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ITALIAN GCVT. DENOUNCES 'SLANDEROUS CAMPAIGN' AGAINST PCPE PIUS XII

ROME, May 24. (JTA) -- The Italian Foreign Ministry today issued a communique denouncing what it called "the slanderous campaign against the memory of Pope Pius XII by some Italian press organs." The Ministry statement said that the campaign was "strongly deplored" by the Italian Government which includes persons "who are living witnesses of the late Pope's fatherly solicitude in defense of the supreme values of humanity and civilization."

The Socialist paper, "Avanti," sharply criticized the intervention into the matter by the Foreign Ministry, declaring that, if some papers "slandered" the memory of Pope Pius XII, it was up to the judiciary to rule on it, not the Foreign Ministry.

At a press conference in the offices of the Jesuit publication Civiltà Cattolica, meanwhile, Father Martini charged that the "historical documentation" of Rolf Hochhuth, author of the play, "The Deputy," was "biased selection" from items of public knowledge since Hochhuth was unable to consult either the archives of the Vatican or those of other countries; He denounced what he called Hochhuth's "misuse" of the writings of Father Leiber and Cardinal Tardini.

Father Martini said that there was documentation to show that Papal intervention at the time would have increased the sufferings of the Jews who had been aided by Christians.

THOUSANDS ATTEND 'SALUTE TO ISRAEL' AT NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR

NEW YORK, May 24. (JTA) -- Thousands of persons attended special ceremonies at the New York World's Fair today marking "Salute to Israel" at the Fair. Taking part in the event, which was under the chairmanship of Judge Simon Rifkind, were 700 youths from the Greater New York area who presented a cultural salute sponsored by the American Zionist Youth Foundation.

The program featured performances by 10 Israel folk dance groups, composed of Zionist youth organizations and a 420-member inter-school youth choir. A highlight of the program was the blowing of the shofar.

Addressing special ceremonies at the American-Israel Pavilion at the Fair, both Senator Kenneth Keating of New York, and New York City Comptroller Abraham D. Beame, alluded to the anti-Israel mural on display in the Jordanian Pavilion. "The American-Israel Pavilion speaks out loud and clear with the voice of hope and aspiration that is Israel," Senator Keating said. "There is no bitterness, no hatred, no insidious back biting at other countries, no propaganda effort to distort the facts and condemn other people."

Mr. Beame said that "the blatant prejudices and calculated smears in the Jordan Pavilion oppose the purposes of the Fair and deny its theme 'Peace Through Understanding.'" Silver medallions of the American Israel Pavilion were presented to Senator Keating, Mr. Beame and to Nahum Shamir, Israel's Minister to the United States for Economic Affairs by Harold S. Caplin, chairman of the board of the American Israel World's Fair Corporation.

The American Jewish Congress is planning to picket the Jordanian Pavilion tomorrow in protest against an anti-Israel mural on display there. The group will demonstrate at the pavilion in spite of the refusal by Robert Moses, president of the World's Fair Corporation, to grant a permit for the picketing.

Eshkol's Office Confirms He Will Not Visit World's Fair

JERUSALEM, May 24. (JTA) -- The Prime Minister's office here has confirmed earlier reports stating that Premier Eshkol will not visit the New York World's Fair during his forthcoming United States visit.

The reason for this change in itinerary appears to be the refusal of Fair officials to take action against the display of anti-Israel propaganda in the Jordanian pavilion.

2,000 AMERICAN CHRISTIAN CLERGYMEN PROTEST SOVIET TREATMENT OF JEWS

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., May 24. (JTA) -- High-ranking officials of the Roman Catholic and Protestant churches were among the 2,000 Christian clergy who joined this weekend with Jewish leaders in signing a protest against the Soviet treatment of Russian Jews.

The signers included three Cardinals, heads of several major Protestant denominations and seven Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church. The Catholic leaders were Francis Cardinal Spellman, Richard Cardinal Cushing and Joseph Cardinal Ritter.

The protest, termed a "letter of conscience," was drawn up by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the international Jewish service organization, and was announced at the League's national executive committee meeting here. The document will be presented to the State Department and to the United States delegation at the United Nations for transmittal to Moscow.

Other signers of the petition were Bishop R. H. Mueller, president of the National Council of Churches and president of the Board of Bishops of the Evangelical Church; Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, president of the College of Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Dr. William McCorkie, moderator of the Presbyterian Church in the United States; Dr. Edwin H. Teller, general secretary of the American Baptist convention; Bishop Gerald Kennedy of the Methodist Episcopal Diocese of Southern California and Arizona, and the Rev. Gaines M. Crooks, executive secretary of the Disciples of Christ, the denomination to which President Johnson belongs.

The text of the protest reads:

"Profoundly disturbed by authoritative reports of discriminatory and repressive treatment of Jews in the Soviet Union, and affirming the universal moral principles of justice and brotherhood, I hereby join with other Americans in expressing grave concern. We appeal to Soviet authorities:

"1. To extend to Jews in the Soviet Union a full measure of equality to which they are entitled under the Soviet Constitution.

"2. To eradicate every vestige of anti-Semitism and to institute a vigorous campaign against all anti-Semitic manifestations,

"3. To permit the creation of central religious institutions to serve Soviet Jewry and to allow unrestricted worship and religious instruction for young and old.

"4. To allow formal religious and cultural bonds with Jewish communities abroad and to permit official exchange visits and religious pilgrimages to the Holy Land,

"5. To reopen Jewish cultural institutions and to permit the full expression of Jewish cultural life in Yiddish and Hebrew.

"6. To grant permission on a humanitarian basis to those Jews who have been separated from their loved ones by the Nazi holocaust to rejoin their families in other lands.

"7. To cease making Jews the scapegoat in the governmental campaign against economic crises in the Soviet Union.

"The essential dignity and quality of all men is an elementary religious and moral principle. So long as this principle is violated, I cannot in good conscience remain silent. I, therefore, solemnly subscribe to this urgent appeal."

JEWS THROUGHOUT U.S. HOLD PRAYERS IN SYNAGOGUES FOR SOVIET JEWRY

NEW YORK, May 24. (JTA) -- Jews throughout the United States devoted their Sabbath services this weekend to prayers on behalf of the Jews in the Soviet Union. The special weekend of observances on behalf of Soviet Jewry was in response to a call for prayer issued by the Synagogue Council of America and was sponsored by 24 national Jewish organizations whose combined memberships embrace the overwhelming majority of America's estimated five and a half million Jews.

The 24 national Jewish organizations had convened last month in Washington to protest the Soviet campaign of oppression against its Soviet citizens. Rabbis throughout the country appealed in sermons for equality of religious rights for Soviet Jews and assailed such anti-Semitic manifestations as the book published by the Ukrainian Academy of Science, "Judaism Without Embellishment."

MOSCOW REFUSES PAYMENT TO U.N. FOR UNITS IN GAZA AND OTHER AREAS

UNITED NATIONS, May 24. (JTA) -- The Soviet Union has reiterated its refusal to contribute to the United Nations peace-keeping operations which include the maintaining of an emergency force on the Israel-Egyptian frontier along the Gaza Strip. In a statement issued by the Soviet Mission to the UN the Russians claimed that the assessments for these operations were illegal. The Soviet position was repeated in response to a statement made in London last week by the United States UN representative Adlai Stevenson who said that he was convinced the Russians would pay.

N. C. J. E. CONVENTION ASKS FOR TAX DEDUCTION FOR JEWISH EDUCATION

ATLANTIC CITY, May 24. (JTA) -- More than 13,000 teachers are employed in Jewish educational institutions in the United States, and at least 1,000 teachers are needed annually for new positions and replacements, it was reported at the four-day 38th annual conference of the National Council for Jewish Education, the overall professional organization of Jewish educators in this country, held at Breakers Hotel here.

"The annual shortage of hundreds of teachers in Jewish elementary, secondary and higher schools of learning is a threat to the very existence of the several Jewish school systems in the United States," the report said. More than 500 delegates are attending the conference which is closing today. Dr. Elazar Coelman of Philadelphia, dean of Gratz College, was elected at today's session to a second term as president of the organization.

The conference today adopted a resolution urging amendment of federal income tax laws to permit parents of children attending fulltime religious schools to deduct from their taxable income a portion of funds spent for tuition to such schools. The resolution stressed that such an arrangement would not infringe on the principle of church-state separation, but "would ease the present unfair burden of double taxation on such parents at relatively little cost to the federal treasury."

In another resolution, the delegates urged the Jewish federations and welfare funds "to provide adequate support for communal Hebrew schools through central community agencies for Jewish education" and to provide adequate facilities for such schools "to meet the needs arising from changing conditions in the Jewish community, particularly from the current mobility of the Jewish population."

The delegates also urged the American Association for Jewish Education to organize the communal Hebrew schools of the United States and Canada "into a national federation to advance and strengthen the communal school movement." The resolution also urged the AAJE to conduct a nationwide survey to obtain all the facts pertaining to the development, achievements, problems and potentialities of the communal school for the advancement of Jewish education.

In another resolution, the educators called on parents to exercise close supervision on television viewing by their children for the benefit of Jewish study. The resolution urged parents to trim drastically the amount of viewing by their children of certain programs "both on grounds that the time could be much more usefully spent on their homework assignments, both general and Jewish, and because this television material is spiritually and culturally debasing."

Jewish Community Urged to Create \$5,000,000 Fund for Education

Dr. Samuel Dinin, vice-chancellor of the University of Judaism in Los Angeles, addressing the conference, proposed that the organized Jewish community create a fund of \$5,000,000 to be used solely to strengthen Jewish education in the United States, particularly in the recruiting of young people for careers in Jewish education.

"The Jewish teaching profession is in danger of becoming a vanishing profession," Dr. Dinin told the 500 educators. He said changes in Jewish education had brought about part-time and pupil-teachers who lacked adequate training. He also said that, as in public education, there was a shortage of teachers even for full-time teaching jobs in Jewish education because young Jews preferred careers in science and research.

"If it were not for the exchange teachers from Israel and for the hundreds of Israelis residing in the United States, the Jewish schools would indeed be in a bad way," he stated. "But most of the Israelis are here for but a few years time and cannot be counted upon as a permanent source of supply for teacher personnel."

"What is required," he continued, "is a special fund of \$5,000,000, similar to the fund established by the Ford Foundation, to be used to recruit young people to careers in Jewish education through the provision of scholarships to high school and college students; to provide incentive grants and grants in aid to encourage schools and communities to raise salaries, to provide pensions and health insurance and other fringe benefits to give the Jewish teacher salaries and conditions of work similar at least to those of the public school teacher in his community."

Educators Urged to Correct Distorted Views Held by Young U. S. Jews

Dr. Samuel L. Blumenfield, director of the Department of Education and Culture of the Jewish Agency in New York, urged the Jewish educators to seek to correct the "inadequate and sometimes distorted" ideas held by young American Jews. He told the delegates that such ideas constituted "a caricature of Israel and its meaning for American Jewry."

He said it was not uncommon to find American Jewish youth who have attended Jewish schools speaking of supporting "poor Jews" in Israel and of Hebrew as simply a subject required for preparation for Bar Mitzvah. He said it was a reflection on the Jewish organizations working on behalf of Israel and Jewish education that they had failed to "convey to the rising generation in the United States the dream of Israel reborn and the

significance of modern Hebrew men of letters and scholars, not only for Israel, but for American Jewry as well."

Dr. Alexander M. Dushkin, professor emeritus of the Hebrew University and former executive vice-president of the Jewish Education Committee of New York City, differed with the prevailing view that Jewish education in the United States now had not improved over the past 50 years.

Dr. Judah Pilch of New York, director of the National Curriculum Research Institute and chairman of the project, reported that a chair had been established in the Institute of Contemporary Jewish Studies at the Hebrew University under sponsorship by the National Council for Jewish Education through an Alexander M. Dushkin Fellowship.

Yitzhak Harkavy, the newly appointed director of the Department of Education and Culture of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem, told the Jewish educators that the unity of the Jewish people and the continuity of Israel were the indispensable concepts for Jewish education. He urged American Jewish educators to view their long-range objectives in terms of these concepts.

NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR HEBREW DAY SCHOOLS TO START \$10,000,000 DRIVE

FALLSBURG, N. Y., May 24. (JTA) -- Representatives of the 300 Hebrew day schools throughout the United States and Canada today decided to establish a National Torah Fund Campaign with a yearly goal of \$10,000,000 to cover the annual deficits of the schools and to provide capital financing for construction needs in line with the expected growth during the coming decade.

In a resolution adopted at a National Planning Conference sponsored by Torah Umesorah, the National Society for Hebrew Day Schools, at the Pine View Hotel here, the more than 400 delegates approved plans for the fund which "will serve as the fund-raising arm for Hebrew day schools on the local, national and international levels."

Reuben E. Gross, chairman of the conference, said that the fund was necessary to cover annual deficits of the schools estimated at \$4,000,000 and to provide funds for construction costs and establishment of new schools estimated at \$6,000,000 per year. Citing the annual growth rate of the Hebrew day schools over the past 20 years from 5,000 to more than 50,000 pupils, Mr. Gross predicted that the total would reach 500,000 by the end of the next two decades.

The delegates also decided to establish a permanent National Leadership Council for the Hebrew day school movement to implement a comprehensive program aimed at dealing with problems arising from the rapid growth of the movement. Amos Bunim of Far Rockaway, N. Y., was named chairman of the Council and Reuben Gross of Staten Island was named associate chairman.

BARON ROTHSCHILD RECEIVES HONORARY DEGREE FROM JEWISH SEMINARY

NEW YORK, May 24. (JTA) -- Baron Edmond de Rothschild, eminent French financier and philanthropist, today received an honorary doctor of laws degree from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

At a special convocation held in his honor, Baron de Rothschild was cited for his "contributions to human welfare, the advancement of the State of Israel and to the cause of Judaism" as well as for his "magnificent efforts to preserve and advance in our time the traditions of a great family."

Addressing a Seminary dinner in his honor this evening, Baron Rothschild hailed the seminary as a "citadel of learning that does more than hold promise of a continuing Judaism. The existence of this Seminary guarantees that the world community of Jews need not fear that our heritage will fall by the wayside," he said.

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY PRESENTS SCIENCE AWARD TO SARNOFF; HONORS ASTRONAUT

NEW YORK, May 24. (JTA) -- Yeshiva University tonight launched a \$15,000,000 science center development program at a dinner here honoring General David Sarnoff, chairman of the board of the Radio Corporation of America, and Malcolm Scott Carpenter, the U. S. astronaut who today marked the second anniversary of his three-orbit Aurora 7 space flight.

General Sarnoff was presented with Yeshiva University's Distinguished Science Award for his "rich contributions to 20th Century science and technology." The award was presented by Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of the university.

DR. FRANCK, JEWISH SCIENTIST WHO HELPED U. S. TO DEVELOP ATOM BOMB, DEAD

GOTTINGEN, Germany, May 24. (JTA) -- Dr. James Franck, the German-Jewish scientist who shared in the Nobel prize for physics in 1925 and fled Nazi Germany in 1933, died here this weekend while on a visit from the United States where he helped to develop the atom bomb. Dr. Franck held the post of Professor of Physics at the University of Chicago.