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### SUPPORT FOR DOCUMENT ON JEWS GROWING IN ECUMENICAL COUNCIL RANKS

ROME, Nov. 28, (JTA) -- Fresh expressions of support for the proposed adoption by the Ecumenical Council of a statement rejecting Jewish responsibility for the crucifixion of Christ were heard yesterday as the Council Fathers continued debate. The Council postponed last week action on adoption of the proposal and gave no indication as to when and in what form action would be taken.

One of the developments yesterday was a press conference sponsored by the United States Bishops Panel of Msgr. John Oesterreicher, an American priest who is consultant to the Secretariat for Christian Unity, which prepared the statement on Jewish-Catholic relations. The statement also warns Catholics against any anti-Jewish prejudice stemming from the crucifixion.

Msgr. Oesterreicher said that the proper place for Chapter Four, the statement on the Jews, was in the schema on ecumenism because of theological reasons. He said "man's salvation" and the history of the Jewish people were world history and also were the roots of the Church which was in fact, "a church of the Jews given to the Gentiles."

#### Stresses Ecumenism Excludes Efforts at Conversion of Jews

While saying that the goal was "final reconciliation" of Christianity with the synagogue, he stressed that the schema on ecumenism excluded efforts at conversion of Jews. He added that "one fruit of the planned decree should be a lessening of tensions between Catholics and Jews and removal of age-old misunderstandings" through the projected disavowal of the interpretation of the Gospels which sows contempt for Jews.

He reaffirmed that the decree contained a condemnation of anti-Semitism in that it "not only rejects outbursts of hatred and persecutions to which Jews have been subjected but it also says that the Church deplores them with a mother's heart. This is stronger than mere censure," he added, "because it implies that the Church itself is affected by abuse and oppression of the Jews."

Msgr. Oesterreicher said that the decree, together with the "masterful address" of Augustin Cardinal Bea before the Council on November 18 had "exploded the primitive notion" of collective guilt of the Jews in the crucifixion. Cardinal Bea, president of the Secretariat for Christian Unity, strongly criticized Bishops who opposed adoption of the chapter on the Jews.

Another development was an address by Prof. Kristen Skydsgaard of Copenhagen, one of the official Protestant observers at the Council, in which he said that "whichever position one takes toward the question of where to locate the Chapter on the Catholic attitude toward Jews, it is clear that never has it been so absolutely necessary to pronounce this word as at present. No criticism from the outside should impede the Church from expressing now a clear condemnation of anti-Semitism."

#### Bishops of Arab Lands Turn Favorable to Document on Jews

Also noted and commented on was an article by Mazimos Fourth Saigh, the Patriarch of Antioch, in Beirut newspapers, which was disseminated here, in which the Patriarch affirmed his belief that the decree on the Jews was "completely non-political" in its purpose and character, tending only to outlaw religious hatred and racist campaigns in the "Christian Occident" by theoretical and practical means.

Archbishop Pietro Sfair of the Antiochan Masonite Rite called in a speech for inclusion of the Islamic religion in Chapter Four but no other religions. He said he proposed this because of the Islamic affinities with Christianity and Judaism and also because such an action might alleviate antagonisms in the Middle East and promote peace there.

The Archbishop Hyacinth Thiandoum of Dakar, Senegal, suggested in debate today an African compromise on the differences between the Bishops who wanted to speak on Jews only and those who wished to include all non-Christian religions.

He proposed that the agenda be broadened to include the 40,000,000 adherents of Islamism in Africa, asserting that they alone traditionally were considered Abraham's children among non-Jews. He added that Islamism also embraces parts of both the Old and the New Testaments. He also proposed a solemn declaration on Judaism and Islamism outside the Schema on Ecumenism.

# SHAZAR REPORTS IN ISRAEL ON ASSURANCES GIVEN BY PRESIDENT JOHNSON

JERUSALEM, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- President Zalman Shazar, upon his return today from Washington where he headed the Israeli delegation attending the funeral of the late President Kennedy, conveyed to the Israeli people assurances he received from President Johnson that the United States would continue its policy of friendship to Israel.

He also reported that while in Washington, he spoke briefly with Anastas Mikoyan, the First Deputy Premier of the Soviet Union. The conversation, he added, was not on political matters. (In New York, Israel's Foreign Minister Golda Meir said that President Shazar's conversation with Mr. Mikoyan had been held in Russian.)

In a review of the world political scene, Deputy Prime Minister Abba Eban told a special Cabinet session here today that he felt confident that President Johnson would continue the Kennedy Administration's friendly policy toward Israel.

Emphasizing that the wording of President Johnson's message to Prime Minister Levi Eshkol was not simply routine cordiality, Mr. Eban cited the statement by President Johnson that the late Mr. Kennedy's "friendship for Israel was in the tradition of the close bonds which link our two countries. I intend to carry out this tradition to the best of my ability," the American President declared.

An unusually large audience attended an official memorial meeting at Habimah Hall here last night closing three days of mourning in Israel for President Kennedy. The meeting, which was held under the auspices of the Israel-American Friendship League, was addressed by Deputy Prime Minister Eban and U.S. Ambassador Walworth Barbour.

Attendants had to close the doors of the hall long before the meeting began when the nearly 1,200 seats and all aisles were crowded to capacity. In his eulogy of the late President, Ambassador Barbour said: "He was a friend of Israel in the larger sense of our mutual concern for fundamental, national and personal freedom."

## YESHIVA STUDENTS ON TRIAL IN ISRAEL REFUSE TO TAKE OATH IN COURT

JERUSALEM, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- The 104 yeshiva students on trial for trespassing during a demonstration two months ago against the St. Joseph's Convent School here, declined to take an oath today in accordance with the practice of Israeli courts in allowing persons to testify without an oath if taking the oath was contrary to their religious convictions.

Defense attorney Shmuel Tamir said here today that three of the youths would take the stand and exercise their right to make statements without cross examination by the prosecution. The trial resumed today after a recess of several weeks due to the illness of the Chief Magistrate.

In testimony before the court, one of the defendants said that the demonstrations had been directed not against the Christian religion but against attempts by the mission to convert Jewish children by "bribing the poor, unfortunate parents." He said the demonstrators had no intention of causing injury or damage and that none had been caused. The trial is scheduled to resume on Sunday.

## HIGHER ISRAEL BUDGET FOR NEW YEAR SUBMITTED TO CABINET

JERUSALEM, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- The Treasury's draft budget for 1964-65 was presented to the Cabinet today and, while no details have been divulged, it was understood that it would total between 3,300,000,000 and 3,400,000,000 pounds (\$1,100,000,000-\$1,130,000,000) or about 500,000,000 pounds (\$167,000,000) more than the current budget.

The major increase is said to be in the budget for the Ministry of Education and no tax increases except for the new capital gains levy and several luxury taxes are contemplated.

## ISRAEL GRANTS LICENSES TO CANADIANS FOR UNDERWATER OIL DRILLING

JERUSALEM, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- Four licenses for underwater drilling of oil have been granted to a Canadian group which undertook to invest \$4,000,000 in the venture over a four-year period. Development Minister Yosef Almogi announced here today. Mr. Almogi said the first experimental underwater oil drilling would probably be started in 1965 after all preliminary tests have been completed.

The Knesset, Israel's Parliament, is currently debating an amendment to the Israel Oil Law on prospecting policy based on recommendations of a committee headed by former Chief of Staff Yigael Yadin. The most important changes included in the amendment are the abolition of the present division of the country into four "Prospecting Districts" and the removal of the limitation of three permits to one prospecting company.

The Committee has also recommended the establishment of an oil prospecting planning institute to conduct large-scale geological and geophysical research.

#### BAVARIAN MINISTER OF JUSTICE BACKS GERMAN JUDGES WHO WERE NAZIS

MUNICH, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- Bavarian Justice Minister Hans Ehard warned here today against discrediting German judges just because they belonged to the Nazi party.

In a controversial speech before the Bavarian provincial parliament, Mr. Ehard, who is the former Minister President of the state, said that formal membership in the National Socialist party or duty on a special Nazi or Wehrmacht court should not be the basis for removing judges from office. "There has been too much criticism of our judicial system recently," Mr. Ehard declared.

The Bavarian official admitted when questioned by the opposition Social Democrats, however, that allegations that a judge or district attorney had taken part in "excessive" death sentences, should be investigated "immediately and with painstaking detail."

No more than 140 judges and prosecutors have been retired from office because of their Nazi records while many others are believed to be still on the bench. Their presence, along with other aspects of the German judicial system, has been the subject of widening criticism in recent months. Light sentences in war crimes trials have contributed to what is described here as a "crisis of confidence" in the judiciary.

#### SWITZERLAND REFUSES RESIDENCE TO DR. GLOBKE AS AN 'UNDESIRABLE'

GENEVA, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- Dr. Hans Globke, Secretary of State in the office of former West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, was declared an "undesirable" person yesterday by the Parliament of the Swiss canton of Vaud. Dr. Globke resigned his office shortly before Chancellor Adenauer quit last month. His wife owns property in Vaud. The Vaud Parliament adopted a motion declaring that Dr. Globke "abstain from residing in the canton, either temporarily or permanently."

Dr. Globke has been accused of anti-Jewish activities during World War II, having been the expert in the Nazi regime who had written the official commentary on the anti-Jewish Nuremberg Laws. He has consistently denied, however, that he aided the Nazi racist policies, and was supported in his denials by Dr. Adenauer.

#### HOLLAND SUBMITS EVIDENCE TO AUSTRIA ON NAZI WHO DEPORTED JEWS

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- Dutch officials reported today that a Vienna court has decided to keep Erich Rajakovic in prison pending his trial next spring after the Dutch Criminal Investigation Department submitted irrefutable new evidence linking the former Nazi with the deportation of 110,000 Dutch Jews to Auschwitz.

The CID evidence was transmitted to the State War Documentation Center which in turn sent it to Vienna officials. Rajakovic, charged by the Dutch with having been a key aide of the late Adolf Eichmann, was identified as a former Nazi by a Milan newspaper last April and fled with his wife to Switzerland. Ordered to leave by Swiss police, he went to Vienna, where he was arrested.

#### HASSIDIC YOUTHS GET SUSPENDED SENTENCES FOR PAINTING SWASTIKAS

NEW YORK, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- Five Hassidic yeshiva students who were arrested last month on charges of painting swastikas on the walls of the building housing the Israeli Consulate-General and United Nations Mission here were given suspended sentences yesterday when they were arraigned before a magistrate, and released. Prior to their release, they expressed "repentance" for their acts.

The defacing of the Israeli offices with the Nazi symbol had been an act of protest against Israel in connection with the rioting that had taken place in Jerusalem, where ultra-zealous factions tried to block Sabbath traffic entering Jerusalem through the Mandelbaum Gate. Of the five arrested, two were arraigned as juvenile delinquents, being under the age of 17, while those who were older--aged between 17 and 22--were charged with malicious mischief. All five had been under parole of their parents or attorneys since they were arrested.

#### ONE FRENCH JEW, TWO ISRAELIS HONORED BY ACADEMIES IN PARIS

PARIS, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- Professor Raymond Aron, the French-Jewish sociologist and political commentator, was today elected to the Academie des Sciences Morales et Politiques, one of the five academies of the Institute de France. Prof. Aron was born in Paris 58 years ago.

The French Academy of Medicine named two Israeli physicians today as laureates in recognition of their outstanding research in the field of physical and psychological trauma among concentration camp survivors. The award, one of the highest in the medical world, was awarded jointly to Dr. A. Dvoretzky and Dr. Louis Kopelman. Both are recent immigrants to Israel.

CONVENTION FOR LABOR ISRAEL DECIDES TO RAISE \$5,125,000 FOR HISTADRUT

NEW YORK, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- A decision to raise \$5,125,000 in the United States and Canada for the Histadrut Campaign was adopted here today at the five-day convention of the National Committee for Labor Israel.

The 3,000 delegates attending the convention participated in a prayer for the late President Kennedy chanted in Hebrew. A letter written by Mr. Kennedy to the convention shortly before he was assassinated in Dallas was read at the gathering. The letter, one of the last written by the late President, reads:

"It is the abiding wish of our people that men everywhere may realize the opportunity to work for a better life for themselves and their families, and in this spirit I am pleased to congratulate the National Committee for Labor Israel on its 40th anniversary.

"The energies and skills, the minds and hearts of the Jewish people went into the building of a new society based on timeless principles of freedom and justice. Americans, too, settled a new land and created a democratic society based upon these principles, and in bringing economic and cultural assistance to Israel, the National Committee for Labor Israel has demonstrated its dedication to our country's history and tradition.

"We are reunited by the common bond of freedom and we give of our abundance to rescue the hopes of others. In the same spirit Israel has brought the skills and resources of its own working men and women to the service of emerging nations around the globe."

Dr. Goldmann Warns U.S. Jews on Dangers Facing Israel

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, paid a glowing tribute to the memory of Mr. Kennedy, and warned that the most serious danger facing Israel today "is the possibility that the Jewish people should relax in its determination to stand by Israel."

"The image of Israel in the minds of world Jewry has changed radically in the last few years because people look more at the facade of the country than at its real problems which determine its development," Dr. Goldmann said. "From the point of view of the outside observer Israel seems to have become a country, safe from the point of view of its security, strong politically and rather wealthy economically. All these impressions are wrong and misleading.

"There will not be safety for Israel as long as there is no peace between her and the Arab states and she will not be integrated into the family of nations of the Near East," the noted world Zionist leader stressed. "This goal is as far away today as it was in the last decade and nobody can foresee when it will come. Politically, the fact that the Communist bloc and especially the Soviet Union is as hostile to Israel as it was these last years, threatens Israel's international position and especially its security in view of the massive rearmament of the Arabs by the Soviet Union.

"Economically speaking, despite its increased reserves and a dynamic economic activity which goes on, there are still large sectors of the population, especially among the new immigrants who have hardly a minimum of income for a decent standard of life. At the same time the gap in the foreign currency balance of Israel has no tendency to diminish seriously which means that Israel remains dependent, to a very large degree, on foreign aid, be it from Jewish or non-Jewish sources," Dr. Goldmann emphasized.

Dr. Stein Presents Report; Israeli Leaders Address Convention

Dr. Sol Stein, executive director of the National Committee for Labor Israel, said in his annual report to the convention that, as of last September 30, a record sum of \$5,768,971 was made available for welfare projects in Israel by the National Committee and its related Pioneer Women's Organization.

The total, he reported, was the largest sum forwarded in a decade, including \$1,820,000 raised through the Israel Histadrut Campaign; \$948,000 by the Pioneer Women for the Working Women's Council of Histadrut; and a long-term loan of \$3,000,000, necessitated by the emergency needs of the new immigrants entering Israel during the year.

Yehoshua Levy, treasurer of Histadrut, reported on the program of the Histadrut Assistance Fund, the agency set up in Israel to administer the money forwarded by the National Committee for Israeli welfare services. Histadrut, he said, also contributed out of its funds toward this welfare program which, he reported, benefits 70 per cent of Israel's population, "Jews and Arabs alike."

Another speaker at the session was Itzhak Ben-Aharon, member of the Israel Parliament and labor leader, who stressed the need to step up aid to Israel.