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ECUMENICAL COUNCIL SESSION OPENS TODAY; JEWISH ISSUE PROVOKES INTEREST

ROME, Sept. 13: (JTA) -- The "revised" draft of the document on the attitude of the Catholic Church towards the Jewish people--which provoked great dissatisfaction among Jews--is by no means final, Vatican circles declared here today on the eve of the opening of the third session of the Ecumenical Council at which the draft will come up for discussion.

The session, which opens at the Vatican tomorrow with more than 2,400 cardinals and bishops from all parts of the world, is expected to face strong opposition against the revisions in the draft on the part of the liberal wing of the Council which constitutes a large majority of the priestly participants. However, the possibility also exists that the approximately 500 members of the Council who constitute the conservative wing may manipulate to keep the Jewish issue from being debated openly, thus weakening the stand of the liberals.

Vatican circles today indicated that a debate on the "revised" draft could bring substantial changes in the proposed text, and may even lead the Council to go back to the original text presented last year by Augustin Cardinal Bea, head of the Vatican's Secretariat for the Promotion of Christian Unity, which exonerated the Jewish people from the collective guilt for the death of Jesus by declaring that Jesus died for the sins of all mankind.

The "revised" draft says that the Jews "of our time" are not to be kept responsible for the crucifixion of Jesus by the Romans, thus implying that the Jews of 2,000 years ago are responsible. The "revised" text has also been interpreted by Jewish leaders as an unveiled overture to Jews to accept Christianity.

Vatican Dismayed by Storm Against 'Revised' Text on Jews

Vatican circles have been dismayed by the storm which the "revised" draft has created and by the fact that its contents have become public prior to being taken up by the Council at its third session. An inquiry is going on in Rome into the source of the leak. There is a feeling in the Vatican that had the document come before the Council in the normal way without being first made public, the Council Fathers could have dealt with it in an atmosphere not charged with the bitterness that will now surround the debate.

The "backlash" of Jewish and other dissatisfaction with the new version of the proposed declaration on the Jews is seen here as possibly strengthening the hand of many of the liberal Council Fathers who want the Council to adopt an outspoken statement, ending once and for all the anti-Semitism implicit in the deicide charge and in other Church teachings. However, it is also pointed out that the situation is now different from last year.

It is emphasized that at the session which opens tomorrow, the proposed draft dealing with the Jewish question is, unlike last year, not a part of a schema but only a "proposition" which need not--under the Council's procedural rules--be debated openly on the floor. Since the "revised" draft is an appendage to other chapters, it becomes only a "rider" which, the conservatives hope, they may put through in its present form without floor discussion. The battle could thus be restricted to behind-the-scenes maneuvers.

American Cardinal Hopes Council Session Will Satisfy Jews

Joseph Cardinal Ritter, of St. Louis, one of the leaders of the progressive wing among the Council fathers, has voiced the hope that the Council will produce a declaration on the Jews "satisfactory to our Jewish friends." Cardinal Ritter expressed that "hope and belief" when he arrived here this weekend at the head of a delegation of 90 United States and Canadian prelates and other priests to attend the Council.

Another prominent churchman, and one of the Council's experts on the drafting of various schema and declarations, asserted here today that Cardinal Bea's secretariat will retain jurisdiction over the Jewish problem. He said the new Secretariat for Non-Christian Religions, recently set up by Pope Paul VI, will be too busy with its own work, since, unlike the Catholic Church, most other non-Catholic Christians lack centralized bodies, making contact with them an extremely difficult task.

That opinion was expressed by the expert, Prof. Hans Hirschmann, a Jesuit priest who is on the faculty of the Frankfurt University Theological Department, in West Germany. Prof. Hirschmann said that Cardinal Bea's unit has already established contacts with Jewish bodies. He predicted that the declaration dealing with the Jews will come before the Council "rather soon," probably in October, during the third or fourth week of the session.

ARAB SET NO TIME TABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF ANTI-ISRAEL DECISIONS

LONDON, Sept. 13: (JTA) -- After six arduous days and nights of debate and inner conflict, the 13 Arab kings and other heads of state, who have met at Alexandria to formulate plans for "liberating" Palestine from Israeli control and for building water projects that could negate Israel's national water carrier and its partial use of Jordan River waters, has come to a close with no concrete accomplishments, dispatches received here today from Egypt reported.

Under pressures from Egypt's President Gamal Abdel Nasser and the Arab League's secretary-general, Abdel Khalek Hassouna, the summit meeting did adopt a two-pronged plan: One was to authorize construction of a dam on the Yarmuk River in Jordan, one of the main tributaries of the Jordan River. But no time table for the start of work on that dam was fixed. Furthermore, out of an estimated cost of \$17,500,000 needed for other water-diversion projects, only \$8,500,000 has been pledged so far, a spokesman for the Arab League said at Alexandria.

As for the unified Arab command set up by the Arab League for war against Israel, there was still more ambiguity about how it would be organized, how it would be financed, and when it might be ready for an anti-Israeli war. The summit meeting approved unanimously, in principle, the establishment of an army of Palestinians "to liberate Palestine and take part in the next round of the Arab fight against Israel." But one of the major conference participants, representing Syria, conceded when asked when the "next round" could start: "Only a man living in a dream world or a fool would ask for an immediate attack."

WORLD BANK TO CEASE GIVING LOANS TO EGYPT; NASSER SEEKS CREDIT IN MOSCOW

LONDON, Sept. 13: (JTA) -- The World Bank has announced that it will no longer make any more loans to Egypt and two other countries because they expropriate foreign private investment without fair compensation, it was reported here today.

George D. Woods, president of the Bank, known formally as the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, announced the ban on further loans to Egypt at the conclusion of the Bank's five-day annual meeting in Tokyo. The other two countries barred from borrowing World Bank funds are Ceylon and Indonesia. Loans by the World Bank to Egypt through last June totaled \$49,250,000, all of which has been disbursed.

(It was reported from Moscow, meanwhile, that Egyptian Prime Minister Ali Sabri will arrive in the Soviet capital next week to discuss the use of credits announced when Premier Khrushchev visited Cairo last May. Khrushchev promised the Nasser Government a long-term credit totaling \$280,000,000 in addition to economic and military aid already provided.)

\$1,750,000 REPORTED SPENT LAST YEAR IN U. S. ON ANTI-ISRAEL PROPAGANDA

NEW YORK, Sept. 13: (JTA) -- Arab and anti-Israel propaganda agencies in the United States have spent a total of \$1,750,000 during the past year to finance propaganda against Israel among all segments of the American people, including university campuses, it was reported here today by Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, chairman of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee. He spoke at the annual installation rally of Bnai Zion, American fraternal Zionist order, held at the New York Hilton Hotel.

In contrast to this expenditure, Rabbi Bernstein emphasized, the sum of only \$146,000 was spent by the American Israel Public Affairs Committee to disseminate factual information on events in Israel and the Middle East. The American Israel Public Affairs Committee, with headquarters in Washington, D.C., conducts public action aimed at maintaining and improving friendship and goodwill between the U. S. and Israel, he said.

In a breakdown of expenditures in the past year by Arab and anti-Israel agencies in this country, Rabbi Bernstein, a former advisor on Jewish affairs to the U. S. Army Commanders in Europe, reported that a minimum of \$186,000 was spent by the Arab Information Centers with regional offices all over the country, which provides lectures to service organizations, women's clubs and church forums; over \$1,000,000--tax exempt--was spent by the pro-Arab American Friends of the Middle East in Washington. This group works in business circles and also provides Arab students for indoctrination in the colleges and universities of the land; over \$25,000 was spent by the so-called Palestine Arab Delegation that functions chiefly at the United Nations. In addition, Rabbi Bernstein listed the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism, which spent, last year, over \$350,000.

The meeting marked the installation of Edward Sharf as newly elected president of Bnai Zion, as well as other national officers and members of the administrative committee and executive board. The installation ceremonies were presided over by the outgoing president Norman G. Levine. State Supreme Court Justice Arthur Markewich presided.

In his address, Rabbi Bernstein warned that American Jewry is "in a race between assimilation and meaningful survival." He emphasized that "Jewish cultural survival is important not only to Jews but to mankind."

NEW ANTI-SEMITIC BOOK APPEARS IN SOVIET UNION; PUBLISHED IN KISHINEV

NEW YORK, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- A new book frankly anti-Semitic in character, accusing Jews of "actual or potential" disloyalty to the USSR, equating "rabbis and Zionists," charging that the Jewish religion is "alien to the Soviet spirit," and stating that some Jews bake and sell matzoth for the sole purpose of making large profits, was issued in the Soviet Union this summer, it was revealed here today.

The book, entitled "Contemporary Judaism and Zionism," was displayed here today at a press conference held by Label A. Katz, president of B'nai B'rith. Published last June by the State Publishing House of the Moldavian SSR, at Kishinev, the work shows that its author is F.S. Mayatsky. Experts on Soviet affairs have identified Mayatsky as a well-known Communist propagandist specializing in anti-Jewish writings.

Mayatsky's book, selling for only 11 kopecks (12 cents) and frankly "intended for the general reading public," was issued at the very time that leaders of the Soviet Communist Party announced an official ban on a previously issued anti-Semitic work, "Judaism Without Embellishment," published by the Academy of Science in Kiev.

"Contemporary Judaism and Zionism," said Mr. Katz in showing the book and an accompanying translation into English, "is the latest known official Soviet work of anti-Semitic nature, and is a shocking example of the uninterrupted series of anti-Jewish publications that bear official imprimatur. It is designed to hasten further the suppression of Soviet Jewish life."

HIGH GERMAN OFFICIAL INVOLVED IN NAZI PROGRAM TO EXTERMINATE JEWS

KIEL, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- An investigation into the Nazi past of Hans-Adolf Asbach, former Deputy Minister President of Schleswig-Holstein, was underway here today. Dr. Hans Buhrke, a spokesman for the State Justice Ministry, said the probe will seek to learn whether Asbach should be charged with participation in the Nazi program to exterminate European Jewry.

He reported that evidence against Asbach was provided by the West German Central War Crimes Investigation Board in Ludwigsburg. He added that the data had been turned over to the office of the Kiel state prosecutor but declined to give any details.

Asbach, a co-founder of a German Refugee party, became state minister for Welfare Affairs in 1950, a post he held until 1957. He was also Deputy Minister President from 1954 to 1957 and is now manager of a housing firm. He joined the Nazi party in 1933 and held posts with the Nazi Labor front and with the Government. Details about his wartime career have never been disclosed.

NAZI COMMANDER OF AUSCHWITZ ADMITS HE ORDERED POISON GAS FOR CAMP

FRANKFURT, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Robert Mulka, one-time second in command at the Auschwitz death camp who has insisted throughout the Auschwitz war crimes trial here that he knew nothing about the Nazi program of wholesale murder of European Jews, admitted to the court that he signed orders to bring poison gas to the camp.

Mulka, one of the 22 former SS guards and other camp functionaries on trial here, admitted signing the orders to bring Cyclon-B gas to Auschwitz when he was confronted with an official form he had signed. Presiding Judge Hans Hofmeyer showed Mulka the form ordering a five-ton truck to load up Dessau with "Material for the Resettlement of the Jews" and to bring the "material" to the camp.

Mulka, in response to a direct question, testified he knew that the phrase was a Nazi euphemism for poison gas. Previously, Mulka had also insisted that he did not know until the war ended that Auschwitz was one of the 250 camps set up in Germany and occupied countries to dispose of Jews and others considered unfit to live by the Nazis.

NOVA SCOTIA MUNICIPALITIES ASK TO CHECK MAIL FOR HATE PROPAGANDA

YARMOUTH, Nova Scotia, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- The Western Region of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities approved a resolution asking the Provincial Government to examine all third class mail for hate propaganda.

Hubert L. Lynch, Yarmouth Deputy Mayor, who prepared the resolution, said that it also called on the Department of Justice in Ottawa "to take immediate action" to amend the federal criminal code to permit action to be taken "against those who spread racial hatred in our country."

MORE BRAZILIAN JEWS LEAVE FOR ISRAEL; TOTAL TOPS 1963 FIGURE

RIO DE JANEIRO, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Another group of 36 Brazilian Jews left here this week to settle in Israel, bringing the total number who emigrated from Brazil during the first eight months of this year to 408. Last year, 358 Jews emigrated to Israel from Brazil during the entire 12-month period.

ANTI-JEWISH SLOGANS PAINTED ON TOMBSTONES AT MONTREAL JEWISH CEMETERY

MONTREAL, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress reported today that a number of tombstones at a Montreal Jewish cemetery were recently smeared with swastikas and anti-Jewish slogans. The Congress met with local police for an investigation and action on the smearings.

ISRAELI SOCIAL WORKERS ARRIVE IN U.S. TO STUDY ON N.C.J.W. FELLOWSHIPS

NEW YORK, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Nine Israeli social workers have arrived in the United States on National Council of Jewish Women Overseas Fellowships for graduate study in this country, the organization announced today. Each NCJW Fellowship is valued at about \$3,800. Winners contract to return to work in their own Jewish communities overseas at the completion of their Fellowship studies.

Dr. Dina Feitelson of Jerusalem, originator of a new method for teaching reading skills to immigrant children, is the 200th recipient of such fellowships. She will now spend the year as a visiting scholar at the University of Chicago. Gertrude Koslovsky, regional director in Haifa for the Rehabilitation Division of the Ministry of Defense, will study administration of social agencies and public welfare at the New York University School of Public Administration.

Drora Portugall, supervisor of kindergartens in Tel Aviv, is returning to the Teachers College of Columbia University, where she earned B.A. and M.A. degrees, to work for her doctorate; Shlomo Achituv, district supervisor in the Youth Division of the Education Ministry in Haifa, will study educational administration at Teachers College; Yitzchak Bakal, Chief Social Worker in Tel Mond Prison, will study techniques for helping "hard core" youth offenders at the Columbia School for Social Work.

Meir Dori, Social Worker in the Youth Division of the Tel Aviv Welfare Department, will take advanced studies in social work at Western Reserve University in Cleveland. Tova Friedman, psychiatric social worker at Geha Hospital, will continue her studies at the Tulane University School of Social Work in New Orleans. Aliza Nissenbaum, a specialist in the education of deaf pre-school children at the MICHA Guidance Center, will study at the Central Institute for the Deaf in St. Louis. Miriam Reich, a social worker in the Probation Department for Adults in Jerusalem will study social work at the University of California in Berkeley.

CULTURAL CENTER TO BE BUILT IN NEW YORK AS MEMORIAL FOR LOUIS SEGAL

NEW YORK, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- The national executive of the Farband Labor Zionist Organization has decided to build a cultural and education center to house the organization's Kineret Day School in the Bronx, which will serve as a memorial to Louis Segal, the late secretary of the Farband, who died earlier this year, it was announced at a press conference here today.

Shortly before his death, Mr. Segal had proposed the construction of a number of such centers to house the organization's schools in various parts of the city. The buildings were also to serve as youth and cultural centers. A total of \$400,000 had already been raised by Mr. Segal toward the cost of the first such center for the Kineret School.

SIR ISAIAH BERLIN NAMED TRUSTEE OF KENNEDY MEMORIAL FUND IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Sir Isaiah Berlin, Jewish author, lecturer and diplomat, was named yesterday by Prime Minister Sir Alec Douglas-Home, as one of three British academic trustees of the Kennedy Memorial Fund.

The fund will select British students for Kennedy Scholarships to Harvard University. Sir Isaiah is an Oxford University lecturer, former first secretary of the British Embassy in Washington, former vice-president of the Oxford Jewish Society and a member of the council of the Anglo-Jewish Association.

BUST OF LAZAR SEGAL, FAMOUS JEWISH ARTIST, UNVEILED IN BRAZIL

RIO DE JANEIRO, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- A bust of Lazar Segal, famous Jewish-Brazilian artist, was unveiled here today in one of the squares in the center of this city. The honor was paid to Mr. Segal on the 30th anniversary of the first exhibition of modern art in this country. That show, in 1934, consisted entirely of works by Mr. Segal.

CHANA SCHNEERSON, MOTHER OF LUBAVITCHER REBBE, DEAD; WAS 84

NEW YORK, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here today for Mrs. Chana Schneerson of Brooklyn, mother of Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, who died here yesterday at Brooklyn Jewish Hospital. She was 84 years of age. Burial was at the Old Montefiore Cemetery an Springfield Gardens, N. Y.