

THINKING ABOUT THE HOLOCAUST

AN INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS CONFERENCE DEVOTED TO HISTORIOGRAPHICAL AND THEOLOGICAL QUESTIONS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1980

All Sessions Will Be Held in the Georgian Room, Indiana Memorial Union

9:00-9:30 a.m. INTRODUCTION:
Alvin H. Rosenfeld, Director
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WELCOMING REMARKS:
Irving Greenberg, Director
National Jewish Resource Center

Kenneth Gros Louis, Vice President
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I. HOLOCAUST AND HISTORY

1. THE HOLOCAUST AND HISTORICAL EXPLANATION

9:30-11:30 **a. A Critical Assessment of the Historical Literature on the Causes of the Holocaust**
Presiding: James Diehl, Indiana University
Robert G. L. Waite, Williams College
Responses:
Reinhard Rürup, Technische Universität, Berlin
David Weinberg, Bowling Green State University

12:00-1:30 LUNCH, State Room East, Indiana Memorial Union

2:00-4:30 p.m. **b. A Critical Assessment of the Historical Literature on the Responses of European Jewry to Anti-Jewish Persecution, 1933-45**

Presiding: Alexander Orbach, University of Pittsburgh

Panel Discussion:
Yisrael Gutman, Yad Vashem, Jerusalem
Paula Hyman, Columbia University
Michael Stanislawski, Columbia University

5:30-7:00 p.m. DINNER, Federal Room, Indiana Memorial Union

7:30-10:00 p.m. **c. A Critical Assessment of the Historical Literature on the Responses of Major Institutions During the Holocaust**

Presiding: David Szonyi, National Jewish Resource Center

Panel Discussion:
William Sheridan Allen, State University of New York at Buffalo
Henry Feingold, Baruch College, City University of New York
Franklin H. Littell, Temple University

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1980

9:00-11:30 **2. "MEANING" IN THE HISTORY OF THE HOLOCAUST: WHAT "LESSONS," IF ANY, ARE THERE TO BE LEARNED?**

Presiding: Todd Endelman, Indiana University

Panel Discussion:
Mark U. Edwards, Purdue University
Michael Meyer, Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion, Cincinnati
Sheldon Rothblatt, University of California, Berkeley

12:00-1:30 p.m. LUNCH, State Room East, Indiana Memorial Union

II. THE HOLOCAUST AND RELIGIOUS SELF-UNDERSTANDING

1. HOLOCAUST, HISTORICITY, AND HISTORICISM

2:00-4:30 p.m. Presiding: Michael Morgan, Indiana University

Irving Greenberg, National Jewish Resource Center
David Tracy, University of Chicago

5:30-7:00 p.m. DINNER, Federal Room, Indiana Memorial Union

6:45-9:15
~~7:30-10:00~~ p.m.

2. A CRITICAL ASSESSMENT OF CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE HOLOCAUST

Presiding: J. Coert Rylaarsdam, Marquette University

A. Roy Eckardt, Lehigh University

Responses:
John Pawlikowski, Catholic Theological Union
Clark Williamson, Christian Theological Seminary

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1980

3. A CRITICAL ASSESSMENT OF JEWISH THOUGHT IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE HOLOCAUST

9:00-11:30 Presiding: Irving Greenberg, National Jewish Resource Center

a. A Critical Assessment of Theological and Philosophical Responses

Steven Katz, Dartmouth College

b. A Critical Assessment of Literary Responses to the Holocaust

Alvin H. Rosenfeld, Indiana University

12:00-1:30 p.m. LUNCH, State Room East, Indiana Memorial Union

4. CONFRONTING MORAL AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS AFTER AUSCHWITZ

2:00-4:30 p.m. **a. Historical Frames and Moral Pictures: The Holocaust and Religious Ethics**

Presiding: William F. May, Kennedy Institute, Georgetown University

Stanley Hauerwas, Notre Dame University
Michael Morgan, Indiana University

5:30-7:00 p.m. DINNER, Federal Room, Indiana Memorial Union

7:30-10:00 p.m. **b. Uniqueness and Universality**

Presiding: Alvin H. Rosenfeld, Indiana University

Emil Fackenheim, University of Toronto
Paul van Buren, Temple University

5. CLOSING REMARKS

Alvin H. Rosenfeld, Indiana University
Irving Greenberg, National Jewish Resource Center

More than any other event of the recent past, the Nazi Holocaust has provoked the need for a thoroughgoing reassessment of the foundations of modern culture. The present conference attempts to respond to this need through an exploration of the frontiers of knowledge in two key areas. It aims to focus the most rigorous kind of thinking on significant historiographical and theological issues, and, by so doing, to identify and encourage those scholars, teachers, and religious leaders who, in a post-Holocaust age, will help to carry the burden of historical and religious reinterpretation into the next generation.

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