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## VATICAN SAYS NO DECISION TAKEN ON DISTRIBUTION OF DOCUMENT ON JEWS

ROME, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- An official statement issued here this weekend by the Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity, of which Augustin Cardinal Bea is the head, made it clear that no decision has been taken as yet in the Vatican regarding the distribution of the draft of a document on Catholic-Jewish relations, and nothing has been decided as yet on the manner in which this document should be presented to the Fathers attending the Ecumenical Council, which would have to act on it.

The statement was issued in denial of a report in the American press that a text on Jews was ready at the Vatican for distribution among the more than 2,000 Fathers of the Catholic Church attending the Ecumenical Council. Jewish sources in Rome were disturbed by the report. They said that premature publication of the contents of the text drafted by Cardinal Bea's office for submission to the Ecumenical Council might cause the postponement of the presentation of the document to the Council Fathers. Members of the American press panel here deplored "gossip and guesswork in relation to this delicate matter."

Council sources suggested that the news in the American press on the document--which is reported to repudiate in effect that the Jewish people are historically responsible for the crucifixion of Jesus--was "planted" by special-interested groups. The statement issued by the Secretariat of Cardinal Bea's office read:

"In answer to questions that have been raised because of certain articles appearing in the daily newspapers, the Secretariat confirms already that two years ago it began to draft a document on the purely religious relations between Catholics and Jews, and submitted its final text last June to those Council authorities who are the only ones competent for its printing and distribution to the Council Fathers. These authorities have taken no decision about the distribution of the document to the Council Fathers or about the way by which the document should be introduced to them."

The Council authorities to which the communique refers were identified as the coordinating commission of seven Cardinals, of whom Cardinal Spellman of New York is one. An adviser to Cardinal Bea's office said that the communique was issued with the intention of indicating that "it is not helpful to have gossip" on the document in preparation.

## U.J.A. LEADERS WARNED ISRAEL MAY BE FORCED TO RE-INTRODUCE MAABAROTH

TEL AVIV, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Israel might have to return to putting up immigrants in maabaroth, the undesirable transit camps, unless the money is obtained for construction of adequate housing for immigrants, Aryeh Pincus, treasurer of the Jewish Agency, warned here today. He spoke before the members of the United Jewish Appeal Study Mission inspecting conditions in Israel.

Mr. Pincus reported that 20,000 persons still live in maabaroth, while 25,000 live in temporary asbestos housing and "a larger number" are crowded into small, one-room or two-room apartments. There is a "very high" percentage of social welfare cases among the immigrants, he said, pointing out that it is "a moral impossibility" to select non-welfare cases from among potential immigrants. The rate of immigration, he said, is rather high, and no decline is anticipated.

For these reasons, he warned, the Agency is faced "with the grave question of absorbing the new immigration." He declared that a return to the maabaroth system "would create an inferiority complex" among those placed in camps, and would also "constitute a danger to the country's democratic way of life."

## MOROCCAN JEWS PLEDGE TO DEFEND COUNTRY AGAINST ALGERIAN AGGRESSION

CASABLANCA, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- The "unswerving attachment" of Moroccan Jewry to King Hassan in the current upsurge of border fighting with Algeria was pledged today in a telegram to the King from the Council of Moroccan Jewish Communities.

Simultaneously, the Casablanca Jewish Committee sent a message expressing its readiness, "together with our Moslem compatriots" to defend Morocco and to safeguard its territorial integrity. Grand Rabbi Saul Danan also sent a telegram to the King and called for divine blessings on the sovereign. Prayers were recited at Rabat under the presidency of the Grand Rabbinate "for the glory of the King and people of Morocco."

# IZVESTIA DEMANDS 'SHOW TRIAL' FOR JEWS LINKED TO 'ECONOMIC CRIMES'

LONDON, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- A "show trial" for two Jews charged with "economic crimes" was demanded today by Izvestia, the official organ of the Soviet Government. The newspaper, accusing two Moscow men, identified as Roifman and Shakerman (without first names) pointed out that the arrested men have "Jewish names" but denied that the arrests indicated anti-Semitism.

According to Izvestia, the two men had embezzled 3,000,000 rubles (\$3,300,000) worth of state property, hoarding the returns, including "200 pounds of gold, precious stones and platinum" found in their possession. Roifman, according to Izvestia, was the head of a state-owned clothing factory in Moscow, while Shakerman was his "secret adviser."

Calling for a "show" trial to be conducted by the country's chief prosecutor, Procurator-General Roman A. Rudenko, Izvestia demanded the death sentence for the two men, whom it called "ringleaders" of a criminal gang. Referring to repeated charges voiced abroad about officially condoned anti-Semitism in the USSR, the government organ declared:

"We mention the Jewish names of people in this ring because we do not pay attention to the malicious slander that is stirred up from time to time in the Western press. It is not Jews or Russians or Tatars or Ukrainians who will be tried. Simply criminals will be tried."

## GROMYKO CHIDES CRITICS OF MOSCOW POLICY ON JEWS; CITES TEN COMMANDMENTS

CHICAGO, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Jewish spiritual leaders who accuse the Soviet Union of persecuting Russian Jewry are playing a "shocking" and "ugly" role, knowing that their statements about Jewry in the USSR "are packed with lies," according to an exclusive interview with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko, published here today by The Sentinel, Chicago Jewish weekly.

However, an editorial reply by J. I. Fishbein, editor of The Sentinel, reiterated the charges against the Soviet Union, detailing the accusations with factual evidence.

The interview with Mr. Gromyko, according to the newspaper, was obtained recently at the United Nations by Mandel Terman, a Chicago businessman who is chairman of the Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship. Present, according to Mr. Terman, was also Mikhail Menshikov, former Soviet Ambassador to Washington, who is now Foreign Minister of the Soviet Russian Federated Republic, largest component of the USSR. Mr. Terman quoted Mr. Gromyko as stating:

"I'm deeply shocked and saddened that at this late date in history--at a time when the hot fire of the cold war has turned to ashes--when the future for mankind has not looked as bright since the cold war began 17 years ago--I see your Jewish spiritual leaders grasp the dead hand of Adenauer and his revanchist and Hitler's ex-generals and judges in a bitter end struggle that can only lead to the annihilation of the Jewish people everywhere together with the human race. How shocking! What an ugly role to play at this time! Why do they do this when they know their statements about Jewry in the USSR are packed with lies? In the Ten Commandments it says, I believe, 'thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.' How spiritual can a man be who poisons the minds of his worshipers with lies?"

Mr. Menshikov, according to Mr. Terman, asked why the Jewish spiritual leaders do not quote a statement on the Jewish question, "given at great length" by Russia's Prime Minister Nikita Khrushchev last March. The former Ambassador also asked why the Jewish leaders do not mention the naming of a Jew, Venyamin Dymshits, as vice-chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers and chairman of the USSR's Economic Council which, he said, "is one of the three highest positions in our country." (Both of these developments had been reported by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.)

### Soviet Envoy 'Explains' Why Khrushchev Does Not Reply to Jews

Mr. Terman reported that he had also asked the Soviet diplomats why Mr. Khrushchev does not reply to the statements about anti-Jewish persecutions made by Jewish leaders. The Chicagoan reported that Mr. Menshikov cited the Soviet Premier's replies on that subject to Lord Bertrand Russell, instead of to Jewish leaders, because "in short, he doesn't trust people noted for their hostility to the Soviet Union, no matter what their religion or faith."

Discussing the Gromyko-Menshikov statements, Mr. Fishbein declared editorially:

"Despite the turmoil that has raged about this controversy during the past decade, the Soviets either will not or can not comprehend our concern. They continue to fall back on the hack-worn constitutional guarantee against anti-Semitism as if that in itself should resolve the entire problem for us. Against those Jews who disagree--which includes 99 and 9/10 percent--they hurl the charge of "war monger," "cold war warrior," "anti-Sovieteer," etc. This is supposed to silence worldwide public opinion that has been protesting the steady deterioration of Jewish life in the Soviet Union ever since the closing days of the Stalin terror.

"What the Soviet authorities do not seem to be willing to face is the special discrimination meted out to the Jewish minority. Why, for example, after all these years, was it necessary to eliminate the baking of matzo? Or why should the Baptists and other religious groups be permitted to print their Bibles while the same right is denied to Jews? We can testify that, wherever we went in the Soviet Union, Jews asked us for Hebrew calendars. They have all kinds of printing presses in that country. How much would it take to print up 100,000 of these, so that religious Jews can know when to say Yiskor?"

# U.N. COMMISSIONER PRESENTS REPORT ON ARAB REFUGEES TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. Oct. 20. (JTA) -- After 14 years of effort costing close to a half billion dollars, the problem of the Arab refugees being held in camps on the Arab borders facing Israel is "as intractable as ever," the UN General Assembly here was informed today.

Dr. John H. Davis, Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, the international agency charged with the task of aiding the refugees, told the Assembly in his annual report today: "The whole issue of Palestine continues to complicate seriously almost every aspect of progress in the Middle East, as well as the relationship which this region has with the outside world."

Submitting his fourth report, for the year ending last June 30, Dr. Davis noted that no progress has been made toward "repatriation" of the refugees to Israel or toward compensating them for the losses they claim as a result of their exit from Israel. "The refugees," he stated, "are still embittered by the conviction that a grave injustice has been done to them through the loss of their homes and homeland, to which they continue to demand the right to return."

Today's report was the last to be submitted by Dr. Davis. He has resigned, "for personal reasons," effective next December 31. No successor to his post has as yet been announced. UNRWA operates currently under a two-year mandate, set by the Assembly, last winter, to expire on June 30, 1965.

## 1,210,170 Refugees on U. N. Relief; Number was 960,021 in 1950

It was noted that this year's UNRWA report is far less political in its nature than those submitted by Dr. Davis in the last two years. Unlike last year, he made no reference to the thesis he propounded in 1962 to the effect that the basic rehabilitative and resettlement efforts of UNRWA should be dropped in favor of more educational, vocational and purely ameliorative operations.

Dr. Davis reported that, as of June 30, 1963, UNRWA was providing relief and other services to a total of 1,210,170 refugees living in the Gaza Strip, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria. His figures showed that, as of June 1950, six months after the agency started its operations, there were 960,021 on the relief rolls. He noted that, as of June of this year, half of the refugees on the relief rolls were "under the age of 18."

The size of the UNRWA relief rolls was explained by Dr. Davis in other sections of the report in which he dealt with efforts made over the years to "rectify" the relief rolls by removing from the registration records those who had died or had become ineligible due to self-support. Noting that the need for "rectification" has been "a chronic problem" since 1950, he reported that "in the intervening years, some 457,000 names have been deleted from the rolls." But, he added, "a corresponding number of new names" have been inserted in their place. "The lists," he stated, "still contain substantial inaccuracies."

## \$37,950,000 Requested for Next Year to Maintain Arab Refugees

During the year under review, he reported, 31,739 names were canceled, as compared with 34,189 the previous year. "The problem," he declared, "has two aspects; on the one hand, the cancellation of false and duplicated registrations and of the names of persons whose deaths have not been reported; on the other hand, the elimination of those persons who are working and no longer in need, either for themselves or their families, of food distributed through international charity. The problem of canceling the rations of those who have sufficient income to support themselves and determining the income level at which this should be done are, however, far more complex and delicate."

The report showed that, for the 12-month period ending December 31, 1963, monetary pledges by governments amounted to \$34,742,929. Of that total, \$24,700,000 had been pledged by the United States, \$5,400,000 by Britain--and nothing at all by any member of the Soviet bloc. Since the agency began operating in 1950, its total expenditures have been \$448,660,997--the greatest bulk of that sum, \$315,968,069, coming from the United States.

Dr. Davis set the next year's budget at a total of \$37,950,000, close to last year's expenditures. Of the total, \$25,510,000 would go for relief services, while \$12,440,000 would be spent for education and training.

In addition to its relatively milder political tone, there was no mention in this year's report of earlier pleas for a "plebiscite" to give the refugees their choice of "repatriation" or compensation. The report and its implications will be debated, beginning next month, by the Assembly's Special Political Committee.

## EXCAVATIONS YIELD SKELETONS OF MASADA FIGHTERS AGAINST ROMANS

TEL AVIV, Oct. 20. (JTA)-- The finding of 15 skeletons and fragments of clothing in a small cave near the summit of a cliff at the Masada fortress along the shore of the Dead Sea were reported here today by Yigael Yadin, noted Hebrew University archeologist, at the end of the first week of excavations at the site of the palace of Herod, King of Judea in the first century B. C. E. and later the last stronghold of the Jews against the Roman conquerors.

# ISRAEL MINISTER OF JUSTICE ARRIVES IN U.S.; STRESSES NEED OF FUNDS

LCS ANGELES, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Israel's Minister of Justice, Dr. Dov Joseph, said here today that the termination of German reparations payments and America's sharp reduction of grants-in-aid to Israel make it imperative that Israel find other sources of foreign income. "Israel bonds can help us bridge the gap between what we received in the past and what we will get in the future," he stated.

Dr. Joseph addressed a gathering of some 1,200 women attending the 10th anniversary bond luncheon in the Beverly Hilton Hotel. Bond purchases at the event brought to over \$1,000,000 the total produced by the women's division since the beginning of 1963.

Pointing out that the Arabs have been getting weapons from Russia and substantial financial aid from the United States, Dr. Joseph declared: "We cannot carry unaided the triple burdens of defense, economic development and immigrant absorption. For that reason, we need the help of American Jews in the non-defense area, to ensure that Israel will continue to expand its economy and serve as a guide to the new nations of the world."

Stressing the financial burden involved in immigrant absorption, Dr. Joseph said that, before the new citizen can become part of the country's economic life, the Government must provide him with housing, teach him a trade, teach him Hebrew, stimulate industry in order to provide him with a job, and, as a prerequisite to the latter, provide roads, water and other essential services in underdeveloped areas, without which a community cannot exist. "All of this imposes a tremendous drain on the national budget, which can be alleviated only through income derived from Israel bonds, our chief source of foreign investment capital," Dr. Joseph declared.

(Former President Harry S. Truman has approved the establishment of an award bearing his name to honor outstanding national and local leaders who have given distinguished service to the cause of freedom and to the promotion of American friendship for Israel, it was announced in New York today by Abraham Feinberg, president of the Israel Bond Organization.)

## J.N.F. EUROPEAN CONFERENCE OPENS WITH DELEGATES FROM 14 LANDS

BRJSSELS, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- A forest in honor of King Boudoin of Belgium will be planted in Israel's central Galilee, it was announced here today by Yaacov Tsur, world chairman of the Jewish National Fund. Mr. Tsur addressed the opening session of a European conference of the JNF, dealing with ways and means of raising an additional \$11,000,000 for development purposes in the Galilee.

Calling on European Jewry not to shrink from the "important and urgent task of giving new life to the long-neglected area of Central Galilee," Mr. Tsur told the 160 delegates from 14 countries that JNF's development plans were "essential to Israel's security."

In messages read to the conference from Israel President Zalman Shazar and Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, both leaders wished the delegates success in their work and stressed that Israel was counting on the goodwill of European Jews. Among the speakers were Israel's Ambassador to Belgium, Amiel Najjar; Rosser Chinn, of England; Vidal Modiano, of France; and P. Ferstenberg, of Belgium.

## CONVENTION OF WOMEN'S AMERICAN ORT CONCLUDES; MRS. ROSENBERG RE-ELECTED

NEW YORK, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Mrs. Max M. Rosenberg was re-elected national president of Women's American ORT at the closing session of the organization's 17th biennial national convention, meeting at the New York Hilton Hotel. She has been active in the 60,000-member group, which supports the global vocational training program of the World ORT Union, for more than 15 years.

The convention adopted a resolution on Women's American ORT's increased support of the world ORT Union and pledged to expand vocational facilities in Toulouse, Montreuil, Lyons and Marseille, in France; Tel Aviv; and in Uruguay. The resolution promised fuller development and expansion of "pre-apprenticeship, apprenticeship and short-term vocational courses everywhere."

The four-day convention heard addresses by Senator Paul H. Douglas; Mayor Robert F. Wagner of New York; Dr. William Haber, president of the American ORT Federation; Max A. Braude, director-general of the World ORT Union; and Charles Jordan, overseas director of the Joint Distribution Committee.

## 250 EMPLOYEES OF NEW YORK JEWISH FEDERATION DECLARE STRIKE

NEW YORK, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Some 250 clerical and professional employees of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of Greater New York went on strike this weekend, seeking a union shop and other improvements in their contract, which expired last June 30.

In a statement issued by the Federation, the agency pointed out that it was campaigning to raise funds for 116 local hospitals and health and welfare institutions caring for 1,000,000 persons. The statement said the strike came without official notification after many weeks of negotiation. The New York State mediators, Julius Manson and Vincent McDonnell called a meeting today with negotiators for the Federation and the union, in an effort to settle the dispute.