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## POPE PAUL TELLS JEWISH DELEGATION 'WE HAVE COMMON GOD, COMMON BIBLE'

ROME, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- Pope Paul VI received in the throne room of the Vatican today a delegation of 100 American Jews--the first Jewish group he has met since his accession to the Pontificate--and declared: "We have a common Bible and Common God. Therefore, we pray together so that the Almighty guide, comfort and bless us."

The delegation was composed of members of a United Jewish Appeal Study Mission which convened here today for a four-day session to hear reports of needs in Jewish communities around the world.

Referring to the purpose that brought the UJA leaders to Rome, Pope Paul said he could not but feel respect and affection for the members of the Mission because of the bonds of brotherhood created by helping people in need. "These bonds," he stated, "are what we would like to strengthen." He declared he followed closely the developments among the new nations, and wished to serve as a bridge for bringing understanding among those nations.

Another bond with the Jewish people, said the Pontiff, is "our common affinity for the Old Testament as a source of Divine revelation which I use every day in thought and prayer." For that reason, he said, he felt he could call on the same God whom both Christians and Jews worship and love, to ask Him for His guidance, His revelations and His blessing.

### U. J. A. Leader Responds; Stresses Jewish Hope on Ecumenical Council

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, executive vice-chairman of the UJA, responding on behalf of the group, told the Pope: "All men the world over are seeking today to find the roots of their brotherhood." He expressed the hope that the Ecumenical Council now meeting in the Vatican would further the spirit of solidarity between men of all faiths. "We are pleased to note that this feeling of solidarity between men of all faiths is expressed in the proceedings of the Ecumenical Council," he said. "It is our hope and prayer that throughout the years of your Papacy great and further progress will be made in the everlasting struggle to unite mankind."

"We are shortly leaving the Eternal City of Rome for the Holy City of Jerusalem," Rabbi Friedman continued. "As American Jews our hearts beat strongly with pride as we witness the rebuilding of Israel. For many, many centuries, the sons of David have wept by all rivers of all Babylons for their lost Zion. Now in this century we have the divine opportunity to participate in its rebirth."

"Our love for Israel is based on love of people and faith. Jewish people who have been persecuted and harassed in many lands now have the right to a new life in freedom. This we applaud and support as more than one million have already exercised that right."

"The Jewish spirit also has now a new frame within which to flourish so that a model society can be created so that the ancient prophecy of Isaiah can be fulfilled 'for out of Zion shall go forth the law and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.' Thus shall Israel fulfill her destiny of being a light unto the nations."

Rabbi Friedman concluded with the recital of the priestly benediction in Hebrew and English. The UJA delegation received by the Pope was led by Joseph Meyerhoff, of Baltimore, general chairman of the UJA.

## LEADING AMERICANS PLAN DELEGATION FOR TALKS WITH KHRUSHCHEV ON JEWS

NEW YORK, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- A suggestion to send a delegation of 12 leading American personalities to Moscow to take up with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev the treatment of Jews in the Soviet Union was today under discussion here following the appeal adopted last Saturday by the all-day Conference on the Status of Soviet Jews asking the Soviet Premier to extend full religious and cultural rights to Soviet Jewry. The appeal was transmitted to Mr. Khrushchev yesterday.

The suggestion to send a delegation to Moscow came from U. S. Supreme Court Justice William Douglas, one of the sponsors of the Conference. He also urged that a permanent committee composed of American personalities be formed to follow up the decisions of the Conference--which was attended by about 100 authors, educators and clergymen--and to

watch developments concerning Jews in the Soviet Union. Justice Douglas also suggested that the Soviet Government be requested to permit the presence of a foreign lawyer at trials for "economic crimes" some of which have till now culminated in sentencing Jews to death.

(Addressing a B'nai B'rith dinner in Chicago last night, Robert F. Kennedy, U.S. Attorney General, called attention to the discriminations against Jews in the Soviet Union. "We believe that the denial of religious liberty is an ugly blot on the human conscience wherever and whenever it occurs--whether it restricts the rights of Protestants in Communist China, Jews in the Soviet Union, or Catholics in Cuba," he said.)

#### U. J. A. STUDY MISSION CONFERS IN ROME; HEARS REPORTS ON MOROCCO, IRAN

ROME, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee provides medical, child care and social welfare programs serving one-third of the Jewish population of Morocco and Iran, which aggregate 180,000 Jewish men, women and children, it was reported here today. The report was one of several given to the opening session of the United Jewish Appeal Study Mission which convened here today for a four-day session.

The reports on Morocco and Iran were given by members of the study mission who visited those countries before joining the rest of the mission here as well as by staff members of the JDC. Programs in both countries embraced in the reports have been affected, the Mission was told, by the general movement of populations from rural areas to urban regions.

In Morocco, Jewish migration from the primitive hinterland has necessitated the reactivation of medical programs against trachoma and ringworm which had been almost eradicated among the Jewish urban dwellers. However, the report noted, due to the overall reduction of individual Jews in need in Morocco, it has been found possible in that country to undertake services for special groups. One of those services consists of the establishment of three homes for the Jewish aged in Casablanca, the first of their kind in the country.

The report showed also that, as part of the United Nations "Freedom from Hunger" campaign, JDC has been stepping up its nutrition services in Morocco, improving feeding programs both quantitatively and qualitatively, and training local personnel in modern methods of food handling.

The JDC report on Iran showed that, since the organization has been working in that country 15 years, young Jews previously aided by JDC are now taking a more active part in Jewish community affairs. An example was the spontaneous formation, a year ago, of a club for Jewish university students and young professionals at Shiraz, now comprising 250 members, including a number of girls. This club has organized the first youth center outside the capital of Teheran, offering cultural and recreational programs. The club has also raised funds and built a communal bath for the Shiraz Jewish community, which had previously had no such facilities.

Another part of the Iranian report showed that, for the first time, Jewish women in Shiraz have been given the vote, along with their Moslem sisters. The Jewish women now participate in national, interdenominational, women's organizations, and are represented on the Iranian National Women's Council. The president of the women's council cooperates with the JDC's day-care program.

#### ISRAEL'S FIRST DEFENSE COLLEGE OPENED; STUDENTS INCLUDE ARMY OFFICERS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- Israel's first Defense College, authorized recently by a vote of the Cabinet, was formally opened here tonight. The students included 25 army officers as well as senior officials of various ministries.

Prime Minister Levi Eshkol greeted the students on behalf of the Government and expressed the hope that, by next year, the graduates of the college would prove the success of the new institution. Mr. Eshkol spoke not only as Prime Minister but also as Minister of Defense. The ceremonies were attended also by other members of the Cabinet as well as by the chief of staff of Israel's armed forces, Gen. Zvi Tsur.

#### FOUR ARAB INFILTRATORS KILLED BY ISRAELI PATROL; U. N. INFORMED

TEL AVIV, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- Four Arab infiltrators were killed last night by an army patrol in southern Israel, it was announced here today. The army communique said the patrol intercepted a group of infiltrators south of the Saad crossroad while the Arabs were returning to the Gaza Strip area. Four of the men were killed when they refused to obey an order to halt.

A Carl Gustav submachine gun, described by the communique as the "standard fedayeen" firearm, and magazines, were found near the bodies. The headquarters of the United Nations Emergency Force was informed of the incident.

### 30,000 JEWS REPORTED LIVING IN URAL MOUNTAINS REGION IN RUSSIA

LONDON, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- Thirty thousand Jews live in the Ural region of the Soviet Union, according to a report from Warsaw received here today. The report came from a Polish newspaperman who had just visited the Urals, a vast area stretching to the Arctic Circle.

According to the report, the Jews in the region comprise nearly one per cent of the total population. The report stated that 250 Jews in the Urals serve in administrative posts, most of them as chief engineers or directors of various enterprises.

### ADENAUER PRAISED BY BEN-GURION AS 'GREAT STATESMAN OF OUR TIME'

JERUSALEM, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- Former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion today lauded outgoing West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, who, Mr. Ben-Gurion said, "will be remembered in German and European history as one of the great statesmen of our time."

In a statement issued in connection with the Chancellor's retirement tomorrow, Mr. Ben-Gurion recalled Dr. Adenauer's anti-Nazi record and stressed his role in West Germany's revival making it "one of the strongest powers of Western Europe and the closest ally of De Gaulle."

Mr. Ben-Gurion said that Dr. Adenauer's "moral qualities were revealed perhaps most clearly in his attitude to Israel." Noting the fact that East Germany completely ignored Israel's reparations claims, Mr. Ben-Gurion stressed Dr. Adenauer's role in the reparations agreement and its implementation.

### SURVIVORS OF CRACOW JEWISH COMMUNITY SOUGHT; TO TESTIFY ON NAZIS

NEW YORK, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress here today initiated a search for survivors of the Cracow Jewish community who can give evidence concerning the Nazi deportation of over 2,000 Jews in June 1942.

Cracow Jewry, one of the largest in Poland, was gradually decimated by starvation, epidemics and deportations to annihilation and concentration camps. The 2,000 rounded up in June 1942, were taken to Belzec where they were murdered. The man responsible for the deportation order was Martin Fellenz who is under investigation in West Germany. Anyone who survived the mass round-up or can otherwise give evidence concerning the deportation in June 1942 is requested to contact the World Jewish Congress.

### N. Y. FEDERATION OF JEWISH PHILANTHROPIES OPENS \$22,500,000 DRIVE

NEW YORK, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- The \$22,500,000 campaign of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York for this year was launched last night. The goal is the largest in the Federation's 46-year history. The campaign will continue through next January and will be conducted by 15,000 volunteer workers. Irving Mitchel Felt, president of Federation, said. Last year, he reported, the Federation's agencies served more than 1,000,000 New Yorkers of various faiths and races.

Mayor Robert F. Wagner, addressing the campaign dinner, declared that both public and private welfare organizations must re-examine "the basic assumptions, methods and approaches now being pursued" to see whether "they cannot somehow be put together in a somewhat different pattern or applied in a different way to yield greater results."

### 16,000 ATTEND HISTADRUT'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- An enthusiastic audience of 16,000 tonight joined in an "All American Salute to Israel's Pioneers" at Madison Square Garden. The event marked the beginning of the 40th anniversary year of the Israel Histadrut Campaign. During the past four decades, the Campaign has raised over \$60,000,000 for a comprehensive program that now covers more than 70 per cent of the population of Israel.

Mrs. Golda Meir, Foreign Minister of Israel, was guest of honor at the fete. In presenting her, Joseph Schlossberg, president of the National Committee for Labor Israel, sponsor of the Israel Histadrut Campaign, called Mrs. Meir "one of the most brilliant women of the world, one of the outstanding personalities of our time. She is one of the people who has risen to leadership, not only in the State of Israel but in the arena of international affairs. She personifies the ideals of Labor Israel. She is a woman of valor. She is a simple woman in manner, an aristocrat in the battle for human dignity."

Louis Segal, general secretary of the Farband Labor Zionist Order and a national vice-chairman of the Israel Histadrut Campaign, credited the generosity of the American people and the daring of Israel's "founding fathers" for the rapid development of that country during the past 40 years. "Histadrut itself has grown from 6,000 workers in a few fields to nearly a million workers covering the entire spectrum of creative labor," he stated. "Americans have been full partners in this process of performing miracles. We salute the pioneers of Histadrut--former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, the late President Ishak Ben-Zvi and other giants of the Jewish renaissance."

# AMERICAN WOMEN'S ORT CONVENTION OPENS IN NEW YORK; LAUDED BY KENNEDY

NEW YORK, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- The work of the American Ort was hailed by President John F. Kennedy in a greeting to the 17th annual convention of the Women's American Ort organization which opened here tonight. The four-day convention is attended by some 1,000 delegates from across the nation. In his greeting, which was read to the convention delegates, President Kennedy declared:

"Your work is of major significance for the welfare and economic development of the international community. I wish you every success in your program of vocational training in India and apprenticeship training in Israel, in your expanded assistance project to North African refugees in France and in your continuing practical humanitarian effort to help the underprivileged and needy overseas."

The opening session this evening was addressed by Senator Paul H. Douglas of Illinois who said that while the Jewish community has always had a proper concern for its own problems, it has "never been parochial." He called the efforts of the Jewish community vital in the struggle to "make this a better country" and in doing so "demonstrating their Americanism as well as their Judaism"--aspects which are "not competitive" but "mutually reinforcing."

Mrs. Max M. Rosenberg, national president of the Women's Ort organization, told the delegates that the efforts of the group during the coming years would be focused to a great extent on the vocational needs of Jews in France and Israel although the organization would keep itself alert to needs in such far-flung places as India and Ethiopia.

## WORKMEN'S CIRCLE ADOPTS SIX-POINT CODE ON EQUAL RIGHTS FOR MEMBERS

NEW YORK, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- A six-point "personal code" through which every individual can "contribute significantly to the achievement of equal rights and equal opportunities for all Americans" was adopted unanimously today by the national board of the Workmen's Circle, a Jewish fraternal and cultural organization representing 65,000 members in 32 states, at a meeting at the Hotel Astor.

The code asks members of the Workmen's Circle--many of whom live in the South--to bring their personal pressure to bear against discrimination, if it exists, in the stores in which they shop, in the banks in which they keep their accounts, in their unions, businesses or professions, in community organization, in their neighborhoods and in their own homes and social contacts.

Jacob T. Zukerman, New York attorney and social worker, who is president of the Workmen's Circle, said that the board meeting at the Astor had voted to make civil rights "our project of the year which means that for the next twelve months at least our 540 branches, from New York to California, will be encouraged to participate in civil rights activities on an organized and sustained basis."

## CONSERVATIVE RABBIS NOT TO OFFICIATE AT WEDDINGS IGNORING KASHRUTH

NEWARK, N. J., Oct. 14. (JTA) -- A rule forbidding Conservative rabbis from officiating at weddings held in places where kashruth is not observed has been adopted by the Northern New Jersey region of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, according to an announcement by Dr. Jeshai Schnitzer, of Montclair, president of the region. He said the rule will go into effect next January 1. Commitments made prior to the adoption of the rule, he declared, should be fulfilled.

The resolution adopted by the rabbis of this region declared: "In order to emphasize the sacred character of the wedding ceremony, the members of the Rabbinical Assembly of Northern New Jersey will henceforth officiate at wedding ceremonies only in those places where dietary laws are observed. Restaurants, catering establishments, or hotels that do not provide kosher facilities for a wedding will henceforth be regarded as unsuitable places for holding the wedding ceremony."

"Furthermore, we urge our congregants to give preference to the synagogue or home in which to hold the marriage ceremony in order to indelibly impress upon bride and groom the essential role that these two institutions should play in conserving the precious traditions of Jewish life."

## AFRICAN REPUBLIC TO ESTABLISH FARMING VILLAGES WITH ISRAEL AID

JERUSALEM, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- Two new farming villages will be set up in the Central African Republic with Israel aid in line with a decision arrived at in talks between Agriculture Minister Moshe Dayan and President David Dacko at Bangui, Ministry officials reported today.

Israeli officials now touring the Central African Republic were told that at one of the cooperative villages established with Israel aid, crop output increased by 700 per cent over the local average.