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ARCHBISHOP OF CHICAGO BACKS STAND ON JEWS AT ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

ROME, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- The proposal of the Vatican Secretariat for Christian Unity for adoption by the Ecumenical Council of a statement rejecting Jewish blame for the crucifixion of Christ was approved today by a number of Council Fathers during debate on the proposed statement on ecumenism.

Albert Cardinal Meyer, Archbishop of Chicago, expressed "great satisfaction" with the entire document, including Chapter Four on the Jews and Five on freedom of religion. He said the two chapters should remain in the overall ecumenism statement because they were "intimately connected" with ecumenism.

Bishop Angelo Jelmini, the apostolic administrator of Lugano, speaking on behalf of all Swiss Bishops, offered a similar endorsement adding that the proposed Schema should include also Moslems and "all who believe in God and are opposed to materialistic atheism."

Msgr. Mendez of Mexico said he approved the inclusion of the reference to Jews as connected with the Catholic Church by the Old Testament. He added he felt that all other religions should be treated separately and that a separate chapter should be dedicated to Islam.

Bishop Morcillo of Spain argued that the chapter on the Jews and that on freedom of conscience should be approved but as part of the 17th Schema on the Church in the World--a proposal endorsed by Bishop Antonio and Cardinal Bacci of the Vatican Curia.

U.S. STAND ON ARAB REFUGEE ISSUE AT U.N. PROVOKES CONCERN IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- Premier Levi Eshkol called in American Ambassador Walworth Barbour today to convey what was reported to be Israel's concern and misgivings over the changed stand by the United States in the United Nations on the Arab refugee problem. (See page 2 for UN debate).

Although no details of the content of the meeting were disclosed, it was assumed that the Premier expressed concern about the possibility that the United States was appeasing the Arabs in its revised formulation of its previously submitted draft to the General Assembly's Special Political Committee. The revised American draft seeks to revive a clause of a 1948 resolution emphasizing repatriation or compensation of the Arab refugees without direct reference to resettlement.

It was understood that the Prime Minister also raised with the American envoy the issue of the United States apparent plan not to support an 18-power draft resolution calling for direct Arab-Israel talks on the refugee problem.

Meanwhile the Parliamentary Foreign Affairs and Security Committee met with Deputy Premier and Acting Foreign Minister Abba Eban. The committee recommended that the Knesset hold a full debate on the treatment of the refugee issue by the United Nations Assembly immediately upon the return to Israel of Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, who is at the UN.

25,000 PROFESSIONALS IN ISRAEL HOLD ONE-DAY STRIKE; SEEK MORE PAY

TEL AVIV, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- Representatives of 25,000 professionals and technicians, who staged a one-day strike against public institutions yesterday, said today that their Professional Coordinating Committee would meet tomorrow to plan further steps in their fight for more pay and special wage lists.

Despite last minute efforts by Mapai and the Histadrut, Israel's Labor Federation, the professionals struck at sick fund offices and government dispensaries, hospitals, and secondary schools. Only engineers' in essential services, such as the Electric Corporation and the Defense Establishment, stayed on the job.

There were no reports of contact between the Histadrut and the coordinating committee but hopes were expressed that such contacts would be made before the committee meeting tomorrow. Histadrut members among the strikers who said yesterday they

would accept a proposal by Histadrut secretary-general Aharon Becker that their demands would be considered within two weeks decided at the same time to continue their support of the coordinating committee plans.

A split within the Histadrut over the strike developed today when it was learned that Zeev Hering, head of the professional workers in the Histadrut, resigned. It was understood he opposed a proposal from a special committee for a single wage list for the professionals, who are demanding special lists independent of general public servants' lists.

Thirty news editors of Kol Israel, government radio station, this week went on a warning strike, silencing two news broadcasts, over their demands for equalization of working conditions with those of editorial workers in the daily press. The broadcasts were resumed the next day. The demands were backed by the Jerusalem Journalists Association and strongly opposed by the Civil Servants Union.

ISRAEL REJECTS THE AMERICAN RESOLUTION ON ARAB REFUGEES AT U. N.

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 20. (JTA) -- Israel firmly rejected today the United States revision of the American draft resolution on the Arab refugee question and announced to the General Assembly's Special Political Committee that it would vote against the American draft.

According to Michael S. Comay, Israel's permanent representative here, the United States revision makes the draft "more acceptable to one party," meaning the Arabs, "but wholly unacceptable to the other party" meaning Israel. "It is a matter of deep regret to my delegation," Mr. Comay said, "that it is unable to support the United States draft resolution as revised."

Frances T. P. Plimpton, United States representative in the committee, had previously introduced the formal revision of the American draft resolution, declaring that he was doing so to clear up "misunderstandings." "In order to accord more closely with the language of prior resolutions of the General Assembly," he stated, "his delegation now wanted the central substantive paragraph in the United States draft to read as follows:

"The General Assembly calls on the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine to continue its efforts for the implementation of Paragraph II of resolution 194 (III)."

The previous American draft, already considered weak by many delegations here, including Israel, had not called for implementation of Paragraph II which the Arabs are always citing as the central theme of the 1948 Assembly resolution, allegedly giving the Arab refugees the "right" of repatriation and compensation.

Mr. Comay told the committee that the Israel Government's position remained today as it was stated by Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, November 18, that Israel would be willing to continue talks about the refugee problem only "without preconditions as to the nature of the eventual solution of the problem."

"My delegation does not doubt that the United States Government is motivated by a desire to solve the refugee problem once and for all by the integration of the refugees in the region," Mr. Comay said. "We are concerned however that this objective will only be frustrated again by reverting to a discarded formula of implementing paragraph II."

U. N. ASSEMBLY APPROVES DRAFT DECLARATION AGAINST RACIAL BIAS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 20. (JTA) -- The General Assembly today approved unanimously a draft United Nations Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. The declaration condemns discrimination on grounds of race, color or ethnic origin as "an offense to human dignity, capable of disturbing peace and security among peoples."

It condemns all propaganda and organizations "based on ideas of the superiority of one race or group of persons of one color or ethnic origin," declares that all such incitements or acts of violence against any racial group be punishable by law and calls upon all states to "take immediate and positive measures to prosecute and/or outlaw organizations which promote racial discrimination or incite to or use violence for the purpose of discrimination based on race, color or ethnic origin."

VIENNA POLICEMAN SUSPENDED; HAD ARRESTED ANNE FRANK IN AMSTERDAM

VIENNA, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- A 52-year-old Vienna policeman has been suspended from duty after he admitted he was one of the Nazi officers who arrested Anne Frank and her family in wartime Amsterdam, the government disclosed today.

The Interior Ministry identified the policeman as Karl Silberbauer, a detective attached to police headquarters in Vienna's first district. Investigation of his World War II activities is under way.

AFL-CIO CONVENTION ASKS RUSSIA TO CEASE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST JEWS

NEW YORK, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- The AFL-CIO convention demanded yesterday in a resolution "that the Soviet regime cease its persecution and discrimination against the Jewish people in the USSR."

The delegates also strongly urged the United States Senate, in this connection, "to ratify the United Nations Genocide Convention which was unanimously adopted by the UN 15 years ago and which has since been ratified by 64 countries."

"We demand an immediate end to the Soviet Communist policy of singling out the Jewish people for special punitive treatment in the trials of Soviet citizens for alleged economic crimes," the resolution stated. "We demand that the Jewish people be accorded the same conditions and facilities that prevail for other peoples in Soviet Russia with respect to the use of their own language, the practicing of their religion and national culture."

The resolution cited "the traditional humanitarian policy of our country, as demonstrated by President William Howard Taft's cancellation of the United States trade treaty with Czarist Russia in protest against its persecution of the Jews," and urged the United States Government "to bring all necessary diplomatic pressure on the Soviet Union and to consider the application of economic sanctions against the USSR to hasten the end of its anti-Semitic policies and practices."

The resolution also contained an appeal to "our friends and brothers throughout the international labor and democratic movements to join us in raising their voices against Soviet anti-Semitism."

The delegates asserted that "thousands of Russian Jews have suffered the severest penal sentences including in many instances to death penalty for 'offenses' that nowhere in the civilized world would even be considered crimes. Criminal offenses are being fabricated to carry out campaigns for absolving the ruling Communist party clique of blame for their own mistaken policies."

"Soviet newspapers and broadcasts issue reports designed to whip up anti-Jewish hysteria," the resolution stressed. "The Jewish names of the accused are emphasized. At times they are accused of having committed their so-called crimes in the local synagogue. Their family ties in Israel and elsewhere are pointed up. The persecution of Jews is employed to foster the Soviet policy of intensifying hostility against Jews in the Arab world with a view of preventing Arab-Israeli peace."

All this, the delegates declared, was in addition to a systematic Soviet policy of suppressing Jewish religious and cultural practices, including a ban on teaching in Yiddish and Hebrew, Jewish culture, "which was brutally suppressed under Stalin, is being stifled under Khrushchev."

SOVIET EMBASSY WANTS NO STUDY MISSION ON JEWS TO GO TO RUSSIA

OTTAWA, June 20. (JTA) -- A delegation representing organized labor in Canada today presented a request to the Soviet Embassy here to permit the entrance into the Soviet Union of a special Canadian labor commission with a view to study on the spot the position of the Jews there.

The delegation was received by the first secretary of the Soviet Embassy, who angrily replied that this request could never be complied with because it smacks with "colonialism." The delegation left with the Soviet official a memorandum listing the anti-Jewish discriminations now practiced in Russia and advancing a demand for equal rights for Soviet Jews.

The delegation was composed of representatives of the Jewish Labor Committee, Canadian Labor Congress, and the New Democratic Party. It was escorted by more than 100 trade union leaders from all over Canada carrying banners demanding restoration of Jewish culture in the Soviet Union and equal treatment of Jewish religious institutions.

DR. KING, AMERICAN NEGRO LEADER, ATTACKS SOVIET POLICY ON JEWS

KIAMESHA LAKE, N. Y., Nov. 20. (JTA) -- Speaking as a man who "happens to be an American Negro," the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., lashed out last night at the Soviet Government for its "attempt to liquidate the Jewish people in Soviet Russia."

The acknowledged leader of the current civil rights movement, Dr. King was presented with the United Synagogue of America's special Solomon Schechter award during centenary Emancipation Proclamation ceremonies at the organization's 50th anniversary convention.

George Maisten, president of the United Synagogue, presented Dr. King with the award for "his role in translating the prophetic vision of Abraham Lincoln into a living reality." The award is named for the founder of the United Synagogue, who was himself

an ardent Lincoln admirer. The only previous recipient was Governor Herbert H. Lehman, who was similarly honored in 1947.

Dr. King scored "the injustices, the indignities and the humiliating experiences that the Jews of Russia are facing today." He said he was expressing his concern by serving on a committee that was trying to keep the problem of Soviet Jewry before the conscience of the nation and the world. He said:

"This kind of spiritual annihilation, this attempt to engage in a systematic spiritual liquidation, is something we must not allow. Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. Injustice to any people is a threat to justice for all people--and even though I live in the United States, and even though I happen to be an American Negro, I cannot stand idly by and fail to be concerned about the fate of my brothers and sisters who happen to be Jews in Soviet Russia. What happens to them, happens to me and to you and we must all be concerned."

MOSCOW JEWISH EDITOR CLAIMS NO ANTI-SEMITISM EXISTS IN RUSSIA

NEW YORK, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- Aron Vergelis, editor of the Sovietish Heimland published in Moscow, and Robert Rozhdestvensky, a prominent Soviet poet, asserted here today with great heat that there is no anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union, the latter insisting "a Jewish problem does not exist in the Soviet Union" and those in this country who say so are interested only in "interfering with the relaxation of tensions" between the United States and the USSR.

Mr. Vergelis and the Russian poet were members of a three-man group of Russians who held a press conference today at the headquarters of the Soviet Mission to the United Nations. Most of the questions directed at the group, which was headed by another well-known Russian writer, Boris Polovoi, concerned the situation of the Jews in the Soviet Union.

Both Mr. Vergelis and Rozhdestvensky avoided direct answers in regard to closure of synagogues by Soviet authorities and denial to the Jews of the Soviet Union of cultural rights. However, Mr. Vergelis did produce for the television cameras and other photographers a large colorful poster announcing in Russian a performance by Yiddish artists and said that there are more Jewish theatrical performances in the Soviet Union than there are in the United States.

Challenged about the high percentage of Jews given the death sentence for alleged economic crimes in the Soviet Union, Mr. Vergelis said that the victims were sentenced merely as criminals and that no anti-Semitism was involved.

CONSERVATIVE SYNAGOGUE CONVENTION CALLS FOR SIMPLE FUNERALS

KIAMESHA LAKE, N. Y., Nov. 20. (JTA) -- The convention of the United Synagogue of America closed here today with the adoption of a resolution urging its 799 Conservative congregations "to remember that simplicity in funeral practices is the tradition of the Jewish faith and that the dignity of the dead and of the bereaved mourners dictates the elimination of ostentation." It called upon all United Synagogue Congregations to "invest the ritual surrounding burial with the respect which only the simplicity inherent in our tradition can invoke."

The convention also called upon United Synagogue regions to support rabbis declining invitations to officiate at Jewish ceremonies followed by non-kosher meals. The resolution urged on rabbis and congregations to assert the "primacy and priority" of the synagogues' financial, social, cultural and representational needs on all levels of Jewish community life.

The 1,600 delegates also adopted a resolution opposing Sunday closing laws as an intrusion on religious freedom and welcomed legislation passed in some states exempting persons observing Saturday as their Sabbath. They commended President Kennedy for his "far-reaching proposals on immigration" urging the elimination of discrimination based on the quota system. They also urged the U.S. Government to ratify the Genocide Convention adopted by the United Nations in 1948. In another resolution the delegates urged Conservative Jews to participate in the "crucial nationwide campaign for full civil rights and equal opportunity for Negroes."

U.S. RABBINICAL GROUP TO CONTROL KASHRUT ON ISRAELI LINER 'SHALOM'

NEW YORK, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- A three-year contract on behalf of the Zim Israel Navigation Co. Ltd., of Haifa and the Associated Legislative (Orthodox) Rabbinat of America, Inc., was signed here today to provide for rabbinical supervision of kosher facilities and Jewish religious functions aboard the Zim Lines' new flagship, the 23,000 gross ton SS Shalom which enters trans-Atlantic passenger service next spring.

A delegation representing the rabbinical group flew to St. Nazaire, France, following the signing, to inspect the SS Shalom, now in the final stages of construction at the yards of Chantiers d l'Atlantique. As a result of their inspection, they have certified that the kitchen and dining arrangements of the new liner "are in accordance with the full requirements of kashrut." In addition to her kosher kitchens, the SS Shalom will have a separate kitchen for the preparation of non-kosher international cuisine.