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## ROME CONFERENCE APPEALS TO MOSCOW FOR EQUAL RIGHTS TO SOVIET JEWS

ROME, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- The Soviet Union was urged today at the close of a conference of Italian intellectuals on the situation of Russian Jewry, to restore to its Jewish citizens equality of rights.

The resolution asserted that Soviet Jews were still subjected to various forms of discrimination and persecution, that injustices were done to Jews in the cultural field and that thousands of divided Jewish families were still unable to reunite with relatives in Israel and elsewhere.

The resolution also charged that demagogic campaigns were regularly launched in the Soviet press bearing an outwardly anti-religious character which tended to create mistrust and contempt toward Russian Jews. Such conditions were worsened, the resolution declared, by unremitting denunciation of Russian Jews as "economic offenders" and by their persecution by state security police which was often followed by death sentences.

Declaring that such policies of denials of human rights were in conflict with Great Power efforts to reconcile their differences, the delegates asked the Soviet Union, in its own interest and in the interest of peace and better understanding among the nations, to end such restrictions. They also called on Soviet authorities to permit reunion of Jewish families and to halt the "unjust campaigns and doubtful repressions of economic activities called illegal."

### Calls on World Opinion to Intervene for Jews in Russia

The delegates also invited world opinion to join in efforts to spread information on the fate of Soviet Jewry and to obtain help for them, in this way serving the interest of peace among nations and of humanity in general. The conference was the second on the theme in Rome.

The resolution was proposed by Prof. Aldo Garosci of the University of Rome, who charged that in so-called economic crimes, Russian state authority police directed their activities more against Jews than at any other section of the Soviet population.

He said that of 149 death sentences passed on alleged economic criminals, 60 per cent were inflicted on Jews. In the Ukraine, he said, the percentage of Jewish victims runs from 80 to 90 per cent. He also reported that an "extremely violent" campaign was underway in the Soviet press against persons with Jewish names who are accused of "speculation" and "servility to foreigners." However, he added, the most enlightened Soviet intellectuals were hoping there would be an end to Russian anti-Semitism.

In introducing the resolution, he said the issue was "fundamental. It is a measure of the reality of the world's hopes for reconciliation between the East and the West in the interests of peace and humanity." The scholar also reviewed the sources of the Soviet anti-Jewish bias and its "paradoxical consequences." He said that Jews were deprived of the right to live as a national group—a right conceded in Russia even to the smallest communities—but suffered discrimination as a group in many areas.

Other speakers cited the Soviet Union's pro-Arab policies and the anti-Semitism of the Slav world which they said has never disappeared. They stressed the age-old fate of the Jews to be a scapegoat for economic difficulties. Death sentences imposed on Russian Jews for "economic crimes" were strongly criticized and refuted by the speakers. A message was received from Lord Bertrand Russell, lauding the goals of the conference and expressing hope for its success. Lord Russell sent appeals last year twice to Soviet Premier Khrushchev on behalf of Soviet Jewry.

## GOLDA MEIR PROPOSES AT U.N. A SIX-POINT PROGRAM FOR MIDDLE EAST

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 3. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, laid down before a plenary session of the General Assembly yesterday a six-point program for lessening existing tensions in the Middle East and "allay the fears of armed conflict." On behalf of Israel's Government, she proposed that the governments in the area pledge themselves:

"1. To respect the political independence and territorial integrity of all the states of the region; 2. Not to interfere in the internal affairs of any other state; 3. To renounce

the threat or use of force; 4. To abandon policies and practices of belligerency, including boycott and blockade; 5. To settle all disputes by peaceful means; 6. To enter into negotiations with the object of achieving complete disarmament with mutual inspection, covering all types of weapons."

Mrs. Meir's address to the Assembly was her first appearance on the podium during this session, although she has been here since September 25. She spoke to a capacity attendance during the Assembly's "general debate," a procedure giving Foreign Ministers and other delegation heads the opportunity of outlining the overall foreign policies of their respective governments. After her half-hour address, she received loud and prolonged applause from diplomats in the Assembly auditorium, while many delegation chairmen rose to greet her and shake her hand as she walked the long middle aisle on her way back to her seat in the Assembly.

#### Notes Increased Middle East Tension; Cites Arab Threats to Israel

Mrs. Meir noted increasing tensions in the Middle East in the last year, saying that the tensions, often involving Israel, were mainly due to inter-Arab conflicts and struggles. Israel, she said, has been the main target of belligerency. She recalled that Israel's four armistice agreements in 1949 were intended to end conflicts and to be a transition toward full peace.

"Yet, 14 years later," she told the Assembly, "our Arab neighbors still openly declare themselves to be in a state of war with Israel, and are constantly threatening to attack it. What is more, hostility is becoming heavily armed. A constant stream of weapons, of a more and more modern and lethal character, is being unloaded in the ports of Arab countries at the very moment when their representatives plead from this rostrum for peace and disarmament. Mercenary German scientists and technicians are hired by Egypt to develop non-conventional weapons of mass destruction, and rockets are paraded in the streets of Cairo with public boasts by its President that they can strike at any point in Israel. Simultaneously, a massive military build-up of conventional arms is proceeding."

Mrs. Meir stressed that if Israel were to be attacked, it would know how to defend itself effectively. "But Israel is not seeking a military victory. Our objective is the prevention of war and the preservation of peace," she said. She pointed out that the rapidly escalating arms race in the Middle East gravely endangers the peace and stability of the area. "At the same time, it consumes the precious and limited resources so urgently needed to lift large parts of its inhabitants from the depths of poverty, illiteracy and disease," she emphasized.

Mrs. Meir hit at the Soviet Union's persecution of Jews in the USSR, but avoided mentioning the Soviet Union by name. She told the Assembly: "There is one large Jewish community today that is not permitted freely to practice its religion, to attend to its spiritual needs, or to develop its cultural life--whose observance of traditions carries with it punishment and suffering-- and that must witness our Holy Scriptures and the language in which it was handed on through the generations, abused and suppressed."

#### CARDINAL BEA ASKS ECUMENICAL COUNCIL TO DISCUSS ISSUES ON JEWS

ROME, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- A proposal that the Catholic Church should deal with Catholic-Jewish relationships in view of the "particular relations" between Jews and the Catholic Church was made to the Ecumenical Council Vatican II here today. The suggestion came during the debate on the formulation of the document known as "De Ecclesia," currently under discussion.

The proposal was voiced by Augustin Cardinal Bea, president of the Vatican's Secretariat for Christian Unity. He suggested that, in the section of the "schema" dealing with non-Christians, special mention should be made of the Jews.

#### RABBI CRITICIZES SILENCE OF POPE PIUS XII ON NAZI ANNIHILATION OF JEWS

LONDON, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- Sharp criticism of the late Pope Pius XII was leveled here today by Rabbi Joseph Litvin, one-time professor of history at the University of Moscow, a prominent British Zionist who is now editor of the Zionist Yearbook. He made his criticism in a letter to the Daily Telegraph in connection with the production running at the Aldwych Theatre here of "The Representative." That play has been attacked by many Catholics because it blames the late Pontiff for failing to protest publicly against Hitler's mass-annihilation of European Jewry.

Stating that other leaders had taken action, while Pope Pius remained silent, Rabbi Litvin declared: "The reactionary Prime Minister of Rumania, Antonescu, saved Jews in certain Rumanian districts from extermination. King Boris, of Bulgaria, an ally of the Nazis, whose country was occupied by the Germans, saved the Jews of Bulgaria. King Christian of Denmark did his utmost to save the Danish Jews; he openly opposed anti-Semitism; he was not punished by the Germans."

Asserting that Hitler and the Nazis never ceased reckoning with public opinion in certain countries, Rabbi Litvin stated: "There were 35,000,000 devout Roman Catholics in Hitler's Greater Germany. How can one doubt that, had Pope Pius threatened Germany with interdiction, a million Jews would have been saved?"

# LONDON THEATER GETS THREATS OVER CONTROVERSIAL PLAY ON POPE PIUS XII

LONDON, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- Police guards were stationed last night at the stage door of the Aldwych Theater where "The Representative" is being performed. The play is the English version of "The Deputy," a drama charging the late Pope Pius XII with keeping silent during Hitler's annihilation of the European Jews.

Telephone threats had been made to "beat up" Michael Williams, the actor playing Adolf Eichmann in the production. Posters and billboards in front of the theater have been defaced with such remarks as "this play is a slander against a good man" and "the Aldwych opens its doors to Marxist, twisted propaganda." The last remark was aimed at the German author of the play, Rolf Hochhuth. Hundreds of written complaints against the play, mainly from Catholic sources, have been received by the Royal Shakespeare Company which is producing the drama.

# POLISH MINISTRY TO ORGANIZE COURSE FOR TEACHERS OF YIDDISH

LONDON, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- The Polish Ministry of Education plans to organize soon a course for teachers of Yiddish and Jewish history, it was reported here today from Warsaw.

The plan was the outcome of a meeting between Ferdinand Herok, Deputy Education Minister, and a delegation of the Jewish Cultural and Social Association, headed by Dr. David Stard. A number of problems of Jewish education and Jewish cultural activities in Poland were discussed during the meeting.

The Education Ministry also undertook to provide further help for Jewish summer camps where, in addition to vacation programs, Jewish education also is provided. The Ministry also said it would include a new building for a Jewish school in Wroclaw in a national program of 1,000 new school buildings now under way.

# WORLD UNION OF GENERAL ZIONISTS REPLIES TO ZIONIST CONFEDERATION

NEW YORK, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- The World Union of General Zionists today issued a statement replying to the World Confederation of General Zionists, which termed as "fallacious" the claim by the World Union that it speaks for two-thirds of all General Zionists. The reply by the World Union, issued by Jacques Torczyner, an officer of the organization, stated:

"The World Union of General Zionists sees no useful purpose to be served by a journalistic debate with the Goldstein-Halprin Confederation regarding the proportion of General Zionists represented by either of the two groupings. The World Conference for Unification of General Zionists recently held in Tel Aviv, was a great success. The new World Union formed there has attracted and now includes many organizations formerly affiliated with the Goldstein-Halprin grouping. This is notably the case throughout Latin America; and the same process is now underway in Europe, as well.

"Outside of England and the Hadassah in the United States, the Goldstein-Halprin group cannot point to a single organization of any size actually affiliated with it. The arithmetical or algebraic issue that has been raised will only be settled conclusively when the roll of delegates to the next Zionist Congress will be called. We are confident that our estimate will then be vindicated. Certainly, there is no room for doubt that the World Union already represents the largest grouping of General Zionist organizations within the World Zionist movement.

"As for the old issue of 'identification' and 'non identification,' we would simply point out that one of the basic principles unanimously adopted at our World Conference provides that our World Union shall function within the World Zionist Organization for Zionist purposes exclusively, and shall not intervene in the domestic policies of Israel or of any other country."

# TWC-DAY HIAS PARLEY IN GENEVA DISCUSSES IMMIGRATION TO CANADA

GENEVA, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- Plans for close cooperation with Canadian Jewish organizations on recently announced Canadian Government plans to liberalize and expedite admission of Jewish migrants from overseas trouble spots were adopted at a two-day overseas staff conference here of the United Hias Service, executive director James P. Rice reported today.

The migration experts discussed resettlement problems for Jews, particularly family reunion for families from Eastern Europe, North Africa, the Middle East and Cuba with members in North and South America, Australia and Western Europe.

Also discussed was the possible effect on Hias operations of passage of the United States immigration law changes proposed by President Kennedy, which would eliminate the national origins quota system in present American law. Top officials of the Joint Distribution Committee and ORT took part in the deliberations.

#### ONTARIO POLICE ALERT AGAINST ANTI-JEWS ACTS, ATTORNEY GENERAL ASSURES

TORONTO, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- Fred Cass, attorney general of the Province of Ontario, has assured the Jewish National Joint Community Relations Committee here that his office and the police authorities will continue to be on the alert against any anti-Semitic demonstrations or "swastika vandalism." He gave that assurance after a meeting with Jewish representatives who told him of the possibility of further swastika vandalism, urging that "necessary steps be taken to cope with the situation."

"I am anxious to take any action which may be possible to ensure that there is no repetition or enlargement of these occurrences," Mr. Cass stated. He said he had discussed the situation with both local and provincial police authorities. The police authorities, he declared, have assured him that they are on the alert against such activities and that, if any anti-Semitic acts should take place, "the perpetrators will be sought out and appropriately exposed to the light of public opinion and duly punished."

#### THREE JEWISH CEMETERIES DESECRATED IN ATLANTIC CITY; POLICE ACTING

ATLANTIC CITY, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- Police continued their search today for vandals who broke into three Jewish cemeteries during the High Holy Days and toppled a total of 47 tombstones and broke six others.

Twenty-five were overturned and six broken at the Rodef Sholom Cemetery, which is operated by an Orthodox synagogue. At the nearby Community Synagogue Cemetery, 20 headstones were toppled. Two were turned over at the Emeth Sholom Cemetery.

Sam Widlansky, president of Rodef Sholom, said that John Foley, caretaker of the cemetery, spotted the vandals on a return visit after Yom Kippur. He said the caretaker reported he saw three men buy liquor and then move into the cemetery grounds. He called state police. A trooper told the men they were on private property and ordered them to leave, the caretaker said.

#### EARLY MAN REPORTED PRESENT IN JORDAN VALLEY A MILLION YEARS AGO

JERUSALEM, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- Early man came to the Jordan River valley about a million years ago, according to a study reported here today by the Israel Academy of Science. The study was made during a four-year series of expeditions and researches by Professor Moshe Stekelis, head of the department of pre-history at the Hebrew University.

Comparing bones, stones and tools found in prehistoric sites in Israel with others discovered in South Africa and Tanganyika, Prof. Stekelis has reconstructed early man's wanderings during the Stone Age. He found that man had migrated along what the scientists call the Great Rift Valley from its southern sector in Africa to the northern part of the Jordan Valley in today's Israel. From that point, Pleistocene Age man went to Asia and to Europe. The data found in Israel furnished the link between early man's start of his migration in Africa and his later dispersion to Europe and Asia.

#### JEWISH PITCHER KOUFAX HAILED FOR WINNING FIRST GAME IN WORLD SERIES

NEW YORK, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- The world of professional baseball hailed today the record-shattering performance of Jewish pitcher Sandy Koufax who struck out 15 batters of the New York Yankees to give the Los Angeles Dodgers the first game in the World Series.

Koufax, in his performance, cracked a ten-year-old record for world series games as the Dodgers won, 5-2 in the opener yesterday. Koufax, who fanned 306 batters this season while hurling 11 shutouts among his 25 victories to push the Dodgers into the National League championship, pitched out of rotation last month so that he could be free to attend services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

#### RCSA RAISA, WORLD FAMOUS OPERA STAR, DEAD; WAS BORN IN BIALYSTOK

LCS ANGELES, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- Bialystok-born Rosa Raisa, in her day one of the world's leading opera stars, died here after a long illness at the age of 70. She had been living with a daughter since her retirement in 1937.

At the age of 14, Rosa Raisa Burshtein emigrated to Naples to escape a pogrom. Aided by leading figures of Italian opera, she made her debut at the Verdi Centenary Festival in Parma in 1913 and her American debut in the same year in Chicago.

She and her Italian husband became naturalized American citizens. She spoke and sang in Yiddish, English, Russian, German, French, Italian and Spanish. She sang the role of "Leah" in the first American performance in Detroit in 1936 of Rocca's opera, "The Dybbuk." She was married to a Catholic, the baritone Giacomo Rimini, who died in 1952.

In addition to her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Segala, she is survived by a sister, Mrs. Freida Goldenberg of the Bronx. She will be buried with Catholic rites.