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## JEWISH AND CATHOLIC LEADERS IN ROME DISCUSS 'THE DEPUTY' PLAY

ROME, Feb. 11 (JTA) -- The role of the late Pope Pius XII in regard to the Nazi genocide of European Jewry -- with particular reference to Rolf Hochhuth's play, "The Deputy," which opens in New York on February 28 -- was the subject of a round table conference attended by Jewish community and Catholic lay organization leaders here.

The panelists were Msgr. Alberto Giovanetti of the Vatican State Secretariat; Professor Mario Toscana, research and documentation director of the Italian Foreign Ministry; and Raphael Cantoni of the World Jewish Congress, a former president of the Union of Italian Jewish communities. "The Deputy," the theme of which is that the late Pontiff failed to speak out against the Nazi genocide, has provoked controversy in all cities where it has been shown.

Msgr. Giovanetti, author of a recent study, "The Vatican and World War II," said that no one denied the right to criticize a historic personality, such as Pope Pius. However, he asserted, "The Deputy" was a "libel" because it did not describe any political motivation of the Pope's attitude. He cited the opposition of the Vatican to Nazism and referred to Pope Pius' encyclical letter, "Mit Brennender Sorge," which, Msgr. Giovanetti said, the Nazi Foreign Office charged was meant to rouse the world against Nazi Germany.

Msgr. Giovanetti also asserted that the Allied Broadcasting services throughout the world radioed extensively comments of the Vatican Radio during the war, something, he added, which was never done by Nazi Germany. He also cited previously mentioned indications of the anti-Nazi attitude of the late Pontiff, including a letter to the London Tablet by Cardinal Montini, now Pope Paul VI.

### Jewish Leader Says Pope Pius XII Ordered to Save Jews

Professor Toscana, suggested that the Vatican State Secretariat should complete the documentation of its archives. This, he said, was important because he wanted to show with such documents that Italy's pro Jewish stand during the war was partly due to the influence of the Vatican. He cited documents showing that the Vatican in November 1940 asked the Italian Government to intervene with Nazi Germany on behalf of priests who had been sent to the Mauthausen concentration camp, an effort which did not succeed.

Professor Toscana also quoted Hitler's instructions to Weizsaecker, Germany's representative at the Vatican, to the effect that, "in view of the known anti-National Socialist attitude of Cardinal Pacelli, give him my congratulations, since this cannot be avoided but this should not be too warm." The occasion was the Cardinal's ascension to the Papacy.

Mr. Cantoni cited efforts by Catholic clergy to save Jews during the Nazi occupation of Italy. He said this was done on instructions of Pope Pius to "Help, Hide, Save." He said the nature of the assistance given by the Church showed clearly that the activities were not sporadic humanitarian actions. He concluded with an appeal to work in unity for progress without regard to religious differences. He was warmly applauded by the audience.

## JEW SENTENCED TO DEATH IN MOSCOW; MORE JEWS AMONG 23 DEFENDANTS

LONDON, Feb. 11 (JTA) -- The leader of an alleged fraud network in Moscow, publicly identified by Izvestia, the official Government newspaper, as a Jew, has been sentenced to death; it was reported here today from Moscow.

A group of 23 other alleged members of the group are still on trial and are expected to be convicted and sentenced within a few days. The condemned man is listed as Shakerman, with no first name. Eighteen of the defendants are believed to be Jews. Others named are Roitman and Galperin.

Last October, Izvestia identified Shakerman and Roitman, both of Moscow, as Jews and had demanded a show trial for them. The newspaper asserted that it was mentioning the Jewish names of the suspects "because we do not pay attention to malicious slanders aroused in the western press from time to time. They are tried as criminals, not as Jews, Russians, Tartars or Ukrainians."

The defendants were charged with having turned a Moscow mental clinic into a subrosa knitwear factory and sold its products "illegally." From Rostov it was reported that a Jew was arrested for allegedly possessing various souvenir articles that had purportedly come from Israel. The report of his arrest appeared in the local Soviet newspaper "Vecher-naya Rostov."

## STATE DEPARTMENT REITERATES U. S. OPPOSITION TO ARAB BOYCOTT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- The continued opposition of the United States to the boycott by Arab countries of American firms doing business with Israel was reiterated by Assistant Secretary of State Frederick G. Dutton in a letter to Congressman Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat.

Congressman Farbstein, who is a member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, complained to the State Department against the boycotting and blacklisting of American business organizations by Jordan and Lebanon. Having been advised that these business organizations might hesitate to request assistance from the U. S. Government, Congressman Farbstein asked for a policy statement on this matter. In answer to this request, Assistant Secretary of State Dutton wrote:

"The Department is fully in accord with your view that American firms should not be penalized by the Arab governments simply because they enter into certain business relations with Israel. As you know, we have repeatedly expressed our objection to the boycott to the individual Arab governments, and they are abundantly aware of our position on this issue. Representations will continue to be made with a view to obtaining relief for American firms although necessarily we refer to specific companies only at their request or with their consent. When a company requests the Department's assistance, we are prepared to make every effort consistent with over-all U. S. policy in the Near East to relieve the firm from the impediments to its business activities posed by the boycott."

## U. N. ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY ASKS HAIFA TECHNION FOR DESALINATION STUDY

VIENNA, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- The International Atomic Energy Agency, a specialized agency of the United Nations, with headquarters here, asked Technion, the Israel Institute of Technology, at Haifa, to investigate the feasibility of the use of atomic energy for the desalination of sea water, it was revealed today. The study, according to the IAEA, will be conducted at Haifa by Prof. Fritz Ashner and Dr. Shimon Yiftah, both of Technion's nuclear sciences department.

The Technion study, it was indicated, will be part of the agency's international program for pooling research and know-how in the field of the use of nuclear energy for research in desalination, as announced in New York last week by President Johnson. President Johnson had mentioned the IAEA specifically as a central agency in such research.

## ISRAEL MINISTER FORESEES END OF IMMIGRATION WITHIN THREE YEARS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Barring unforeseen developments, present sources of immigration to Israel will end within three years, posing both national implications and manpower shortages, Labor Minister Yigal Allon, told the Knesset, Israel Parliament, today.

Announcing an increase in family allowances, the Labor Minister said families should be given moral and material encouragement to have more children. He also urged increased efficiency and productivity in the Israeli economy, which he called the "cardinal task" of Israel.

## IRGUN VETERANS RECEIVE 'CAPTIVITY MEDALS' FROM HERUT PARTY LEADER

JERUSALEM, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Menachem Beigin, leader of the Herut party, the political successor to the pre-state underground Irgun Zvai Leumi, pinned "captive medals" today on Irgun veterans in a ceremony to mark the 20th anniversary of the Irgun "revolt" against the British mandatory regime. The veterans were those who had been imprisoned or exiled by the British.

The ceremony, which was held in the yard of the Jerusalem Central Prison, was attended by Gen. Pierre Koenig, chairman of the Franco-Israel Friendship League; Raymond Schmittlein, Deputy Speaker of the French National Assembly; and representatives of the Belgian and Dutch Assemblies and the Dutch wartime underground movement.

General Koenig presented Beigin with a medal on behalf of the National Organization of the French Underground. The presentation took place at a reception which was attended by Cabinet Ministers.

## ISRAEL REJECTS PROTESTANT REQUEST TO BORROW DEAD SEA SCROLLS FOR FAIR

JERUSALEM, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Israel has turned down a request by the Protestant Council of New York to borrow the Dead Sea Scrolls for the Council's pavilion at the New York World's Fair which opens in April, it was reported here today. Israel, however, is assisting the Council in assembling exhibits for the pavilion's Galilee corner.

## SYRIA OPENS FIRE ON ISRAELI PLANE FLYING LOW OVER HULEH AREA

TEL AVIV, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Syrian gunposts today opened fire on an Israeli plane flying inside Israeli territory in the Huleh area, near the Syrian border. The Israeli craft was flying low, but the ship was not hit.

GERMAN PROSECUTOR STARTS WORLDWIDE HUNT FOR MARTIN BORMANN

FRANKFURT, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Dr. Fritz Bauer, the Hesse state prosecutor, has launched a worldwide hunt for Martin Bormann, Hitler's deputy, after being informed by a former high Nazi that Bormann was alive, it was disclosed here today.

Dr. Bauer was informed by Werner Naumann that Bormann definitely had not been killed by the Russians when he sought to escape from Hitler's underground bunker in Berlin during the final Russian assault on the German capital, as had previously been reported. Bormann has also repeatedly been reported as having been seen in South American countries but none of the reports has ever been substantiated.

According to the reports here, one of the sons of Adolf Eichmann, the Gestapo colonel who was tried and executed in Israel, also told Dr. Bauer that his father always spoke of Bormann as being alive. Der Spiegel, a West German newsweekly, quoted Bormann's mother-in-law as saying that her late husband, Walter Buch, had received word well after the war that Bormann was living in hiding. Buch was a judge under the Nazi regime.

The Hesse state Justice Ministry issued a standby warrant for the former chief of the Nazi Party chancellory in 1961, on charges of suspicion of attempted murder.

WEST GERMAN LEADING ROCKET EXPERT WHO WORKED FOR NASSER DIES

BERLIN, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Dr. Eugen Sanger, one of the West German rocket experts whose work in Egypt last year touched off a sharp attack by Israel against the West German Government, died of a heart attack yesterday at the age of 58.

The Bonn Government forced Dr. Sanger's resignation as head of the Institute of Jet Propulsion Physics in Stuttgart as a result of the dispute over his presence and that of other West German scientists and technicians reportedly working on advanced weapons systems for the Nasser regime. Dr. Sanger denied that he had helped to build weapons for Egypt. He insisted that he had been a consultant only on Egyptian rocket development.

The Israel Government charged that the West Germans were working on advanced offensive weapons for Egypt and accused the Bonn Government of laxity in seeking to compel the West Germans to halt such work in Egypt and return home.

RELATIONS BETWEEN JEWS AND NON-JEWS IN COLOMBIA REPORTED 'EXCELLENT'

NEW YORK, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Relations between the Jews of Colombia and the general population are "excellent," it was reported here today by Alfredo Steckerl, vice-president of the Centro Israelita Filantropico of Barranquilla, who is visiting this country.

Mr. Steckerl, who is also president of the Hebrew Union School of Barranquilla, said that apart from a few older members of the Jewish community there who required some aid, the community had no welfare problems.

The Hebrew Union School, he said, has an enrollment of 260 children, 60 of whom are non-Jewish, and is considered the top-flight school of Barranquilla, a city of 500,000. Non-Jews are eager to send their children to the school, he reported. Among the prominent personalities who visited the school recently was the Bishop of the city, Msgr. German Gavaria.

The 1,000 Jews living in Barranquilla form about eight per cent of the total Jewish population of Colombia, the majority of whom live in Bogota and Cali. Mr. Steckerl praised action by the World Jewish Congress in New York in aiding small Jewish communities in the search for qualified community personnel. He reported that through WJC help he has been in touch with a rabbi in the United States who had expressed his willingness to become rabbi of the new synagogue recently built in Barranquilla.

SOVIET ACADEMY OF SCIENCES PUBLISHES ANALYTICAL BOOK ON TALMUD

LONDON, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- The Soviet Academy of Sciences has published a book on the Talmud by Professor Moshe Belinki, in which the author gives a historical survey of the Talmud, sketches the social and political background against which the Talmud developed, and deals with the outlook and attitudes of the Talmudic sages, it was reported here today from Moscow.

While the historical part of the work is considered to be fairly objective, there is a final chapter entitled "The Talmud and Present-Day Judaism," in which the author gives his own views and presents a critical analysis of the Talmud according to his own attitudes and terms of reference.

JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN GREECE BEGIN PUBLICATION IN GREEK LANGUAGE

ATHENS, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- The Union of Jewish Communities of Greece today began publication of a bi-weekly newspaper in the Greek language. It is called "The Jewish Review" and is published in this city.

## 1,200 JEWS BECAME NATURALIZED IN BRAZIL IN 1963, GOVERNMENT ESTIMATES

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- About 1,200 Jews became naturalized as citizens of Brazil during 1963, according to statistics issued here today by the Brazilian Foreign Ministry. The Ministry gave the total of 1963 naturalizations as 4,997, and estimated that approximately 25 per cent of the total were Jews who had come from other lands.

## DR. BAY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES JEWISH FEDERATION-COUNCIL

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Dr. Max W. Bay, prominent physician, and civic and Jewish community leader, was unanimously elected president of the Jewish Federation-Council of Greater Los Angeles at the JF-C board of directors meeting, it was announced today by Judge Isaac Pacht, chairman of the nominating committee. Dr. Bay succeeds Superior Judge Irving Hill, who for three terms served as head of the Jewish community's major planning, budgeting and fund-raising organization, comprised of 29 service agencies and 483 affiliated groups.

A national vice-president of the American Jewish Committee, Dr. Bay is a former chairman of the Los Angeles chapter, as well as a former president of the American College of Surgeons, Southern California chapter. He has received numerous awards and recognition as an outstanding community leader.

Unanimously re-elected as vice-presidents were Victor M. Carter, Mrs. Leo Hirsh, Joseph N. Mitchell and I. H. Prinzmetal, who are joined by Lawrence E. Irell. Other new officers elected are Aaron Riche, secretary; Bram Goldsmith, assistant secretary; Mrs. Maurice Saeta, treasurer; and Walter L. Keen, assistant treasurer.

## U. S. AWARDS FEDERAL LAND FOR ALL-DAY HEBREW SCHOOL IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- The Hebrew Academy of Nassau County, an all-day school, announced today that its application for five acres of the deactivated Mitchel Field Properties in Hempstead, N. Y. for an expansion program had been approved by the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare. School officials said this was the first such award by the federal government to a Jewish institution.

Moses Hornstein, president, said the transfer of title to the property would take place next week. He said the grant "reflects recognition of the county-wide role of the Hebrew Academy and of the educational excellence it has achieved." The school, founded in 1953, now has 560 students at its campuses in West Hempstead and Bethpage, site of its affiliate, the Mid-Island Hebrew Day School.

## JOINT COMMITTEE FORMED TO DEAL WITH COMPLAINTS ON JEWISH FUNERALS

NEW YORK, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- For the first time in American Jewish history, a joint committee representing both Jewish religious organizations and funeral directors has been established to deal with any complaints of failure to conform with Jewish religious requirements in funeral procedures.

This was announced today by Moses I. Feuerstein, president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, the national organization serving 3,100 synagogues throughout the United States and Canada. The joint committee will serve to further implement the pioneering accord on funeral standards entered into last June between the UOJCA together with the Rabbinical Council of America, and the Jewish Funeral Directors of America.

The Committee will also review the experience of the initial period since the adoption of the accord. This agreement, which was put into effect following an extensive study of funeral practices conducted by the UOJCA Joint Funeral Standards Committee, was the first such accord on a nationwide scale providing for increased cooperation between the rabbinate and funeral directors, aimed at ensuring that Jewish funeral practices conform with religious law and tradition.

Outlining the basic principles of Jewish funeral practices, the UOJCA explained that Jewish religious law prescribes certain rites of preparation and burial and described the procedures to be followed. It declared that flowers and music have no place at the Jewish funeral service and that embalming and viewing are contrary to Jewish law.

## HEBREW UNIVERSITY RECEIVES \$200,000 FROM LOS ANGELES PHILANTHROPIST

JERUSALEM, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- The Hebrew University has received a contribution of \$200,000 from Ted Chanock of Los Angeles for the establishment of a virology department wing in the University Medical School.

## JEWISH THEATER IN POLAND MAPS PLAN TO ATTRACT LARGER ATTENDANCE

LONDON, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- The Jewish Cultural and Social Association of Poland has decided on measures to attract larger numbers of theatergoers to the Yiddish theater in that country, it was reported here today from Warsaw. At a meeting addressed by Ida Kaminska, famed Polish-Yiddish actress, the association decided to include more contemporary plays in the theater's repertoire.