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CHIEF RABBI OF ROME PRAISES POPE JOHN XXIII; ANALYZES ENCYCLICAL

ROME, May 14. (JTA) -- Enthusiastic praise for the recent "Pacem in Terris" (Peace on Earth) encyclical issued by Pope John XXIII was voiced here today by Prof. Elio Toaff, Chief Rabbi of Rome, in a statement to the correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Julio Dresner. He especially lauded the Pontiff's stand on three issues which, he said, "are of particular interest to Jews." The issues are: The Pope's stand on freedom of migration; his declaration that all forms of racial discrimination are inadmissible to true Christians, and his assertion that all men are free to worship God according to their own conscience.

In regard to freedom of migration, as viewed by the Pope, Prof. Toaff said: "The Pope's statement has found wide echoes with Jews at this moment when many governments impede the free movement of Jews to countries and surroundings more suitable for their development and their life as Jews."

Referring to the encyclical's firm stand against racial discrimination, Dr. Toaff said: "Treating so many problems of fundamental importance, the Pope could not omit expressing his thought on a phenomenon which, unfortunately, has always been with us, but never as much as in the recent past, a phenomenon which was the cause of the most monstrous persecutions, of hatred as violent as it was irrational. Think of what happened to the Jewish people in Europe during the period 1933-1945!"

"The late Pope Pius XII," Rabbi Toaff pointed out, "had already severely condemned racist, nationalistic and imperialistic nations on March 18, 1944. But this statement, coming as it did toward the end of World War II, may have appeared as a direct reaction to the most painful impressions of that terrible hour."

Stresses Pontiff's Stand Against Racial Discrimination

"John XXIII," continued Dr. Toaff, "states today, 20 years after the conflagration, in an encyclical letter of exceptional importance, in which the official thoughts of the Church on the great problems of this century are announced, that 'racial discriminations have no justification whatsoever' in the domain of reason and doctrine."

"This is, in fact, a restatement of the dignity of human beings, who are to be judged and appreciated because of the Divine spark in them, by which we consider man as created in the image of God--to whichever nation he belongs, whichever faith he professes, whatever be the color of his skin."

"These words of a serene sense of justice," Dr. Toaff went on, "stated in so simple and noble a form, rise above any polemics or faction. But, implicitly, they give the most eloquent and most competent answer to that ignoble libel which an anonymous racist organization one day succeeded in placing before the Council Fathers with the purpose of spreading prejudice and hatred there, where prayers and works for peace among men are being performed."

Says Pope Condemns Any Form of Religious Intolerance

In the Pope's statement about every man's right to worship God in accordance with his own conscience, the Chief Rabbi said, he saw "a right and modern conception of the essential conditions for peaceful and harmonious life among all mankind."

The encyclical, in Rabbi Toaff's opinion, "actually condemns any form of religious intolerance and any persecutions against freedom of worship." The Pope, indeed stated, he pointed out, "that human life is fecund and orderly, and corresponds to the dignity of human beings when it is founded on truth."

"All this," the Chief Rabbi concluded, "is in logical harmony with the subject of the encyclical letter--the consolidation of peace in the world. We Jews, who greet each other by wishing peace, who in all our prayers invoke peace, who on our Day of Atonement implore God to reign over the world in peace--we know that this world includes the happiness longed for by mankind, and that Israel was first to preach peace during every moment of its existence."

U. S. AGENCY REPORTS TO CONGRESS ON ISRAEL'S SUSTAINED ECONOMIC GROWTH

WASHINGTON, May 14. (JTA) -- Israel's rate of sustained economic growth now exceeds even that of West Germany and Japan, the U. S. Agency for International Development today reported to Congress.

A report submitted by Administrator David E. Bell said Israel has had "one of the highest rates of sustained economic growth on record, averaging 10 percent yearly and exceeding even Japan (9.0 percent) and West Germany (7.5 percent).

The A.I.D. report said the major economic problem now facing Israel is how to finance a high rate of growth from its own resources. It was pointed out that "the relatively high level of per capita income and the rapid growth of income in the future should make it possible to increase the rate of domestic saving rapidly. At the same time, a continued flow of private contributions and growing access to world capital markets as Israel develops should help eliminate the need for further A. I. D. loans in the next few years."

The A.I.D. report noted that Israel imported both large amounts of capital and much of its population. "Many of the immigrants to Israel were well educated and highly skilled," said the report. The total inflow of foreign capital and donations (\$3,800,000, - 000) exceeded gross investment (\$3,500,000,000) for the decade.

With these assets, Israel managed to achieve phenomenal growth despite meager natural resources, the problems of absorbing mass immigration and facing Arab hostility, Congress was told.

United States aid to Israel totaled nearly \$700,000,000 between 1950 and 1961. During the first five years American assistance was chiefly directed to maintaining financial stability and protecting the balance of payments position. After that, emphasis shifted to general support of Israel's economic development.

About a third of U. S. assistance to Israel was in the form of agricultural commodities made available on a loan basis. Other loans accounted for another third. Technical assistance and other forms of grant aid accounted for the balance.

Total U. S. assistance has accounted for about 20 percent of Israel's gross investment. American aid has accounted for 18 percent of the total capital flow to Israel; much larger amounts have come from West Germany as reparations and restitution on private claims, and as loans and grants from Jewish philanthropic organizations and individuals.

Grant aid to Israel from the United States has been ended and technical assistance to Israel was terminated in 1962. Israel is now supplying technicians of its own to developing countries in Asia and Africa, the report said.

TRIAL OF NAZIS CHARGED WITH KILLING UKRAINIAN JEWS OPENS IN GERMANY

NUREMBERG, May 14. (JTA) -- The trial of three former members of the Nazi Security Police, charged with complicity in the murders of at least 2,400 Ukrainian Jews in the fall of 1942, opened here today in the same court buildings in which the Nuremberg war crimes trials were held.

The trial of Joseph Paur, Wilhelm Wacker and Otto Koeler is expected to last three to four weeks with some 50 witnesses expected to testify. The three committed the mass-murders in the towns of Sdolbunov, Misotch and Ostrog in the Rovno area.

At the same time a re-trial got underway in Hamburg of three former Nazis charged with the murder in July 1941 of 220 Jews in Lithuania. Werner Scheu, Karl Struvea and Otto Bastian were convicted and sentenced by a jury court in Aurich to six, five-and-a-half and four years at hard labor, respectively. However, the judgment was suspended by the West German Federal Supreme Court at Karlsruhe. The jury court found the three defendants guilty of participation in the murders and not merely of complicity.

REFUGEES PROTEST SEATING OF OBERLANDER IN WEST GERMAN PARLIAMENT

DUSSELDORF, May 14. (JTA) -- Protests against the return of former Minister for Refugees Theodor Oberlander to the Bundestag, lower house of Parliament, were lodged today with the president of the Bundestag, Dr. Eugen Gerstenmaier, by the Convergence of Refugees from East Germany. The conference, which has just concluded its convention here, complained that Dr. Oberlander, during the Hitler regime, "fostered National Socialism."

Several years ago, Dr. Oberlander resigned from the post of Minister for Refugees, under charges that he had been involved with a group that condoned the murder of Jews in Lvov, during the Nazi army's occupation of that city. However, he finished the term he then held in the Bundestag. Now, it was disclosed here, he has been appointed to fill a Bundestag seat vacated by the death of a deputy from Lower Saxony. He was defeated when he ran for that office in the last elections.

SWEDISH BROADCASTING SYSTEM EXAMINES RADIO TALK AGAINST JEWS

STOCKHOLM, May 14. (JTA) -- The board of the Swedish Broadcasting System examined today attacks on Israel and world Jewry by a Swedish teacher in a talk on the network. The teacher, now identified as Ingemar Donar-Joelsson, made the talk last week. It was protested by the Swedish branch of the World Jewish Congress and the Swedish Zionist Federation.

GESTAPO AGENT ARRESTED IN FRANCE FOR KILLING JEWS IS RELEASED ON BAIL

MARSEILLES, May 14. (JTA) -- Jean Barbier, one of France's last unarrested Nazi war criminals who was seized here on Sunday on charges of murdering Jews, has been released on bail, police reported today. They declined to give any details.

Barbier had been sentenced to death in absentia after France was liberated. Among the charges was the murder of three Jewish children in one family whom he threw into the Isère River from a bridge only a few days before the Allies liberated Grenoble. He also was charged with personally shooting 12 Jews he had found hiding in the city.

Although a Frenchman, Barbier had been a member of the German Gestapo. He disappeared with the retreating Germans but, it was later learned, he returned to Grenoble about 10 years ago under an assumed name and had lived there since. Had he managed to escape arrest for two more years, he would have been free under the French statute of limitations for such crimes.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND DEPLORES ANTI-SEMITISM; DENOUNCES DISCRIMINATION

LONDON, May 14. (JTA) -- The Church of Scotland today issued a statement "deploring" anti-Semitism and denouncing all racial and religious discriminations. The statement was part of a report by the Scottish church's "Church and Nation" committee.

The statement, condemning "all incitements to contempt or hatred of persons because of their color, race or creed," declared: "The Church of Scotland must always make abundantly clear that she stands by the side of all who suffer."

DETROIT ALLIED JEWISH CAMPAIGN FORMALLY CLOSES; ASSURED OF \$4,520,000

DETROIT, May 14. (JTA) -- The Allied Jewish Campaign here formally closed with a dinner at the Jewish center here, presided over by Charles H. Gershenson, campaign chairman, and with a statement by Isidore Sobeloff, executive vice-president of the Jewish Welfare Federation and the director of the campaign, expressing confidence that a total of \$4,520,000 will be raised after all pledges will come in. Already \$4,314,620 has been accounted for by chairmen of divisions of the campaign.

Analyzing the reports of the division chairmen, Mr. Sobeloff said: "I hope you will regard the campaign as an unfinished job. We are not mere fund-raisers--we are a community. Every dollar, every name announced tonight, spells dedication to a better future for ourselves and for those who will follow us." He emphasized that the concluded drive was "a grand campaign."

Mr. Gershenson described the Allied Jewish Campaign as a mechanism to support the many local and national agencies and the means for reaching those aided in Israel and around the world and "to express our identification with them." Commenting on the final campaign efforts, he said: "We have learned through the years that we cannot relax until every prospect is reached and until every effort is made to achieve our goal."

Max M. Fisher, president of the Federation, spoke of the threefold purposes of the Federation--community planning, determination on how the income derived from campaign is to be distributed and fund-raising. A fourth purpose, he said, is "to dramatize that we are Kinsmen working together as a cohesive and united community." Thanking Mr. Gershenson for his untiring efforts, Mr. Fisher as well as other program participants, joined in thanking Gershenson's co-chairman, Al Borman and the other top campaign leaders. The principal address was delivered by Michael S. Comay, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations.

U.S. TO PROVIDE \$750,000 IN SURPLUS EQUIPMENT FOR ORT SCHOOLS ABROAD

NEW YORK, May 14. (JTA) -- The U.S. Government has agreed to make available surplus equipment for use in ORT vocational training schools overseas. An understanding authorizing such acquisition was formalized last week at the State Department in Washington, according to an announcement made here today by the American ORT Federation.

A statement issued by the Agency for International Development, official agency concerned with foreign aid, noted that the agreement with ORT was the first of its kind with a voluntary agency under terms of the Foreign Assistance Act. The statement noted that the machinery and equipment would be used to help in the technical instruction of "about 30,000 underprivileged boys and girls in Iran, Israel, Morocco and Tunisia--students attending about 450 special trade and educational institutions of ORT."

Dr. William Haber, American ORT president, in expressing his organization's gratitude, hailed the agreement as "a landmark in relations between the government and voluntary efforts to assist disadvantaged people in other lands. The Congress, through the Foreign Assistance Act, and the Agency for International Development by implementing its provisions, have again expressed a clear concern with the promotion of overseas welfare programs conducted in the traditional American spirit of voluntarism."

He expressed satisfaction that ORT was the first agency to benefit under these provisions and declared that the various kinds of equipment received from government supplies would greatly aid ORT trade and technical teaching and permit the extension of such instruction to more students.