

Resume of the Actions of the Christian Study Group's Committee
on Passion Plays

Oct. 4, 1985

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1. Achievements to date

- a. Decision to protest Oberammergau, made at Newark April 7
- b. Background statement with bibliography 1984
released to our members May 7, 1984
- c. Letter released to the press May 7, 1984
- d. Statement from the office of the President of NCCJ
August 20, 1984
- e. A formal decision was made by the CSG to cooperate
with the NCCJ in pursuit of research and publications
on passion plays Sept. 14, 1984
- f. Publication of revision of John Townsend's "A liturgical
Interpretation of our Lord's Passion in Narrative Form"
- g. John Pawlikowski's contributions
1. His article in the Los Angeles Tidings April 5, 1985
2. His participation in the signed statement of the
American-Polish and American-Jewish May 17, 1985
National Dialogue (report released June 15, 1985)
- h. Ed Horstmann's Report on roles of travel July 8, 1985
agencies
- i. Gene Fisher's contributions
1. Article on Parish Passion Plays Feb. 1985
2. Circulation of "Emerging Christian Strategy on
Passion Plays" to select list July 19, 1985
- j. Elliott Wright's contributions
1. Protest statement with bibliography May 7, 1984
2. Article in Journal of Ecumenical Studies
citing my Report Summer 1984
- k. Agreement of Gregory Baum to run "Emerging Christian
Strategy on Passion Plays" in The Ecumenist July 30, 1985

2. Committee actions

The Committee consists of Celia Deutsch, Gene Fisher and
Jack Kelley. They have met January 15, May 26, and Sept. 16
They have designed a strategy and revised it May 26, 1985

3. Several new insights have been formulated:

- a. The Committee has shifted its priorities and objectives to
a larger view and, for the present, to focus on the American
scene;
- b. The Committee recognizes that change in art form must come
from the people who produce the art form: this means that
outsiders cannot be more than instrumental in getting a
profound change in passion plays;
- c. The Christian strategy on passion plays is evolving without
direction from us, but many of our members are playing
important roles in this development.

4. Recommended actions:

- a. Continue to send data to me as Chairman of this Committee;
- b. Be sure that your local libraries have copies of:
Friedman's The Lance against Civilization
De Vinck's A Passion Play, Alleluia Press
Swidler's Recommendations for the Oberammergau
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Respectfully submitted, John J. Kelley, S.M.

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