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JEWISH QUESTION SEEN AS DEFINITELY UP FOR ECUMENICAL COUNCIL DEBATE

ROME, July 5. (JTA) -- The third session of the Ecumenical Council, to be convened September 14, will definitely discuss the proposed declaration on relations between the Catholic Church and Jews and other non-Christians, the Rev. Fausto Vallainc, director of the Council's press office, declared today in L'Osservatore Romano, the Vatican's official organ.

Father Vallainc's article in the Vatican newspaper listed the full agenda of the Third Council session, after an announcement on its opening date had been made by Amleto Cardinale Igonani, Papal Secretary of State, following a meeting with Pope Paul VI.

According to the press director, "quiet and little known work" had been carried on by the Council's Secretariat during the current inter-session period. The resumed session, he said, will have to vote on the first three chapter chapters on ecumenism, which were discussed at the last session. "The two known declarations on Jews and non-Christians, and on religious freedom will have to be discussed," he added. The press director also listed the full agenda facing the next session, including 13 proposed points.

Competent observers here pointed out that the agenda is so long that a fourth session of the Council may be necessary. Although the announcement of the Pope's decision on convening the third session did not mention its closing date, it is known that the Pontiff is anxious to have the session end in time to permit the participation of the Catholic Church in the International Eucharistic Congress scheduled to be opened in Bombay, India, by the end of November. If that schedule is adhered to, the third session of the Council should close not later than November 25, thus making a fourth session a necessity in view of what observers here call the "far-reaching" agenda facing the Council Fathers.

American Jewish Committee Head Reiterates Stand on Ecumenical Council

NEW YORK, July 5. (JTA) -- It is "right and proper" for both Christians and Jews to "encourage the other in steps toward understanding, without giving effect to questions of pride, prior responsibility and ceremony," Morris B. Abram, president of the American Jewish Committee, declared today in reference to his organization's efforts on behalf of the adoption of a statement clearing the Jewish people of the charge of deicide by the Vatican's Ecumenical Council.

Mr. Abram made the statement in a letter to Rabbi Leon J. Feuer, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. At the recent convention of the CCAR, Rabbi Feuer had stated that the "obsequious appeal for a statement by the Ecumenical Council can only be revolting to the Jewish spirit," and held that such a statement by the Catholic Church is "long overdue and should need no special pleading on our part." In his letter to Rabbi Feuer, Mr. Abram asserted:

"The efforts to uproot from Christian teaching and prayer the age-old charge of the collective guilt of the Jews for the death of Jesus is probably the most important step that can be taken for the welfare of world Jewry."

Acknowledging the validity of Rabbi Feuer's position that anti-Semitism is a Christian problem, Mr. Abram emphasized that it nevertheless "remains a problem that very much concern Jews." He stressed that "in combating prejudice, the victim, though he be in the right, certainly should use all the tools at his command to assist the discriminator in divesting himself of his distorted views."

MOURNERS PAY HOMAGE TO JABOTINSKY; FUNERAL PROCESSION SET FOR TODAY

NEW YORK, July 5. (JTA) -- Leaders of the American Zionist movement and delegates from all major American Jewish organizations will gather here to pay homage tomorrow to the memory of the late Zionist-Revisionist leader, Vladimir Jabotinsky. The remains of Mr. Jabotinsky and his wife, Yohanna were exhumed from their graves in Farmingdale, L.I., this weekend and brought to the Riverside Memorial Chapel on upper Broadway prior to reinterment in Israel later this week.

Late this afternoon, many mourners gathered at the chapel to file past the coffins of Mr. Jabotinsky and his wife, paying their respects to the Revisionist leader.

In a call to the membership of the Zionist Organization of America, Dr. Max Nussbaum, ZCA president and a co-chairman of the National Committee for the Jabotinsky Memorial

headed by Philip M. Klutznick, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, and Israel Ambassador Avraham Harman, emphasized the historic significance of the order issued last March by Premier Levi Eshkol for the reinterment of the remains of Mr. Jabotinsky on Mt. Herzl in Jerusalem.

Several hundred delegates from abroad will also participate in the funeral procession tomorrow, when the remains will be transferred from the chapel to the Kennedy International Airport and flown to Paris where Premier Levi Eshkol, now visiting the French capital, will meet the plane. Included among the foreign representatives here are leaders of the Mexican Jewish community, led by Chief Rabbi M. Raphaelin, as well as delegates from the Jewish communities of Argentina, Colombia, Toronto and Montreal.

Tomorrow's procession is scheduled to begin at 3:30 p.m., at which time the coffins will be conveyed to the Young Israel Synagogue here where a special memorial service will be held. Dr. Eri Jabotinsky, the son of the late Zionist leader, will recite the Kaddish; Special prayers will be rendered by a choir of the Cantors' Association of New York. The Government of Israel will be represented by Ambassador Harman. The funeral cortege will then proceed from the Young Israel Synagogue by cars and chartered buses to the airport.

ESHKOL TO INSPECT FRENCH MILITARY SITES; VISITS MODEL FARMS TODAY

PARIS, June 5: (JTA) -- Israel Premier Levi Eshkol will begin tomorrow a series of tours of French military installations and agricultural and industrial enterprises. His first tour will be a one-day visit today to model farms and agricultural institutions, escorted by the French Minister of Agriculture, M. Edgar Pisani. Premier Eshkol spent the weekend at the country estate of Baron Edmond de Rothschild at Armentevillers, which is surrounded by high walls and flanked by dozens of guards and French police officers.

The Premier's two-day rest followed a hectic week in Paris during which he held talks with President de Gaulle, Prime Minister Georges Pompidou, Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville and Defense Minister Pierre Messmer; Mr. Eshkol's activities Friday were symbolic of his crowded schedule as well as of the warm friendship and understanding shown to Israel in many French circles.

Mr. Eshkol and his entourage were received in the morning at the Paris City Hall, and escorted through the centuries-old building by Paris Mayor Jean Legaret. The Mayor stressed the close ties between France and Israel; Mr. Eshkol spoke of the parallel between the world's two most famous cities--Jerusalem, where three religions are enshrined and Paris where the rights of man were first recognized and proclaimed;

Later in the day, the Premier was guest of honor at a luncheon given by the Franco-Israeli Friendship League. Present there were three cabinet ministers--Minister of Justice Jean Foyer, Minister of Labor Gilbert Grandval, and Minister of Housing Jacques Mazziol; army generals, members of Parliament and the French Academy, and dozens of other important personalities.

Welcoming Mr. Eshkol, the League's President, Diomede Catroux, a former Minister, said that "the friendship between our two countries is deep and lasting; it is no accidental episode in our history." He also repeated the promise made to Israel by all important French political personalities; "France will always be by your side should you need her."

Replying in Hebrew, Mr. Eshkol described how "close France is to our hearts," adding that his feeling in Paris was "one of being among trusted and old friends." The Premier reviewed the major subjects covered during his talks with President de Gaulle last week, stressing that a full unity of views had been reached on all issues discussed;

SYRIANS FIRE, INJURE THREE ISRAELIS; COMPLAINT FILED WITH U.N.

JERUSALEM, July 5: (JTA) -- Syrians on border positions fired on an Israeli Kibbutz this weekend for the second time in two days. Several bursts of automatic weapon fire were directed from the Syrian emplacements toward Kibbutz Ashmora, near the Sea of Galilee, in Northern Israel. No injuries were reported. Israel did not return the fire, and lodged a complaint with the UN Mixed Armistice Commission.

On Thursday, three Israelis were injured when Syrian positions fired farmers and at an Israeli patrol car proceeding along its usual route. Thursday's incident was the first serious border attack in several months.

In the Knesset (Parliament), Elimelech Kimalt, a member of the Liberal Party, called for an emergency meeting of the Foreign Affairs Committee to discuss the Syrian border attacks;

LONDON OFFICIAL SEES BRITISH-ISRAEL TRADE MAKING 'ASTONISHING' PROGRESS

TEL AVIV, July 5: (JTA) -- Kenneth MacKenzie, director of the Middle East department of the British Board of Trade, said here at the International Fair today that Britain's trade with Israel is "being built up with astonishing speed." He urged Israeli businessmen to show more initiative.

MOROCCAN PARLIAMENT PASSES NEW LAW AFFECTING RABBINICAL TRIBUNALS

CAS/BLANCA, July 5: (JTA) -- Morocco's Parliament adopted by a large majority yesterday a new law which provides for "uniformity of Moroccan justice." The new legislation will affect particularly the rabbinical tribunals in this country which have had complete autonomy.

Until now, the rabbinate, generally located in the Jewish quarters of Moroccan cities, have administered justice in the name of the King of Morocco. Completely independent, the rabbinical courts have been recognized as competent to deal with all matters affecting the personal status of Moroccan Jews.

Under the new law, the rabbinical judges will be subordinate to regional tribunals and to the Pashas conducting those tribunals. The rabbinical tribunals will be transferred to the Moslem tribunals. Nonetheless, it was pointed out here today, the rabbinical courts will still be able to continue functioning in accordance with Jewish law on matters of personal status among Jews.

AUSTRALIAN NAZI CHIEF GIVEN 6-MONTH SENTENCE; FOUR OTHERS FACE TRIAL

MELBOURNE, July 5: (JTA) -- Arthur Smith, the chief and organizer of the Australian Nazi Party, was sentenced by the Sydney Central Court this weekend to six months' imprisonment on charges of having been in illegal possession of explosives and detonators. An unlicensed revolver and stolen goods were also found at the Nazi Party's headquarters in the Sydney suburb of Ashfield.

The police prosecutor told the court that Smith's party is trying to revive Hitlerism. The Nazi leader appeared in court with four other members of his organization. All had been arrested two weeks ago when police raided their headquarters. The four others were remanded for a future trial. Outside the courtroom, a young man wearing a swastika badge was attacked by a crowd in the street.

TRUTH OF MINSK SYNAGOGUE STORY REITERATED IN FACE OF SOVIET DENIAL

NEW YORK, July 5. (JTA) -- The Novosti Press Agency, an official news service of the Soviet Government with headquarters in Moscow, denied this weekend that demolition of the synagogue at Minsk had begun recently while the congregants were attending services in the house of worship.

The denial was made in a letter to the New York Herald Tribune, which originally published the report about the tearing down of the Minsk synagogue. Boris Ustinov, a correspondent for Novosti, wrote the newspaper that he had personally visited Minsk and found the report untrue.

The Herald Tribune, however, replied with an editorial note, stating: "The sources who made the Minsk story available to the Herald Tribune insist that the tearing down of the synagogue began without warning while congregants were at prayer. These sources have proved highly reliable. One of the prime functions of the Novosti Agency has been to act as an apologist for the regime, particularly on stories relating to the status of Soviet Jews."

BELGIAN PREMIER TO PRESENT PROTEST ON SOVIET JEWS TO COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

BRUSSELS, July 5. (JTA) -- Belgian Premier Theo Lefevre was asked this weekend to have his Government intervene with the Soviet authorities and bring the plight of Russian Jewry to the attention of the appropriate international bodies.

The request was voiced by a delegation of Belgian Jewish leaders who participated last week in a conference on the situation of the Jews in the Soviet Union. The delegation was led by Max Gottschalk, president of the conference, and included Paul Philippson, president of the Central Jewish Consistory, as well as Chief Rabbi Robert Dreytuss. The text of the conference resolution urging Belgian intervention on behalf of Soviet Jews was presented to Premier Lefevre, who promised that he would forward it to his Government at a meeting of the Council of Ministers.

JANNER ASKS BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO NUDGE GERMANY ON AIDING NAZI VICTIMS

LONDON, July 5: (JTA) -- Sir Barnett Janner, Labor Party member of Parliament, asked Selwyn Lloyd, the Conservative leader of the House of Commons, this weekend, whether the Government had considered motions signed by more than 100 members requesting debate on the issue of German compensation to victims of Nazism. Sir Barnett, former president of the British Board of Jewish Deputies, addressed Mr. Lloyd, saying:

"Would you give some time to debate this matter? The Federal Government of Germany is susceptible to opinions which come from this country in relation to those who have suffered owing to Nazi persecutions. We are asking particularly in view of the fact that time is running out for many of those who would receive pensions."

ROTHSCHILD FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES \$1,000,000 GIFT FOR LIBRARIES IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, July 5. (JTA) -- The Edmond James de Rothschild Memorial Group today announced a gift of more than \$1,000,000 for the support of Israel's regional libraries. The gift was announced at a graduation ceremony at the Hebrew University here, in which 18 library science graduates received their diplomas.

The Rothschild family's Memorial Foundation will also give a grant of 50,000 pounds sterling (\$140,000) to the Haifa Arab-Jewish Center, a youth club dedicated to knocking down the barriers between Jewish and Arab youth. The Center, founded last year on the initiative of Mayor Aba Hushi, already has more than 700 members.

In announcing the grant, Lord Rothschild stressed the need for Arab-Israel harmony, saying that the stability and prosperity of the Middle East "and therefore the whole world" depend on tolerance, cooperation and mutual respect between the Israelis and the Arabs.

GERMAN TOWN TO CUT OFF ELECTRICITY FOR THEATER SHOWING 'THE DEPUTY'

SINGEN, West Germany, July 5. (JTA) -- The Mayor of this village has decided to prevent a performance of Rolf Hochhuth's "The Deputy" by turning out the lights at the theater. Two performances of the play, which criticizes the late Pope Pius XII for not speaking out against the Nazis' mass murders of the Jews, were scheduled here by the Dusseldorf Kammerspiele troupe.

At a special session of the local council, it was decided to uphold the Mayor's decision to refuse to supply city electricity for the lighting. It is expected, however, that the producers will try to obtain some form of portable lighting so that the play can go on.

GERMAN-JEWISH ACTORS HONORED BY BONN GOVERNMENT FOR ARTISTIC MERITS

BERLIN, July 5. (JTA) -- Two German-Jewish film actors, Elizabeth Bergner and Ernst Deutsch, as well as film writer Ludwig Berger were presented with gold ribbons for special artistic merit by West German Interior Minister Hermann Hoecherl, during the film Festival today. The recipients emigrated to the United States when Hitler came to power.

GOLDMANN MEETS WITH WEST BERLIN MAYOR, LEADER OF JEWISH COMMUNITY

BERLIN, July 5. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization and World Jewish Congress, and Dr. Maurice Perlzweig, Director of the WJC's International Department, met with Mayor Willy Brandt while visiting here yesterday. They discussed a wide variety of Jewish problems. Dr. Goldmann and Dr. Perlzweig also met with Dr. Heinz Galinski, the chairman of the Berlin Jewish Community.

U.S., CANADIAN STUDENTS TO LEAVE TONIGHT FOR STUDY IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, July 5. (JTA) -- A plane load of 120 American and Canadian college students will take off tomorrow night from Kennedy International Airport for a two-month study tour of Israel under the auspices of the Histadrut National Committee for Labor Israel. On Wednesday, a second group, comprised of high school students, will also fly to Israel. The students will visit kibbutzim and other agricultural settlements, and study first-hand the sociology and cultural life of modern Israel.

USSR, ISRAEL REPORTED REACHING MOSCOW PACT ON CULTURAL EXCHANGE

JERUSALEM, July 5. (JTA) -- The conclusion of a cultural exchange agreement between the Soviet Union and Israel, calling at first for appearances in each of the countries by the outstanding musicians from the other country, was reported here from Moscow today.

The report, appearing in Kol-Haam, the daily newspaper published by the Communist Party in Israel, stated that the agreement had been reached in the Soviet capital between the director of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra and the secretary of the Israeli-Soviet Friendship League, who conferred with officials of Goskoncert, a Soviet organization conducting musical affairs.

While, at first, the pact reportedly involves only visits in the Soviet Union and Israel by the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra and the Soviet Philharmonic, there is a possibility that exchanges in other cultural fields may follow, the report stated.

SOVIET BOOK TO MEMORIALIZE JEWISH WRITERS KILLED UNDER STALIN

LONDON, June 5. (JTA) -- A Soviet publishing house will shortly announce publication of a book of essays on Jewish writers, mostly Russians, according to information reaching here today from Moscow.

The book, by the late Russian Jewish literary critic Yehezkiel Dobrushin, was originally written in Yiddish but never published. The Russian translation will be printed by the Sovetskii Pisatel publishing house. The volume will include essays on a number of Jewish writers killed during the Stalin regime. There will be a monograph of David Bergelson and essays on Asher Schwartzman, Leib Kvitko, Itzhik Feffer, Peretz Markish, David Hoitsein, Izzi Charik, Samuel Halkin and others.