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## VATICAN SECRETARIAT TO EXAMINE VIEWS ON CATHOLIC DECREE ON JEWS

ROME, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- The document on Catholic-Jewish relations, which failed to come up for consideration at the Ecumenical Council session last year, will be one of the subjects to be considered at a two-week meeting of the Vatican Secretariat for Christian Unity, which opened today.

The 30 members--Bishops and Cardinals--of the Secretariat, started their meeting under the presidency of Augustin Cardinal Bea, in Ariccia near Rome. The general theme of the session will be ecumenism. The first three chapters were discussed at the Ecumenical Council sessions. The prelates will examine all observations on Chapter Four, on Catholic-Jewish relations, and Chapter Five, on religious freedom.

The current session will mark the first assembly of the eight new members of the Secretariat elected during the last days of Council last year and the four new members named by Pope Paul VI after his return from his pilgrimage to the Holy Land in January.

The Secretariat, under Cardinal Bea's leadership and on the instructions of the late Pope John XXIII, prepared the draft on Catholic Jewish ties, which exempts Jews from any responsibility for the Crucifixion of Christ and warns all Catholics, lay and hierarchal, against any anti-Semitic attitudes stemming from the ancient charge of deicide.

## 'THE DEPUTY' OPENS TONIGHT IN NEW YORK; JEWISH GROUP WILL NOT PICKET

NEW YORK, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- The Jewish War Veterans announced today that they will not picket the performances of Rolf Hochhuth's controversial play, "The Deputy," which opens here tomorrow evening. A spokesman for the organization said: "The JWB has formulated no opinion as to the merits or message of 'The Deputy,' and will not participate in any effort to deter or prevent its showing." The play portrays the late Pope Pius XII as allegedly failing to protest publicly against the Nazi mass-murder of Jews.

The National Conference of Christians and Jews today issued a statement declaring that the "crisis" over the controversial play "can be molded into an opportunity for increased understanding rather than hostility among religious groups if response is mature, restrained and responsible."

Reactions which are determined "not by feelings of group loyalty and group defensiveness but solely by the merits -- or demerits -- of the work itself," were urged in a "Statement of Consensus" signed by an inter-religious group and released by Dr. Lewis Webster Jones, president of the NCCJ. The statement charged Hochhuth with dealing "one-sidedly" with both personalities and historic complexities, but finds the play valuable for posing major questions of moral responsibility.

Joining in the discussion of "The Deputy" on the invitation of the NCCJ, and signing the consensus, were Dr. Harvey Cox, professor of theology at Andover-Newton Theological Seminary, Newton Center, Mass; David Danzig, associate director of the American Jewish Committee; Dr. Tom F. Driver, of the faculty of the Union Theological Seminary here, who is drama critic for the protestant weekly, The Christian Century.

Also Rev. Robert A. Graham, a Jesuit priest, who is associate editor of America, national Catholic weekly; Rabbi Abraham Klausner, Dr. Franklin H. Littell, professor of church history at Chicago Theological Seminary, and Dr. Gordon C. Zahn, professor of sociology at Loyola University, a Catholic institution in Chicago.

In a separate statement issued today, Rabbi Balfour Brickner, director of the Commission on Interfaith Activities of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Reform), rejected the suggestion that presentation of "The Deputy" might damage Catholic-Jewish relations. He said the play is not "anti-Catholic." He held that Jewish-Christian relations "have progressed beyond the level where we fear to speak our hearts and minds to one another lest we offend."

### MINISTER ANNOUNCES ISRAEL'S NEW PASSPORT REGULATIONS IN KNESSET

JERUSALEM, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- Interior Minister Moshe Shapiro announced tonight in Israel's Parliament new regulations aimed at prevention of abuses of Israeli passports by persons living abroad.

Except in special cases, passports will be issued to new immigrants only after one year's residence in Israel. For travel abroad, the validity of passports will be limited to one year and will not be extended without Interior Ministry authorization. When the holder is abroad, no passports will be extended beyond a five-year period unless the holder registers annually with the Israeli consulate in the country where he is staying.

The Minister also announced that categories of holders of Israeli passports which will not be extended, except for a return trip to Israel, include shirkers of military service, those under court injunction, those in situations endangering security interests, fugitives from justice, those found guilty of criminal offenses, persons raising funds under false pretences and offenders against morality.

In announcing the regulations, the Minister said that more than 100,000 persons emigrated during the past 15 years and that there had been many cases of misuse of Israeli passports.

### SOVIET GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT ON ATOMIC RESEARCH

WASHINGTON Feb. 25. (JTA) -- The Soviet Union signed an agreement with Egypt for cooperation in atomic research, Moscow radio in its Arabic broadcast announced today.

The radio said that the agreement was signed in Cairo and under it the Soviets will provide Egypt with technical assistance in scientific research conducted at the Inshas Atomic Center. The Soviets will also supply scientific equipment and send Soviet technicians to Egypt "to offer their knowledge and experience."

Moscow radio noted that the Inshas Atomic Center was built with Soviet assistance and that "the Soviet Union also provides assistance to other countries in the Near East in the use of Atomic energy for peaceful purposes."

### BERTRAND RUSSELL APPEALS TO ARABS AND ISRAEL ON ROCKET WEAPONS

LONDON, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- An appeal to the Arab states and to Israel to accept an embargo on arms shipments and to accept international supervision of nuclear and rocket weapons, systems and plants was issued yesterday by 11 world figures led by Bertrand Russell, the British philosopher.

Warning of the "grave danger" of war in the Middle East, the group declared: "We appeal to the sanity and humanity of the Arab states and Israel. We ask their governments to accept international supervision of nuclear and rocket weapons, systems and plants and for an internationally-supervised embargo upon further arms shipments to that region."

Other signers were Prof. Max Born, Danilo Dolci, Pastor Martin Niemoller, Prof. Linus Pauling, Prof. C. F. Powell, Prof. Eugene Rabinowitch, Joseph Rotblat, Prof. Abdus Salam, Jean-Paul Sartre and Dr. Albert Schweitzer.

### ZIM AGREES TO HAVE ONLY KOSHER KITCHEN ON LINER 'SHALOM'; ENDS DISPUTE

JERUSALEM, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- The Zim Israel Lines notified Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim today that the SS Shalom will have only a kosher kitchen, ending a lengthy controversy with Orthodox elements which began when plans were announced for two kitchens, one kosher and one non-kosher.

The Shalom is scheduled to go into service next month. The company asked the Chief Rabbi to order issuance of a certificate of rabbinical certification of the ship's kosher facilities. The request was transmitted to the Chief Rabbinate Council.

### EGYPT DETAINS BRITISH SHIP CARRYING CASE TO ISRAEL EMBASSY IN MANILA

LONDON, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- A British cargoship bound for the Far East has been held up for 36 hours in Port Said by Egyptian authorities after the Egyptian customs spotted a case addressed to the Israel Embassy in Manila on the ship manifest. The British Foreign Office asked the British Embassy in Cairo to look into the incident and report back to London.

The Egyptians refused to allow the vessel, the 8,000-ton Cardiganshire, owned by the Glen and Shire Line of London, to proceed through the Suez Canal. Despite the captain's protests, he was ordered to unload his cargo at Port Said until the Embassy-bound package was found and confiscated.

## EUROPEAN COUNCIL OF MINISTERS CONSIDERS TRADE CONCESSIONS TO ISRAEL

BRUSSELS, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- The Council of Ministers, the key policy-making body of the European Economic Community, decided at the start of its regular meeting last night to prepare a final list of concessions on tariffs and quotas for Israel. The Council also ordered its Committee of Permanent Representatives to study the question of Israel-Euromart relations in greater depth and to present a new report at the Council's next session early in March.

The Israeli issue was considered at a closed session dealing with prior negotiations between EEC and Israeli representatives on an agreement on treatment of Israel's substantial exports to the six nations of the European Common Market. Two initial rounds of talks brought only an offer of minor concessions on relatively trivial Israeli exports. The offer was rejected.

The Council reportedly approved a compromise proposal on the difficult question of Israeli citrus sales to the Euromart countries. The compromise, offered by Italy, proposed creation of a special commission which would deal with marketing problems arising out of subsequent agreements between the EEC and other citrus producing countries.

The French delegation submitted another proposal which dealt with possible agreements with other major citrus-growing countries in the North African area, particularly Morocco, details of which were not disclosed.

(Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, arrived by air today in Holland for a week's visit during which she will meet tomorrow with Dr. Joseph Luns, the Dutch Foreign Minister, concerning Israel's desire for a trade agreement with the European Economic Community.)

## CANADIAN PARLIAMENT GETS BILL ON ANTI-SEMITIC MATERIAL IN THE MAIL

OTTAWA, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- David Orlikow, Member of Parliament, today introduced a bill to give the postmaster-general the power to stop mail service to such organizations as the National White Americans Party which has announced it intends to distribute 1,000,000 anti-Jewish leaflets this year in a membership campaign.

The Winnipeg Jewish MP submitted the bill to House of Commons officials after the Justice Ministry said that the Attorney General of Canada and leading Justice Department officials had found no way to stamp out hate literature without simultaneously curtailing freedom of expression.

Postmaster-General Nicholson had previously said that the Post Office could not censor the mails though he personally considered the White Americans party literature "disturbing and shocking."

The Jewish Labor Committee of the Toronto Labor Council meanwhile announced plans to fight the "fascist" elements in Toronto who are flooding the city with hate material. Joseph Meslin, executive member of the Jewish Labor Committee, said the group was determined to hunt down and expose those responsible.

He declared that since the assassination of President Kennedy last November, Toronto, Montreal and other Canadian cities have been deluged with material aimed at arousing hatred of Jews and Negroes. One of the mailings to Toronto was from the White American party. The cards were mailed from Scarborough, a Toronto suburb.

He added that the committee held a two-day conference at which a plan was developed to unmask the "anonymous fascists." He asserted that from the experience of the Hitler era, it was clear that "racist propaganda, anti-Semitism and the trampling of human rights are but the by-products of harassment and attacks on labor as a whole."

### Canadian Jewish Congress Appeals to Minister of Justice

TORONTO, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- Saul Hayes, executive vice-president of the Canadian Jewish Congress has sent a wire to Guy Favreau, newly named Minister of Justice for Canada, urging that he consider the recently broadcast distribution of anti-semitic material inciting to genocide -- it advocates sterilization of Jews -- as material which should be subject to a legal ban because of its incitement to violence.

## JEWISH CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF MEXICO CELEBRATES ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- The 25th anniversary of the founding of the Jewish Central Committee of Mexico was celebrated here last night at a gala event in the Jewish Sports Center, where addresses were delivered and messages read from many Jewish leaders around the world.

Special citations were awarded at the meeting to the Central Committee's honorary president, Dr. Sigmund Bibring; Gregorio Shapiro, president; and I. Z. Berebichez, general secretary.

## MEMPHIS JEWISH SERVICE AGENCY CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF EXISTENCE

MEMPHIS, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- One hundred years of uninterrupted service to the Jewish community here was celebrated last night by the Jewish Service Agency at a dinner at which Philip Bernstein, executive director of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, was the guest speaker.

Herbert Shainberg, president, reviewed the development of the Agency since 1864, when it was established as the Hebrew Benevolent Society. It was chartered later as the Federation of Jewish Charities, and in May, 1926, it became the Federation of Jewish Welfare Agencies. It continued with this name until 1957, when it adopted its present title.

Through depressions and wars, through epidemics and floods, this agency struggled and grew always maintaining a high standard of operation. It joined with other social service agencies to develop good community programs. It was one of the organizers of the Community Chest in 1923. Any Jewish family or person in Shelby County who needs help with a family or personal problem is eligible for the service of The Jewish Service Agency. Jack Lieberman is its executive director.

### Philip Bernstein Stresses Role of Jewish Welfare Agencies

Addressing the audience at the 100th anniversary celebration, Mr. Philip Bernstein, said that the work done by the organization has been in the noblest tradition of Jewish religious purposes and values in healing and strengthening family life, in caring for orphaned and for emotionally disturbed children, in adoptions, in providing for the aged, in dealing with psychiatric needs, in vocational and educational guidance, and in community organization. "These services," Mr. Bernstein said, "are no longer limited to the poor alone, but serve all sections of the community. The givers are also the users."

Beyond all that has been done, he stressed the importance of new responsibilities and opportunities that are opening up and that press upon voluntary agencies with great urgency. "Involved are several of the major domestic issues before the nation," he pointed out. "Voluntary agencies can make a great, unique and indispensable contribution in dealing with them," he said. They can bring understanding which is a prerequisite for effective action, can clarify the causes and define measures for prevention, can help chart the paths to standards of quality and excellence in measures for the national welfare.

"In the President's declared war on poverty, who knows more about the problem and what to do about it when the people who deal with it," Mr. Bernstein asked. "Who knows more than the welfare agencies about what poverty does to those who suffer from it, why people are dependent, what the costs are of mistakes in assistance programs, and what the savings are in dollar and human terms in helping these people intelligently?"

"The voluntary welfare agencies' knowledge, insight, and guidance are needed in Washington, in the state capitols, in the county boards and city councils. They can bring their appraisals of what is currently being done and not being done, the strengths and weaknesses of existing programs, the gaps and inadequacies that need to be overcome."

### \$1,000,000 PLEDGED FOR CREATION OF YESHIVA U. BRANCH IN LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- Nearly \$1,000,000 was pledged here this evening at a dinner attended by Los Angeles Jewish communal leaders for the creation of a West Coast branch of Yeshiva University of New York. Heading the list of contributors was Samuel A. Fryer who pledged \$250,000. A \$2,000,000 goal has been set for the erection of the liberal arts university in this city.

Senator Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota, who was guest speaker at the event, hailed the establishment of the university as "an act of patriotism" as great as any on the military field. "You are to be congratulated for creating an institution for the liberal arts. Technical and scientific education, good as they are, are not fully complete without the humanities. We saw that in Nazi Germany," he declared.

Rep. James Roosevelt, another guest at the dinner, brought greetings from President Johnson, congratulating Yeshiva University on its new enterprise.

### FEDERAL COURT DEFERS ACTION ON STOPPING BIBLE READING IN SCHOOL

LEWISBURG, Pa., Feb. 25. (JTA) -- U.S. District Court Judge Frederick V. Follmer postponed action today on a petition for a preliminary injunction against a rural school board near here which had ordered that Bible-reading be made part of its curriculum in its public schools.

The board, with jurisdiction over the schools in North Lebanon Township, assured the court that Bible-reading would be halted pending the outcome of a study on the recommended course.