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## POPE STRESSES JEWISH ROLE IN RELIGION; GREETED BY CROWDS IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- Pope Paul VI, the first Pontiff ever to visit the Holy Land, told Israeli President Zalman Shazar today that he includes in his prayers the Jews, as "the sons of the people of the Covenant, whose part in the religious history of mankind can never be forgotten."

The Pontiff's statement to President Shazar, in response to a greeting by Mr. Shazar at Megiddo, was one of the highlights in a crowded day, during which the leader of world Catholicism was hailed by hundreds of thousands of Israelis--Christian, Jewish and Moslem--on his historic pilgrimage to this country. Mr. Shazar had welcomed the Pope in Hebrew. The Pope, in turn, concluded his remarks by using a Hebrew word twice--the word "Shalom."

It was a bright, clear day, as the Pope, with his entourage of three cardinals and other Catholic dignitaries, entered Israel at the town of Ta'anach, opposite the Jordanian border village of Jenin. That frontier post, usually closed to any travel between Jordan and Israel, was opened especially for the Pope's visit.

Officials of the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs greeted the Pope at Ta'anach, at the southern edge of the Valley of Jezreel. (Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, was not present; she had hurt a foot and was hospitalized in Jerusalem just prior to the Pope's arrival.)

With Israeli outriders preceding the papal convoy, and the road guarded by scores of Israeli policemen and security personnel holding back cheering crowds behind iron barricades, the entourage made its way up a hill to the ancient town of Megiddo, arriving there in 10 minutes.

An Israeli military guard of honor snapped to attention and presented arms as trumpets sounded a ceremonial welcome to the head of the Catholic Church. Awaiting the Pope atop the hill was the official welcoming party, composed, in addition to President Shazar, of Prime Minister Levi Eshkol; Deputy Premier Abba Eban; Dr. Zorach Warhaftig, Minister for Religious Affairs; Chief Supreme Court Justice Yitzhak Olshan; Minister of Police Behor Shitreet; Speaker of the Knesset Kadish Luz; and other high Israeli officials. Present also, as dean of the diplomatic corps in Israel, was Soviet Ambassador Mikhail Bodrov.

### Israel President Welcomes Pope; Mentions Ancient Prejudices

A red carpet had been spread from the Pontiff's automobile to the spot where President Shazar awaited the Pope. Television and other broadcast apparatus had been set, as Mr. Shazar stepped forward and told the Pope:

"With utmost respect, and in full awareness of the historic significance of this occurrence, unprecedented in the annals of the generations, I have come in the name of the Government of Israel, and in my own, to bid welcome to the supreme Pontiff, the spiritual Father of the Catholic Church throughout the world. I have come to greet him with the age-old blessing: 'Blessed be thou in thy coming.'"

"From Jerusalem, our capital city, the City of David, I, and the members of the Israel Government with me, have made our way down to Megiddo, the city that Solomon built, so that we may welcome him as soon as he has stepped upon the soil of our land, this Holy Land."

Noting that the Pope had described his pilgrimage to the Holy Land as a journey of prayer, seeking "mercy for all mankind," President Shazar continued: "Surely the devastation of my people during this last generation is a bitter warning of the depth of bestiality and the loss of the Divine image to which ancient prejudices and racial hatreds can drag men down, if a purifying spirit does not come into being while there is yet time to dam up these dangers forever."

The Israeli President then voiced hope for the realization of the calls expressed by the ancient Hebrew prophets who looked toward the day when "nation shall not lift up sword against nation." This countryside," said Mr. Shazar, "testifies as living witness to the fact that prophecies are being fulfilled--the prophecies of the ingathering of our

people here from all corners of the earth, and the renewal of their independent life as in the days of old.

Here, from Megiddo, stretches before us the Valley of Jezreel, whose fields are fruitful once again, whose landscape is enhanced by scores of new settlements based upon foundations of labor, equality, justice. And in every village and town of our land, there is being built the fulfillment of the promise of new life." The President concluded: "Blessed be our illustrious guest upon his arrival amongst us."

#### Pope Expresses Emotions of Being in the Land of the Prophets

Speaking in French, in reply to President Shazar's Hebrew greeting, Pope Paul expressed his emotions at "seeing with our own eyes, and treading with our own feet, this land where the patriarchs once lived--this land where down through the centuries there resounded the voices of the prophets speaking in the Name of God, in the names of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and hallowed forever for all Christians by the Presence of Jesus."

Addressing President Shazar directly, the Pontiff continued: "Your Excellency knows, and God is our witness, that we are not inspired during this visit by any other motives than purely spiritual ones. We come as a pilgrim to venerate the Holy Places. We come to pray. From this land, our humble supplication is raised toward God for all men, believers and non-believers, and we happily include the sons of the people of the Covenant whose part in the religious history of mankind can never be forgotten. Shalom! Shalom!

#### Presents Gifts to Shazar; Is Given Israeli Gold Medallion

President Shazar then presented the Pope with a specially minted gold medallion. In turn, the Pontiff gave Mr. Shazar and to the members of Israel's Cabinet participating in the ceremonies a medallion minted at the Vatican, marking the Pope's Holy Land pilgrimage. Pope Paul also gave Mr. Shazar two large, silver candelabra, an autographed photograph of himself, and an electrocardiograph. He asked President Shazar to present that scientific instrument to an Israeli hospital.

From Megiddo, the Pope and his party were driven to Nazareth, the city with a predominantly Arab population. Many thousands again shouted welcome to the Pope as the convoy drove to Nazareth. Newsmen who had been with the Pope's party yesterday in Jordan remarked that the Israeli crowds and security arrangements were very orderly, compared with the chaos that prevailed on the Pontiff's first day in the Holy Land, yesterday, in Jordan. The Israeli crowds had waited for hours to greet the Pope. The papal convoy had been held up for an hour beyond schedule by disorderly crowds jamming the roads from Jordanian Old Jerusalem to Jenin.

More than 100,000 persons crowded Nazareth as the Pope arrived there, but again strict order prevailed in spite of the vast enthusiasm with which he was received. As he entered the Basilica of the Church of the Annunciation--considered the spot where the Mother of Jesus was told she would give birth to Christ--the Pope took hands with another, larger, official welcoming party. This group was headed by Deputy Premier Eban, who had come ahead of the convoy from Megiddo, and included Archbishop George Hakim, of Galilee; Nazareth's Arab Mayor Zouaby; and about 100 members of the diplomatic corps.

#### Cardinal Lights Six Candles in Memory of Annihilated Jews

The Pope went to the Church of St. Joseph, then to the shores of Lake Tiberias, the site where the Christians believe Jesus performed His first miracle, turning water into wine. The party visited the ancient Synagogue of Capernaum, believed to be the oldest synagogue in existence, thence to the Basilica of Transfiguration atop Mt. Tabor.

Through the Valley of Jezreel the convoy headed for Israel's Jerusalem, through the hills of Judea, taking the road traveled by King David when he went to Jerusalem to head the Jewish nation. Welcoming, cheering crowds flanked the entire road on the way to Jerusalem. At the entrance to Jerusalem, the Pope was greeted by the city's Mayor, Mordechai Sh-Shalom.

In Jerusalem, the Pope ascended to Mount Zion--where Israel had prepared a specially improved road for his convenience--and visited the room where Jesus was reported in the New Testament to have had his Last Supper, and the Church of the Dormition, which honors the end of the life of Mary, Mother of Jesus. One of the cardinals accompanying the Pope visited the chamber on the mountain honoring the Jews martyred in World War II, and there lighted six candles in memory of the 6,000,000 Jews annihilated by the Nazis during World War II.

Finally, the Pontiff returned to Jordan, via the Mandelbaum Gate. There, President Shazar saw the Pontiff for the second time today, bidding farewell to the Catholic leader.

#### U.S. OFFICIAL BRINGS COMMUNICATION FROM PRESIDENT JOHNSON TO ESHKOL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 5. (JTA) --Sargent Shriver, director of the United States Peace Corps, arrived here with a message from President Lyndon B. Johnson which he is scheduled to deliver to Prime Minister Levi Eshkol at a meeting Tuesday morning. The contents of the message were not disclosed.

DR. NEUMANN HONORED ON 70TH BIRTHDAY; JOHNSON SENDS GREETINGS

NEW YORK, Jan. 5, (JTA) -- More than 1,000 Zionist and communal leaders attended the annual dinner of the Zionist Organization of America given tonight in tribute to Dr. Emanuel Neumann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency and president of the World Union of General Zionists, on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

The dinner, held at the New York Hilton Hotel, was originally scheduled to be held on November 26, 1963, commemorating the 16th anniversary of the United Nations resolution sanctioning the establishment of the Jewish State. It was postponed to tonight because of the tragic death of President Kennedy. Due to illness, Rabbi Max Nussbaum, president of the ZOA, was unable to preside. In his stead, the affair was presided over by Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the American Zionist Council.

Addresses of greetings were delivered by Israel Ambassador Avraham Harman, Dr. Walter C. Lowdermilk, Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver, son of the late Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Mayor Robert F. Wagner, Abraham Goodman, chairman of the Neumann Jubilee Committee and Jack Lefkowitz, dinner chairman who opened the program. Dr. Neumann was presented with a citation in recognition of his "Life of service and dedication to Israel and Jewry exemplifying the romance of the Zionist ideal."

Messages of warm tribute to Dr. Neumann lauding his more than half a century of public service and achievements in the creation of the State of Israel and for the welfare of the Jewish people were received from President Lyndon B. Johnson, Israel President Zalman Shazar, Israel Premier Levi Eshkol, David Ben-Gurion, leading members of both Houses of Congress, Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller, Moshe Sharett, former Israeli Premier and chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization and Zionist and Jewish leaders from more than 20 countries.

Dr. Lowdermilk Deplores Arab Hostility of Jordan Water Plan

Dr. Lowdermilk, considered the father of the plan for the use of Jordan water to irrigate desert lands for the benefit of both Jews and Arabs, expressed his astonishment at the rejection by the Arab states of this project and the threats of war against Israel over the imminent opening of the Kinneret-Negev Water System.

Dr. Lowdermilk, in addressing the dinner to pay tribute to Dr. Neumann, asserted that "the protests of the Arab states and their threats of war against Israel over the imminent opening of the Kinneret Water System, have an ironic quality.

"The Arab lands are not lacking in water resources," Dr. Lowdermilk said. "Syria, the most vociferous of the Arab states on this issue, has the Orontes and the Euphrates and additional rivers and streams. Syria and the other Arab countries could today be participating with Israel in a great regional program which would assure total equitable distribution of water resources; but Syria torpedoed such a program. The plan by the late Eric Johnston was not implemented because--in Eric Johnston's own words-- 'Syria objected to the project because it would benefit Israel as well as the Arab countries,'" Dr. Lowdermilk stated.

Reviewing his association with the Jordan Valley Authority project, Dr. Lowdermilk stated that the project was originally conceived not only by himself but "also by Dr. Emanuel Neumann and his Zionist associates together with a distinguished group of engineers." He said that the plan "was conceived as a great regional project to benefit the whole of Palestine, as well as Trans-Jordan, Syria and Lebanon."

President Johnson, in his message of tribute, took note of the fact that the testimonial for Dr. Neumann was originally scheduled to be held on the day commemorating the 16th anniversary of the adoption of the United Nations resolution sanctioning the establishment of the Jewish State. "It is most appropriate," the President said, "that the commemoration and the testimonial to Dr. Neumann be joined together, for Dr. Neumann was one of those who presided at the birth of the new State."

Dr. Neumann Lauds Johnson; Appeals to Him on Mid-East Policy

Dr. Neumann, in response to the addresses, lauded in warm terms President Lyndon B. Johnson recalling "with deep appreciation his longstanding friendship toward the State of Israel and his concern for her welfare." He addressed a strong plea to President Johnson to "take a fresh look at the Middle East scene and subject our current policies to a close and critical view."

"If the Department of State insists on continuing to give the Egyptian dictator both our financial and political backing, then the least that can be done in the interest of peace is to establish and maintain a balance of power and defensive equilibrium between Israel and her avowed enemies bent on her destruction," Dr. Neumann stated.

"I see no other alternative: Either the Arab States are led to give up and renounce their avowed aim to destroy Israel, or the U.S. must take such concrete measures as will deter would-be aggressors and assure Israel's integrity." "President Nasser has just called for a 'summit conference' of Arab states. As tensions mount in the Middle East it is increasingly clear that the time for half-measures has definitely passed," the World Zionist leader declared.

## YIVO INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH RESEARCH OPENS FOUR-DAY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- The 38th annual conference of the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research opened here last night with a message of greetings from Israel's President Zalman Shazar urging the continuation "of the YIVO tradition to cultivate the vineyard of the old and new Jewish creativity" and the dissemination of Jewish culture of Eastern Europe among the Jews in North America.

The establishment of a YIVO Heritage Foundation was announced at today's session of the four-day conference. Principal speaker at the session last night, held at Hunter College, was Abraham Sutskever, leading Jewish poet now residing in Tel Aviv. He dealt with the heroic efforts made to rescue priceless cultural treasures from destruction at the hands of the Nazis in the Vilna Ghetto where he was one of the fighters.

Another speaker last night was Dr. Irving Howe, Professor of English at Hunter College, who spoke on "The Humanist Aspect of the Yiddish Literature." The conference will also discuss Jewish Identity within the Framework of American Culture, The Unique Pattern of the American Diaspora Experience and other subjects. The speakers include authors and educators interested in promoting Jewish culture.

## 1,300 DELEGATES ATTEND CONVENTION OF JEWISH TEENAGERS IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- More than 1,300 teenage delegates from 375 Conservative congregations in the United States and Canada adopted resolutions, at their annual convention here, supporting the separation of church and state, urging expansion of religious education among Jewish youth, and calling upon Jewish teenagers to deepen their commitments to Jewish observances.

The convention elected Richard Hoffman, of Chicago, as president of their organization, the United Synagogue Youth, which includes 22,000 members in 570 chapters.

## PRESIDENTS OF 400 CONSERVATIVE SYNAGOGUES HONORED IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- The presidents of more than 400 Conservative congregations were honored here today by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America for distinguished service to the Jewish community and the cause of Judaism. The synagogue leaders were honored at a special convocation arranged by the Seminary.

A memorial tribute was offered to the late Herbert H. Lehman, life member of the Seminary's board of directors and until his death, chairman of its board of overseers. Honorary degrees and medals were presented to four well-known Jewish figures: Dr. I. Edwin Goldwasser, educator and banker; Judge Stanley H. Fuld of the State Court of Appeals; Mrs. Eugene Meyer, author; and Rabbi Ralph Simon of Congregation Rodef Zedek, Chicago.

## EDWARD M. KAHN TO RETIRE FROM JEWISH COMMUNAL SERVICE IN ATLANTA

ATLANTA, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- Edward M. Kahn, one of the outstanding Jewish communal workers in the South, executive director of three of the foremost Jewish organizations in this city, will retire from active organizational work, it was announced here today. The announcement was made jointly by the presidents of the three organizations which Mr. Kahn has been heading professionally. They are; Abe Goldstein, of the Atlanta Jewish Welfare Fund; Abe Schwartz, of the Federation of Jewish Services here; and Max Cuba, of the Atlanta Jewish Community Council.

A statement lauding his years of leadership was issued by the three organizational presidents, who announced also that the entire Jewish community had been invited to participate in a farewell testimonial for Mr. Kahn on January 15. The principal speaker at that event will be Philip Bernstein, executive director of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

## FUNERAL OF FATHER WEIGEL, FRIEND OF JEWS, TO TAKE PLACE TOMORROW

NEW YORK, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- Funeral services will be held Tuesday at Woodstock College, a Jesuit seminary in Maryland, for the Rev. Dr. Gustave Weigel, a world-famous Catholic theologian who was known for his advocacy of the plan for adoption by the Ecumenical Council of a statement absolving Jews of blame for the Crucifixion of Jesus and calling for better relations between the Catholic Church and the Jewish people. Father Weigel died here this weekend, aged 57.

Dr. Weigel was an adviser to the Vatican's Secretariat for the Promotion of Christian Unity, headed by Augustin Cardinal Bea. During the last session of the Ecumenical Council, he acted as one of the priests who reported to the world press about the debates inside the closed sessions of the Council.

Last July, it was Father Weigel who revealed, at the annual meeting of the National Community Relations Advisory Council, in Atlantic City, that the first session of the Ecumenical Council had shunted aside a proposed statement condemning anti-Semitism because there were fears that such a statement might be interpreted by Arab states as a pro-Israel attitude.