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ECUMENICAL COUNCIL WILL NOT DROP RESOLUTION ON ANTI-SEMITISM, ROME SAYS

NEW YORK, July 2. (JTA)-- Sources "very near to the Presidency of the Secretariat in Rome for the Unity of Christians" of the Ecumenical Council today denied a report that the Ecumenical Council resolution condemning anti-Semitism was to be dropped. This was disclosed in a cable received here today from Zachariah Shuster, director of the American Jewish Committee's European office.

Mr. Shuster had been mentioned last Sunday in a statement by Rev. Gustav Weigel, professor of ecclesiology at Woodstock College in Maryland, as being "anxious" for the issuance of the resolution condemning anti-Semitism by the Ecumenical Council. Father Weigel had made the statement at the question and answer period at a meeting of the National Community Relations Advisory Council in Atlantic City last weekend.

In his remarks, Father Weigel said that "although this (the declaration on anti-Semitism) was a statement of moral principle," the Arab states "would see in it a political intention."

Mr. Shuster said that he was informed this morning by authoritative sources in Rome that the statement attributed to Father Weigel regarding future action by the Ecumenical Council on the resolution "does not correspond to the actual state of the question involved." Sources close to the Secretariat for Christian Unity of the Ecumenical Council stressed that "no authorization whatever" had been given to making statements like the one attributed to Father Weigel."

(Father Weigel, in the question and answer period at the NCRAC meeting had voiced his concern that the resolution on anti-Semitism would not be acted upon when the Ecumenical Council convened on September 29. He said the statement might be introduced before the Council ends its labors, but his own feeling, based on personal observation, was that the bishops would rather avoid the issue than face it.)

Father Weigel 'Gladly' Accepts the Information from Rome

Father Gustav Weigel in a statement to the American Jewish Committee today said: "In the question and answer period to the lecture which I gave to the National Community Relations Advisory Council, I was asked what was the situation of the condemnation of anti-Semitism by the Vatican Council. Without the sufficient reflection and time to make a statement for the press, I answered that something had been prepared for the first session but for fear of its being interpreted as a political tactic, many felt it should be reserved to the second session.

"I expressed it as my personal guess without instruction from anyone and representing no one, that it would probably be avoided in the second session. Gladly do I accept information from those in a better position, who can give a contrary prognosis. The question at issue is a moral one and political arguments are not in place."

U.A.H.C. Appeals to Ecumenical Council to Act on Anti-Semitism

NEW YORK, July 2. (JTA) -- The Union of American Hebrew Congregations, in a statement today, praised the Ecumenical Council for its consideration of a declaration against anti-Semitism and expressed the hope that such a document would be acted upon on "theological and not political" grounds.

The central body of Reform Judaism said in its statement that "surely no Arab could object to a statement condemning anti-Semitism." It pointed out that the Arabs were the first to continually admit that "they, too, are Semites. Repeatedly, they tried to make a distinction between their opposition to the State of Israel and their feeling about Jews, who may live outside the State of Israel. Their distinction, however, has never been valid, since they have constantly discriminated against non-Israel Jews."

SENATE GETS BILL FOR 'BASIC OVERHAULING' OF IMMIGRATION POLICY

WASHINGTON, July 2. (JTA) -- Sen. Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, joined by five other senators, introduced today legislation to bring about "a basic overhaul" in immigration policy and correct the inequities in the McCarran-Walter act.

Immediate support for the Javits bill came from Senators Kenneth B. Keating, New York Republican; Wayne Morse, Oregon Democrat; Leverett Saltonstall, Massachusetts Republican; Clifford P. Case, New Jersey Republican, and Hugh Scott, Pennsylvania Republican.

Sen. Javits said it was particularly timely to give attention to immigration legislation because of the emphasis on civil rights. He termed immigration reform "civil rights legislation for the world." He told the Senate that "our national immigration policy has produced an incredible epic of broken lives, divided families, case after case of anguish, despair and frustration.

Main features of the Javits bill included: 1. Determination of annual quotas on basis of 1960 census instead of 1920 and redetermination of quotas after every 10 year census; 2. Pooling of unused quotas; 3. Establishment of a board of visa appeals in the State Department; 4. Establishment of statute of limitations on deportation; 5. Judicial review facilities on citizenship questions; and 6. Elimination of disadvantage of naturalized citizens, as compared with natural-born citizens, through loss of nationality because of residence abroad.

WORLD CRT CONFERENCE VOTES GENERAL EXPANSION OF WORK IN 20 COUNTRIES

DIVONNE, France, July 2. (JTA) -- A general expansion of CRT training programs including increased training of skilled workers and technicians in 20 countries, was voted here today at the concluding session of a three-day world CRT conference attended by some 250 delegates from 30 countries.

The conference announced that, to give economic independence to North African refugees and repatriates in France, the number of adult courses had been increased in schools in Paris, Marseilles and Lyons and in the recently opened center in Toulouse.

In Israel, an CRT program that will provide apprenticeship training for 10,000 to 15,000 persons, is projected. Other features of the Israel program include the expansion of the three-year school system and the establishment of more schools in developing areas.

The conference also announced that CRT will establish the first refrigeration school in Iran and, in September, will also set up a school of industrial dressmaking for girls. CRT activities will also be expanded in India where the organization recently opened a school for Indian Jews in Bombay.

The program also calls for modernization of school equipment and the establishment of modern technology courses such as electronics in South America, where CRT has been active since the Second World War.

Dr. Max Braude, director general of the World CRT Union reported at the conference that the training capacity of the organization has been increased in areas of most pressing need from 40 to 100 per cent during the past three years. He noted that the greatest increase in capacity -- more than 100 per cent -- had taken place in Israel.

A total of 70,000 persons, Dr. Braude said, had completed vocational training since 1960 at 600 CRT trade and technical units in 20 countries. He estimated the earnings of these graduates at more than \$100,000,000. He said that a program of manual education would shortly be instituted in Ethiopia and that the first center for the training of Indian Jews had already been opened in Bombay.

In the field of technical aid to developing countries, Dr. Braude announced the establishment of an institute for the training of African technicians and vocational school teachers at the CRT center in Natanya, Israel with a current enrollment of 117 students from 18 African nations.

EXHIBIT OF 140 YEARS OF JEWISH PRESS IN BRITAIN OPENS IN LONDON

LONDON, July 2. (JTA) -- An exhibit of the Jewish press in Britain, covering a period of 140 years and containing 477 items, was opened here last night at the Ben Uri Gallery. The exhibit included a display of the daily news bulletin of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, which has been published in London during the 46 years of the existence of the JTA. The exhibit is sponsored by the British section of the World Jewish Congress.

C. J. F. W. F. REPORTS DRAMATIC SHIFTS IN JEWISH WELFARE SERVICES

NEW YORK, July 2. (JTA) -- Significant new trends in the financing and services of Jewish health and welfare agencies since the end of World War II are reported by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds in its Yearbook of Jewish Social Services released today. The report also analyzes service and financial statistics for the year ending December 1961 in the fields of family, child, aged and hospital care, indicating shifts in sources of income and in demands for service.

The most dramatic service shift in the past 16 years occurred in the area of aged care and is reflected in the work of family service agencies and hospitals as well as of institutional homes for the old. Supplementary reports from about half of the Jewish family agencies in the country indicate that between 20 and 50 per cent of all families currently served brought with them some problems of the aged. To improve and expand in-community programs for the aged, many family agencies have set up new departments; others have assigned special workers to handle aged clients.

Jewish family agencies have pioneered in the development of new programs to reach and serve older people, the report states. Such programs include private resident (foster) home programs, special boarding homes, friendly visiting services, extension of homemaker and domestic services. Some also have instituted information and referral services to help older persons find the community resources they need.

In institutional homes for the aged, the 16 post war years have seen major expansions not only in the number of homes and their bed capacity, but also in the number and proportion of beds reserved for the chronically ill. In homes with modern services, in fact, infirmary facilities constitute between one-half and two-thirds of the total bed complement.

Number of Residents in 75 Jewish Homes for Aged Doubled

The number of residents in 75 reporting homes totalled nearly 12,000 by the end of 1961, or double their population in 1945. Three-fourths of the income of homes for the aged now comes from payments by residents, although such payments often include government funds in the form of Old Age Assistance grants, social security benefits, etc. "This is a marked shift in income source since 1945 when only one-third of aged homes' income came from residents' payments," the report stresses.

Today's family agencies serve one-fourth more people than they did in 1946, but their total income has increased only four per cent in that time, the report points out. Part of this income lag is compensated by the sharp drop in financial aid to clients, due to the decline in numbers of immigrant families needing monetary assistance.

The period from the end of World War II to 1961 has seen an increase of about 80 per cent in the number of patients admitted to Jewish general hospitals. Even with the decrease in the average-patient days' stay made possible by medical advances, the result has been a 60 per cent increase in days' care during that period.

Income of Jewish Hospitals Increases; Child Care Declines

The income of Jewish hospitals--both general and special--has increased more than four fold in the past 16 years. While Jewish federation contributions to hospitals has remained substantially the same--30 per cent of its total allocations for local services--the proportion of these funds to the hospitals' total budget has decreased from approximately 10 per cent in 1946 to five per cent in 1961.

The combined federation and community chest allocations show a similar decrease: from 13 per cent in 1946 to six per cent in 1961. Payments for service, including Blue Cross and other prepaid insurance, continue to be the hospitals' major source of revenue, remaining at about 80 per cent throughout this post war period. The major increase, proportionately, has been in income derived from public funds.

Child care agencies are serving 20 per cent fewer children today than they did in 1946, but they require more intensive service, because they are more disturbed. The number of children serviced, which had declined steadily until 1957 is now increasing slightly. Federation dollar grants have increased, but these had constituted half the funds used for child care services in 1946, and one-third in 1961. The difference has been almost entirely made up by government funds, although patterns of government assistance vary from state to state.

QUEBEC ASSEMBLY ADOPTS MEASURE OUTLAWING BIAS IN HOTELS, RESTAURANTS

MONTREAL, July 2. (JTA) -- The Legislative Assembly of Quebec unanimously approved a Government measure to make any discrimination illegal in the hotels, restaurants and camping grounds of the Province of Quebec. The Canadian Jewish Congress, which had urged such legislation, sent a congratulatory telegram to Prime Minister Jean Lesage.

In presenting the amendment to the existing law, Carrier Fortin, Minister Without Portfolio in the Quebec Cabinet, said that he believed it would serve as an example to other provinces. Asserting that discrimination on religious and racial grounds "is not practiced generally in Quebec," he told the legislators that the law was designed "to prevent isolated instances and to ensure that visitors to the province, especially those who come to the World's Fair, will be received anywhere without incident. We want to affirm the principle that all people have equal rights here."

The original law left a hotel owner the right to refuse a person food and lodging if there was "just cause." This provision had been under sharp criticism as being too vague and open to abuse. The amendment reads:

"No owner or tenant of a hotel, restaurant, or camping ground shall directly or through his agent or a third party, refuse to provide any person or class of persons with lodging, food or any other service available to the public in the establishment, or discriminate against any person or class of persons with respect to lodging, food or any other service available to the public in the establishment, because of the race, creed, color, nationality, ancestry or place of origin of such person or class of persons."

Under the amended act, any person found guilty of a violation will be liable to a fine of \$20 to \$100 for each offense and, in the event of subsequent offense within two years, to a fine of from \$50 to \$200. Written authorization by the Minister of Tourism, Fish and Game is required for prosecution.

The Canadian Jewish Congress in commenting on the amendments said that while the Minister was correct in saying that such cases of bias were not frequent, "anyone with any experience in these matters will attest to the fact that there are a sufficient number to warrant the introduction of the bill."

MRS. HARMAN ELECTED VICE-PRESIDENT OF INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN

WASHINGTON, July 2. (JTA) -- Mrs. Avraham Harman, wife of the Israeli Ambassador, has been elected a vice-president of the International Council of Women at the group's convention which closed today. Another Israeli, Mrs. Cecil Hymen, was elected vice-convenor to the Council's health committee.

Fifty-two countries were represented. An Israeli delegation, headed by Mrs. Shoshana Hareli, included Mrs. Leah Bethali, Mrs. Michael Comay, Mrs. Zeva Talbar, Mrs. Harman, and Mrs. Ora Goitein, Israel Embassy attaché for women's affairs.

CONDE MCGINLEY, ANTI-SEMITIC PROPAGANDIST, DEAD; PUBLISHED 'COMMON SENSE'

UNION, N.J., July 2. (JTA) -- Conde McGinley, long-time hate-peddler, died here yesterday at the age of 73, from cancer. He and his son have published "Common Sense," a semi-monthly which claimed a paid circulation of 91,000.

The House Committee on Un-American activities declared after an investigation in 1954, that anti-Semitism was McGinley's chief stock-in-trade. A resolution is pending in the New Jersey Senate calling him "a bigot who is anti-Negro, anti-Catholic and anti-Jew." A spokesman at his office said, however, that McGinley was a Roman Catholic and would be buried Thursday after a mass.

HARRY LEFRAK, NEW YORK BUILDER, DEAD; SPONSORED HOSPITALS IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, July 2. (JTA) -- Harry Lefrak, prominent Jewish real estate executive and philanthropist, died here last night at the age of 78. A pioneer in apartment construction in New York City, Mr. Lefrak was the founder of one of the largest construction firms in the United States.

Born in Russia, Mr. Lefrak was taken as a child to Palestine where he lived for several years before emigrating to the United States. Through the Lefrak Foundation, Mr. Lefrak has sponsored the William Lambert Hospital in Beersheba, Beth Levinstein Hospital and the Harry and Sarah Lefrak Medical Center in Haifa. Mr. Lefrak was active in the work of the United Jewish Appeal and the Histadrut. He also supported the work of the Jewish National Fund.

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