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## ISRAEL JOINS CATHOLIC WORLD IN 'HEAVY GRIEF' OVER POPE JOHN'S DEATH

JERUSALEM, June 4. (JTA) -- President Zalman Shazar, in a cable to the Vatican today, declared that the people of Israel and he personally joined in the "heavy grief" of the Catholic world over the death of Pope John XXIII.

"The Pope's life was consecrated to the advancement of mutual understanding and the establishment of world peace," the President declared. "The Pope's positive measures to eradicate hatred will be engraved as a testimonial of his attitude toward Jews and will live in the memory of our people."

Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim described the death of Pope John XXIII last night as a "bitter blow" not only to Christendom but also to "lovers of peace and mankind" throughout the world.

Dr. Zorach Warhaftig, the Israel Minister for Religious Affairs, said that the Pope had been "one of the truly righteous men of the world with a liberal spirit and respect for mankind which he extended not only to the Christian community but also to the Jewish people."

"The sympathy he showed for the plight of the Jews during the terrible years of the holocaust was continued when he was elected Pope and saw to the excision from the Catholic liturgy of passages long offensive to Jews," Dr. Warhaftig added. "Blessed be his memory."

Press comment on the Pope's death stressed his liberalism and love for mankind. One editorial said that "Jews will especially remember this Pope who took practical steps to wipe away some of the anachronistic remnants of medieval anti-Semitism." Another editorial recalled the Pope's activities as Papal Nuncio in Turkey during the war years to counteract Nazi decrees in the Balkans and in saving many Jewish lives.

## U.S. Jewish Organizations Cable Messages of Grief to Vatican

NEW YORK, June 4. (JTA) -- National Jewish organizations today continued to express their grief over the death yesterday of Pope John XXIII, emphasizing his outspoken friendship to Jews and the affection which Jews throughout the world have felt for him.

The National Community Relations Advisory Council, which formulates the policy for the American Jewish Congress, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans of the U. S. A., Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America and United Synagogue of America--as well as for 64 regional and local Jewish councils throughout the country--issued a statement declaring that Pope John's death "is a loss not only to the Church that he headed with such grace, compassion and wisdom, but to the world." The statement was signed by Lewis H. Weinstein, NCRAC chairman.

The World Council of Synagogues, which has affiliates in 26 countries, cabled a message to the Vatican stating: "Pope John's saintly insights into the needs and responsibilities of men everywhere have established him as one of the giants of good will in modern history, meriting the age-old Jewish designation of 'Righteous of all nations' reserved for those who demonstrate by their lives and deeds their supreme love for God and man."

Other messages mourning the death of the Pontiff were issued by Rabbi Avraham N. Avrutick, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, the Orthodox rabbinical association; Dore Schary, chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith; Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion; Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Reform congregational body; Mrs. Siegfried Kramarsky, president of Hadassah; Rabbi Nussbaum, president of the Zionist Organization of America, and Mrs. Joseph Willen, president of the National Council of Jewish Women.

## Jews in Many Countries Mourn Death of Pope John XXIII

ROME, June 4. (JTA) -- The Union of Italian Jewish communities sent a telegram today to the Vatican declaring that "Italian Jews present their reverence and respect to the memory of Pope John who toiled with high spirit to achieve among men the same divine harmony that governs the universe."

In a statement to the press, the Union said that the Pope's death was "a great loss for the whole of humanity, for every nation, for every state. Because of the Ecumenical Council,"

which Pope John convened, "and the encyclical 'Peace on Earth,' the eyes of mankind were directed toward him in the hope that his work would have been fruitful, Jews the more so."

The statement added that some of the late Pope's actions "had given confidence that unjust barriers would have been eliminated. In view of the expectations of all mankind, we do not doubt that whoever takes over so momentous an inheritance will be able to achieve a successful conclusion of the enlightened work initiated by Pope John."

LONDON, June 4. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress office here sent today a message to the Vatican Secretary of State saying: "Jews throughout the world are deeply moved by the passing of Pope John XXIII whose exalted ideals, courage, simple humanity and zealous endeavor gave so much hope of a new era of understanding, tolerance and harmony between all peoples and faiths. On behalf of the Jewish communities and organizations associated in the World Jewish Congress, we express our profound sadness and sympathy with the Roman Catholic Church in the grievous loss to all mankind of this noble man and universally beloved religious leader."

Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie declared today, in a message to the Vatican Secretary of State, that the Jewish community of Britain "joins in the general grief and mourning at the passing of Pope John XXIII. Beloved of God and his fellow men; his life was distinguished by his humility, wisdom and compassion. He will be remembered for his work for peace and humanity."

PARIS, June 4. (JTA) -- Grand Rabbi Jacob Kaplan of Paris declared today in a message that all believers felt deep sorrow at the news of the death yesterday of Pope John XXIII. Rabbi Kaplan said the Pope's passing "prematurely ends a promising pontificate, his last encyclical having created great hope within all of mankind." Dr. Kaplan particularly praised the late Pontiff for his action in ordering the elimination from the Good Friday service of the phrase "perfidious Jew" and the Pope's desire to put an end to anti-Jewish teachings in Catholicism.

BRUSSELS, June 4. (JTA) -- Messages of condolence from Belgian Jewry on the death of Pope John XXIII were conveyed today in cables sent by the Central Jewish Consistory of Belgium to Cardinal Cicognani in Rome and to the Apostolic Nuncio in Belgium.

BUENOS AIRES, June 4. (JTA) -- The DAA, the central body of Argentine Jewry, declared today in a message that the Argentine Jewish community, "which followed with deep anxiety the news of the illness of Pope John XXIII, joins in the general grief over his death." The message, sent to Msgr. Humberto Mozzoni, the Apostolic Nuncio, expressed the belief that "Pope John's glorious memory, founded on work of the highest religious and humanistic essence, will be a lasting, inspiring and happy continuation of the immense task he undertook."

The South American executive of the World Jewish Congress also sent a message to the Nuncio, expressing grief over the Pope's death. Jewish newspapers in Argentina stressed the Pope's popularity with Jews and his friendly attitude toward Jews.

#### SYRIAN ATTACKS ON ISRAELI FIELDWORKERS EVOLVE 'CONCERN' IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, June 4. (JTA) -- Renewed Syrian attacks on Israeli fieldworkers south of Lake Tiberias resulted in instructions today to Michael Comay, Israel's United Nations delegation head, to convey to UN Secretary General U Thant Israel's "grave concern" over the attacks.

Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion conferred with Israel Chief of Staff Major General Zvi Tsur over the renewed gunfire and the issue also was taken up yesterday by Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, when she received Lt. Gen. Odd Bull, the new chief of the United Nations Truce Supervisory Organization.

Political sources here expressed anxiety over the new Syrian attacks which were aimed at fields in the demilitarized zone which had never been fired on before and which are clearly inside Israeli territory. The fieldworkers were fired on at Shaar Hagolan. The Syrians apparently were determined to do their utmost to prevent cultivation of a land parcel. No casualties were reported in the attack yesterday.

#### DANGER FOR ISRAEL SEEN BY SENATOR JAVITS; DISAGREES WITH STATE DEPT.

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y., June 4. (JTA) -- Sen. Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, asserted tonight that a mutual defense pact with Israel by the United States, Britain, France and any other Middle East State willing to assume its obligations "is essential" to Israel's security.

The Senator made the statement in an address to the 111th annual convention of District No. 1 of B'nai B'rith here. He also told the 2,000 delegates that he disagreed completely with the view of the State Department that "there is no immediate danger to Israel." He contended that the danger existed "and that it may be imminent."

He charged that the Middle East was "the only part of the world where United States policy treats friends of peace and foes of peace alike."

## KLUTZNICK URGES CREATION OF NEW UNIFYING NATIONAL JEWISH GROUP

CLEVELAND, June 4. (JTA) -- The creation of a new unifying national Jewish cooperative group that would "preserve the spirit of voluntarism" but which would allow the American Jewish community "to function generally in a more orderly and non-competitive fashion" was urged by Philip M. Klutznick last night addressing the 65th annual meeting of the National Conference of Jewish Communal Service here. Using the United Nations as an example, he said that if the United States and Russia could belong to the UN, then all Jewish groups should be able to get together.

Mr. Klutznick, former Deputy U.S. Representative to the United Nations and former president of the B'nai B'rith, described this new coordinating group as something less than "a kehillah type community" but something more than the present loosely organized President's conference, of which he was at one time chairman.

He proposed that a task force of 15 to 25 experts of varying viewpoints "selected for their knowledge of the problems of Jewish organizational life in America" should be chosen by the presidents of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Yeshiva University, the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and Brandeis University. These four educators, who would be members of the study group, would choose the balance of the membership and "set up the rules for convening the conference and the publication of the report," he said.

The working group's sole purpose "would be to try and find a basis for a live and modern discussion of the problem of community organization rather than the sterile debate of unity versus voluntarism," he said. Stating that he realized the difficulties inherent in the creation of a central Jewish cooperative group, Mr. Klutznick, referring to his UN experience, asked: "Are Jewish organizations and Jewish communal groups in America more sovereign than either the United States or the Soviet? Certainly," he pointed out, "they have more in common ideologically, no matter what their differences, than have these two sovereign powers."

The core group, as Mr. Klutznick saw it, must "produce the germ of an idea that would capture all of the precious attributes of voluntarism and install the ingredient essential for the attainment of realizable harmonization and cooperation." He said such cooperation was not a "luxury" but rather that "at this stage of American Jewish history, it may well be a necessity from which we cannot escape." He stated that the study he proposed might cost between \$50,000 and \$100,000, and urged that such a fund be provided by a foundation or a group of individuals.

He warned against the dangers of pushing for the European Kehillah type unity. Those who urge it, he said, "are not too knowledgeable as to the depth of feeling against such an instrument and the real disunity that could be generated if an attempt to create it was seriously undertaken. Such a campaign would set back the cause of cooperative engagement a good number of years."

He also warned against those who "use the argument for voluntarism as a mandate for unorganized chaos or a license that permits only 'ad hoc' cooperation." This viewpoint, he claimed, expressed an unwillingness to exercise the maximum rights of voluntarism which is to make the most of freedom to organize through cooperation and harmonization. "He said he accepted the right of an organization to "refuse to enter into any program" and said "perhaps only one major American Jewish organization goes that far" but that similarly the American Jewish community is "likewise entitled to assess its value and its philosophy in the light of today's world" and that the greatest discipline the community has is to "provide or withhold community support based upon such assessment."

### United Hias Director Reports on American Immigration Policy

James P. Rice, executive director of United Hias Service, addressing the National Conference today on the meaning of a liberalized United States immigration policy for the American Jewish community, reported that 46 percent of the migrants and refugees the agency helped to resettle last year came to the United States. He called this a "direct result of the permanent features of the parolee law, Public Law 87-810, which was signed by the President on June 28, 1962. The enactment of liberalized immigration legislation, he said, "would enable us further to extend our efforts in making the United States one of the major countries for Jewish migrants the world over."

Jacob T. Zukerman of New York, executive director and chief counsel of the Family Location Service, was elected president of the National Conference today. He succeeds Philip Soskis, also of New York. Other officers elected were Bertram H. Gold of Los Angeles, first vice-president; Maurice Bernstein of New York, second vice-president; Solomon Geld of Clifton, New Jersey; treasurer; and William Avrunin, of Detroit, Michigan, who was re-elected secretary. Named to the executive committee were Emanuel Berlatsky, of New York; Bernard Goldstein of Dallas, Texas; Mrs. Martha K. Selig of New York; and Manheim Shapiro of New York.

Mr. Zukerman heads Family Location Service, a member agency of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York specializing in problems of family breakdown. A member of the bar, he is a graduate of the New York University Law School and the New York School of Social Work. He has been active in many communal organization and is national president of the Workmen's Circle, and national vice-chairman of the Jewish Labor Committee.

### SMEARING OF NAZI EMBLEMS ON SYNAGOGUE WALLS CONTINUES IN TORONTO

TORONTO, June 4. (JTA) -- Police stepped up today their search for vandals who extended to the fifth weekend in a row the smearing of swastikas on synagogues in the area.

Ten of the Nazi emblems were painted on the Beth Zedek synagogue last Friday night. The words "Juden Raus" also were smeared on the synagogue walls. During the prior weekend, the walls of Beth Jacob synagogue were daubed with swastikas.

Police indicated that the same person or persons were responsible for all five smear efforts, noting that the lettering and the shape of the swastikas have been the same in all five cases. Spray paint from pressurized containers was used in the five smearings.

Despite police patrols at the synagogues, no arrests have been made. The smearings have been directed against synagogues in both the former Jewish downtown section of Toronto and in the new suburbs to which Jews have moved in recent years.

### 2,000 AMERICAN JEWS EXPECTED TO SETTLE IN ISRAEL THIS YEAR

NEW YORK, June 4. (JTA) -- More than 2,000 American Jews settled in Israel during last year and the same resettlement is expected to take place this year, S. Z. Shragai, head of the immigration department of the Jewish Agency reported at a press conference. He lauded the immigration of Chassidic Jews from the United States and said that these immigrants have established several imposing settlements in Israel.

Mr. Shragai emphasized that there was a shortage of labor in Israel and that all kinds of immigrants were welcome. The majority of the immigrants now coming to Israel, he said, are of the poorer class and very few are of the middle class. However, the Jewish Agency and the Israel Government are not hindered by any existing difficulties in encouraging immigration which is expected to be even higher this year than last year.

### MEIR GROSSMAN, VETERAN ZIONIST LEADER, HONORED ON 75TH BIRTHDAY

JERUSALEM, June 4. (JTA) -- Meir Grossman, veteran Zionist leader and co-founder of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, was honored here today by the Jewish Agency executive at a special luncheon given on the occasion of his 75th birthday. Mr. Grossman, who settled in Palestine in 1934, was a member of the Jewish Agency executive and head of the Agency's economic department.

Among those who paid tribute at the luncheon to Mr. Grossman for his manifold activities on behalf of Zionism, were Moshe Sharett, chairman of the Agency executive; Dr. Israel Goldstein, chairman of the Keren Hayesod; Yaacov Tsur, chairman of the Jewish National Fund, and Leo Dulzin, member of the Agency executive.

Mr. Grossman, a noted journalist, was born in Russia and lived in London for many years. Together with Vladimir Jabotinsky he formed the Zionist-Revisionist Party which he left later. He also lived for a short period in the United States where he was active in the American Jewish Conference.

### WOLFSON FOUNDATION PRESENTS \$140,000 GIFT TO ORT SCHOOL IN ISRAEL

LONDON, June 4. (JTA) -- A gift of 50,000 pounds sterling (\$140,000) from the Wolfson Foundation to equip an ORT training school in Tel Aviv was announced here today by Gabriel Sacher, chairman of British ORT.

The school, one of a network of new apprenticeship centers being established in Israel by ORT in conjunction with the Israeli Ministry of Labor, will provide vocational training for about 4,500 students annually.

### SAMUEL RABINOVICH, NOTED ARGENTINE JEWISH LEADER, DEAD; WAS 77

BUENOS AIRES, June 4. (JTA) -- Samuel Rabinovich, a veteran Zionist and Argentine Jewish communal leader, died here today at the age of 77. He was one of the founders and a former president of the DAIA, the representative organization of Argentine Jewry.

Born in Bessarabia, Mr. Rabinovich came to Argentina in 1904 and was a founder of the Argentine Zionist Federation. He was a former president of the Buenos Aires Kehilla and of the Argentine Federation of Kehillot. He was also a founder and former president of the Argentine Lodge of B'nai B'rith. Active in the work of the Keren Hayesod, he was the first president of the United Campaign here in 1948. He also served as chairman of the General Zionist party here.

### RABBI BENKOWITZ, OLDEST RABBI IN U.S., DIES IN CHELSEA; AGED 109

BOSTON, June 4. (JTA) -- Rabbi Icik Benkowitz, believed to be the nation's oldest spiritual leader, passed away here after a brief illness, at the age of 109. Until a few months ago, he actively served as rabbi of two congregations in nearby Chelsea, daily walking more than a mile from his home to both houses of worship.

In 1955, when clergymen were permitted to apply for Social Security benefits, Rabbi Benkowitz, then 102, became the oldest applicant in the country to register. He was born in Lithuania on August 1, 1853, and served as an Orthodox rabbi in several cities in the Ukraine before coming to this country with his family just prior to World War I.