

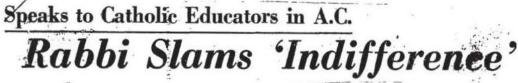
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#### By JOHN ROAK Press Staff Writer

ATLANTIC CITY .- With "callousness, indifference and almost coziness." American Christians and-Jews have re-

sponded, to some monumental tragedies, in recent times, Rabii Marc Tanenbaum said here Monday, The rabby National Inter-religious Affairs Director of

the American Jewish Committee, was the keynote speak-er of the 72nd annual, con-vention of the National Catho-lic Education Association which convened in Convention.

Heil He referred to the recent killing of 15,000 black Christians in Uganda and the killing of one million persons in Sudan.

He said that, at this moment, 400 million people are starving and -10,000 dying of "Indeed' 13 million persons

in the United States continue to go to bed every night hungry," he said. The theme of the speech was "Seeking A Just Schiety." Rabbi Tanenbaum saidathe Jews have suffered, the "trauma of abandonment" and intend not to let it happen

again. Before World War II. when Hitler's intentions toward the Jews became clear, no one - not governments, churches or labor upiens --came to their aid, he said.

A s Jews are concerned about the Middle East, per-sons of Irish descent should be similarly concerned ... about what is going on in Northern

Ireland he said.

"Look at what Greek Ameri-cans did," he said: through their pressure aid to Turkey was ended.

The rabbi hailed Catholics for their "reverence for life" in their opposition to abortion. They are asserting the dignity humanity against the of of humanity against the present trend toward dehumanization, he said.

He also hailed Father Theodore Hesburgh, president of Notre Dame University, for mobilizing Catholics and Pro-testants and "grabbing Con-gress by the lapels" about the node for a \$1.5 billion food aid need for a \$1.5 billion food aid bill.

He hailed a group of sisters in Washington who have un-dertaken to understand the in-tricacies of how our government works and how they can effect change.

"No longer can it be said that nuns are just to be patted on the head and have their pictures taken," he said.

Noting that the United States has sold \$86 billion worth of arms to foreign gov-ernments since 1950, Tan-enbaum assailed the U.S. government for being the world's largest arms merchant.

"Is it right for a world com-munity unable to feed all its people to spend so much on weapons?" he asked, "The

weapons?" he asked. "The arms trade can scarcely ad-vance peace." In each of the 60 military conflicts since World War II, the rabbi said, imported weap-ons were used almost ex-clusively to bring death to 10 million result million people. "Until we have a bona fide

world police force, it's still Dodge City and everyone wants a rifle over his door," "During our lifetime econom-ic growth is going to taper off, the rabbi said. There will be tremendous problems within and among nations. Nations will have to share

Nations will have to share resources in a static economy and this may made to wars of redistribution. Only an author-itarian or possible a revolu-tionary regime may be up to the task of social reorganiza-tion in order to excape catast-

our whole industrial society Unr whole industrial society may give way to one with less stress on technology; produc-tion and consumption the said. In their place tradition ritual, religion, visite sinal nore hu-mane communities will result. There will be more attention to frugality and, to artistic,

spiritual and political pursuits. Tanenbaumi cited as protytype communics of the future the kibbuxate in Israel and small groups of Christians that have formed on chiver-sity campined in Mivable groups with a shared purpose.

In the future pleasure will be sought in simple but plentiful things such as sunsets, mu-sic, family, love, joy, song, prayer and peace, he said.

He said the primary issue for Christians and Jews is seeking a just society

"Let us join hands to restore the sanctity of the first our per-sonality," he said.



(Press Photo by Mike Blizer, Tannenbaum attacks creeping 'dehumanization'

#### AJCommittee Leader Tanenbaum Anti-Abortion Stand Is Praised By Rabbi

ATLANTIC CITY - Calling Church in preserving the for Catholics and Jews to "come sanctity of life, and in viewing"



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Tanenhaum stand.

The national interreligious af- problems. fairs director of the American Jewish Committee said the bishops' position made "a fundamental contribution to halting the erosion of the dignity of human life." He added, how-ever, that he was "frankly troubled by the way the barricades are mounted and the battle is fought."

IN WHAT is believed to be the first address by a rabbi to the National Catholic Educational Association convention, he assailed widespread callousness toward individual human life.

Thoughtful and scholarly dialogue on the issue across faith lines, he suggested, would be valuable in part because "the Jewish community needs to be -+ we have an identical - Catholic

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life issue," EVENTS of the past few Rabbi Marc years, said Rabbi Tanenbaum, H. Tanenbaum have produced such widespread c o m p liment- rootlessness, disorientation and ed the Ameri- malaise inside and outside the c an Catholic religious community that a time b i s h o p s' for reassessment of values is strong anti. at hand. He cited world hunger, a bortion the arms race and the changing technology of war as immediate

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# Rabbi at NCEA meet urges joint talks on the life issu

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (NC) - A leading Jewish spokesman for interreligious collaboration, Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum of the American Jewish Committee (AJC). proposed here that Catholics and Jews "come together to discuss the relevance of life issue."

Addressing the opening general session of the 72nd annual National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) convention, he assailed widespread callousness toward individual human life.

HE SAID this was seen in such events as the rise in violent crime, indifference to famine, the killing of Christians in Sudan, the nonreaction of many Irish Americans to events in Ireland and the lack of accountability shown by large corporate interests such as oil companies eager to bilk consumers by claiming to sell domestic oil as imported oil.

Robbi Fanenbaum said that interfaith dialogue on the prelife issue would be valuable

because nationally and inter- is believed to be the fit nationally "the issue of life as bi to deliver a major : expendable, callousness, and to the NCEA. our preoccupation with ma- He comp terial things has killed some- American Catholic b thing spiritual inside us "He strong anti-abortion st

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