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CARDINAL SPELLMAN WARNS AGAINST BLAMING JEWS FOR CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS

NEW YORK, April 30. (JTA) -- Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, addressing tonight the 57th annual dinner of the American Jewish Committee, said he was "frankly appalled" by the idea that the "Jewish people have often suffered outbreaks of persecution" as "punishment for their part in the Crucifixion of Christ."

"This," he emphasized, "is not Christianity. It is one of those distorted and terribly harmful notions which somehow gain currency and like cancer spread among certain people who wish to justify their own bigotry." Stating that "our Saviour died for all of us in expiation for the sins of all mankind," he added: "It is simply absurd to maintain that there is some kind of continuing guilt which is transferred to any group of people and which rests upon them as a curse for which they must suffer. His dying for us must never be thought of as a curse upon anyone but rather as a blessing upon all."

Declaring that "anti-Semitism can never find a basis in the Catholic religion," the Roman Catholic Church leader, who addressed a Jewish group for the first time in 17 years, said: "Far from emphasizing the differences which divide Jews from Christians, our faith stresses our common origins and the ties which bind us together."

President Johnson, greeting the dinner, noted "the growing spirit of Christian-Jewish understanding which has been a most important part of the American Jewish Committee's work as aptly exemplified by Cardinal Spellman's participation in your annual meeting."

President Johnson also congratulated Secretary of State Dean Rusk on being the recipient of the Committee's American Liberties Medallion at the dinner. Making the presentation was Jacob Blaustein, industrialist of Baltimore and honorary president of the American Jewish Committee, a former recipient of the Award. (By the time the Bulletin went to press, Secretary Rusk did not deliver his address as yet.)

Better Understanding Between Christianity and Judaism Urged

Morris B. Abram, president of the American Jewish Committee, addressing the more than 1,100 leaders from communities throughout the country who attended the dinner, spoke of the roles of Christianity and Judaism in a modern pluralistic society. He declared: "The truths Jews share with Christianity and the moral teachings we hold in common should be emphasized. Our differences must be confronted; but they must also be understood."

"And as each of us--Catholic, Protestant and Jew--come to understand a little better the nature of the differences that divide us, we must also learn to view the expressions of these differences not as evil conspiracies by one group imposed upon another but rather as a legitimate expression of a felt need of one group as against another," Mr. Abram urged.

Noting the great strides made recently in interreligious understanding, Mr. Abram observed that if "constructive efforts such as the various self-examinations now underway by all the religious groups had occurred decades ago, and specifically in the pre-Hitler era, the people of Western Europe might have been better equipped to resist the onslaughts of Nazism and those courageous religious leaders who opposed Hitler might have found support among their flock in their opposition."

State Department Official Speaks on Soviet Anti-Semitism

At another session of the AJ Committee conference, Harlan Cleveland, Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs, said today that world opinion is becoming an increasingly potent weapon in piercing national frontiers of countries which practice prejudice and discrimination. Mr. Cleveland cited as an example the recent exposure by the American Jewish Committee of the virulently anti-Semitic book, "Judaism Without Embellishment," published by the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences.

Following this exposure, Mr. Cleveland said, world opinion caused the Soviet Government to repudiate the work. "Obviously this expose did not end anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union," he added, "Other more serious examples remain as a continuing source of national friction and international concern. But the essential point is that a government often considered immune to world opinion was moved this time to take action against the source of irritation rather than against its accusers. It was a limited action to be sure--a specific denunciation rather than a general renunciation--but it was action and that is more than ever happened before."

FOREIGN MINISTERS' PARLEY EXPRESSES 'DEEP CONCERN' OVER MIDDLE EAST

WASHINGTON, April 30. (JTA) -- The Ministerial Council of the Central Treaty Organization, meeting here last night, expressed "its deep concern over the violence and recent deterioration" which is posing a threat to the entire security of the Middle East. The Council declared its earnest desire that the violence "should be brought to an immediate end in accordance with the letter and spirit of the United Nations Security Council resolutions."

At a press conference following the CENTO meetings, Secretary of State Dean Rusk confirmed that extensive discussion of Middle East problems had taken place, but declined to go into details. He only referred to the discussions as a "far-ranging exchange of views."

However, it was known that R. A. Butler, Foreign Secretary of Britain, had told a secret meeting of the Foreign Ministers attending the parley that both the Soviet Union and Communist China are exploiting the Arab-Israel dispute. He was reported saying that both Communist governments are taking the Arab side against Israel, charging that the U. S. Government is pro-Israel.

KNESSET AGREES TO DEBATE WORK OF GERMAN SCIENTISTS IN EGYPT

JERUSALEM, April 30. (JTA) -- The presidium of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, recognized today as "urgent" motions of the Herut and Mapam parties for inclusion on the Knesset agenda of debate on the activities of West German scientists in Egypt. The motions will be heard next Monday.

The issue of work by West German scientists and technicians on advanced weapons systems for Egypt was revived by the decision of the West German Cabinet last week to postpone legislation to curb such activities. The Israel Cabinet expressed its disappointment over this decision of the Bonn Government.

(From Bonn it was reported today that West German Interior Minister Hermann Hoehel said that Bonn's Chancellor Ludwig Erhard has approved legislation to deter West German scientists from doing military work abroad. However, he added, the legislation has not yet been presented to Parliament.)

NATIVE SCHOLAR BECOMES FIRST DOCTOR IN NUCLEAR SCIENCE IN ISRAEL

HAIFA, April 30. (JTA) -- An Israeli scholar, Ephraim Itzhak Segal, 33, today became Israel's first Doctor in Nuclear Science, when he received that degree in commencement exercises at Technion-Israel Institute of Technology. He is a native of Israel, having been born at Peta Tikvah. He earned his advanced degree for experimental work in studies of natural uranium, light-water moderated matrices. Seventeen other graduate students received doctorates, and other degrees were given to 503 Technion graduates.

Technion, at the same time, dedicated its newest and largest building, devoted to chemistry and named after the late Dr. Karl T. Compton, former president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Attending the ceremonies were Dr. Compton's widow; U. S. Ambassador Walworth Barbour; and Max Seltzer, president of the New England chapter of the Friends of Technion.

WITNESS AT AUSCHWITZ TRIAL WARNED NOT TO CALL DEFENDANTS 'MURDERERS'

FRANKFURT, April 30. (JTA) -- Dr. Czeslao Glowacki, a Warsaw gynecologist who had spent four years at Auschwitz as a corpse-bearer, insisted on calling some of the 22 defendants in the current trial of Auschwitz-Birkenau personnel "murderers," even after he had been warned by the court that he must not convict them before their trial is over.

The physician took the stand today for the third successive session, describing the horrors of the death camp. The defendants have been on trial since December, accused of murder or complicity in the killing of several million Auschwitz inmates, mostly Jews.

Today, Dr. Glowacki was submitted to more than four hours of cross-examination by one of the chief defense attorneys, Dr. Hans Laternser. When he referred to the defendants as murderers, Presiding Justice Hans Hoffmeyer told him to avoid using that term, since the accused have not yet been found guilty. "When I have seen someone committing murder with my own eyes," the witness retorted, "then he is a murderer as far as I am concerned."

NEW YORK STUDENTS TO PROTEST TODAY AGAINST SOVIET ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, April 30. (JTA) -- More than 800 students representing every major college and university in the New York area will join in picketing the Soviet mission to the United Nations tomorrow in protest against Soviet anti-Semitism. The students, members of an organization known as the Students Struggle for Soviet Jewry, said they will be joined in the demonstration by Senator Kenneth Keating of New York and Congressman Leonard Farbstein.

BISHOP SHEEN FAVORS PRAYERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AT CONGRESSIONAL HEARING

WASHINGTON, April 30. (JTA) -- The Rev. Fulton Sheen, Auxiliary Catholic Bishop of New York, told the House Judiciary Committee here today that he is not supporting any specific amendment to the U. S. Constitution on the issue of returning prayers and Bible-reading to the public schools. But, he said, he is interested in securing "an" amendment.

Father Sheen was one of the committee's principal witnesses today as the group continued hearings opened a week ago on specific constitutional amendment proposals which would break down the Supreme Court's ban on prayers and Bible-reading in public schools. He agreed with the Committee that Congress should act "cautiously" on this issue.

At one point, under questioning by members of the committee, he said he was not sure that any Constitutional amendment was needed on the issue. After the hearing, he told newsmen that it might be sufficient if Congress were simply to pass a law permitting school prayers; He also conceded that a proposed amendment introduced in the House of Representatives might be a violation of the First Amendment to the U. S. Constitution.

Another of today's witnesses, Leo Pfeffer, general counsel of the American Jewish Congress, appearing as an expert on State-Church relations, warned the committee that many of the arguments for a Constitutional amendment on prayers and Bible-reading are employing "myths" and "fictions" which he labeled "false."

Some of the "fictions," he said, were that public school Bible-reading and prayer recitations have been going on for 150 years without objection; that "there is only one Bible and all prayers are addressed to the same God"; that, if a child can be excused from participation in the religious exercises, there can be no valid objection to the practice; that today only "atheists and secularists" oppose the proposal for a Constitutional amendment; and that the Supreme Court has forbidden the mention of God or the Bible or religion in the public schools." All these arguments, he said, are untrue.

ISRAEL'S LUXURY LINER 'SHALOM' GIVEN GALA HARBOR WELCOME IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, April 30. (JTA) -- New York City gave its traditional gala harbor welcome today to Israel's new luxury liner, the 25,000-ton S. S. Shalom. The \$20,000,000 flagship of the Zim-Israel Navigation Company completed its 14-day maiden voyage from Haifa this afternoon amid the din and splendor of the first harbor welcome given a major passenger ship here in more than two years.

Passing liners and tugs saluted the flag-bedecked Shalom, as planes and helicopters circled overhead and New York City fireboats, spouting geysers of water, accompanied the vessel into port.

On hand to welcome the new liner were a large party of prominent civic personalities and Israeli officials who boarded the ship from pilot boats as it entered New York Bay. They included Ambassador Katriel Katz, Consul General of Israel; Leo Brown, New York City Commissioner of Marine and Aviation; and Gottlieb Hammer, president of the American Israeli Shipping Company.

In an official greeting on behalf of the Mayor and the City of New York, Mr. Brown said that "we are looking upon this ship not so much as a vessel but as a bridge between the United States and Israel for the passage of all amenities that create a world of peace which is what 'Shalom' symbolizes."

Replying to the greeting, Captain Avner Freudenberg, 53-year-old master of the liner, said that the ship represented "not merely one of the finest trans-Atlantic liners ever built, but epitomizes the spirit of peace which we in the Israel merchant fleet regard as our prime motivation. We carry this message to the people of the world--Shalom."

On its initial voyage today, the Shalom brought 650 passengers from Haifa, Naples, Marseilles and Malaga. The Israeli liner, which has a passenger capacity of nearly 1,100, carried a smaller number of passengers on its maiden run in order to allow the 460 crew members to acclimatize themselves to the ship without undue pressure. The ship will remain at anchor in New York for eight days, leaving on May 8 for the return trip to Haifa.

\$2,700,000 RAISED BY WOMEN'S DIVISION OF N. Y. JEWISH FEDERATION

NEW YORK, April 30. (JTA) -- A record-breaking total of \$2,700,000 has been raised this year by the Women's Division of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, toward the Federation's 1963-64 maintenance campaign, it was announced today by Mrs. Alan H. Kampner, chairman of the women's group. The amount, she said, "is the greatest ever attained by any women's organization."

Data at the annual luncheon of the division showed that, since 1921, the women's group has raised more than \$72,000,000 to support the Federation's affiliated medical and social welfare agencies.

MAYOR SAYS NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR WILL REMOVE ANTI-ISRAEL MURAL

NEW YORK, April 30. (JTA) -- Mayor Wagner made a surprise announcement last night that he had persuaded officials of the World's Fair to remove a disputed mural from the Jordan Pavilion, but a spokesman at the World's Fair indicated today he could neither confirm nor deny the report.

The mural, which has been sharply protested by Jewish groups as anti-Israel, remained in place today. The World's Fair spokesman said he assumed it would remain there. A spokesman for the Mayor said last night that the Mayor had acted after receiving "many complaints from various organizations."

The Mayor's office confirmed the announcement today but declined to give any information as to the names of the World's Fair officials who had agreed to have the panel removed, and said "further information will have to come from the World's Fair." Robert Moses, president of the World's Fair, had rejected last Saturday a request by the American-Israel Pavilion for removal of the mural. Mr. Moses is in a hospital recuperating from surgery.

A spokesman for the Jordan Pavilion said he had not been informed of the Mayor's action and that, in any event, such a request would have to be transmitted to the Jordanian Government in Amman for any decision.

The American Zionist Council, coordinating body of all Zionist organizations in the United States, protested yesterday to the World's Fair Corporation against the Jordanian Government's "manufacture of propaganda against the State of Israel and deliberate attempt to foment anti-Israel feeling in the United States."

CANADIAN JEWS SUBMIT VIEWS ON BILINGUALISM TO ROYAL COMMISSION

MONTREAL, April 30. (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress decided at an executive meeting here today to present a brief to the Royal Commission on bilingualism and biculturalism asking that its terms of reference be altered. The meeting, chaired by Michael Garber, brought together representatives from Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa and Fredericton to discuss questions of particular interest to the Jewish community.

The Congress did not argue with the historical verity of the two-founding-races concept, nor the wish to see Canada recognize both English and French as official and equal languages. Saul Hayes, Congress executive vice-president, pointed out the "danger" of English and French-Canadians becoming thought of as "first class citizens" to the exclusion of minority groups. The Congress further objected to the use of the word "race" in the commission's terms of reference.

DETROIT SKATING CLUB CHARGED WITH RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS BIAS

DETROIT, April 30. (JTA) -- A charge that Jewish and other minority group skaters in the Detroit area are barred from national and international competition because the Detroit Skating Club excludes them on racial and religious grounds has been made by the local Anti-Defamation League and the Jewish Community Council of Detroit.

The charge was made by Judge Burton R. Shifman, social discrimination chairman of the Michigan Board of the ADL, in a letter to F. R. Shumway, president of the United States Figure Skating Association. Under rules of the association, skaters must take tests at an affiliated club to compete in national and international contests. The Detroit Skating Club is the only one in this city authorized to hold official tests for the national association.

The Jewish News of Detroit reported that Wendell Young, president of the Detroit club, denied the charge in a telephone call to the Jewish weekly. He promised a statement in writing, which the weekly said had failed to arrive by presstime. "We are a private club and as such retain the right to choose our members," he said in the telephone conversation. "We have no policy of exclusion. All members are screened by the membership committee and a decision is made in accordance with the recommendation of the committee."

Judge Shifman asserted that the ADL had received and verified many complaints against the skating club during the past two years and that club officials had freely admitted a discriminatory membership policy at a meeting with the ADL officials.

SOUTH AFRICAN JEWS LAUNCH DRIVE TO BUILD JABOTINSKY CENTER IN TEL AVIV

JOHANNESBURG, April 30. (JTA) - A campaign to build a center in Tel Aviv in memory of the late Vladimir Jabotinsky, founder of the Zionist Revisionist movement, was launched here last night at a banquet sponsored by the South African Revisionists.

Edel Horowitz, chairman of the Zionist Federation, brought federation greetings and expressed confidence that all sections of South African Jewry would support the memorial campaign.

Raymond Schmittlein, a leading French statesman and friend of Israel, said that it would be paying a long-standing debt to Jabotinsky's memory to build a living memorial to him in the Jewish State. He was supported by Haim Landau and Eliezer Shostak of Israel.