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CHIEF RABBI OF ITALY CRITICIZES VATICAN DRAFT IN ROSH HASHANAH SERMON

ROME, Sept. 8: (JTA) -- Chief Rabbi Elio Toaff declared in his Rosh Hashanah sermon that he regretted that the new version of the Vatican draft on Catholic-Jewish relations seemed to show a retreat from the positions in the first declaration. Jewish groups have charged that the new version, to be submitted to the third Ecumenical Council session opening next Monday, contains an appeal to Jews to convert to Catholicism, a charge denied last week by a Vatican spokesman.

A festive crowd which filled the Rome synagogue to hear Rabbi Toaff included Catholic priests and representatives of the authorities, as in former years. After the services, a group calling themselves Israeli Catholics distributed outside the synagogue gates missionary booklets in Italian and Hebrew printed in Britain. The distribution irritated the worshippers and sparked heated arguments between them and the distributors.

Judge Sergio Piperno, president of the Union of Jewish Communities of Italy, also touched upon the Jewish issue to be discussed by the Ecumenical Council. In his Rosh Hashanah message, broadcast over the Italian radio network, he said: "Italian Jews trust that the Ecumenical Council will declare as unfounded the centuries-old accusations (of deicide) which have cost the Jewish people so much blood and tears."

Referring to the fact that Italy is now observing the 20th anniversary of resistance to Nazism and Fascism, Judge Piperno said that the resistance movement "imposes upon the survivors the duty to realize the complete equality of religious minorities, and to enact laws against genocide, so that Italy may not become a haven for the perpetrators of the most horrendous crime against humanity."

Judge Piperno also touched upon the situation of the Jews in the Soviet Union by noting that, at this season of the High Holy Days, "Italian Jews also turn their thoughts to their brethren in less hospitable countries, where they are not allowed to live in accordance with the traditions of their history and their religion." The Jewish leader concluded his Rosh Hashanah message with greetings to the people of Israel, expressing his "fervent wish for progress and peace."

MOSCOW CHIEF RABBI SENDS ROSH HASHANAH GREETING TO ISRAEL RABBINATE

JERUSALEM, Sept. 8: (JTA) -- The office of Sephardic Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim reported today it had received a New Year's message from Chief Rabbi Yehuda Leib Levin of Moscow. The message, which was typewritten in Hebrew, contained a prayer for peace. In reply, Rabbi Nissim extended greetings to the Jewish community in the Soviet Union.

Israel's hundreds of synagogues were crowded on Rosh Hashanah, including the 700 houses of worship in Tel Aviv. All 1,600 seats in the Great Synagogue in Tel Aviv, the largest in Israel, were filled.

President Zalman Shazar received members of the diplomatic corps who came to extend New Year's greetings. Soviet Ambassador Mikhail Bodrov, the dean of the corps, conveyed the diplomats' greetings. Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, was present.

Virtually Israel's entire population appeared to be on the move as Jews used every available means of transport to visit friends and relatives over the High Holy Day weekend. In many towns, and villages, public auditoriums and school halls were converted into temporary synagogues.

The Chaplains Corps of the armed forces provided all camps and other military installations with ritual articles. The Corps also prepared special consignments of Lulav and Estrog sets to be sent to Israeli missions abroad and to Jewish personnel of United States forces serving in bases outside the United States for the Succoth holiday. The provisions to American Jewish servicemen were made by special arrangement with the National Jewish Welfare Board of the United States.

Moscow Jews Attend Rosh Hashanah Services; Buy Calendars

LONDON, Sept. 8: (JTA) -- More than 500 worshippers filled Moscow's Central Synagogue for Rosh Hashanah services, hundreds more spilling into the synagogue lobbies and the street outside the building, it was reported here today from Moscow. Lay officials of the Jewish community sold Jewish calendars in a brisk trade before the start of the Rosh Hashanah services. The calendars are printed in Hebrew and Russian.

NEW YORK JEWS OBSERVE ROSH HASHANAH IN SYNAGOGUES AND RESORT PLACES

NEW YORK, Sept. 8: (JTA) -- New York's hundreds of synagogues and halls converted into temporary houses of worship for the Jewish High Holidays were all crowded during the Rosh Hashanah services, while many thousands of Jews observed the new year in prayer at Jewish resort hotels in the New York area.

Many non-Jewish business establishments on fashionable Fifth Avenue and other streets were closed and displayed Rosh Hashanah greeting signs in their windows; Many newspaper stands were similarly closed for the first day of Rosh Hashanah; Motion picture theatres in Jewish neighborhoods were almost empty, and some of them served as temporary houses of Jewish worship.

The World's Fair parking lot in Flushing was packed at sundown on Rosh Hashanah Eve. One rabbi in Queens, welcoming the Rosh Hashanah Eve worshipers, explained that the services were being held only in the sanctuary, rather than in the sanctuary and lower auditorium as originally scheduled, because only about half the expected number of worshipers were present.

London Synagogues Filled to Capacity; Services Held in Private Halls

LONDON, Sept. 8: (JTA) -- The annual rush to synagogues throughout Britain for the High Holy Days was repeated again this week. All synagogues were filled to capacity with many overflow services held in private buildings.

Despite the addition of several large synagogues during the past year, there were still not enough seats for all Jews who wanted to worship. The new synagogue at St. John's was used for the first time on Sunday eve, having been completed just in time for services.

The new synagogue is the largest in the United Kingdom with seats for 1,500 people. It was erected at a cost of more than \$600,000. The building vacated by the Orthodox congregation of the new synagogue was acquired by the New London congregation, the group which seceded from the United Synagogue in its dispute over Rabbi Louis Jacobs, whom Chief Rabbi Brodie refused to endorse as a Minister in a doctrinal dispute.

President of Austria Sends Rosh Hashanah Greetings to Jewish Community

VIENNA, Sept. 8: (JTA) -- President Adolf Schaerf sent a New Year's message of Austrian Jewry, emphasizing the important contributions they have made to the economic and cultural reconstruction of Austria.

Josef Klaus, the Chancellor, Bruno Pitterman, the vice-chancellor, most Cabinet members, and Vienna Mayor Jonas also sent New Year messages expressing the hope that the Nazi time of terrorism for Jews would never come again.

ARGENTINE PRESIDENT PROPOSES BILL OUTLAWING ANTI-SEMITIC PROPAGANDA

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 8: (JTA) -- Strong Federal legislation directed against anti-Semites who have been, for a long time, stirring hatred in this country, was proposed to the Argentine Congress here today by President Arturo Illia. The President sent to the Congress a bill outlawing all forms of hate-mongering, including "verbal attacks on individuals or groups, based on religion or ethnic origins." The measure would call for prison terms of one year to five years upon conviction.

This was the first bill of the kind ever presented to the Congress here. While the Government had already outlawed the two major anti-Semitic groups in this country--the Tacuara movement and Guardia Restauradora Nacionalista--both have been operating flagrantly. The two neo-Nazi, neo-Fascist organizations, believed to number no more than a total of about 10,000 members, have been supported openly by several retired army and air force generals. Their activities have also received important support from an Arab League agent, Hussein Triki, who has been spreading anti-Semitism under the guise of "anti-Zionism." Triki has reportedly left Argentina, after Jewish spokesmen and other progressive forces have demanded that he be expelled.

Meanwhile, the left-of-center Democratic Progressive Party held a protest meeting today, sharply criticizing anti-Semitism and "foreign interference in Argentine affairs." The latter condemnation was evidently aimed at Triki's activities. Principal speakers at the protest rally were the chairman of the party, Horacio Thedy, who was a candidate for the vice-presidency in the national elections in 1963; and Leon Perez, representing the DAIA, central body of organized Argentine Jewry.

TWC CHILEAN NAZIS START SERVING JAIL TERMS FOR INCITING AGAINST JEWS

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, Sept. 8: (JTA) -- Two leaders of the Chilean Nazi Party started serving 20-day jail terms today, after their conviction on charges of having incited attacks against Jewish stores and homes here in January 1958, were upheld by the Chilean Court of Appeals.

Franz Pfeiffer, former commander of the Nazi Party, and his top aide, Luis Lazaro Maluenda, were sentenced to the jail terms shortly after their conviction, more than six years ago. But their appeals have been pending until now.

ARAB RULERS AGREE 'IN PRINCIPLE' ON JOINT ACTION AGAINST ISRAEL

LONDON, Sept. 8; (JTA) -- The Arab summit meeting at Alexandria, Egypt, where 13 kings and other heads of Arab states have been conferring since Saturday night, agreed in principle today on joint military operations against Israel. But the participants differed widely on the timing of such operations and on details of the formation of the command, according to Egyptian dispatches received here today.

The joint command plan, which is being kept secret, is based on the theory that Israel would attack some of the Arab states just as soon as the Arabs started their project for diverting the headwaters and tributaries of the Jordan River, to keep Israel from benefiting from its new national water carrier. That carrier is to use Jordan River water, through Lake Tiberias, for the irrigation of the upper reaches of the Negev Desert.

The principal stumbling block against implementation of the joint Arab command has reportedly come from Lebanon's new President-elect, Charles Halou, as well as from Jordan's King Hussein. Both fear that a joint Arab League command would result in the placing of foreign Arab troops in their countries under the aegis of Egypt's President Gamal Abdel Nasser.

While the secret plans for the new command have been forwarded for detailed discussion by the Higher Arab Joint Defense Council, Mr. Halou warned against premature execution of the headwater diversion plan by the construction of a dam in Jordan. He argued that, while Egypt is strong enough to fight Israel, three of the Arab states bordering on Israel--Jordan, Lebanon and Syria--might have to bear the brunt of an Israeli attack "before the Egyptians had time to defeat the enemy."

Lebanon Warns on Premature Steps Against Israel's Water Plan

In view of the fact that Lebanon would not be strong enough to resist an Israeli attack, he said, the Arab summit should first allow his country sufficient time to build up its army. The other Arab states, he insisted, must help Lebanon by supplying arms, before the water plan of the Arab states is executed.

A warning that the Arab states must expect large-scale Israeli attacks against Jordan and Syria, and possibly also against Lebanon, was voiced at the conference by Egypt's Marshal Aly Amer, chief of the joint Arab forces. Such an attack, he said, would come the moment the Arab project for drawing off the Jordan River headwaters is started. He agreed with President Alou that Egypt alone is strong enough "to confront Israel." Nevertheless, the conference instructed the Joint Defense Council to determine methods for quick strengthening of the Jordanian, Syrian and Lebanese armies.

Egypt was reported insisting that the Arab water withdrawal plan be started immediately, assuring the other Arab states that it would "deal with Israel" before Israel had time to harm Jordan, Syria or Lebanon. Abdul Khalek Hassuna, secretary-general of the Arab League, had requested earlier that the summit meeting issue instructions for starting the water withdrawal project at once.

An Alexandria correspondent for the Times of London reported today that, "as the days pass, it becomes clearer that the Arabs cannot so dovetail their plans as to be able to proceed immediately (with the headwater plan). The stationing of armies (on non-Egyptian Arab soil) bristles with too many difficulties. All inquiries on the exact nature and technical details of the proposed work on the Jordan River tributaries have so far not been answered. Until some decision is reached on military support, no decisions can be taken on the technical side."

BONN GOVERNMENT SAYS CHANCELLOR PLANS NO MEETING WITH ESHKOL

BONN, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the West German Government said today that there were no immediate plans for a meeting between Chancellor Ludwig Erhard and Israel's Prime Minister Levi Eshkol.

The comment was in reference to a statement by the Israeli Premier, in an interview with the Israeli daily newspaper "Maariv," that he expected to confer with the West German Chancellor before Israel's national elections in the summer of 1965 on "very substantial and important matters."

In the interview, the Premier indicated heightened concern over the employment of West German scientists by the Nasser regime in Egypt who are working on advanced weapons systems there. Mr. Eshkol said that while West Germany was now Israel's second-biggest customer, after Britain, "there are even greater and more decisive matters." He also said it was not for Israel to forgive the Germans for their Nazi past, adding that the Germans "must struggle to prove day by day that they deserve such absolution."

GERMAN PROSECUTOR REPORTS DESEGREGATION OF JEWISH CEMETERIES

FRANKFURT, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- Dr. Fritz Bauer, the Hesse public prosecutor, disclosed today that a number of anti-Semitic outrages had been referred to his office in recent months. He said each case was being investigated. The incidents included desecration of Jewish cemeteries and daubing of swastikas on synagogues.

ANGLICAN SYNOD APPROVES REVISION OF PRAYER OFFENSIVE TO JEWS

LENNOXVILLE, Que., Sept. 8: (JTA) -- Plans to revise a Good Friday prayer in the Anglican prayerbook considered offensive to Jews were disclosed today by Right Rev. H. R. Hunt, suffragan bishop of Toronto; He said that a motion for such revision was approved by the 200 delegates at the Anglican synod's executive council meeting.

The Good Friday prayer includes the petition "have mercy on the Jews" and "take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart and contempt of the Word." Bishop Hunt said that it was agreed that it was "desirable that such negative words in reference to a people be replaced by positive words of Christian charity and warm concern."

He also reported that "dialogue meetings" arranged by the church with Jews had expanded to such an extent that demands for such meetings currently far exceed the Anglican church's capacity to arrange them.

NEWARK REPORTS CHRISTIAN-JEWISH COOPERATION IN INTERGROUP WORK

NEWARK, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- The Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Community Council of Essex County has been working continuously and closely over the summer with Catholic, Protestant, civic, labor, social welfare and other community groups to strengthen intergroup relations in Newark. Arnold Harris, CRC executive secretary, reported.

The groups, which have worked closely with Newark municipal authorities, including the Mayor and the Police Director, have sought to develop programs to lessen tensions and avert violence and disorders that have occurred in other communities, Mr. Harris explained. He said plans were being developed also to seek to prepare for the implementation of the newly passed Federal anti-poverty program in this city.

DR. PIORE, NOTED JEWISH SCIENTIST, NAMED HEAD OF IMPORTANT U.S. STUDY

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8: (JTA) -- Dr. Emanuel H. Piore, a leading Jewish physicist, has been named by President Johnson's Science Advisory Committee to head a special panel of scientists who will review the operations of all United States Government research laboratories. The review is expected to lead to a completely new policy in such federal research activities.

Dr. Piore, a vice-president of the International Business Machines Corporation, helped establish the National Science Foundation in his earlier career as a Government scientist. A former head of the electronics division of the U. S. Office of Naval Research, he has served as an advisor on scientific matters to many United States Presidents. He has served also as head of the special weapons division of the Navy bureau of ships, and as physicist in the research laboratory of electronics of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

HADASSAH MEDICAL UNIT REPORTS \$460,000 FROM SIX AMERICAN BEQUESTS

NEW YORK, Sept. 8: (JTA) -- The Hadassah Medical Relief Association has received more than \$460,000 from six estates, it was announced here by Mrs. Moses F. Epstein, Hadassah Willis and Bequests chairman.

Mrs. Epstein said that \$125,000 was bequeathed under the will of the late Leo E. Levy, Memphis, Tenn.; \$75,000 was awarded by the estate of Mrs. Mollie Wolkowich, Brookline, Mass.; \$74,720 by the estate of Dr. Alexander J. Maysels, Bethlehem, Pa.; \$70,242 by the estate of Lubov Raidberg, Santa Monica, Calif.; \$66,000 by the estate of Haron Darzi, New York City; and \$54,954 by the estate of Mrs. Elsa Hamburger Frohman, San Bernardino, Calif.

COLUMBUS SYNAGOGUES SET BAR MITZVAH REQUIREMENTS; ASK HEBREW EDUCATION

COLUMBUS, O., Sept. 8: (JTA) -- The Columbus Hebrew School and four Columbus synagogues have approved a requirement of four years of study in a recognized Hebrew school as a condition for Bar Mitzvah.

Arthur Katz, president of the Hebrew School, in announcing the standard, said "the cause of Jewish education will be greatly advanced in our community if the various synagogues and temples will establish uniform minimum requirements for Bar Mitzvah boys." He noted that many other Jewish communities had done so and that the action was "an invaluable aid to expansion and intensification of Jewish education."

The synagogues adopting the four-year requirement were Agudas Achim Synagogue, Beth Jacob Congregation, Congregation Ahavas Shalom and Temple Tifereth Israel. It was emphasized that boys must be enrolled in Hebrew schools by the age of nine to receive four years of Jewish education prior to Bar Mitzvah. The new rule permits acceptance of "satisfactory evidence of equivalent training" of the Bar Mitzvah candidate.