religious Groups and Political Influence – Room #434

Hyman Bookbinder • Joan B. Campbell
 Dr. William L. Weiler • Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Lally
 Moderator: Dr. Milton T. Ryder

2. The Religious Communities and Their Concern for Education – Room #405

Presenter: Edward B. Fiske
 Respondents: Dr. Daniel J. Margolis
 Rev. Eugene P. Sullivan
 Moderator: Rev. John P. Boles

3. Religious Community Responses to Racial and Social Tensions – Room #407

Presenter: Dr. Charles V. Willie
 Respondents: Rev. Michael Groden
 Philip Perlmutter
 Brunetta Wolfman
 Moderator: Sister Janet Eisner, S.N.D.

4. Religious Warrants for Conservative and Liberal Politics – Room #433

Presenter: Professor Harvey G. Cox
 Respondents: Sister Marie Augusta Neal S.N.D.
 Rabbi Seymour Siegel
 Moderator: Rabbi Paul Menitoff

5. The Nuclear Arms Race and The Religious Community – Room #409

Presenter: Most Rev. Ernest L. Unterkoefler
 Respondents: The Rev. William Sloan Coffin, Jr.
 Rev. J. Bryan Hehir
 Rabbi Henry Michelman
 Moderator: Rabbi Sanford Seltzer

6. The Problem of Hunger – Room #401

Dan Daley • William Kunin
 Haleh Wunder • Daniel L. Force
 Moderator: The Rev. Victor Carpenter

7. Human Rights – Room #442

Presenter: Joshua Rubenstein
 Respondents: Sheila Decter • David Hollenbach, S.J.
 Max L. Stackhouse
 Moderator: Rev. Stephen Kyriacou

8. The Middle East Conflict – Room #437**J. Richard Butler • Rev. William F. Murphy****Rabbi A. James Rudin****The Rev. Robert G. Stephanopoulos****Moderator: Rev. Allan R. Brockway****9. U.S. Immigration Policies – Meeting New Challenges – Room #403****Deborah Anker, Esq. • Most Rev. Anthony J.****Bevilacqua • Dale Dehaan****Rev. Rodrigue Noel • Gary Rubin****Rabbi Terry R. Bard, Moderator****10. Women's Issues as a Challenge to the Religious Communities – Room #413****Arlene Agus • Dr. Elizabeth Bettenhausen****Mary E. Hunt, Ph.D. • Rabbi Neil Kominsky****Rev. Elizabeth Rice-Smith, Moderator****11. Religious Responses to Economic Crises – Room #414****Evan Bayer • John Hannigan • Kip Tiernan****Anne P. Scheibner • Dr. Virgil A. Wood****Rev. Robert G. Trache, Moderator****12. Open Discussion of Plenary Theme – Room #412****Facilitators: The Rev. Dr. James A. Nash****Rabbi Frank M. Waldorf**

LUNCH AND LEARN ... 12:30 – 2:00 pm**...with Nes Ammim****"Christian Settlement in Israel"**

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Building Our Common Agenda I**2:00 pm - 5:00 pm****13. Implications of Liberation Themes for Christian-Jewish Relations – Room #433****Rev. Dr. Paul Deats • Mary E. Hunt, Ph.D.****Rabbi Arnold Jacob Wolf • Professor Delores Williams****Rev. Charles Harper, Moderator**

- 14. Christian Understandings of the State of Israel – Room #413**
Rev. Robert Bullock • Bishop John H. Burt
Dr. Marvin R. Wilson
Rabbi Richard Yellin, Moderator
- 15. Foundations of Jewish and Christian Social Visions – Room #405**
Professor Paul David Hanson • Dr. Stanley S. Harakas
Rev. David Hollenbach, S.J. • Dr. Reuven Kimelman
Rev. Dr. Michael Haynes, Moderator
- 16. The First Six Centuries – Room #437**
 A. The Development of Rabbinic Judaism
 B. The Development of Christianity
Professor Walter Harrelson
Rev. George W. MacRae, S.J.
Rev. George C. Papademetriou,
Professor Marc E. Saperstein
Professor Charles C. Forman, Moderator
- 17. Major Works in Progress – Room #434**
Rabbi Eugene B. Borowitz
Dr. Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza
Rev. John T. Pawlikowski, O.S.M.,
Dr. Paul van Buren
The Very Rev. Harvey H. Guthrie Jr., Moderator
- 18. Literary Expressions of Jewish, Protestant, and Catholic Experiences – Room #407**
Dr. Lorine Getz • Sara Horowitz
Christina Robb
Jane C. Redmont, Moderator
- 19. The Home and Family as Places of Religious Experience – Room #401**
Rev. David Dickerman • Jean Marie Hiesberger
Dr. Carl Sheingold
Rev. John F. O'Donnel, Moderator
- 20. Dealing with Antisemitism Today – Room #442**
Adela M. Acosta • Robin Miller
Lawrence Sternberg • Rev. Charles Stith
Rev. Walter Waldron
The Rev. Mr. Roger Kvam, Moderator
- 21. Images of Jews and Christians in Seminary Programs – Room #409**
Rev. Daniel J. Harrington, S.J.
Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum • Rabbi Gordon Tucker
 Seminarian: **Bruce Beck**
 Discussants: **Cheryl Moore**
Leslie Phillips
 Moderator: **Dr. Krister Stendahl**
- 22. Issues of Family Life – Room #412**
Rev. Patricia Budd-Kepler • Sister Paula Ripple, F.S.P.A.
Rabbi Sanford Seltzer • Yehuda Rosenman
Rev. Justus Fennel, Moderator
- 23. Christian-Jewish Alliance Building in the Eighties – Room #414**
 Facilitators: **Cherie Brown**
Rev. Dr. Robert Thornberg

24. Christian-Jewish Relations: Progress and Programs – Room #400

Coordinator: **Dr. Richard C. Lux**

I. National Programs with Local Expression

A. "Networking for Christian-Jewish Relations"

Rev. Isaac C. Rottenberg

**B. National Conference of Christians and Jews
"Leadership Development Project – After Two Years"**

Coordinator: **Rev. Cynthia L. Bronson, NCCJ Project**

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II. Local Initiative Dialogues

A. Dallas, Texas

Texas Conference of Churches position paper/
Proselytism

Milton I. Tobian

B. Cleveland, Ohio

"The Heritage We Share/Religion Teachers" and
"Parish/Synagogue Cooperation in a Changing
Neighborhood"

Sister Ruth Anne Bruner, H.M.

Rev. Joseph Hilinski

C. St. Louis, Missouri

"Polish-Jewish Relations/Maximillian Kolbe"

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25. Perceptions of the Other – Room #403

Judith H. Banki • Sister Mary C. Boys

Harriet L. Kaufman • Rev. John Tolson Townsend

Robert Ilhoff, Moderator

Caucus Period 5:00 pm

NCCJ Youth Leadership Project – Room #414

High School Youth – Room #412

Dialogue Participants – Room #409

Seminary Students – Boston Theological Institute

Supper and Program 6:30 pm

Congregation Mishkan Tefilah, Newton, Massachusetts

Chair: Rabbi Richard Yellin

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The Klezmer Conservatory Band

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WEDNESDAY

Continental Breakfast 7:30 am - 8:45 am
Plaza Ballroom

Plenary Session IV 9:00 am Imperial Ballroom
The Impact of the Conflicts in Lebanon on
Christian-Jewish Relations

Rev. Allan R. Brockway • Dr. Eugene J. Fisher
 Msgr. Jorge Mejia • Dr. Claire Randall
 Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
 Rev. Daniel A. Hart, Moderator

Building Our Common Agenda II
10:45 am - 12:30 pm

26. Anti-Judaism, Antisemitism and Early Christian
Sources – Room #437

Dr. Michael J. Cook • Dr. J. Warren Jacobs
 Dr. J. Ramsey Michaels
 Dr. Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza
 Rabbi Bernard H. Mehlman, Moderator

27. Decision-making and New Directions in Media
Coverage of Jewish and Christian Issues – Room #406

Dr. Westy A. Egmont • Gail Fein • Martin F. Nolan
 Jim Thistle • Gershon M. Weisenberg
 Rev. Jonathan N. Robinson, Moderator

28. The Dynamics of Prayer – Room #402

Rev. Horace T. Allen • Sister S. Joan Doyle, S.S.N.D.
 Rabbi Lawrence Kushner • Rev. Cheryl Sanders
 Rev. Yvonne Schaudt, Moderator

29. The Sermon as a Resource for Enhancing Christian-
Jewish Relations – Room #433

Rabbi Samuel Chiel • Rev. Peter J. Gomes
 Rev. Carter Heyward, Ph.D. • Rev. Joseph T. Nolan
 Rev. Joseph Bassett, Moderator

30. Religious Education and The Formation of Values –
Room #413

Presenter: Dr. James Fowler
 Respondents: Dr. Padraic O'Hare
 Dr. Bennett I. Solomon
 Moderator: Rabbi Ronald M. Weiss

31. Social and Political Forces in First Century Palestine
– Room #434

Professor Walter Harrelson • Rabbi David Neiman
 Rev. Theodore Stylianopoulos
 Rev. Herbert R. Davis, Moderator

32. Christian-Jewish Issues in the Women's Movement –
Room #436

Sarah Cunningham • Inge Lederer Gibel
 Sister Mary Hennessey, R.C. • Drorah Setel
 Deborah McCauley, Moderator

33. For Jewish Religious School Educators: Creating Opportunities for Understanding Christians and Christianity – Room #405

Rabbi Barry Daniel Cytron • Annette Daum
Rabbi Frank M. Waldorf, Moderator

34. For Christian Religious School Educators: Creating Opportunities for Understanding Jews and Judaism – Room #407

Dr. Maria Harris • Harriet L. Kaufman
Dr. Randolph Crump Miller
Rev. Harry H. Hoehler, Moderator

35. A Visit to Israel as a Bridge to Understanding – Room #409

Rev. Stephen Doyle • Rev. William H. Harter
Rev. Charles E. Hendricks • Rabbi A. James Rudin
Rabbi David Werb, Moderator

36. Stereotyping in the Arts and Media – Room #442

Presenter: Dr. Bernard Rubin
Respondent: Robert Kierstead
Moderator: Rev. Thomas Kennedy

37. Images of Jews and Christians in Seminary Programs – Room #401

A continuation of Seminar #21.
Moderator: Dr. Krister Stendahl

38. The Potential of Cable Television in Dialogue – Room #403

Rev. Roy T. Lloyd • Moshe Waldoks
Barbara Katz, Moderator

39. Pastoral Responses to Homosexual Persons – Room #414

Presenter: Patrick Keefe
Respondents: Rev. Michael B. McGarry
Rabbi Jeffrey Summit
Moderator: Jane C. Redmont

40. The Nature and the Process of Dialogue – Room #417

Judith R. Cohen • The Rev. Dr. Philip Culbertson
Dr. Richard C. Lux • Rev. Diane C. Kessler
Nancy Blecher, Moderator

LUNCH AND LEARN ... 12:30 – 2:00 pm
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Closing Plenary VI 9:00 am - 12:30 pm Imperial Ballroom**Judaism, Christianity and Islam:****A Christian Point of View**

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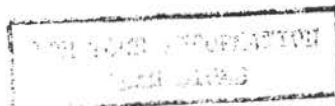
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House Denies Funds for Rights Commission

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 9 — The House of Representatives voted today to deny funds for the continued operation of the United States Commission on Civil Rights. The move was designed to protest President Reagan's action dismissing three members of the agency.

The vote cleared the way for lawmakers to establish a new civil rights monitoring agency as an arm of Congress. Civil rights advocates contend the independence of the commission cannot be guaranteed when it is part of an executive branch headed by Mr. Reagan.

Today's vote came on a bill providing \$11.9 million for the Civil Rights Commission in the current fiscal year, which began Oct. 1. By a vote of 235 to 170, the House rejected this portion of the bill.

The funds were part of a larger spending bill that would provide \$10.5 billion for the Departments of Commerce, State and Justice and other related agencies. The bill had been passed in different forms by the House and Senate. A conference committee composed of Representatives and Senators negotiated a compromise, including the money for the Civil Rights Commission. The House this evening

rejected the portions of the compromise relating to the commission.

Representative Don Edwards, Democrat of California led the successful House effort to delete the funds. He told his colleagues that if they valued the independence of the commission, they should not provide any more money to the agency in its present form. Instead, he said, they should support his proposal to establish a legislative commission.

Civil rights lobbyists said they regarded the outcome as a significant victory. Legal authority for the commission expired Sept. 30. Reagan Administration officials wanted Congress

to provide money so the agency could continue its work and President Reagan could appoint three new members to replace those he dismissed.

Representative Hamilton Fish Jr., Republican of New York, urged his colleagues not to provide money for continued operation of the commission within the executive branch of the Federal Government. To provide such money, he said, would "ratify the President's action in firing, for the first time, members of the Civil Rights Commission without cause."

The six-member commission investigates discrimination and, in recommendations to Congress and the President, suggests ways to strengthen the protection of civil rights. On Oct. 25 Mr. Reagan dismissed Mary Frances Berry, Blandina Cardenas Ramirez

and Rabbi Murray Saltzman from the commission. Mr. Reagan urged the Senate to confirm the men he nominated last May: Morris B. Abram, Robert A. Destro and John H. Bunzel.

At least 53 Senators are supporting a proposal to create a civil rights commission as an arm of Congress. There is no exact precedent for such an agency in the legislative branch, although Congress does have special agencies to audit, investigate and perform research.

The Senate discussed the merits of the proposal this afternoon. The chief sponsors of the measure to create a legislative commission are Senators Joseph R. Biden Jr., Democrat of Delaware, and Arlen Specter, Republican of Pennsylvania.

However, Senator Bob Dole, Republi-

can of Kansas, disclosed that he was trying to develop a compromise that would permit the President to retain some of his authority to appoint members of the Civil Rights Commission. Under Senator Dole's proposal, there would be an eight-member bipartisan commission. The President could appoint four members and the other four would be selected or recommended by Congress. Mr. Dole met with Mr. Biden and Mr. Specter this evening to try to negotiate the details of the bipartisan commission.

The Senate will continue debate on the commission when it convenes Thursday.

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Catholic-Lutheran Talks: Cautious Optimism on Warmer Ties

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The praise of Martin Luther by Pope John Paul II in a letter released last weekend marks another step in a careful and difficult effort to improve relations between Roman Catholics and Lutherans.

Many from both churches, encouraged by the letter and the announcement that the Pope would preach in a Lutheran church Dec. 11, are waiting to see whether practical results will accrue. They have received the news gladly but emphasize that no major changes have come about and that thorny issues, such as papal infallibility and Catholic acceptance of Lutheran ordination, loom ahead.

For nearly four centuries there was negligible progress toward healing the split in the church caused by the 16th-century Protestant Reformation, which sprang from Luther's indictment of abuses in the Catholic Church. But in the last two decades, spurred by the modern ecumenical movement, relations have improved dramatically.

In the Pope's letter, which was to Johannes Cardinal Willebrands, who heads the Vatican office on ecumenical relations, John Paul noted the 500th birthday of Luther today and called for

a reappraisal of the Reformation leader. The Pope referred to Luther as a Christian of "profound religiousness" who had been "driven by the examination of eternal salvation."

A Place of Honor

The words suggested that the father of the Reformation, who was widely scorned by Catholics as a dissolute rebel only a short time ago, had won a place of honor within the church he had defied. Catholic theologians said the Pope's message resembled the revisionist picture increasingly drawn by church specialists in Reformation studies.

At the American jubilee of Luther's birthday in Washington this week, Lutheran leaders welcomed the news from Rome but cautioned against excessive optimism. Some noted that in the past Pope John Paul sent positive signals without setting forth concrete proposals for addressing large obstacles to reconciliation.

On other occasions the Pope has raised hopes by reaching across church lines in a publicly striking way. Both Catholics and Protestants praise his ability to create a more fruitful climate for reaching eventual accords. But so far the Pope has not recommended explicit strategies or proposed agendas

for overcoming obstacles.

For example, when John Paul visited Germany, the site of the Reformation, in November 1980, both Protestant and Catholic leaders hoped he would take the opportunity to declare his acceptance of the Augsburg Confession, which summed up the Lutheran doctrine of Christian faith. Theologians from both sides had advised in favor of a Papal endorsement, convinced from their study that the Confession contained nothing inimical to Catholic teaching. But the Pope balked.

Signals Appear Mixed

Again, in May 1982, on his journey to Britain, the Pope made another symbolic breakthrough by joining with the Anglican Archbishop of Canterbury, Donald Rumcile, in a prayer service for church unity held at Canterbury Cathedral. The week before the trip, however, the Pope withheld his approval of a wide-ranging series of agreements that had been achieved in more than a decade by an official bilateral commission of theologians from the two churches. The Pope never gave reasons for his objections.

In general, Protestant and Catholic scholars have had considerable success in reaching a common understanding, but their conclusions often lie

in a state of limbo, neither officially approved nor repudiated. Over a decade, discussions have produced statements of common understanding with reference to baptism, the eucharist and, most recently, on Luther's key doctrine of justification by faith.

Dr. John H. P. Reumann, a Lutheran theologian who has long been a participant in talks, said the agreements served two functions, providing resources for leaders and offering encouragement to people on the parish level whose views and practices may go far beyond approved church positions. "Often," Dr. Reumann said, "the dialogues between the churches provide the theological undergirding for what people are already doing."

At the jubilee in Washington, where the heads of Lutheran churches were assembled to celebrate Luther, the divisions that still plague Lutheranism were also apparent. Organizers of a special Luther commemoration in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception went to considerable pains to assure the Missouri Synod, one of the large Lutheran branches, that the event would not be called a worship service because the synod objects to worship that is not explicitly under its auspices.

When it came to assessing the Pope's letter and his plans to preach in Rome's only German Lutheran church, the heads of the churches voiced modest enthusiasm.

"I am delighted that Pope John Paul II will preach in a Lutheran Church," said the Rev. Dr. David W. Preus, Presiding Bishop of the American Lutheran Church. "It is a very important symbol." Dr. Preus said that the Pope's decision expressed "the very large measure of unity between Lutherans and Roman Catholics" but added, "This all by itself will not solve the differences that still exist."

The Rev. Dr. Ralph A. Bohlmann, president of the Missouri Synod, thinks the Pope's actions help clear away the fiery polemics that arose in the birth of the Reformation and carried into this century. "I am thankful for every sign of good will," Dr. Bohlmann said, adding that improving the climate would allow discussion of the major issues. "On the other side of the coin," he went on, "these signs need to be understood realistically as a very small beginning."

Dr. Reumann said he was "neither romantically over optimistic nor laboring without hope," adding, "One settles for gestures of good will."