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## JEWISH PERSPECTIVE ON TENSIONS DISCUSSED BY JOINT STUDY GROUP

WASHINGTON--"National and International Tensions: The Jewish Perspective" was the subject under discussion when the Joint Working Study Group held its third meeting here recently. The group was established by the United States Catholic Conference (USCC), the National Conference of Catholic Bishops' Secretariat for Catholic-Jewish Relations, and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith to study and discuss specific problems of the dialogue relationship. The pioneer experiment is designed to enhance the understanding and knowledge of the problems affecting both communities.

The meeting focused on the discussion of a paper presented by Max M. Kampelman, Vice Chairman of the Anti-Defamation League. Mr. Kampelman spoke on national community tensions, Jews and social justice, the Black-Jewish relationship, the Hispanic-Jewish relationship, affirmative action and the quota system. Analyzing international tensions, Mr. Kampelman alluded to Israel and the Middle East, the settlements in the West Bank, American-Israel relations, the U.N. and the Middle East situation.

Other participants in the meeting included Rabbi Leon Klenicki and Rabbi Martin Cohen of the Anti-Defamation League's

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Department of Interreligious Affairs; Mr. Ted Freedman, Director of the Anti-Defamation League Program Division; Father Rollins Lambert and Mr. Ronald Krietemeyer of the USCC Department of Social Development and World Peace; Brother Cyprian Rowe of the National Office for Black Catholics; Sister Rose Marie Salazaro of the USCC/NCCB Secretariat for Hispanic Affairs; Mr. George Wagner of USCC Migration and Refugee Services; and Father John Sheerin and Dr. Eugene Fisher of the Bishops' Secretariat for Catholic-Jewish Relations.

The founding meeting of the joint working study group, convened on February 14, 1978, was devoted to the question of Israel and peace in the Middle East. The second meeting, held in November, 1978, discussed "Federal Aid to Non-Public Education." That topic will be taken up again at the next meeting of the group, which will take place in New York.

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