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CHRISTIAN-JEWISH RELATIONS WORKSHOP SCHEDULED FOR DALLAS, APRIL 28-MAY 1

WASHINGTON--The Fifth National Workshop on Christian-Jewish Relations will be held in Dallas from April 28 to May 1, 1980. Considered the major event of the year in Jewish-Christian dialogue, the meeting brings together leaders in the field with others interested in promoting interfaith understanding on the local and national levels.

The Secretary of the Vatican Commission for Religious Relations with Judaism and the Associate for Christian-Jewish Relations of the World Council of Churches in Geneva will be among the participants.

The National Workshop is sponsored by the Secretariat for Catholic-Jewish Relations of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB), the Committee on Interreligious Affairs of the Synagogue Council of America, and the Office of Christian-Jewish Relations of the National Council of Churches. Cooperating organizations include the American Jewish Committee, the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and the Home Mission Board of the

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Southern Baptist Convention, as well as many local sponsors and participating affiliates.

Bishop Thomas Tschoepe of Dallas and Dr. Paul A. Stauffer of the Greater Dallas Community of Churches will welcome participants to the meeting, to be held in the Adolphus Hotel. The theme of the meeting is "Jews and Christians: Do We Live in the Same World?"

Addressing the meeting will be Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, Vice President of the World Jewish Congress, Dr. Schubert M. Ogden, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dr. Cynthia Wedel of the Episcopal-Jewish Advisory Committee, Rabbi Balfour Brickner, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and Father Edward Flannery, Director of Continuing Education for the Clergy, Diocese of Providence, R.I. Dr. Eva Fleischner of Montclair State College in New Jersey, an advisor to the Bishops' Secretariat for Catholic-Jewish Relations, will chair the meeting.

Other speakers will include Father Virgil Elizondo of the Mexican American Cultural Center, Msgr. George G. Higgins of the U.S. Catholic Conference, and Dr. Zan Holmes of Perkins School of Theology on "Human Rights;" Rabbi Daniel Polish of the Synagogue Council of America and Dr. John J. Kiwiet of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary on "The Thorny Question of Conversion;" Dr. E.P. Sanders of McMaster University and Dr. Ellis Rivkin of Hebrew Union College on "Antisemitism in the New Testament;" Father John T. Pawlikowski of the Catho-

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lic Theological Union, Chicago, Dr. Eugene Fisher, Director of the NCCB Secretariat for Catholic-Jewish Relations, and Dr. William L. Weiler of the Episcopal Church Center, Washington, D.C., on "Religious Perspectives on the State of Israel;" Msgr. Joseph Gremillion of the Muslim-Christian-Jewish Conference and Dr. Byron Haines of the Muslim Task Force, National Council of Churches on "Dialogue with Islam;" Dr. Margot Stern Strom on "The Holocaust;" and Ms. Harriet L. Kaufman of Cincinnati, author of Jews and Judaism Since Jesus.

A unique element of the Fifth Workshop will be its international flavor. The Rev. Msgr. Jorge Mejia, Secretary of the Vatican Commission for Religious Relations with Judaism and the Rev. Allan R. Brockway, Associate for Christian-Jewish Relations, World Council of Churches, will discuss recent international developments in the dialogue from the Christian perspective. Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum of the American Jewish Committee will give a Jewish perspective.

Other topics will include cults and new religions, a secularist view of the role of religion in the world, the dialogue between religion and science, and two seminars designed to meet the practical needs of those engaged in local dialogues.

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