between creed and prejudice. "Prejudicial material in religious texts", continued Dr. Slawson, "nearly always represents accretions in the teaching process -- not the basic theology of each faith."

Lessons of History?

Jews in both America and Europe are generally hopeful -- confident would be too strong a word -- that the Nazi era will not find its duplicate in the immediate future. The vast majority of Christians, they feel, have witnessed too extraordinary a proof of the abyss into which human indifference can lead nations. More reassuring still is the existence of the State of Israel, which offers a refuge to the persecuted and also stands as a sentinel for the Western conscience.

Mention of Israel brings us full circle to Theodor Herzl, the founder of modern Zionism, whose age was one of covert, but pervasive, anti-Semitism. The celebration of the 100th anniversary of his life, this February, coincided with the new vandalism. Thus his name, which became a symbol of so much achievement, may also still evoke a warning. Our times, it is true, are not those of pre-Hitlerian Germany. But they do, in some degree, correspond with the self-indulgence, materialism and corruption of post-Napoleonic France. Admittedly, the parallel is a tenuous one, but we do not think Christians have the right to demand too strict an accounting from history.

ACPC TRAVEL TOURS

There is a time for traveling and there is a time for staying at home -- preparing for travel. Its annual engagement with the Middle East coming up this summer, the ACPC Study Tour is deep in the process of organization. Already "signed up" is a distinguished group of participants, with strong prospective interest indicated by a number of others. For most of the latter, the difficulty is the usual one of making the necessary room in a crowded calendar. The attractions of the Middle East, however, constitute a strong liberating force and we count on having one of the largest groups in recent years. *(See below the typical itinerary of an ACPC Study Tour.)

We should also like to note the formation of a new Study Tour, this one planned for North Africa and Israel. Partly under ACPC auspices, it is to be led by Mrs. Miriam Jackson, our Club Program Director, and she has mapped out a most interesting itinerary: Casablanca - Rabat - Marrakesh - Fez - Tunis, and then into Israel via Rome. Flight date from New York is November 10th; return date, December 10th from Tel Aviv. As with all our tours, additional stay in Israel, or stop-over arrangements in Europe, can be made on individual request. Tour price: $1,465.00. These interested should write to Mrs. Jackson at Club Program Service, 65 East 55th Street, N.Y.C.

Some Highlights of a Typical ACPC Itinerary *

ATHENS (as our point of Middle East departure). Morning tour of classical

*Note: Not always indicated here are interviews with leading area political figures and other personalities. These, too, have become characteristic "highlights" of ACPC Study Tours.