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Now in its seventh decade of publication, the American Jewish Year Book continues to present a uniquely thorough account of Jewish life in this country and throughout the world. The current volume, appearing on the eve of the final deliberations of the Ecumenical Council, provides solid historical background and a comprehensive analysis of the Council's debate on the "Jewish Declaration." Also covered in this article, by Judith Hershcopf of the American Jewish Committee's Interreligious Affairs Department, are Christian and Jewish reactions to the events as they unfolded at the Ecumenical Council.

Another highlight of this volume is the 75-page study of Orthodox Jewry in the U.S., by Dr. Charles S. Lieberman of Yeshiva University. Gathered together in this exhaustively researched compendium are descriptions of Orthodox institutions and their leaders, demographic and sociological data, and a summary of trends in American Jewish Orthodoxy today.

Civil Rights — America's number-one domestic crisis — comes in for extensive coverage. The article, by Lucy Dawidowicz, reviews the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the 1964 Presidential elections, the role of extremist groups, and a general evaluation of the civil rights movement in the U.S.

In a memorial tribute to Herbert H. Lehman, Chancellor Louis Finkel-

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