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### CARDINAL SAYS CHURCH MAY NOT NOW TRY TO ABSOLVE JEWS OF DEICIDE

NEW YORK, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- A leading American member of the Vatican's College of Cardinals has confirmed widespread reports which have held that a Catholic Church declaration absolving the Jewish people of special responsibility for the killing of Jesus has been rejected "for the time being," from inclusion on the agenda of the forthcoming Ecumenical session.

However, he said, he did not believe the Council, which will open the third session next September, will be satisfied with a "watered-down" declaration on relations between the Catholic Church and the Jewish people.

Joseph Elmer Cardinal Ritter, of St. Louis, in an interview in today's New York Times, noted that the planned condemnation of the ancient charge of deicide against the Jewish people "has not been retained, from what I have observed." He added that that condemnation might be reinstated when the subject is discussed by the Church fathers at the Ecumenical Council, which will open its third session on September 14.

Cardinal Ritter also said in the interview that he felt that the deicide charge, as well as the proposal to condemn it, had been "unduly emphasized" by forces fighting against anti-Semitism. Much of the bitterness against the Jews, he was quoted as saying, could be attributed "to ignorance on the part of people who don't go to any church." "We are all deicides," he added.

### Slawson Sees Old Charge As Basic Source of Anti-Semitism

Dr. John Slawson, executive vice-president of the American Jewish Committee, commenting on the interview with Cardinal Ritter, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today:

"The deicide charge against the Jews, namely the collective responsibility of Jews for the death of Jesus, has been a basic source of anti-Semitism throughout the ages. Any weakening of the clause dealing with the rectification of this charge would be a disservice to the position of Jews throughout the world, and would constitute a negative factor in Catholic-Jewish relations;

"I am happy to read the Cardinal's observation to the effect that he did not believe the Council would be satisfied with a watered-down version of the declaration; I trust that the American Prelate will take a vigorous position on this matter."

### Canadian Prelate Urges Ecumenical Council to Absolve Jewish People

TORONTO, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- James Cardinal McGuigan, the Archbishop of Toronto, today denounced Christians who regard Jews as responsible for the crucifixion of Christ, and expressed the hope that the next session of the Ecumenical Council would "settle all possible controversy on this point."

"If there ever was a stain on the conscience of the Christian, it must surely be our scandalously ambiguous attitude toward the Jew," the Cardinal said in a signed column in the Toronto Telegram. "Christians today are slow to realize that hatred of the Jew has been fostered in a certain type of facile theological reasoning that makes a Jew a Christ-killer, an accursed race rejected by God. It is both injustice and theologically inaccurate to say that blame must be placed on the Jews of Christ's time and even less on their descendants."

He added: "This basically un-Christian notion has existed too long in the unspoken level of many a Christian conscience. It is hoped that the second Vatican Council will end all possible controversy on this point in its coming session in September."

Cardinal McGuigan said that Christians must go farther and "must say that one of the greatest sins against Christ is the sin of anti-Semitism." "What is asked of Christians, therefore," he continued, "is something very logical and reasonable. The defense of the Jewish community, the fight for the rights and dignity of the Jew should be, without debate or question, the self-imposed task of the Christian."

Declaring the Christians "must take the lead in this endeavor," the Cardinal said that "the re-evaluation of this calls for must and can be done only within the framework of the essential faith of each denomination. This period of re-evaluation has already arrived in Canada, and it will and must spread. It will have far-reaching effects, for the fate of the Jews lies in the hands of the majority of which we Christians are a part."

#### ARGENTINE CARDINAL TO SUPPORT ITEM CLEARING JEWS OF BLAME

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- Antonio Cardinal Caggiano, the Catholic leader of Argentina, has pledged that he will support at the third Ecumenical Council session in Rome the declaration absolving the Jewish people of responsibility for the crucifixion of Christ;

Cardinal Caggiano gave the assurance in a statement to a delegation of Argentine Jewish leaders, shortly before he departed for Rome. He said that "the guilt for Christ's death cannot be assigned solely to the Jewish people, and therefore it is unfair to call the Jews 'killers of God.' " He added that he favored improving Jewish-Catholic relations.

#### ARGENTINA NAZIS STAGE PROVOCATION RESULTING IN ATTACKS ON JEWS

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- Local Nazis in Tucuman, a northern Argentine city, painted Stars of David on a historical site in the city, then sought to blame Jewish athletes for the desecration, the DAIA, central representative body of Argentine Jews, charged here today.

The DAIA protested the "perverse anti-Semitic maneuver" in a complaint to Lazaro Barbieri, Tucuman Province Governor. The local Nazis painted the Jewish emblems on the house in Tucuman where, in 1916 Argentine independence was proclaimed. Then, they publicly attributed the act to participants in the national Maccabee games which were held there last week. A number of newspapers and radio stations reported widely the Jewish sportsmen's "anti-Argentine gesture."

Later the Tucuman Nazis organized "protest" demonstrations against the Jewish athletes, and police intervened in several incidents. Earlier it had been reported that Christian students assaulted the Maccabee participants but that no injuries were reported, and no arrests were made.

#### JEWISH CONTRIBUTIONS TO BRAZIL LAUDED BY GOVERNOR OF GUANABARA

RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- Governor Carlos Lacerda, of Guanabara Province, today lauded the contributions of Brazilian Jewry to the country's development. Gov. Lacerda, who spoke at dedication ceremonies of a new state elementary school building contributed by the Bloch family, prominent Jewish publishers of the popular illustrated weekly, Manchete, particularly hailed the achievements by Jews in the development of the cities of Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo.

#### PARIS SYNAGOGUE MARKS LIBERATION FROM NAZIS; JEWISH HERO HONORED

PARIS, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- Prominent leaders of the Jewish community here, and Israel's Consul General, were among prominent personalities participating in special services at the Main Synagogue here today, marking the 20th anniversary of the liberation of Paris, after four years of occupation by the Nazis. The services also included the recitation of the Kaddish in memory of the countless Jews of Paris who were deported and put to death in Nazi extermination camps.

Also commemorating the city's liberation was a special ceremony in which the Jewish Senator and Socialist leader, Leo Hammon, and ten other French national heroes, were decorated by President Charles de Gaulle as Commanders of the Legion of Honor. Johanan Meroz, Israel's charge d'affaires, was among those present at the ceremony.

#### MASC CIRCULATION SOVIET WEEKLY PUBLISHES SHOLEM ALEICHEM IN RUSSIAN

LONDON, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- The widely read Soviet weekly, Ogonyok, today published, in Russian translation, two stories from Sholem Aleichem's work, "Menachem Mendl," it was reported here from Moscow. This is believed to be the first time any stories with specifically Jewish themes have ever been published in the magazine, which has a national circulation of 2,000,000. The publication of the stories is believed to be intended to counteract charges abroad of discrimination against Jews in the Soviet Union;

"Menachem Mendl" is written mainly in the form of letters between Menachem Mendl, an inept jack of all trades, and his wife, Sheyne Sheyndl. The stories are set in the United States and Poland.

#### BRITISH FOOTBALL CLUB REFUSES TO LET FASCISTS USE GROUNDS FOR RALLY

LONDON, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- The Bristol Football Club rejected today a request by Sir Oswald Mosley's fascist Union Movement to hold a rally on the club's grounds. A Mosley spokesman in Bristol called the rejection a "contemptible ban on free speech."

Bristol city officials previously had refused the movement the use of a hall in the City Center.

# KNESSET MEMBER TELLS COPENHAGEN PARLEY ISRAEL-ARAB PEACE IS CERTAIN

COPENGAHEN, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- David Hacohen, Mapai member of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, today told the opening session of the Interparliamentary Conference here that Israel's Jordan River irrigation project would in no way affect the interests and water needs of the neighboring Arab countries.

Mr. Hacohen, who heads Israel's delegation to the conference, said that the important fact was that the waters of the Jordan River, which had been wasted for centuries, were now being used by all riparian countries for their development. He expressed confidence that Arab nationalism would ultimately acknowledge the fact that Israel has a right to her 8,000 square miles of land, and that peace would come for the benefit of Israel and her neighbors.

The Israeli delegate also recalled the heroic efforts of Denmark in helping the country's Jewish population escape from Nazi occupation to Sweden in October 1943.

The Israeli delegation to the conference represents all parties in the Knesset.

# HEBREW UNIVERSITY LAYS CORNERSTONE FOR \$750,000 PHARMACY SCHOOL

JERUSALEM, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- Four hundred delegates to the First World Congress of Jewish Pharmacists took part today in the cornerstone laying of a \$750,000 Pharmacy School, at the Hebrew University. The congress is sponsored by the Hebrew University and the Israel Pharmaceutical Association. Participants include 150 leading members of the profession from the United States, Britain, France and Holland.

Among those attending are Sir Hugh Lindstead, president of the International Pharmaceutical Association; William Apple, executive director of the American Pharmaceutical Association; G. Vallette, dean of the Paris University pharmacy faculty; Professor Pourchet Campos, of Sao Paulo; and members of the Alpha Zeta Omega and Rho Pi Phi pharmacy fraternities.

The cornerstone ceremony was addressed by Moshe Shapiro, Health Minister Dr. Eliahu Elath, president of the Hebrew University; and Dr. Valette. The building will cover an area of about 3,000 square feet.

# ISRAEL DISCOUNT BANK ANNOUNCES FOURFOLD RISE IN ASSETS IN FIVE YEARS

NEW YORK, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- Israel Discount Bank, Ltd., announced today that its total assets had topped 1,000,000,000 Israeli pounds (\$333,333,333). The bank, second largest of the 26 commercial banks in Israel, had total assets of 260,000,000 pounds (\$86,000,000) five years ago.

Officials attributed the growth record in part to the bank's 100th and largest branch, its office in New York City, now starting its third year of operations.

# ISRAELI GIRLS SCHOOL, RUN BY LUBAVITCHER, PLANS NEW BUILDINGS

NEW YORK, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- Plans for the construction of a new \$400,000 complex of buildings for the Beth Rikvah School for girls, in the Lubavitcher village of Kfar Chabad, Israel, were announced here today by the Lubavitcher movement.

The first building of the complex, which can accommodate 50 girls, has already been completed, and other buildings are scheduled for completion within the next few months. The school has an enrollment of 400 girls.

# FIRE IN ISTANBUL JEWISH QUARTER CAUSES VAST DAMAGE; 600 HOMELESS

ISTANBUL, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- Residents of Istanbul's Jewish quarter suffered more than \$1,000 in damage, and 600 persons were left homeless when a fire, described as the worst in the city's history, gutted the area known as the "Jewish Bazaar."

The blaze, which started in a furniture shop, swept through 150 shops and 10 large buildings in the business district overlooking the Golden Horn.

# IRISH DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER TO VISIT ISRAEL, STUDY HEALTH SERVICES

DUBLIN, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- Ireland's Deputy Prime Minister, Sean MacEntee, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency here today that he is accepting an invitation from the Israel Government to visit Israel soon.

Mr. MacEntee, who is also Minister of Health, said that he welcomed the invitation and is "looking forward to being able to accept. I hope soon to fix a date for the visit." He said he would particularly like to visit hospital services in Israel and would look into the possibility of Irish-Israeli cooperation in the field of medical research.

### LEADING CALIFORNIANS JOIN PROTEST AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM IN USSR

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- Solicitations of signatures for a petition urging the United Nations Human Rights Commission to exert its influence on the Soviet Government to end its persecution of Russian Jewry was under way and gained impetus today in major California cities. A group of leading California citizens today joined in endorsing the campaign for signatures, which was launched officially yesterday. The starting date was the 25th anniversary of the signing of the Stalin-Hitler pact which paved the way for Hitler's attack on Poland and the beginning of World War II.

Among those endorsing the petition today were Methodist Bishop Gerald Kennedy; Dr. Max W. Bay, president of the Jewish Federation-Council of Greater Los Angeles; Samuel Otto, vice-president and Pacific Coast director of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union; Bert Gold, executive director of the Jewish Centers Association; and Lt. Gov. Glenn M. Anderson.

Gov. Edmund G. Brown had previously announced that he had signed the petition, while the Los Angeles City Council voted yesterday that this week would be called officially "Protest Week Against Soviet Anti-Semitism."

The campaign is being sponsored by the Jewish Labor Committee and the Workmen's Circle. Isidor Stenzor and Sam Paull, co-chairmen, said the California campaign was the start of a nationwide effort.

The petition calls on the UN body to urge the Soviet Government to end the "suppression of Jewish culture in the Soviet Union" by allowing Jewish intellectuals to express themselves in Yiddish in books, periodicals and the theater; and to permit the practice of the Jewish religion, including the training of rabbinical students and the publication and distribution of prayerbooks.

The petition also urges an appeal by the UN body to Soviet authorities to "end the discriminatory application of extremely severe penalties against Jews for alleged economic crimes," and to ban by official Soviet Government action anti-Semitic propaganda, discrimination against Jews "in all areas of Soviet life" and to allow free emigration for Jews wishing to leave the Soviet Union.

### HUMAN RIGHTS 'INTERNS' JOIN INTERGROUP SEMINAR CONDUCTED BY A. J. C.

TARRYTOWN, N.Y., Aug. 25. (JTA) -- A group of 25 young Americans today began a year's training in intergroup relations as "human rights interns" sponsored by the Eleanor Roosevelt Memorial Foundation at a two-week seminar here conducted by the American Jewish Committee's Institute of Human Relations.

Max Birnbaum, director of the AJC department of education and training, has arranged the two-week orientation program, assisted by Mrs. Betti Whaley of the National Urban League, Mrs. Judith Lang of the AJ Committee, and William Barry of the New York City Housing Authority.

### TUCSON JEWS URGED TO USE ABSENTEE BALLOTS IN ROSH HASHANAH PRIMARY

TUCSON, Ariz., Aug. 25. (JTA) -- Jews of Tucson were reminded today that, under Arizona election laws, they can use absentee ballots in the 1964 county primary election, which coincides with the second day of Rosh Hashanah.

The reminder was issued by Rabbi Marcus Breger. He noted that the law provides that any voter, who, "on account of the tenets of his religion, cannot attend the polls on the day of a general, primary or special election, is deemed to be absent from the county" and may use an absentee ballot.

### WISCONSIN TOWN DROPS COMMERCIAL PROMOTION OFFENSIVE TO CHICAGO JEWS

CHICAGO, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- The Chamber of Commerce of Mauston, Wisconsin, has unanimously voted to discontinue the use of the name "Maxwell Street Day" for its annual business promotion; after the Chamber members were informed of the fact that the name was offensive to Jews and others, it was reported here today in the Chicago Jewish Sentinel.

The designation, "Maxwell Street Day," which was used for many years by Mauston businesses, referred to the market on Chicago's Maxwell Street, where Jewish pushcart merchants sold "cheap" merchandise. The offensive nature of the name for the promotion was brought to the attention of the town's Chamber by an official of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League.

### KATZ ADVISES JEWISH YOUTH TO RELY ON 'ETERNAL' VALUES OF TORAH

STARLIGHT, Pa., Aug. 25. (JTA) -- Label A. Katz, president of B'nai B'rith, called on American Jewish youth to recognize its commitment to the eternal values of the Torah; to ensure the dynamic growth of the American Jewish community. Addressing the annual convention of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, Mr. Katz urged the 400 delegates to value their Jewish heritage and general intellectual pursuits.