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Motion Toward Greater Understanding Treated at Catholic-Jewish Conference

"We are forging the newest link in Catholic-Jewish communication." With this greeting from Sidney L. Rabinowitz, vice-chairman of the New England Regional Board of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the Conference on Catholic Jewish Understanding was opened last Sunday afternoon in Albertus Magnus Hall.

Co-sponsored by Providence College and the Anti-Defamation League, the conference had as its avowed purpose the exploration of "stereotypes, myths, and issues, social and political, which separate Catholics and Jews."

The Very Rev. Vincent C. Dore, O.P., President of the College, greeted the 160 Catholic

and Jewish community leaders taking part in the day-long conference. Keynote addresses were given by the Rev. Edward A. Synan of the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies in Toronto, Canada, and Oscar Cohen, Director of the National Program Division, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

In his address, Father Synan examined the images which many Jews have of Catholics and those which Catholics have of Jews. He stressed the need for going "beneath the surface

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Senator Pell to Speak On Situation in Berlin

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to gain a true understanding of the reality of Church and of synagogue."

Mr. Cohen declared that there is a "great ambivalence between Catholics and Jews." He pointed out that anti-Catholic prejudices among Jews is due to the Jewish pre-occupation with past persecutions which is "passed on to Jewish children by their parents." He said that "almost invariably in history, when a crisis occurred, anti-Semitism arose."

The conference was brought to a close in the evening with a dinner in Raymond Hall. At the dinner, Dr. Joseph L. Lichten, director of the Department of Intercultural Affairs of the Anti-Defamation League, addressed the group. His topic centered around his recent visit to the Ecumenical Council in Rome. In his address, Dr. Lichten emphasized "the need for basic changes in outlook if we are to attain the brotherhood, the neighborliness, commanded by God:"
