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CARDINAL BEA OUTLINES REVISED TEXT OF ECUMENICAL DECREE ON JEWS

ROME, May 5. (JTA) -- Augustin Cardinal Bea, chairman of the Vatican's Secretariat for Christian Unity, and architect of the proposed Ecumenical Council decree on the improvement of Catholic-Jewish relations, today outlined the revised text of that decree to be placed before the Council's next session, in September. He stressed that the late Pope John XXIII had personally endorsed his major views on the subject. The cardinal's statement appeared in today's issue of *Civita Cattolica*, the influential Jesuit periodical.

Rejecting what he called the "false accusations which are usually pronounced against the Jewish people" in connection with the crucifixion of Jesus, the Cardinal stated: "It is not just to call it (the Jewish people) a deicide people and therefore cursed by God; in fact, even in Christ's time, the whole people did not cooperate in His condemnation: The less so is it permitted today to consider those of the Jewish faith responsible."

From this consideration, continued the prelate, "the document deduces the warning to avoid all that may cause contempt and provoke hatred against them in religious teaching, in sermons, in catechism and, in particular, in explaining Christ's life and passion and the doctrine of His redeeming death, and in contact with Jews."

Lists All the Good Received by Church Through the Jewish People

The second part of the proposed decree, Cardinal Bea stated, lists "all the good that the Church received from God through the Jewish people, and everything that is common to both religions is mentioned. The Church acknowledges with gratefulness that her own predeterminism is rooted in the predeterminism of the Jewish patriarchs and prophets and in the Divine revelation given to them. The Church is a continuation of that chosen people with whom God had concluded an old covenant and that gave birth to Christ and His Virgin mother and His Apostles."

"Enumerating all these facts, the text before the Council recommends to Catholics that they work together with adherents of the Jewish faith for ever-improving, mutual esteem and knowledge, particularly by theological studies and fraternal conversation," Cardinal Bea stated. "The Council which censures strongly any injustice wherever committed, condemns every hatred and all persecutions in the past and in our own times against the Jews."

"To evaluate correctly, the high importance of the document proposed to the Council," the prelate continued, "the Council must consider the long, sad history of Christian-Jewish relations and, most of all, the tragic fruits of anti-Semitism, so laden with consequences in which we assisted with terror not longer than two decades ago."

"This is not to say that anti-Semitism--that of the recent decades less so--was born exclusively or even mainly of Christian sources. It is known what preponderant weight social, racial, political and economic factors have had. However, we can rightly ask whether Christians have always and fully been inspired in their attitude by their faith, and whether to fight anti-Semitism they have made correct use of the means put at their disposal by their faith. The unhappy relations between Christians and Jews had begun already--in the first decade of the Church."

Importance of Document Stressed; Pope John Credited with Backing It

"It is and will remain to the great credit of Pope John to have understood this central problem and its importance. He ordered the elimination of offending expressions in the Good Friday liturgy. He personally ordered the preparation of the schema for the Council. When I handed him the opinion regarding the document, I received in a few days a precious, hand-written note saying: 'We read with attention Cardinal Bea's report. We share perfectly his opinion on the seriousness and responsibility of our interest.' It is mainly by the merit of John XXIII that the schema could be proposed to the Council."

"Some rumors wanted to attribute minor importance to it. This is inexact. Its exact place depends upon the judgment of its major or minor connection with ecumenism. But its importance is in its deep, religious content and in the fact that it is and always remains a solemn document of the Council."

Cardinal Bea then touched on the fact that the last session of the Council took no decision on the schema dealing with Christian-Jewish relations. He reiterated what he has

often said--that failure to vote on the document was due only to lack of time; "On the other hand," he declared, "the delay had doubtless advantages. It gave the Council Fathers time for quiet reflection and study.

"Now that they have reflected in front of God and in their consciences about the proposed text, it would be inconvenient for me to make any declaration regarding the decision to take. That would be a sign of little confidence in them. Therefore, it is sufficient to have illustrated and explained the document on the Jews in its content and its inspiration, as an expression of that spirit that, today, powerfully breathes in the Church and in the world," Cardinal Bea concluded.

Archbishop of Baltimore Confident on Strong Ecumenical Statement

NEW YORK, May 5. (JTA) -- Archbishop Lawrence J. Shehan, of Baltimore, has expressed his "hope and confident expectation" that the Ecumenical Council will make a "strong statement" on religious liberty and the relationship of the Catholic Church with the Jews, it was announced here today.

In an exchange of letters with Jacob Blaustein, honorary president of the American Jewish Committee, Archbishop Shehan expressed the hope that the Ecumenical Council, convening for its third session in Rome in September, will "enunciate clearly the bond of charity that should exist between Christians and Jews today, and will condemn all expressions and attitudes which can justly be regarded as offensive." The Archbishop is a member of the Secretariat for Christian Unity, of which Augustin Cardinal Bea is chairman.

Archbishop of Westminster Predicts Adoption of Schema on Jews

LONDON, May 5. (JTA) -- Dr. John Heenan, Archbishop of Westminster, predicted here today that the forthcoming session of the Ecumenical Council would adopt the schema on the attitude of the Catholic Church toward the Jews.

Dr. Heenan expressed this view in a meeting with Dr. Zorach Warhaftig, Israel's Minister for Religious Affairs. Dr. Heenan told Dr. Warhaftig that he planned to visit the Holy Land in the near future.

KNESSET DEMANDS BONN STOP GERMAN SCIENTISTS FROM WORK FOR EGYPT

JERUSALEM, May 5. (JTA) -- Israel's Parliament adopted last night a unanimous resolution demanding that the West German Government take urgent measures for the immediate halting of the "criminal activity" of West German scientists working in Egypt on "weapons of destruction endangering Israel's security and the region's peace."

The Knesset reiterated its resolution on March 20, 1963 which denounced those activities and expressed displeasure that no effective measures had been taken on the problem since by West Germany. The resolution also called on world public opinion to exert its influence to bring about an end to the work in Egypt of the scientists.

The debate was opened by Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister. She declared that the West German Government could not remain indifferent to the fact that, 19 years after the fall of the Hitler regime, which had caused the destruction of millions of Jews, members of the same people were again engaged in actions aimed at helping President Nasser of Egypt to attack Israel where the survivors of the Nazi holocaust lived. Her statement followed motions on the issue by Herut and Mapam.

Mrs. Meir recalled the 1963 Knesset resolution and asserted that the explanations for continued delay in Bonn in adopting appropriate legislation were unacceptable to Israel. "We cannot accept the view that the choice facing the West German Government is one between assuring the freedom of the individual and refraining from action to prevent its citizens in Egypt from aiding in preparations for Israel's liquidation," she said. "In a democratic regime, freedom of the individual also does not mean freedom to commit crimes."

"We expect the German Government to undertake without delay measures necessary to stop the scientists' work in Egypt," she added. "Any other course will not be understood or accepted by the people of Israel and of the world." After Mrs. Meir's statement, speakers of various parties voiced indignation over the inaction of the West German Government. They urged the Israel Government to arouse world opinion on the issue.

German Industrialists Reported Lobbying for Egypt in Bonn

BONN, May 5. (JTA) -- Informed sources here attributed today West Germany's hesitancy in drafting legislation to discourage German scientists from working in Egypt as due at least partly to a powerful Arab lobby in Bonn and elsewhere in West Germany.

A large section of Chancellor Ludwig Erhard's Christian Democratic party also is a factor, it was indicated, because it opposes any action which might harm Bonn's relations with the Arab world. Another reported source listed was pro-Arab pressure provided by West Germany heavy industry including Krupp and Klockner which have already carried out major undertakings for the Egyptian Government.

A West German Government spokesman meanwhile dismissed reports that Nasser had achieved a weapons breakthrough with the help of the scientists. The spokesman said that investigations by both Germany and its allies have produced not the slightest grounds to indicate that the scientists were engaged in the development of nuclear weapons in Egypt.

JEWS IN POLAND APPEAL FOR GERMAN EXTENSION OF TERM FOR NAZI TRIALS

LONDON, May 5. (JTA) -- An appeal to Jews throughout the world to join in an international effort to persuade West Germany to extend the statute of limitations on Nazi war criminals has been issued by the Jewish Cultural and Social Association in Poland, it was reported here today from Warsaw.

The association pointed out in its appeal that the Polish Government has declared the statute of limitations, which expires in West Germany in May 1965, does not apply to Nazi war crimes and acts of genocide. The association also urged all Jewish organizations and individual Jews to help bring to book Nazi war criminals who have succeeded in escaping trial until now.

TWO OF EICHMANN'S AIDES DENY DEPORTING JEWS FROM HUNGARY TO DEATH CAMPS

FRANKFURT, May 5. (JTA) -- Two of Adolf Eichmann's principal aides in the deportation of 450,000 Hungarian Jews told the court trying them for mass murder yesterday that they had neither hurt nor robbed any of the Jews in their charge. The defendants are former SS Lieutenant-Colonel Herman Krumei and former Col. Otto Hunsche, who was Eichmann's legal expert.

Weeping with pity for himself, Krumei said: "I never hurt a single soul; I never knew that deporting Jews meant their destruction. When Eichmann gave me to understand they were massacred, I didn't know whether he was bluffing or not. Eichmann told me I was doing badly with the Jews in Hungary so I was sent to Vienna where I supervised the forced labor of Jews in Austria. I don't feel guilty. I never took part in the destruction of Jews."

Hunsche told the court he was "just a religious law student" and that he had been depressed when he failed in an examination for a judgeship. He then received an offer from Gestapo chief Heinrich Himmler to join the Gestapo. Both defendants denied robbing Jews. However, under cross-examination, Hunsche admitted "picking up a suitcase full of money."

BRITISH CHIEF RABBI EXPLAINS STAND ON SYNAGOGUE RIFT TO 134 RABBIS

LONDON, May 5. (JTA) -- Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie publicly stated for the first time -- at a specially assembled convocation of 134 rabbis of the United Synagogue and other synagogues -- his stand in the debate over his refusal to re-appoint a controversial rabbi to one of London's leading synagogues. The attending rabbis included many from provincial centers.

Chief Rabbi Brodie's refusal to reappoint Dr. Louis Jacobs to the pulpit of the New West End Synagogue, a constituent of the United Synagogue, has touched off a storm of controversy among British Jewry. The United Synagogue ousted the officers of the synagogue and appointed a caretaker administration when the officers defied the Chief Rabbi in insisting that Dr. Jacobs occupy the pulpit.

Rabbi Brodie told the rabbis today that Dr. Jacobs "has traveled far from the accepted norms of Judaism." Dr. Jacobs' writings and utterances, he added, "make it abundantly clear that his views cannot be accepted as in accordance with the position of Orthodox Judaism; Dr. Jacobs went so far as to say that in modern times, the Jew no longer asks why did God tell us to keep certain commandments but did God tell us to keep certain commandments," the Chief Rabbi asserted.

Rabbi Brodie said he was "saddened by the thought that a group of individuals are contemplating a new synagogue outside the framework of the United Synagogue," a reference to announced plans of Dr. Jacobs' supporters to set up a new synagogue with Dr. Jacobs as minister. The Chief Rabbi added he hoped that "under the impulsion of faithfulness to our sacred heritage and loyalty to our communal solidarity, no action will be taken that may tend to create a schism in our old and all-embracing religious community."

JOHNSON PRAISES WORK OF AMERICAN ISRAEL PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, May 5. (JTA) -- President Johnson expressed praise for the work of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee which concluded its two-day annual conference here last night. More than 100 Senators and Members of the House of Representatives were among the 500 guests who attended last night's concluding dinner session. The message from President Johnson was directed to the committee's participants. Because of some error, it was received only after the conference was over. The President's message was as follows:

"Please extend to your membership and to members of Congress present this evening my warm wishes on the tenth anniversary of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee. Your work has helped in bringing about better relationship in the world community. You have also been a forceful proponent of a worldwide effort to reach the roots of human poverty and social unrest through a sound program of foreign assistance. These efforts, as well as your role in achieving a better understanding between the United States and Israel, deserve our gratitude and will surely bear further fruit in the coming decade."

In light of the very warm tone of this message, observers consider it another significant expression of President Johnson's friendship toward Israel.

MELBOURNE JEWISH NEWSPAPER ATTACKED; RIFLE BULLET FIRED INTO OFFICE

MELBOURNE, May 5. (JTA) -- A rifle bullet was fired last night through the office window of the widely read English-Yiddish language Australian Jewish News. Police opened an investigation. The incident followed the recent swastika daubing of the office of the Jewish Herald, another Jewish publication.

MAX M. FISHER ELECTED PRESIDENT OF UNITED FOUNDATION OF DETROIT

DETROIT, May 5. (JTA) -- Max M. Fisher, noted national Jewish leader and chairman of the executive committee of the Detroit Jewish Welfare Federation, has been elected president of the United Foundation of this city. Mr. Fisher served as president of the Jewish Welfare Federation from 1959 until this year.

With his election as president of the United Foundation, Mr. Fisher becomes the head of one of the nation's most important Community Chest organizations. He is, additionally, the Associate General Chairman of the nationwide United Jewish Appeal, and a prominent figure in American industry.

BOOK LISTS NAMES OF 2,500 JEWISH PHYSICIANS KILLED IN POLAND BY NAZIS

NEW YORK, May 5. (JTA) -- A book listing the names, biographies and places of death of 2,500 Jewish physicians murdered in Poland by the Nazis was published here today by the Medical Alliance, Association of Jewish Physicians from Poland.

"The Martyrdom of Jewish Physicians in Poland," is edited by Louis Falstein as a documentary of "the Nazi criminal attempt to destroy two generations of Jewish doctors in Poland and to eradicate them from the memory of all future generations." It also contains a history of Jewish physicians and medical institutions in Poland from the 15th century to the Nazi destruction and data on the heroic efforts of the Jewish doctors under Nazi rule. It carries studies by Dr. Leopold Lazarowitz, Dr. Simon Malowist, Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum and Dr. Leon Wulman.

HENRY GEORGE'S 'PROGRESS AND POVERTY' PUBLISHED IN HEBREW IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, May 5. (JTA) -- The Robert Schalkenbach Foundation announced here today publication in Israel of the first edition in the Hebrew language of Henry George's philosophical classic, "Progress and Poverty," first published in 1879. The translation was made in Israel under a grant from the Foundation which also made a supplementary grant to provide the book to 632 public and six university libraries in Israel. The edition has been published by Massadah, Ltd.

Announcement was made at a reception given by the Foundation at its New York headquarters. Mendel N. Fisher, secretary-consultant of the Jewish National Fund, who wrote the foreword to the Hebrew edition, pointed out the special significance of Henry George's teachings to Israel, stressing that George's ideals of land tenure were actually embodied in the Jewish National Fund program. Dr. Leo Jung said that Henry George's principles derived from the Law of Moses. Robert Clancy, representing the Henry George School of Social Science, disclosed that the school plans to launch a free correspondence course of study in Israel based on the Hebrew edition.

ISRAELI MISSION ARRIVES IN PERU TO STUDY IRRIGATION POSSIBILITIES

LIMA, May 5. (JTA) -- An Israeli mission has arrived in Peru to study the possibilities of exploring the waters in the subsoil of the Department of Lambayeque to make use of some 1,500 hectares in that part of Peru. This would put under irrigation an area of great agricultural potential which is now unproductive land.

The mission will make exact studies in geology and hydrology, as well as to the soil of the region to be irrigated, and climatic conditions. Members of the mission will prepare a report on the cost of the irrigation project, adjust present programs and recommend a better use of present resources.

ISRAELI SCIENTIST REPORTS IN NEW YORK ON ARCHEOLOGICAL DISCOVERIES

NEW YORK, May 5. (JTA) -- A survey of archeological discovery in Israel, ranging from prehistoric finds in the Judean caves to revelations of Jewish life in Palestine after the Roman conquest, was presented here by Prof. Nahman Avigad, head of the Department of Archeology of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Prof. Avigad, who is currently a visiting professor at Harvard University, spoke to an overflow meeting of over 600 at the Savoy Hilton Hotel under the auspices of the American Friends of the Hebrew University. The event marked the launching of a greatly expanded program in behalf of the Hebrew University in the New York area. A detailed program of activities will be presented at the two-day National Leadership Conference of the American Friends of the Hebrew University which will open at the Sheraton-East Hotel in New York on May 23.