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JEWS THROUGHOUT WORLD PRAY FOR POPE JOHN; SEND MESSAGES TO VATICAN

RCME, June 2, (JTA) -- The concern of Jews throughout the world over Pope John XXIII was reflected here in the numerous messages received during the weekend by the Vatican's Secretary of State, from Jewish communities and leaders in many countries joining in prayer for the Pope's recovery, and expressing grief over his state of health.

Among the messages received was one from President Schneor Zalman Shazar of Israel, and another from Chief Rabbi Itzhak Nissim of Israel. President Shazar said in his cable to the Vatican that Pope John's life has "the blessings of Zion" because he is a "moral fortress, a tower of goodwill to mankind and a beacon of light for the promotion of world peace."

Rabbi Nissim's message declared: "We are grieved to hear of your illness. Many here wish you speedy recovery and long life, so that you may have the strength to continue upon the road you paved toward understanding between men, and to continue to work for peace on earth."

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, in his capacity of president of the World Jewish Congress, sent message from London to the Vatican's Secretary of State, stating: "Deeply moved by the disturbing news of the health of His Holiness, Pope John XXIII. Respectfully request in the name of the World Jewish Congress and of Jewish communities and organizations in 5 countries, which are affiliated with it, that Your Eminence may be good enough to transmit to His Holiness our deep concern and most sincere wishes for his well-being."

(In New York, the Board of Rabbis called upon its members to offer prayers for Pope John XXIII. The call emphasized that Pope John "has given heart and courage to all men of good will," and quickened the hope of people everywhere for world peace. "Let us pray that the Almighty may grant unto him many more years in which to serve as the good shepherd of his church, and enrich and bless mankind with the greatness and nobility of his spirit," the Board of Rabbis urged. In Argentina, prayers were held in synagogues throughout the country.)

Pope John's Great Interest in Jews Was Expressed in Action

Several Popes had expressed interest in Jews, but none matched Pope John XXIII in anybody that interest in specific acts. As Archbishop Angelo Roncalli, he was apostolic legate to Greece and Turkey, based in Istanbul, during World War II. When told of the plight of several thousand Jews, including a number of children, slated for deportation to Auschwitz, he instantly made available thousands of baptismal certificates for use of the doomed Jews, without conditions. Thus thousands were saved from the Nazi furnaces.

Early in his papacy, he ordered the elimination from the Good Friday liturgy of the reference to "perfidious Jews," which he knew was offensive to Jews and which, it was understood, he considered not a doctrinal matter but a carry-over from the polemical history of the past.

He had strong personal feelings about the need to remove the bases of animosity and hostility between religious communities, particularly in regard to Jews, who, he was known to feel, had a special role in "salvation history." This was reflected again during the recent Good Friday when, according to press reports, the celebrant of the mass at the Vatican, either from habit or through use of a missal not brought up-to-date, again made reference to "perfidious Jews." The Pope halted the service and had it repeated in its entirety, with that reference omitted.

This attitude was exemplified again when, in January 1959, he appointed Cardinal Bea as president of the secretariat for promoting Christian unity for the Ecumenical Council. Cardinal Bea's commission has within it a smaller group with specific responsibilities to improve relationships between Catholics and Jews by removing inherited doctrinal sources of animosity through changes in Catholic teachings and liturgy. The Pope was known to have been acquainted with everything this commission was doing, and Cardinal Bea consistently strong support from the Pope for the work of this commission.

His assistance to Jewish rescue missions earned him congratulations on his election as Pope from the then Chief Rabbi of Israel, Dr. Herzog. He received further praise in November 1960, when he gave an audience to 130 members of the United Jewish Appeal, who presented him with a scroll. He said to them in greeting, "I am Joseph, your brother," a reference to the Old Testament story of Joseph.

CONVENTION OF COMMUNAL WORKERS DISCUSSES QUESTION OF JEWISH IDENTITY

CLEVELAND, June 2. (JTA) -- The question of Jewish identity and of the future of the Jewish community in the United States was discussed here today at the 65th annual five-day meeting of the National Conference of Jewish Communal Service attended by 2,000 Jewish communal workers from all parts of the country.

Dr. John Slawson, executive vice-president of the American Jewish Committee, who was one of the principal speakers, said that "the greatest opportunity for the development of Jewish self-regard exists today" in this country. "Never in American history," he stated, "has the prevailing social framework afforded as great an opportunity for this development as today." He cited the election of President Kennedy as consistent with the current trend in American civilization toward a multi-faceted cultural milieu.

"The current concern with Jewish identity," Dr. Slawson said, "centers increasingly on how to achieve an integrated yet unassimilated status in the general American community. Integration is working and interacting with others for common purposes. Assimilation is 'forgetting that one is a Jew. Acculturation to American society without loss of identity--either religious or religio-cultural, depending upon one's point of view--is the essence of Jewish integration."

He defined Jewish identity as "the concept of peoplehood, or sense of community. Jews are people bound together by a common faith, a common history, tradition, culture and language," he said. "Jewish identity is characterized by adherence to Jewish values--the morality and system of ethics derived from Judaism--and devotion to certain pursuits, such as learning--both secular and religious--and philanthropy. Participation in Jewish community activity is another way of expressing identity.

"With a society hospitable to differences, and a vigorous tradition that has much to say to the modern world, it would appear that Jewish religious and communal leaders, social workers and educators, lay and professional, have both an opportunity and a responsibility--namely, to help the individual Jew to find the personal enrichment and sense of community that Jewish identity can give."

Social Workers Urged to Lay Emphasis on Jewish Education

Dr. Samuel Dinin, dean of the University of Judaism, Los Angeles, challenged the social and communal workers to re-evaluate their thinking and reassess their programs. He said: "There is need to shift the emphasis of Jewish communal endeavor from social services and defense and leisure-time activities to Jewish education and culture. It is difficult to see how one can be meaningfully identified with the Jewish people without an adequate Jewish education. A quest for Jewish identification pursued in ignorance of Torah and the Jewish tradition is a meaningless quest.

"Only seven percent of Jewish children of school age are to be found in secondary or higher Jewish schools of learning," he reported. "Since most of our college youth receive at best a Sunday School or elementary Hebrew School education, their recollection of Judaism is at an infantile level. It is during these formative years, when our youth attend high school or college and are exposed to new ideas and challenges from science and philosophy, that they should be in a Jewish school."

Saying that "our generation has made Jewish giving a substitute for Jewish living," Dr. Dinin warned the communal workers that "we do not exist as a Jewish community in order to support Jewish hospitals or homes for the orphans and aged or even synagogues. Philanthropy and defense and resettlement are necessary for our physical security and survival. They can not provide content and meaning for a creative Jewish life.

"The time has come for a reassessment of our position as a people, for a new look at the structure of the Jewish community, for a new evaluation of what it is that we are expending our monies and energies," he declared. "We have to cultivate, as a people, the art of being Jews. This means a return to Jewish literacy, to a commitment to the values and ideals which characterize Judaism at its best."

200,000 Jews Left Their Home for New Countries in 1962

Philip Soskis, president of the Conference, told the delegates that about 200,000 Jews were on the move to countries of new opportunity in the year 1962. Presiding the opening session, he called the continuing problem of migration "one of the big tasks facing Jewish communal service. Mr. Soskis, who is executive director of the New York Association for New Americans, pointed out that the big migrations in 1962 were from Algeria and Cuba. "Of the 200,000 migrants," he stated, "the largest number found haven in Israel."

The conference award for 1962 was presented to Arnulf M. Pins, of New York City, and Bertram H. Gold, of Los Angeles, "for the outstanding paper presented at the sixty-fourth annual meeting as an important contribution to professional literature in the field of Jewish communal services." An honorable mention was awarded to Irving Canter, of Washington, D. C. and Harold Silver, of Detroit, for their paper.

LABOR PARLEY ASKS U. S. TO GUARANTEE ISRAEL'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY

UNITY HOUSE, Pa., June 2. (JTA) -- A resolution calling upon the American Government to guarantee the territorial integrity and independence of Israel was adopted here today at the conclusion of a four-day conference of the American Trade Union Council for Histadrut.

The 200 delegates from all parts of the country also adopted a resolution condemning "the publicly expressed aims of the Arab leaders to destroy the democratic state of Israel." The resolution said these aims were "diametrically opposed to the purposes and Charter of the United Nations in which these same Arab countries claim membership." The delegates also resolved that "there is no room for complacency as long as German and other missile scientists are working to build up the deadly arsenal of Nasser's Egypt."

Dr. Saul Stein, executive director of the National Committee for Labor Israel, parent body of the American Trade Union Council for Histadrut, announced the establishment in Israel of a number of medical and vocational training facilities as well as cultural institutions under the auspices of American trade unions.

Louis Stulberg, secretary-treasurer of the International Ladies Garment Workers of America in a report on his visit to Israel last April praised the work of the Histadrut's Afro-Asian Institute for Labor Studies in Tel Aviv. He said the Institute was "uniquely fit to serve the future leaders of the emerging nations." George Meany, President of the AFL CIO, is one of the two co-chairmen of the Institute. The other co-chairman is Eliahu Elath, president of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. American trade unions contribute to the scholarship program of the Institute, which helps practically all of its 160 students annually.

Undersecretary of Labor John F. Henning, who also addressed the delegates, drew parallels today between the democratic structures of Israel and the United States. Israel has a great instinct for humanitarianism, he said. "This is due largely to the efforts of Histadrut which is a jewel of pioneering democracy." He said Israel was ahead of the United States with regard to unemployment since Israel has a rate of only one percent unemployed and the United States has 5.6 percent.

Ben-Zion Ilan, American representative of the Histadrut, speaking on Histadrut's role in the shaping of Israel's society told the American Labor leaders about the mutual aid and cooperative program of Histadrut, a major feature of Israel's economic and social life. He stressed that Histadrut was "an open house" for the absorption of new immigrants which cannot be accomplished by institutional means alone.

U. S. GOVERNMENT URGED TO COMBAT ARAB INCITEMENT AGAINST ISRAEL

NEW YORK, June 2. (JTA) -- The Government of the United States was called upon last night by Dr. Max Nussbaum, president of the Zionist Organization of America, to do everything possible to counteract Arab incitement to hate and preparation for war and to press for Arab-Israel cooperation and peace negotiations. He also warned against "the mistake to ignore or deprecate Arab threats of aggression or to play down the serious implications of these threats."

The Zionist leader spoke before a meeting of the National Executive Council of the Zionist Organization of America, attended by several hundred Zionist leaders from all parts of the country. Jacques Torczyner of New York, chairman of the Council, presided. Dr. Nussbaum paid high tribute to Pope John XXIII for his strong stand against "racial discriminations" and "any form of religious intolerance."

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY GETS \$1,000,000 GIFT FROM N. Y. JEWISH PHILANTHROPIST

WALTHAM, Mass., June 2. (JTA) -- A gift of \$1,000,000 toward the cost of constructing a biology building in the university's proposed new science complex here, and overall plans for tripling the physical plant devoted to the sciences by the construction of seven units in an \$8,500,000 building program, were announced here today by Brandeis University.

The \$1,000,000 gift was contributed by Charles C. Bassine, of Great Neck, L. I., noted Jewish philanthropist, former associate chairman of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York and a founder of the Albert Einstein Hospital. The money will aid the construction of a building to house all of the research activities of the Brandeis biology department. It will be part of a quadrangle that will include buildings for research in biology, chemistry, mathematics and physics. The complex will be erected around a science library and auditorium.

At the same time, the university announced today that Dr. Jack S. Goldstein, associate professor of astrophysics, will head a new program for expanding the physical science program through the establishment of an Astrophysics Institute for research and training. Research in astrophysics is already being carried on here, supported in part by an Air Force grant of \$80,540. Dr. Goldstein was formerly a Fulbright scholar in Israel at the Weizmann Institute of Science there. Graduate programs in science at Brandeis are supported by more than \$5,000,000 in governmental and private research grants.

SIMPLE CEREMONIES MARK LIPSKY'S FUNERAL; 1,500 ATTENDED LAST RITES

NEW YORK, June 2. (JTA) -- Louis Lipsky, dean of American Zionism, who died last Monday at the age of 86, was laid to rest this weekend at Mount Ararat Cemetery, in suburban Long Island after simple services at Congregation B'nai Jeshurun in this city. More than 1,500 Zionist and other Jewish leaders from all over the country and abroad, including Israel, attended the rites.

The Government of Israel was officially represented by Ambassador Avraham Harman; Michael S. Comay, Ambassador to the United Nations; and Katriel Katz, Consul-General in New York. The eulogy was delivered by Moshe Sharett, Israel's former Prime Minister and ex-Foreign Minister, now the chairman of the Jewish Agency's executive.

Among the many messages of condolence was one from Mrs. Golda Meir, Israeli Foreign Minister, who stated that the passing of such "an outstanding and devoted leader of Zionism" as Mr. Lipsky constitute "a profoundly grieved and tragic loss." Noting that she had had the "special privilege" of knowing him personally, she stated that his death was "also a personal loss." "From my first steps in Zionism," she declared, "I admired him greatly for all that he was and exemplified."

Mr. Sharett, in his eulogy, hailed Mr. Lipsky as "a celebrated, lifelong champion of one of the greatest causes of liberty and justice of our age, the vindication of which it was given to him to see in his own lifetime." Speaking of the departed leader as "the venerable dean of American Zionism," Mr. Sharett said "his high culture, personal integrity, political courage, strength of conviction, firm stand were inestimable assets for the movement which he led and inspired."

"His was the rare combination of the supreme qualities both of mind and character which makes up a truly outstanding personality and serves as a shining example to so many contemporaries," Mr. Sharett stated. "He was endowed with yet another treasure-- his aesthetic sense, which opened for him the world of letters and of art and became so ennobling a feature of his spiritual creativity and his very life. The disappearance from the American scene of such a towering figure makes one look around for an even remotely approximate successor."

A "personal farewell" was spoken at the services by Meyer W. Weisgal, chairman of the executive council of the Weizmann Institute of Science at Rehovoth, Israel, and a close friend of Mr. Lipsky, who had come here for the funeral. "I have traveled 6,000 miles," he said, "to bid farewell to my friend, teacher and spiritual leader. More than any other man in the Zionist movement, he embodied aristocracy of spirit."

"Everything in the world of literature, art, drama had meaning for him," Mr. Weisgal stressed. "But it was in the renaissance of the Jewish people that he saw the greatest drama of all, and for which he abandoned his personal world as a creative writer. In him, there was no inner conflict between his dedicated Americanism and his dedicated Zionism. In him, both found their perfect union."

Rabbi Ira Einstein, of the Jewish Reconstructionist, and Rabbi Joachim Prinz, of Temple Bnai Abraham, Newark, N. J., conducted the services. Cantor Moshe Nathanson read excerpts from the Psalms and recited the El Maleh Rachamim.

(In Washington, Sen. Kenneth B. Keating, New York Republican, made a statement on the Senate floor eulogizing Mr. Lipsky, stating that "the American Zionist movement lost one of its most distinguished elder statesmen and foremost leaders." Sen. Keating said he was "privileged to know Mr. Lipsky personally. He was a native of my home town of Rochester, and those who have followed his career have developed through the years an ever increasing respect and admiration for him as an individual, and for the magnificent job he did in furthering a cause he held so dear.")

DAVID ELNECAVE, DEAN OF JEWISH JOURNALISTS IN LATIN AMERICA, DEAD

BUENOS AIRES, June 2. (JTA) -- David Elnecape, dean of Jewish journalists in Latin America, died here this weekend. He was 81. Born in Istanbul, Turkey, he was one of the founders of the Zionist organization of Turkey and in 1909, of "El Judio," a Zionist weekly published in Ladino, the Judeo-Spanish language of the Turkish Jewish community.

His activities on behalf of the Zionist cause, in which he worked closely with the late Nahum Sokolow, Zeev Jabotinsky and Victor Jacobson, caused Mr. Elnecape to be charged with high treason by the Turkish Government. He fled to Bulgaria in 1922, where he continued publishing "El Judio," in Sofia. Arriving here eight years later, Mr. Elnecape founded "La Luz," a magazine now circulated among Jews throughout Latin America.

Mr. Elnecape came to be known in Latin America as the "patriarch of the Sephardim" and toured the continent on numerous occasions to lecture to its Jewish communities. He was the author of several books, among them "An Introduction to the Bible," and "The Good Shepherd," which also deals with the Bible.