



# Jewish Telegraphic Agency DAILY NEWS BULLETIN

660 FIRST AVENUE

NEW YORK 16, N.Y.

Contents Copyright: Republication only by previous arrangement

Vol. XXXI - 45th year

Wednesday, April 15, 1964

No. 74

## ECUMENICAL COUNCIL SEEN CERTAIN TO APPROVE CHAPTER ON JEWISH RELATIONS

ROME, April 14. (JTA) -- An informed source here asserted today that it appeared certain the Ecumenical Council would discuss and approve a proposed declaration on Catholic-Jewish relations.

Referring to plans to shorten the remaining work by removing that declaration from the chapter on Christian ecumenism and making it a separate appendix, the source said that this proposed change definitely would not weaken the effect of the declaration. It would absolve Jews from any blame in the crucifixion of Christ, and warn Catholics against anti-Semitism stemming from that ancient charge.

The source said that despite the efforts to shorten the remaining agenda, there was a possibility that a fourth plenary Council session might be necessary. It was indicated that among topics considered certain to get final approval also were the chapter on ecumenism and on freedom of religious conscience.

(In Geneva, today, Prof. Hans Deutsch, a well-known international lawyer and publisher, said upon his return from an audience in the Vatican with Pope Paul VI, that the Pontiff had endorsed an appeal to put an end to prejudice and misunderstanding which has hampered Jewish-Christian relations for centuries. He said the Pope had shown "much understanding" and was "fully concerned" with directing his efforts toward influencing greater tolerance between the two great religious denominations.)

## POPE TELLS JEWISH VETERANS HE WILL PRAY FOR WELFARE OF JEWS IN USSR

ROME, April 14. (JTA) -- Pope Paul VI indicated concern today over recent developments affecting the Jews of the Soviet Union in a private audience with Daniel Neal Heller, national commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, and a JWV delegation.

The Pope informed the Jewish veterans that he would pray for Soviet Jewry, terming them "those poor people." He indicated, through questions and comments, his awareness of the Russian Jewish problem, and his interest in that situation.

The Pontiff said, in reference to Russian Jews, that "we will pray very hard for them." He made known that the Vatican was aware of the latest manifestations of bias in the Soviet Union, and of the number of Jews among those affected.

Mr. Heller elicited the Pope's comments when he commended the Pontiff's Easter message which called for religious freedom.

## EUROPEAN GROUP CALLS FOR STIFF STEPS TO FIGHT SOVIET ANTI-SEMITISM

LONDON, April 14. (JTA) -- A study group of five prominent European Socialists charged today that the anti-Semitic Soviet book, "Judaism Without Embellishment," published in Kiev, was not isolated phenomenon and that Soviet anti-Jewish discrimination threatened the continued existence of the Jews as a nationality in Russia.

The book, published last year by the Ukrainian Academy of Science, touched off a wave of criticism in the West. Alexei Adjubei, son-in-law of Soviet Premier Khrushchev, and editor of Izvestia, the official Government newspaper, said during a visit to Paris last week that Soviet officials had confiscated and destroyed all copies of the book.

Declaring that there was "a grave Jewish problem in the USSR," the study group called for "radical measures" to prevent further deterioration of the Jewish position. The group said that, "in addition to the Kiev book, "other propaganda in the Russian press aimed at anti-social activities, prominently features Jews, and is therefore of a nature to bring upon the Jewish people of the USSR dislike and contempt of their Soviet fellow-citizens."

The signers of the report were John Clark of Britain, Prof. Mogens Phil of Denmark, Dr. P.J. Koets of Holland, Dr. John Sannes of Norway, and Alvar Alsterdal of Sweden.

## BELGIAN JUSTICE MINISTER ASSAILS SOVIET ANTI-SEMITISM, HAILS ISRAEL

BRUSSELS, April 14. (JTA) -- Belgian Justice Minister Pierre Vermeyley denounced racism in the Soviet Union last night at a meeting commemorating the 21st anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Revolt. The Minister cited as an example the publication of the anti-Soviet book, "Judaism Without Embellishment" published in Kiev last year by the Ukrainian

Academy of Science. The meeting was organized by the Belgian Zionist Federation in co-operation with all other Belgian Jewish organizations and Jewish communities. Citing other anti-Jewish manifestations in Russia, the Justice Minister stressed that the establishment of Israel was the best refutation of anti-Semitism.

Nesanel Lefkowitz, president of the Zionist Federation, and chairman of the meeting, also assailed anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union and also cited the Kiev book; Israel's Ambassador Emil Najjar also spoke.

#### AUSTRALIAN STUDENTS PROTEST AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM IN SOVIET UNION

SYDNEY, Australia, April 14. (JTA) -- A resolution protesting the infringement of the religious, cultural and economic rights of the Jews of the Soviet Union was adopted here today at a protest meeting called by the student representative council at Monash University here. The resolution called on all Australian university students and representative councils to take action in protest against anti-Jewish discriminations and anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union.

The resolution was adopted after an address by Isi Leibler on behalf of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry. Rabbi Hermann Saenger, a Liberal spiritual leader here, this weekend protested the reproductions of the anti-Semitic cartoons from the Ukrainian Soviet book, "Judaism Without Embellishment," which were published in the Australian press; Rabbi Saenger charged that the reproductions were conducive to the spread of anti-Semitism.

#### LONDON COURT TOLD POLES SAVED SOME AUSCHWITZ INMATES FROM DEATH

LONDON, April 14. (JTA) -- Dr. Wladislaw Dering, the Polish-born doctor who has filed a libel suit against Leon Uris, author of the novel "Exodus," and the latter's British publishers, testified in the hearing before the High Court here today that he and his assistants in the hospital of the Auschwitz death camp saved many prisoner-patients from the gas chambers.

Dr. Dering filed his suit because a portion of "Exodus" mentions a Dr. Dering, as being concerned with experiments on inmates at Auschwitz. He claims that, though the book spelled the name differently, it meant him.

Dr. Dering, who now practices medicine here, said he and his assistants at Auschwitz removed numbers from the chests of the living, and substituting numbers from corpses. He testified that, when the Nazis found he and his staff could wash the numbers off, they introduced tattooing. He said there was an underground through which he had been able to get drugs to help prisoners, though discovery would have meant death for all involved.

Mr. Uris and the publishers, William Kimber and Company, have admitted that a paragraph in the book referring to Auschwitz medical experiments was defamatory to Dr. Dering. But they contend that it was true in substance, subject to certain qualifications.

#### SWASTIKAS, ANTI-SEMITIC SLOGANS DEFACE BUILDINGS IN RIO DE JANEIRO

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 14. (JTA) -- Swastikas and other anti-Semitic inscriptions were found today at the local yacht club and on the walls of other buildings in this city. Earlier this week, anti-Semitic literature was distributed in Recife, the capital of Pernambuco Province.

An intensive hate campaign has been carried out over the Brazilian radio network by the office of the Arab League which conducts a weekly radio program. The broadcasts are aimed against Israel and Jews in general.

#### PRIME MINISTER ESHKOL VISITED BY BROTHER WHO LIVES IN ODESSA

JERUSALEM, April 14. (JTA) -- Ben-Zion Shkolnik, a brother of Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, arrived yesterday from Russia for a reunion visit with the Premier, after a separation of nearly 50 years.

The 57-year-old engineer, who lives with his family near Odessa, was visited by Mrs. Rachel Ben-Zvi, widow of Israel's second President, when she was in Moscow last year. The brother expressed a desire to visit the Premier in Israel. After Mrs. Ben-Zvi returned to Israel and conveyed the message to the Premier, the brothers exchanged letters on the matter. A request was submitted to Soviet authorities for permission for the engineer to visit Israel.

The brothers had not seen each other since Mr. Eshkol came to Palestine nearly a half-decade ago. Two more of the Premier's brothers live in Moscow. Mr. Eshkol Hebraized his name from Shkolnik when Israel achieved statehood, in a general custom followed by leaders in Israel.

#### 237 ARABS, ONLY FIVE ISRAELIS CAME TO U. S. AS TRAINEES IN 1963

WASHINGTON, April 14. (JTA) -- During 1963, a total of 237 Arabs came to the United States for training under financing by the American aid administration, while the number of Israelis who arrived under the same programs totaled five, according to figures released here today by a subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

## PRINZ SAYS U. S. JEWS HAVE 'RIGHT' TO EXAMINE CERTAIN ISRAELI ISSUES

MIAMI BEACH, April 14. (JTA) -- American Jews have a distinct right to speak out on Israeli issues of concern to Jews as a whole--without intervening in any phase of Israel's political life--Dr. Joachim Prinz, president of the American Jewish Congress, declared here tonight.

Dr. Prinz made that statement in addressing the opening session of the organization's five day, biennial convention. More than 500 delegates were in attendance, and cheered a message from President Johnson which lauded the AJC's "dedication to the cause of democracy at home and freedom abroad." "Your role on behalf of civil rights for all Americans," the President stated in his message to the convention, "your commitments to civil liberties, and your search for harmonious interreligious relations in the American society, are in keeping with the basic elements of freedom and liberty upon which our nation's growth and development has been based."

Dr. Prinz in his presidential address, linked the AJC's well-known participation in the current American fight for civil rights for Negroes with the right of liberal groups participating in any campaign to criticize certain "gimmicks and demonstrations for the sake of demonstrating." "Such a right, he maintained, applied also to American Jewish groups in their attitude toward Israel.

"As Jews who shared the prophetic dream that led to the creation of the Jewish State, and who have demonstrated a love of Israel and support of its goals," he declared, "we have the right to speak as friends and partners with the people of Israel on issues of justice, peace, equality and spiritual life."

### Warns Against Political Interference, Insists on 'Partnership'

Dr. Prinz said that American Jews "do not have the right to interfere with Israel's political life." But he drew a distinction between Israel as a sovereign state and as "the land of our ancient history, land of refuge for our persecuted brothers, land of hope for our new Jewish creativity." "These links, and not our monetary contributions to the upbuilding of Israel, entitle us to a fully recognized partnership with the people of Israel in the fulfillment of their and our age-old dreams" he said.

"What we think is right and just in our own country," he told the delegates, "must be just and right in Israel. What we find wanting in America--the imperfections of democracy we recognize and seek to correct--must also be considered faulty and in need of correction in Israel. This is particularly true in the areas of moral and ethical concern, without which no state can hope to endure: Equality of rights, social justice and religious freedom.

"If Israel is to play a role in the cultural survival of world Jewry, we shall and must claim our rights to a cultural and spiritual partnership with its people. Even our most critical voices must be understood and heard as the voices of a friend.

"Such an opportunity arose recently when we in the American Jewish Congress spoke together with other major Jewish organizations in this country on behalf of religious freedom in Israel. Although we have been harshly criticized for this by the defenders of the status quo, many important groups in Israel have expressed a cordial and sympathetic interest in our concern, welcomed our intervention and indicated they share our point of view. I hope that this will prove to be but the first step toward the establishment of a genuine partnership of mutual concern that American Jewry and the people of Israel must forge together."

### Kane Says American Jewry Must Act Boldly; Sees Hope in Youth

Irving Kane, former president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, and chairman of the convention, told the delegates that the "unfinished business of American Jewry, to make sure our children will want to be Jews," required that the Jewish community act boldly on current issues.

"Our young people will find little reason to identify themselves with a Jewish community that acts with fear or timidity on the issues of our times," he declared. "On the contrary, we will attract and hold our best young people by continuing to fight the good fight as Jews, with the courage and compass on our prophets enjoined upon us."

Mr. Kane rejected the notion that "we need a little bit of anti-Semitism as a kind of cement to hold Jewry together." He said that prejudice against Jews still existed in the United States but added: "I do not underestimate them, but neither do I permit myself to be frightened by them. I believe the question posed so frequently: 'Will Jewish life continue under conditions of freedom?' has been answered decisively for our generation at least. Jews want to remain Jews."

## SPECIAL ISRAEL BOND AWARD TO HONOR MEMORY OF LATE HERBERT H. LEHMAN

NEW YORK, April 14. (JTA) -- A special award to honor the memory of the late Herbert H. Lehman has been established by the Israel Bond Organization, it was announced today by Ira Gudden, national chairman of the organization, and William Goldfine, New York chairman. The presentation of the award, they said, will be a highlight of the 1964 effort to raise \$85,000,000 in investment capital for Israel through the Israel Bond drive.

# JOHNSON TELLS KING HUSSEIN U.S. A. WELCOMES ALL EFFORTS TO ADVANCE PEACE

WASHINGTON, April 14. (JTA) -- "The United States welcomes all efforts to advance peace and greater understanding," President Johnson told King Hussein of Jordan today, welcoming the latter at the White House.

The President's comment was made in connection with his expressions of pleasure over the improvement of relations among the Arab nations and the prominent role played in that development by Hussein. The President also stressed that the United States welcomes the efforts to improve conditions in Jordan. "We are proud to have been able to assist Jordan in the past, and we stand ready to continue our assistance in such a great undertaking," President Johnson declared. (American assistance to Jordan now consists of about \$34, - 000,000 in budgetary support, about \$7,000,000 in development grants, and about \$4,000, - 000 in military assistance.)

King Hussein, in his reply, thanked the President for the welcome and declared that he brought greetings from the Jordanian people as well as from "my brethren leaders of the Arab world." That remark is seen here as indicating that Hussein wishes to present himself as a spokesman for all the Arab countries on a number of issues, including the question of Israel's irrigation projects. Hussein was among the Arab rulers who attended the Arab summit conference on this issue in Cairo last January.

President Johnson tendered a dinner in honor of King Hussein, at the White House, tonight. This afternoon, the Jordanian monarch was the guest of honor at a tea given by Sen. William J. Fulbright, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

## RE-EVALUATION OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SOUGHT BY JEWS, OTHERS IN CANADA

TORONTO, April 14. (JTA) -- A delegation representing the Board of Education of North York today called on Ontario Provincial Minister of Education William Davis, asking for a re-examination of religious education in the province.

The delegation, which included Saul Cowan of the Canadian Jewish Congress, asked in a memorandum that such religious education comprise "commonly held beliefs which should be taught to our children." "We feel the emphasis should be on shared values with our society and not on differences," the memorandum declared. It stressed that "we do not wish to abolish religion from our public schools."

A resolution was adopted unanimously by the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations, asking the Ontario Department of Education to set up a committee of teachers, social workers, psychiatrists and psychologists to study the religious instruction course in public schools which, the resolution stated, has "generated strife and tension in many communities."

Declaring that "we neither advocate nor oppose this religious instruction in our public school curriculum," the resolution expressed concern over the "strife and tension which have been generated in many communities." "Obviously this is not the kind of atmosphere most conducive to the welfare of our children," the Federation stated. "What we seek is a solution capable of alleviating the strife and at the same time, achieving the objective of developing the moral character of the pupils in our public schools."

## ALBERT EINSTEIN WOMEN'S GROUP HONORS U.S. REPRESENTATIVE AT U.N.

NEW YORK, April 14. (JTA) -- Mrs. Marietta Tree, the United States representative to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, was given an award here yesterday by the Women's Division of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine for "her enduring concern with the dignity of man and her staunch and courageous advocacy of civil rights."

Mrs. Tree was presented with the award at a luncheon of the organization. Others honored at the event included comedian Bob Hope and Leontyne Price, Metropolitan Opera star.

## PROF. GINO LUZZATTO, ITALIAN SCHOLAR, JEWISH LEADER, DIES AT AGE OF 86

VENICE, April 14. (JTA) -- Dr. Gino Luzzatto, a leader of the Jewish community of Venice, and Rector Emeritus of the University of Venice, died at his home here at the age of 86. A prominent educator in the field of economic history, he was the author of many books and standard texts on the subject.

Born in Padua, Dr. Luzzatto was professor of economic history at the Institute Universitario di Economia in Venice since 1910, and had served as a councillor on the Venice Municipality since 1950. He was vice-president of the Venice Jewish Community, and president of the CRT in Italy since 1956.

## LYDIA WINKEL, DUTCH-JEWISH JOURNALIST, KILLED IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

AMSTERDAM, April 14. (JTA) - Lydia Winkel, a Dutch-Jewish journalist, was killed in an automobile accident near Quignes, France, today, while she was en route to the Congress of Food Editors being held in Lisbon. She was 51. A leading resistance fighter during the Second World War, she published a number of books on the Dutch underground.