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DECLARATION ON JEWS DRAFTED BY VATICAN FOR ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

ROME, Oct. 6; (JTA) -- A declaration on Catholic-Jewish relations, to be discussed at the Ecumenical Council now in session here, has been drafted but not yet submitted to the Bishops, it was learned here this week-end. The declaration will come up on the agenda of the Council under the title "De Catholicorum Habitudo ad non-Christianos et Maxime ad Judaeos" -- "On the Catholic attitude toward non-Christians and especially Jews."

The declaration was reported to be in the hands of Augustin Cardinal Bea, head of the Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity. It has already been discussed in the Secretariat and it was believed that it might reach the Ecumenical Council at its present session. However, it appears that discussion on it will not be held before the next session, next year.

Meanwhile there is before the Council a suggestion, made last week by Archbishop Francis Seper, Yugoslav prelate, urging that the statement which the Council is to make on the nature of the Catholic Church -- titled "De Ecclesia" -- should include a definite mention of the Jews as "the people of God" of the Old Testament. The official English translation of the suggestion voiced by the Yugoslav Archbishop, as summarized in the proceedings of the session of the Ecumenical Council, reads: "The text of De Ecclesia should make special mention of the people of Israel because of their close bonds with the church in the possession of the Old Testament."

Discussions on the text of De Ecclesia which is to portray the Catholic Church in relation to the modern world will continue for some time. It is understood that a number of the Council Fathers are in agreement with the Yugoslav prelate on his suggestion with regard to mentioning the Jews in the statement.

CONFERENCE OF U. S. INTELLECTUALS TO DISCUSS SITUATION OF SOVIET JEWS

NEW YORK, Oct. 6; (JTA) -- Eighty to 100 of the foremost intellectual leaders in the United States, the vast majority of them non-Jews, will gather here next Saturday to consider the situation of the Jews in the Soviet Union, it was announced here today.

The all-day conference, to be held in the auditorium of the Carnegie Foundation for International Peace, has been summoned by U. S. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas; Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., leader of the non-violent phase of the Negro integration movement; Walter Reuther, president of the United Automobile Workers of America and a vice-president of the AFL-CIO; Norman Thomas, American Socialist leader; the Rt. Rev. James A. Pike, Protestant Episcopal Bishop of California; Herbert H. Lehman, former U. S. Senator and ex-Governor of New York; and Robert Penn Warren, famous American novelist and poet.

Acting as individuals, the seven sponsors of the session have invited a cross-section of other American leaders to hear reports about the situation of the Jews in the USSR, and to consider means for relaxing anti-Jewish practices condoned by Soviet authorities. According to the sponsors, it is hoped that the meeting may result in the acceptance of an action program upon which those in attendance would agree.

Major U. S. Jewish Groups Meet Today on Situation of Soviet Jewry

NEW YORK, Oct. 6; (JTA) -- Leaders of major national Jewish organizations will meet here tomorrow, under the auspices of the Synagogue Council of America, to discuss the situation of Jews in the Soviet Union and to plan a possible emergency campaign against the discriminations practiced against them by the Soviet authorities.

Among the organizations expected to participate are B'nai B'rith, the American Jewish Committee, Jewish War Veterans of the United States, American Jewish Congress, Jewish Labor Committee, Hadassah and the National Council of Jewish Women. Rabbi Theodore Adams will preside.

The Synagogue Council of America is the organization of lay and rabbinical groups affiliated with all three branches of American Judaism -- Orthodox, Conservative and Reform. In its call to its affiliated groups, the Council noted that tomorrow's conference will bear a religious note, representing all of American religious Jewry, due to the fact that the persecutions of Soviet Jews affects the practitioners and observers of the Jewish religion, customs and traditions.

CANADA SELLS TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT TO ISRAEL; SIGNS \$2,500,000 PACT

OTTAWA, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- A new era in Canadian-Israel trade relations was marked here yesterday with the signing of a \$2,500,000 contract for the sale of telephone equipment to Israel, the first such sale to be made by a Canadian firm under a Federally sponsored credit loan arrangement to the Israeli Government.

The agreement, which was signed by Canadian Trade Minister Mitchell Sharp and Max Varon, Israel Charge d'Affaires, provides for repayment to begin in two years and to be made in 21 semi-annual installments. The equipment will be supplied by Automatic Electric (Canada) a subsidiary of an American firm. It includes central office and associated equipment for the installation of 16,400 automatic telephone lines and 18,500 terminals by the Israel Ministry of Posts.

At the signing ceremonies, Mr. Sharp stressed that the extension of the credit facilities of the Canadian Government to Israel opens the door for greater trade between the two nations. He emphasized that Canada would seek to buy more goods from Israel in the future as it created the means for greater market for Canadian products. Mr. Varon expressed the gratitude of Israel for the new facilities now offered his country. He too expressed the hope that this would mark the start of broader two-way trade relations between the two nations.

The deal is regarded in Canada as a significant shift in trading patterns. While Israel ranks as Canada's biggest customer in the Middle East, shipments have traditionally been confined to foodstuffs and raw materials.

Last year Canadian exports to Israel totaled \$6,231,683. Wheat headed the list at about \$1,650,000; then came asbestos, aluminum, wood pulp, and lumber. The present transaction is the first important sale of manufactured goods to Israel. Shipments are expected to start within a few weeks. Negotiations have covered almost a full year.

Imports to Canada from Israel in 1962 were headed by \$2,103,000 in unset diamonds, \$1,260,000 worth of cotton yarn, \$509,000 in oranges, and plywood at close to \$465,000-- for a total of \$5,646,141.

MAPAM LEADER REHABILITATED BY CZECH GOVERNMENT; WAS HELD AS SPY

TEL AVIV, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- Mordechai Oren, the one-time Mapam leader who was jailed in Communist Czechoslovakia 10 years ago during a visit there, will be rehabilitated by the Czech Government, it was reported here this weekend.

The Israeli Communist newspaper, Kol Haam, said that Czech authorities had received a plea from the party in Israel asking for a review of the case. The charges against Oren grew out of the trial of Rudolf Slansky, first Secretary of the Communist party in Czechoslovakia. Slansky was tried and hanged in 1952 along with other Communist functionaries on charges of "Zionism," "Titoism," espionage and sabotage.

The newspaper reported that all the charges against Mr. Oren had been reviewed and that they would be dropped. The report was confirmed by Milan Jurza, Czech charge d'affaires in Israel, who said the Czechoslovak Supreme Court had decided to clear Mr. Oren of all charges.

Mr. Oren, who was freed after serving three years and who returned to Israel, had admitted he was a British intelligence agent but later said he had been forced to make a false confession. Arrested in Prague in 1951, he was a key witness in the Slansky trial.

DENMARK'S HEROIC RESCUE OF JEWS FROM NAZIS CELEBRATED IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- Thousands of Israelis, including almost every Jewish immigrant from Denmark, attended the gala performance of the Copenhagen Male Choir at the Mann Auditorium here tonight. The concert was given in honor of a Danish delegation which arrived to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Denmark's heroic rescue of Danish Jewry during the Nazi occupation.

The delegation consisted of former members of the Danish Resistance movement, fishermen who took part in the smuggling of some 6,000 of Denmark's 8,000 Jews to sanctuary in Sweden and members of the Israeli-Danish Friendship League. The delegation was headed by Prof. Richard Ege, who headed the rescue operation in 1943. The Jewish Agency, the World Jewish Congress and the Danish Society in Israel are hosts to the visitors.

(Johannes Boggard, a Dutch farmer who rescued 300 Jews from Nazi annihilation during World War II, by hiding them for various periods of time on his farm, is going to receive special recognition for his heroic humanity from Israel. Today, Brig. David Sealtiel, Israel's Ambassador to The Netherlands, invited Mr. Boggard to come for a visit to Israel-- as a guest of the Israel Government.)

AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY AVOIDS EMPLOYING JEWS IN ADMINISTRATIVE POSTS

NEW YORK, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- The automobile industry's official policy of "equal employment opportunity" has failed to end the "serious under-utilization" of Jews in white collar and administrative positions, Bernard Nath, chairman of the Civil Rights Committee of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, charged today.

He said that a study conducted by the League on the industry's employment of Jewish personnel reveals that of 51,000 white collar, professional and executive employees in Detroit's Big Three auto companies, only 328--less than three-fourths of one per cent--are Jews. He called the low figure indicative of "an obvious gap" between the proclaimed policy of fair employment by top officers of the industry and actual hiring practices at operating levels.

The study supervised by Arnold Forster, the League's general counsel and civil rights director, cited these figures: 1. Of 15,500 at General Motors, 80 are Jews; 2. Of 18,000 at Chrysler, 102 are Jews; 3. Of 17,500 white collar and executive employees at Ford, 146 are Jews.

It noted as significant that 20 of the 146 Jews at Ford are in the Scientific Research Laboratory and 17 of the 102 at Chrysler are in the Missile Division--two departments which are not directly involved in the production and sales of automobiles. Furthermore, the study revealed an almost total lack of Jews in sales and financing departments.

The study cited no single reason for the dearth of Jewish white collar and executive personnel but gave the following circumstances as contributing factors: 1. Social discrimination at the "executive suite" level which precludes hiring Jews; 2. College recruitment procedures which fail to make merit-employment standards clear to placement officers and deans of engineering schools; 3. Company toleration of department heads hostile to Jewish employment.

The ADL official said meetings with college placement officers at one major mid-west university indicated that although a college recruiter might interview three engineering graduates with equal qualifications it was known that "the boy with the Jewish name" would not have an equal chance for consideration in some company departments where prejudice superseded top level policy.

BILLY ROSE WITHDRAWS FROM PRODUCING 'THE DEPUTY' IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- Billy Rose, the producer, said this weekend he had relinquished the producing rights to 'The Deputy', the controversial play by German playwright Rolf Hochhut about the late Pope Pius XII and the Nazi slaughter of European Jewry.

He said Herman Shumlin had taken over the rights to 'The Deputy' which charges that the late Pontiff failed to protest publicly about the Nazi annihilation of Jews. Previously Mr. Rose had announced plans to stage the play in New York City this year.

In declaring now that he would not be the producer, Mr. Rose stressed that 'The Deputy' still had his "blessing." He said the play "gives voice to a moment of truth which everyone should hear. If the theater which bears my name becomes available, I shall be glad to have 'The Deputy' play there." He said that Mr. Shumlin planned to stage as well as to produce 'The Deputy' in New York.

BRITISH NAZI LEADER AND BRIDE PELTED WITH EGGS FOLLOWING MARRIAGE

LONDON, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- Eggs and rotten apples were showered yesterday on Colin Jordan, leader of the British National Socialist movement, and Francoise Dior, when they emerged from the Coventry Register Office as man and wife.

More than 1,000 persons, including members of anti-Fascist movements, assembled near the office to boo the newlyweds and to pelt them with eggs, apples and lumps of turf thrown over the heads of a police cordon. Jordan's wife, niece of the late fashion designer, Christian Dior, called herself "a perfect Nazi." Today she and her husband took part in a second marriage ceremony at the headquarters of the British National Socialist movement, observing the "old Nordic custom" of cutting their fingers and letting their blood mingle.

The bride's aunt, Miss Catherine Dior, said: "The good name of my brother, Christian Dior, must not be used to feature the scandal with the risk of tarnishing a name borne with honor and patriotism by the members of my family." She signed her statement "Catherine Dior, Medal of the Resistance, Croix de Guerre, deportee at Ravensbruck." Ravensbruck was a Nazi concentration camp.

COMMANDER OF NAZI CONCENTRATION CAMP SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT

GRAZ, Austria, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- A Graz court handed down yesterday a sentence of life imprisonment on Stefan Rojko, former assistant commandant of the Theresienstadt concentration camp, on wartime crimes charges. A jury found that Rojko had personally murdered 26 Jewish inmates of the Nazi camp.

W. J. C. APPEALS FOR VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE LATIN AMERICAN COMMUNITIES

NEW YORK, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress here today issued an appeal for volunteers willing to serve in small Jewish communities in Central and South America where there is a shortage of trained personnel. Many communities require teachers and others want rabbis or community center workers.

Jewish communities in eight countries--Bolivia, Colombia, Curacao, Ecuador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Panama and Peru--have registered their needs with the World Jewish Congress offices. The Community Service Corps program was initiated by Samuel Bronfman, chairman of the North American executive of the World Jewish Congress, who issued an appeal for volunteers from the United States, Canada, Argentina and other major communities where community personnel problems are not as acute.

"In sponsoring the Community Service, Corps," Mr. Bronfman stated here, "we believe that there are qualified and able community officials who would welcome an opportunity to serve one of the smaller communities, at least for a period of a few years. I hope that we will have a response to these calls from the small communities in South America."

Mr. Bronfman noted that it was not the intention of the World Jewish Congress to become a permanent placement agency or to replace such agencies as are operated by major Jewish bodies. "We act as the liaison between a community in search of an official and an official willing to serve such a community," the WJC leader added.

THREE-DAY PARLEY ON RELIGION AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPENS IN INDIANA

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Oct. 6. (JTA) -- A rabbi told a gathering of lay and clerical educational leaders here today that, in view of the Supreme Court's ban on prayers, Bible reading and the recitation of the Lord's Prayer in public schools, some system must be worked out whereby school children will learn "about religion as an aspect of truth in Western civilization."

The proposal was voiced by Rabbi Arthur Gilbert, staff consultant on religious freedom and public affairs for the National Conference of Christians and Jews. He was the opening speaker at a three-day Institute on Religion and the Public Schools convened here today by the NCCJ at Purdue University. Co-sponsoring the institute were the Purdue department of education, the Graduate School of Education at the University of Chicago and the School of Education at the University of Michigan. Those attending include school board members and school system superintendents in addition to other secular and religious leaders in the educational field.

"Even if the Supreme Court had not forbidden prayer exercises in public education," said Rabbi Gilbert, "religious leaders would have insisted that the public school reconsider the way religion was handled. Either the public school will have to arrange a curriculum that will enable children to know about religion as an aspect of truth in Western civilization, or, by some arrangement as shared time or release time, it will have to allow an increasing number of children to obtain an intensified religious instruction at their church school within the public school day."

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE STARTS A BEQUESTS AND ENDOWMENTS PROGRAM

NEW YORK, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- A Bequests and Endowments program has been established by the American Jewish Committee under the chairmanship of Julius H. Cohn of South Orange, N. J., business executive and community leader, it was announced here today by A. M. Sonnabend, AJC president.

"The American Jewish Committee's diversified program of advancing human relations here and abroad must be assured of a strong and continued effectiveness in dealing with issues of crucial concern to Jews and all Americans," Mr. Sonnabend said. "We hope to establish a well-founded pattern of continuity for our work by encouraging our members and friends to provide for the future of the Committee's program through bequests and endowments."

CANBERRA JEWS GET TORAH SCROLL AS GIFT FROM SINGAPORE COMMUNITY

SYDNEY, Australia, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- Use of a recently acquired Sephardic Torah Scroll, a gift of the Singapore Jewish community to the Jews of Canberra was one of the highlights of New Year, Yom Kippur and Succot services in the national capital. More than 100 worshippers, including families from distant country areas, attended the services.

Haim Nagley, the deputy headmaster of Mount Scopus College, Melbourne's largest Jewish day school, conducted the services, stressing in his sermon the importance of Jewish religious education for children in the small isolated communities of Australia. He said it was equally important for Canberra where the younger Jewish population was growing rapidly,