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NEW VATICAN BODY WILL DEAL WITH JEWS; DEFINITION OF FUNCTIONS EXPECTED

ROME, May 18. (JTA) -- An exact definition of what the functions will be of the special Vatican Secretariat for non-Christians--the formation of which was announced yesterday by Pope Paul VI--is expected to be given tomorrow by Paolo Cardinal Marella, who was named by the Pope to head the new secretariat, it was stated here today.

Thus far there was no indication that the planned statement by the Ecumenical Council, declaring that the Jewish people should not be blamed for the crucifixion of Jesus, will be dealt with by the new secretariat, which will parallel the Secretariat for Christian Unity of which Cardinal Bea is the head. However, it is considered likely that the new body will collaborate with Cardinal Bea's secretariat, which is now handling the Jewish question.

The statement declaring that Jews are not guilty of the crucifixion of Jesus will no longer be a part of Chapter IV of the Christian unity schema, as was the case when it was presented to the Ecumenical Council last year. A draft of this statement has now been prepared for circulation to the 2,300 Cardinals, archbishops and bishops who will attend the forthcoming session of the Ecumenical Council in September, and will be acted upon by the Council as a separate declaration.

The formation of the new Secretariat for non-Christian religions, announced by the Pontiff yesterday, will make it possible to invite representatives of non-Christian faiths as observers to the September session of the Ecumenical Council, it was indicated here today. A Vatican spokesman said that the new secretariat will deal with Jewish and other non-Christian groups. Until now, Cardinal Bea's Secretariat for Christian Unity had the jurisdiction over questions concerning Catholic-Jewish relations.

Cardinal Marella, the 70-year-old head of the new secretariat, has been for about 40 years in the Vatican's foreign service. He was apostolic delegate to Japan for 15 years. He also served as Papal Nuncio in France. The Italian prelate is archpriest of St. Peter's Basilica.

Priest Reports on His Talk with the Late Pope Pius on Jews

ROME, May 18. (JTA) -- A priest who served as an Italian army chaplain during World War II has quoted the late Pope Pius XII as saying he had thought many times of excommunicating Nazis for their persecutions of Jews, but held back because of pressures on the Vatican and for fear of making things even worse for the Jews.

This latest development in the controversy over the late Pontiff's stand on Nazism, touched off by the play, "The Deputy," appeared in the Italian religious monthly, "The Paria," in an article by Father Pirro Scavizzi. "The Deputy," by West German playwright Rolf Hochhuth, charges that the late Pontiff failed to speak out against the Nazi slaughter of European Jews.

Father Scavizzi wrote that he learned about the mass murders of Jews while he accompanied Italian troops through Germany and Austria en route to the Russian front. Later, he had a private audience with Pope Pius, he stated, and "I told him all I knew." The priest added, "I saw him cry like a boy and pray like a saint."

The Pope told him: "Please tell everyone, everyone you can, that the Pope agonizes for them (the Jews). Many times I thought of scorching Nazism with the lightning of excommunication and of denouncing to the civilized world the criminality of the extermination of Jews. We have heard the grave menace of retaliation not on our person but on the poor nation. We have received from various channels urgent recommendations that the Holy See not take a drastic stand."

"After many years and many prayers, I judged that any protest of mine not only would fail to help anyone but would create even more fury against the Jews, multiplying the acts of cruelty. Perhaps my solemn protest would have earned me praise from the civil world, but it also would have provided for the Jews a more implacable persecution... I love the Jews," the late Pontiff was quoted by the priest as having said.

BRITAIN WANTED PALESTINE PARTITION IN 1943; ROOSEVELT WANTED TRUSTEESHIP

WASHINGTON, May 18. (JTA) -- The British Government leaned toward partition of Palestine as early as 1943, while President Roosevelt at that time entertained an idea that the Holy Land should be placed under a trusteeship composed of representatives of the Moslem, Christian and Jewish faiths, according to documents dating back to that era made public here yesterday by the State Department.

The authority for the Roosevelt views is Lt. Col. Harold E. Hoskins, known then for his pro-Arabic attitude, whom the wartime President had sent as an emissary to the Middle East. Col. Hoskins' report on what Mr. Roosevelt had presumably said emerged in the State Department's "Foreign Relations of the United States, Volume IV, the Near East and Africa," summarizing cables, letters and memoranda pertaining directly or indirectly to the Palestine question.

In a 1943 memorandum on his meeting with President Roosevelt, after returning from a Middle Eastern tour, Col. Hoskins reported: "As to a solution of the Palestine problem, the President stated that his own thinking leaned toward a wider use of the idea of trusteeship for Palestine, making Palestine a real Holy Land for all religions, with a Jew, a Christian and a Moslem as the three responsible trustees. He said he realized it might be difficult to get the agreement of the Jews to such a plan but, if the Moslems and the Christians of the world agreed, he hoped the Jews could also be persuaded."

State Department Advocated Minimum Jewish Representation

The documents show that the State Department, during 1943, lost no time trying to water down the idea of equal representation on a possible Palestine trusteeship for Jews, Moslems and Christians. A memorandum done a few weeks after the Hoskins meeting with Roosevelt, written by the State Department's chief of the Division of Near Eastern Affairs, Mr. Merriam, spelled out the kind of Jewish representation he had in mind. Under the Merriam formula, membership in the trusteeship body would have been based on the number of believers in the three religions--Christian, Jewish and Moslem--throughout the world.

The Merriam memorandum stated: "Considering that there are in the world some 585,000,000 Christians, 220,000,000 Moslems and 15,000,000 Jews, the body might have a membership of six, consisting of three Christians, two Moslems and one Jew. If it is desired to reflect the number of communicants more accurately, the body could consist of six Christians, two Moslems and one Jew."

To make sure that Jews have only minimal representation, the Merriam plan proposed further that the single Jewish member be "rotated," so that this Jew would "represent Zionists, non-Zionists and anti-Zionists at the moment the foregoing appears to reflect the major attitudes of Jewry toward Palestine."

Two Roosevelt Emissaries to Arabs Differ in Reports

The Hoskins memorandum also stated that it was impossible to obtain agreement on the Palestine problem between Saudi Arabia's King Saud and Dr. Chaim Weizmann, then president of the World Zionist Organization. The reason was, according to Hoskins, that King Saud had been offended by an alleged Weizmann offer of a "bribe" of 25,000,000 pounds sterling. Another document in the volume indicated that King Saud had kept silent when the alleged "bribe" offer was made.

Not only was King Saud opposed to meeting with Dr. Weizmann or making an agreement with Zionists, according to the State Department volume, but he also indicated that he would also insist on the removal from Palestine of the Jews who had legally immigrated into that land during the war.

However, the book indicates that another Roosevelt emissary to the Middle East, Gen. Patrick Hurley, had painted a different picture in a report to President Roosevelt. Gen. Hurley had reported that "among the Arabs, there is little or no anti-Jewish sentiment as we ordinarily use the term, nor is there serious opposition to the concept of a Jewish national home."

ARAB INFILTRATORS ATTACK ISRAELI CAR NEAR EILAT; ESCAPE TO SINAI

TEL AVIV, May 18. (JTA) -- Shevuoth holiday traffic was interrupted today when infiltrators attacked a car carrying three tourists and two Israelis near the Red Sea Port of Eilat in Southern Israel. The assailants ambushed the car firing seven shots and hitting mainly the tires.

A car coming from the opposite direction rescued the uninjured occupants. Security Forces rushed to the scene of the incident but the infiltrators had fled after stealing the tourists' belongings from the abandoned vehicle. Footprints led to the Sinai border. After checking the road the authorities allowed traffic to resume.

AMBASSADOR HARMAN CONFERS IN STATE DEPARTMENT ON ESHKOL'S VISIT

WASHINGTON, May 18. (JTA) - Israel Ambassador Avraham Harman conferred with Under Secretary of State Averell Harriman on plans for the forthcoming visit of Prime Minister Levi Eshkol in Washington. Mr. Harman returned last week from Israel, where he participated in top-level consultations toward finalizing the agenda of Mr. Eshkol's conferences here.

2,000 PROTESTANT AND CATHOLIC CLERGYMEN APPEAL TO MCSGCW ON JEWS

NEW YORK, May 18. (JTA) - More than 2,000 Protestant and Catholic clergymen have joined Jewish religious leaders in signing a "Letter of Conscience," urging Soviet authorities to alleviate current repressive measures against Soviet Jews, it was announced here today by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. The letter will be forwarded to State Department and United Nations officials for delivery to the Soviet Government.

ANTI-SEMITIC REPRODUCTIONS REPORTED BEING SOLD IN MOSCOW BOOKSTALLS

LONDON, May 18. (JTA) -- Two centrally located Moscow bookstalls have been selling black market reproductions of anti-Semitic materials, it was reported authoritatively from Moscow today. The disclosure was made in an evening newspaper in the Soviet capital, Vechernyaya Moskva, which said one of the stores adjoined the National Hotel, while another was next door to the Moscow Art Theatre.

Another Moscow dispatch received here this weekend reported that a Jew, Iosif L. Klempert, had been condemned to death after being convicted by the Russian Supreme Court of alleged embezzlement of government property. Klempert and two brothers, Pavel and Boris, both physicians, had been reported arrested in the Russian press last January on embezzlement charges. However, the results of the trial of the Klempert brothers had not been reported in the Soviet press.

The Soviet feature agency Nevosti reported today that the editorial board of Sovietisch Heimland, the bi-monthly Yiddish periodical, is traveling to various Jewish centers in the Soviet Union, trying to interest more readers and writers to back the publication. At one meeting in Vilna, 1,000 Jews reportedly attended a meeting promoting the periodical, enhanced by a concert of Yiddish folksongs.

SOVIET STORE SELLS DRUMS WITH SKINS MADE FROM TORAH SCROLLS

NEW YORK, May 18. (JTA) -- A Moscow store, operated by the Soviet Government, recently sold to a Western tourist a snaredrum which used a portion of a Torah parchment as one of its skins, thus desecrating the Holy Scroll, the New York Herald Tribune reported here this weekend.

The newspaper, reproducing a photograph of the drum-skin, showed that the bottom of the drum had stretched a piece of Torah parchment inscribed with 35 verses from Chapters 17 and 18 of Genesis. The drum had been bought for 50 rubles (about \$55) from Moscow store No. 32, a store where Soviet residents leave personal articles for sale by the government outlet.

ANTI-JEWISH DISCRIMINATIONS IN SOVIET RUSSIA EVOKE PROTEST IN BELGIUM

BRUSSELS, May 18. (JTA) -- The Belgian League for Human Rights adopted a resolution against religious policy in the Soviet Union referring specifically to anti-Jewish actions by Soviet authorities.

The resolution protested the closing of synagogues, the ban on matzoh baking two years in a row and the anti-Semitic book, "Judaism Without Embellishment," published under auspices of the Ukrainian Academy of Science. The resolution called on the Soviet authorities to act to prevent a repetition of such measures.

WORKS OF ISAAK BABEL REAPPEAR IN RUSSIA; WAS 'LIQUIDATED' UNDER STALIN

LONDON, May 18. (JTA) - The works of Isaaq Babel, one of the Jewish writers who disappeared during the purges of the Stalin era, are appearing for the first time since then in the Soviet Union, it was reported here from Moscow.

One of the most popular Soviet writers in the 1920's, Babel disappeared in 1938. His death occurred in 1941, according to recent Soviet biographical sources which do not include any information on whether he was executed or died of disease or privation in a Soviet forced labor camp.

NEW YORK JEWISH COMMUNISTS OPPOSE KHRUSHCHEV'S VIEWS ON JORDAN WATERS

NEW YORK, May 18. (JTA) -- The pro-Communist Freiheit, a daily Yiddish newspaper, has declared editorially that, contrary to the backing of the Arab views by Soviet Prime Minister Nikita Khrushchev, "Israel has the right to draw off waters from the Jordan River." Referring to the Khrushchev speech made in Egypt last week, when the Soviet leader took the position that the Arab nations are correct in opposing Israel's water project, the Freiheit declared:

"Israel's right to use the northern waters to irrigate its southern regions does not rob the Arab neighbors. The fact is that Jordan's King Hussein, with the help of funds obtained from Washington, has already started drawing water from the Yarmuk River, north of the Jordan, and is thereby robbing water from Israeli kibbutzim. That forced Israel to consider urgently the matter of providing water for irrigation of the arid Negev and the south in general, where 50 per cent of Israel's land area is located and which can use only 15 per cent of Israel's water resources. Just as the Arab neighbors have rights, so Israel has the right to regulate its land's water resources in order to transform its wilderness into a blooming region."

HEAD OF BIRCH SOCIETY SAYS HIS ORGANIZATION IS NOT ANTI-JEWISH

NEW YORK, May 18, (JTA) -- The head of the John Birch Society has asserted that he will not allow his organization "to be a haven" for persons engaged in anti-Semitic activities; "We are not anti-Jewish and by the very nature of things we cannot be made anti-Jewish," Mr. Robert Welch stated in a letter to the Anti-Defamation League.

TRIAL OF NEO-NAZIS IN NEW YORK ENTERS SECOND WEEK; EIGHT INVOLVED

NEW YORK, May 18, (JTA) -- Eight members of the neo-Nazi National Renaissance Party contended today that a Bronx court is "trying to create a situation where the law will be against anti-Semitism," as their trial for alleged conspiracy and incitement to riot went into its second week today.

The eight, including one Jew, Ian Lehr, and headed by their acknowledged "fuhrer," James H. Madole, were arrested last July when they allegedly tried to turn a Bronx demonstration concerned with Negro discriminations into an anti-Semitic rally.

Police said their truck contained hate literature as well as loaded pistols, arrows and a tear-gas pencil. They are on trial before New York State Supreme Court Justice Irwin D. Davidson, in the Bronx. The claim that the court is trying to outlaw anti-Semitism, coupled with an assertion that "this will never be so," was made outside the court room by one of the eight defendants.

CLEVELAND JEWISH WELFARE APPEAL RAISES \$5,932,000 IN 1964 CAMPAIGN

CLEVELAND, May 18, (JTA) -- The 1964 Jewish Welfare Fund Appeal closed with a dinner-meeting here at which the record total of \$5,932,005 was reported. A large, enthusiastic audience cheered the announcement by Arthur Dery, general chairman who presided, that this year's result topped the previous high set last year by \$102,789.

This was the 34th annual Welfare Fund Campaign of the Jewish Community Federation, of which M.E. Glass is president and Henry I. Zucker, executive director. Other leaders of the campaign included Sheldon B. Guren, Samuel H. Miller, and Leighton A. Rosenthal, general co-chairmen; Joseph E. Cole, special gifts chairman, with Edward C. Bloomberg, Julius Paris and Louis L. Schaffer, co-chairmen. Gerald S. Soroker was campaign director.

DALLAS FEDERATION ENDS 1964 DRIVE; RAISED MORE THAN LAST YEAR

DALLAS, May 18, (JTA) -- With every division reporting sizable increases, the 1964 campaign of the Jewish Welfare Federation here reached a total of \$739,200 by the drive's closing dinner, and there were anticipations that contributions of approximately \$20,000 more may still be recorded before the drive is officially ended.

This year's figure, thus far, announced by Sol Levine, co-chairman of the campaign, compares with the total of \$676,192 raised in the entire drive last year. Nolan Glazer, vice-president of the Federation, told the Jewish community leaders at the annual dinner that strenuous efforts would be made by all to obtain the extra \$20,000 anticipated.

JEWISH CONGRESS SEEKS TO PICKET JORDAN'S PAVILION AT WORLD'S FAIR

NEW YORK, May 18, (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress has asked the World's Fair for permission to picket the Jordanian Pavilion in protest against "false, defamatory and malicious material designed to incite hatred against Israel and the Jewish people." The "material" referred to is the controversial mural on display in the pavilion which depicts an Arab refugee mother with a child in her arms expressing anti-Israel sentiments.

American Jewish Congress president, Dr. Joachim Prinz, sent a telegram to Fair president Robert Moses requesting that a permit be issued for next Monday. Rabbi Prinz said that he and 12 other Congress leaders plan to demonstrate.

THIRTY-ONE JEWS WILL BE COMMISSIONED AT U.S. SERVICE ACADEMIES

NEW YORK, May 18, (JTA) -- Thirty-one Jews will receive officers' commissions at the 1964 commencement exercises of four national service academies in June and July, it was announced by Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the National Jewish Welfare Board Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy.

Twelve new Jewish second lieutenants will be graduated by the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, on June 3. That same day, the U.S. Military Academy, at West Point, will commission five Jewish cadets as second lieutenants; the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., will commission nine Jewish graduates as ensigns; and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, L.I., N.Y., will graduate four new Jewish ensigns. There are no Jews in the 1964 class of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

BRAZIL-ISRAELI CULTURAL PRIZE WON BY AUTHOR OF BOOK ON CARICATURES

SAO PAULO, May 18, (JTA) -- The "Premio Brasi-Israel", a prize established in 1963 by the Centro Cultural Brasil-Israel in Sao Paulo, was awarded to Hermann Lima for his four-volume "Historia da Caricatura no Brasil"--History of Caricature in Brazil.