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40 AMERICAN PRELATES SEEK TO SPEAK FOR JEWS AT ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

RCME, Sept. 21: (JTA) -- The controversial draft declaration on Jews, prepared at the Vatican for discussion at the current session of the Ecumenical Council, is expected to be presented before the Council Fathers this Wednesday, it was indicated here today, as the majority of the American cardinals and bishops attending the session were mobilizing themselves to actively demand a stronger statement which would absolve the Jewish people of all traces of collective guilt for the crucifixion of Jesus.

The American bishops met this afternoon and selected from among themselves a number of speakers to participate in the debate at the Council on the document on the Jews. It was later reported that about 40 prelates have requested to be chosen to speak at the Council on the "Jewish question." The number will have to be restricted by common agreement. The debate is likely to start this week.

All but one of the five American cardinals here have indicated that they will support actively a stronger declaration. The exception is James Francis Cardinal McIntyre, of Los Angeles, who once declined to sign a petition condemning anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union on the grounds that his anti-Communist views were already well enough known.

The fight of the American prelates to secure a clear-cut Council statement clearing the Jews of all charges of deicide is led by Richard Cardinal Cushing of Boston. It is backed by a great majority of the 240 American bishops attending the session. At a meeting last week attended by 170 of the U.S. bishops, it was unanimously decided to work for the improvement of the current draft. The bishops agreed that, even in the time of Christ, the Jews could not be held responsible for the crucifixion. One bishop asserted that the Jews are no more responsible for the death of Jesus than were the people of Dallas for President Kennedy's assassination.

U. S. Bishops Get Backing of European and Latin American Prelates

The fight for a stronger draft of the declaration on Jews is being backed by Joseph Cardinal Ritter of St. Louis, and Albert Cardinal Meyer of Chicago. Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York has similarly expressed the view that the deicide charge should be strongly refuted. He is recovering from an illness in New York, and is expected to arrive here in time to participate in the debate.

The stand of the American prelates on exonerating the Jews from the charge of deicide is backed by many important archbishops and bishops of France, West Germany, Belgium, Austria and Latin American countries. The original draft--presented to the Council at its second session last year but not acted on--repudiated the deicide charge specifically. That statement said that Christ died to atone for the sins of all mankind, and that the Jews could not be held to special accountability. However, this draft was withdrawn as a result of objections of bishops from Arab countries and the conservative theologians of the Roman Curia.

Subsequently, the draft was considerably revised, stating only that the Jews of "our time" are not responsible, and eliminating use of the word "deicide." In addition, the revised draft contains what many Jewish leaders regard as an unfortunate stress on the Church's traditional hope for the conversion of Jews to Christianity. The text of the revised draft was published in the United States on September 3, and touched off a storm of criticism.

Council's Declaration of Jews Will be Binding, Vatican Says

The Council press office today published a substantial summary of the revised draft with a lengthy introduction, explaining its genesis and significant dates in its four years of development. One introductory statement was that there were 70 pages of amendments and proposals to the original text, which had been examined at a meeting of the Secretariat in Ariccia near Rome last spring.

A press panel of American bishops was the occasion for an explanation that a declaration receives the same complete treatment before the Council as does a decree. The reply was given in response to a question about the declarations on the Jews and on freedom of religion.

According to the explanation, the declarations, when passed, will be published like any other Council proclamation, and will be as binding and significant. The bishops said that

the exact effect would depend on concrete application and by the impact of each element of the declarations carried at the pastoral level.

Bishop James Edward McManus of Puerto Rico, when asked how the declaration might be received, said it was inconceivable that it could be ignored because it was a statement of principle by the Pope and Council, when approved, and would have the greatest authority and binding force.

Vatican Reported Informed on Jewish Reactions to Revised Draft

The Secretariat for Christian Unity, headed by Augustin Cardinal Bea, was informed about Jewish reactions to the revised draft of the declaration, it was stated at a press conference today by Archbishop John Heenan of Westminster. He said also that the Secretariat, which had first presented the earlier draft of a declaration on the Jews, had informed Jewish circles on the issue.

He added he was certain that the current session of the Council would vote on a declaration on Jewish-Catholic relations, but declined specific comment on the revised version of the proposed declaration. Since the draft was due for early debate, he said, he would not speak on this "delicate matter."

Archbishop Heenan also said that the Secretariat headed by Cardinal Bea has had several meetings on the matter, and that he was convinced that there would be several "interventions" in the session on the draft. He added that he did not know whether he would speak before the session or whether Cardinal Bea, sponsor of the original draft, would cover the whole subject on behalf of the Secretariat. He stressed that his personal views on the subject were known.

He was asked whether it was true that the wording of the revised draft calls for conversion of Jews to Christianity, and replied that an authoritative reply to that complaint also would be given in debate.

U. S. Catholic Paper Appeals to Ecumenical Council on Declaration

NEW YORK, Sept. 21: (JTA) -- An editorial in Ave Maria, a Roman Catholic weekly published by the Holy Cross Fathers, appealed to the Ecumenical Council fathers today to act in the spirit of love regarding the proposed declaration on relations with the Jewish people.

Noting that both Jews and Protestants have been cool to the latest version of the draft declaration, the periodical stated: "We have come to know both Protestants and Jews better since the Council started. Even on our own little level, this has been good. This has led to love. We want it to continue. We pray that it will continue. We beg the Council Fathers to do everything possible to make it continue, all over the world."

U.C. LABOR GROUPS CONDEMN SOVIET OPPRESSION OF JEWISH CULTURE

NEW YORK, Sept. 21: (JTA) -- The American Newspaper Guild was on record today with a resolution condemning Soviet oppression of Jewish religion and culture. The resolution assailed the "vicious, inhuman practices of the Soviet Union which are threatening to put an end to Judaism and Jewish culture in Russia."

The two-million member New York State AFL-CIO adopted a similar resolution at its annual convention, charging that authorities in the Soviet Union "have been engaged in suppressing Jewish culture and singling out Jews as scapegoats for failures in the Soviet economy and in fostering anti-Semitic sentiment."

The Guild resolution declared that the plight of Soviet Jewry was becoming "ever more desperate" and listed such acts as the ban on baking of matzoth, removal of synagogue leaders and arrest and trial of lay religious leaders "on spurious charges of espionage."

The New York AFL-CIO noted that the national AFL-CIO and the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions had denounced Soviet restrictions against Jews. It said the labor group wished to "add its voice to those condemning the Soviet Union's violations of the human rights of its Jewish minority" and to "call upon the Government of the United States to use every means available to it in the United Nations and elsewhere to vigorously protest official Soviet anti-Semitism."

ISRAEL MINISTER FORESEES OVERCOMING COUNTRY'S TRADE GAP

NEW YORK, Sept. 21: (JTA) -- Pinhas Sapir, Israel's Minister of Finance, Commerce and Industry, expressed optimism this weekend that by the end of this decade, Israel will substantially overcome its "most burdening economic problem," the trade gap between imports and exports. His observations were made during a luncheon meeting of the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

He indicated that the solution to the trade gap lies in the rapid development of Israel's industrial capacity, and the expansion of its exports. He outlined a five-year industrial forecast which calls for doubling of industrial production and tripling of exports by 1970. In describing the industrial forecast for the years 1965-1970, Minister Sapir indicated that this was the second such projection, with the first one running through 1955.

ISRAELI EXPERTS ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON FOR TALKS ON DESALINATION

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- A team of Israeli experts has arrived in Washington for joint American-Israeli planning sessions to advance the "LBJ Plan" for nuclear desalination in Israel. The talks will open Wednesday at the U. S. Department of the Interior.

The Israeli delegation is headed by Gen. Zvi Tsur, of the Mekorot Water Authority, who was appointed by Prime Minister Levi Eshkol to serve as chief coordinator for the desalination project. Other members of the Israeli team are Dr. Abraham Katz, specialist on electricity; Aharon Weiner, head of the Water Planning Company, Tahal; and R. Tiberger, expert on reactors of the Israel Atomic Energy Commission. They will meet here with American experts of the Interior Department and Atomic Energy Commission, who recently visited Israel for preliminary phases of the survey.

Together, the experts will now formulate a joint resume to the two governments on the practical aspects of the project, its scope, size, cost, and other details. The project will use nuclear power to desalt seawater while simultaneously generating low cost electrical power. While in the United States, the Israelis will view a desalination project at Wrightsville Beach, N. C., and the "Yankee Reactor" in New York State.

ISRAEL NOTIFIES U. N. ON INTENTION TO ACT AGAINST ARAB WAR PLANS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 21. (JTA) -- Israel warned the United Nations Security Council this weekend that it "will know how to defend itself and to repel any aggression" if the Arab states should go through with war plans designed at the summit meeting held recently at Alexandria, Egypt, by 13 kings and other rulers of the Arab League states.

The warning came in a letter to Platon Morozov, of the Soviet Union, this month's president of the Security Council, from Michael Comay, Israel's permanent representative here. Mr. Comay did not ask for a session of the Council on this issue but requested that the submission be circulated to all members of the Council.

In his letter, Mr. Comay pointed out that the Arab states issued a proclamation, at the end of their Alexandria conference, declaring unanimously that their "national cause" calls for "liberating Palestine from Zionist imperialism" and stating that the Arab states endorsed a decision "to establish the Palestine Liberation Army."

"The clear purport of this proclamation," stated Mr. Comay, "is that 13 member states of the United Nations have set themselves the aim of liquidating another member state, have declared that to be a central policy objective guiding their collective actions, and have determined to concentrate all their national potential on the attainment of this aim."

The Israel representative notified the Security Council that the Alexandria decisions "are without parallel" in that they "stand in conflict with the Charter of the United Nations and with every accepted principle governing relations between states." He then voiced the warning that Israel would defend itself if necessary, but coupled that caution with a renewed call for peace between Israel and the Arab states. He cautioned the United Nations against acquiescing to "this open challenge to United Nations principles" by the Arab states and against ignoring "the threat to the peace which is involved."

Israel Urged to Call Up Her Armed Forces Reserves

JERUSALEM, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- The recent decision of the 13 Arab states, at the Arab summit meeting in Egypt, to liquidate Israel, will be discussed in detail here tomorrow at a meeting of the Security and Foreign Affairs Committee of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, it was revealed today.

Meanwhile, it was disclosed that, in addition to presenting a letter on this issue to the United Nations Security Council, Israel's ambassadors in major capitals have also notified the governments to which they are accredited regarding Israel's view of the renewed Arab threats to annihilate Israel.

A proposal that Israel call up her armed forces reserves, and notify Arab as well as other nations that it is ready to defend itself, was made here by Gen. Yigael Yadin, former chief of staff of Israel's defense forces. In an interview in the daily newspaper, Haboker, Gen. Yadin also recommended that Israel send inquiries to the Arab states that signed the armistice agreements of 1949, asking them whether they still adhere to the first paragraph in each of those pacts. That paragraph had pledged Israel and the Arab signatories--Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon--to use the armistices as a stepping stone to peace.

If the Arab states ignore such an inquiry, Gen. Yadin said, or give "a negative or an evasive answer," then Israel "will have to draw her own conclusions, even far-reaching conclusions."

EBAN LEAVES FOR GOODWILL MISSION TO LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES

TEL AVIV, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- Abba Eban, Israel's Deputy Prime Minister, left for a goodwill mission to Mexico, Venezuela and Colombia this weekend, at the invitation of the governments of those countries. Prior to his departure, he conferred with Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, who, Mr. Eban said, had agreed that the greatest importance must be attached to further fostering of friendly relations between Israel and Latin American countries. En route, Mr. Eban will also visit London and New York.

KEATING AND KENNEDY WOOLING N. Y. JEWISH VOTERS IN ELECTIONS-TO SENATE

NEW YORK, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- The Republican and Democratic nominees for the United States Senate from New York laid considerable stress in their campaigns yesterday on issues of concern to Jewish citizens, frankly wooing Jewish voters.

In his home town of Rochester, in the Western part of the state, Sen. Kenneth B. Keating, the Republican incumbent, accused former Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy of making "a deal" to turn over a government-owned company with assets worth over \$60,000,000 to a "hughe Nazi cartel."

On his part, Mr. Kennedy, the Democratic challenger for the seat now held by Sen. Keating, stressed civil rights at a synagogue in suburban Mount Vernon, visited the lower East Side of Manhattan, called for the guarantee of Israel's independence against Arab aggression, visited the editorial offices of the two Yiddish dailies published in this city--and had lunch at a Jewish restaurant on the East Side.

At Mount Vernon, Mr. Kennedy appeared at the Free Synagogue of Westchester County to discuss civil rights, and on New York's lower East Side he walked among the Jewish crowds preparing to celebrate Succoth. On his tour of the East Side, carrying a lulav and ethrog--which are Succoth symbols--he was accompanied by David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

In regard to Israel-Arab issues, Mr. Kennedy asserted he sought U.S. backing for Israel against Arab aggression, and also told about being "involved" in Israel's War of Liberation by driving a tank from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem while that war was on, and predicting at that time that Israel would "get her independence because of her courage and her determination." He said he supported Israel's plan to use Jordan River waters for irrigation of the Negev Desert, and favored the joint U. S. - Israel plans for the use of desalinated waters for irrigation purposes.

Sen. Keating's charge about a "deal" favoring Nazis concerned a settlement made by the U.S. Government recently, under which a German company, Interhandel, would get back the assets of General Aniline and Film, a firm seized by the United States as enemy property during World War II. Sen. Keating said the "deal" would benefit former German Nazis. In Washington, however, the Department of Justice stated that "according to all available information, no money would go to any former Nazis" as a result of the Interhandel transaction.

70 TAX-EXEMPT FOUNDATIONS CHARGED WITH FINANCING RIGHTIST GROUPS

NEW YORK, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- The American "radical right" and its "extreme conservative" allies are being supported by many tax-exempt foundations, as well as by some prominent corporations, the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League charged this weekend.

According to the charges, more than \$14,000,000 is spent annually for right-wing causes, and the figure may reach \$25,000,000 during the current election campaign. In addition, the ADL alleged, "lunatic fringe organizations, which include religious and racial bigotry in their extremist views, will add \$1,500,000 to the sum available for current attacks on the democratic system."

Dore Schary, national chairman of the ADL, said that financial support to the right-wing has been extended by about 70 foundations, more than 100 businesses and corporations, some 250 individuals who have contributed at least \$500 each, and "hundreds of thousands of givers of one dollar to five dollars who have been frightened by the propaganda barrage."

Mr. Schary's figures were based on a four-year survey made by the ADL and encompassed in a book, "Danger on the Right," written by Arnold Forster, ADL general counsel, and Benjamin R. Epstein, the League's national director. The book is to be published next month by Random House.

The report called upon "the conservative faction," which, it stated, "our democracy needs," to reject the aid of "all the radicals with whom they too readily fraternize." A number of the "radical right" organizations named by the report denied they are a threat to democracy. Several large corporations denied that they are aiding the "radical right."

HERBERT C. KRANZER, UNITED HIAS LEADER, DIES AT ATHENS AIRPORT

NEW YORK, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- Herbert C. Kranzer, a corporation executive, who was a vice-president and treasurer of United Hias Service, died yesterday in Athens, Greece, at the age of 59, it was made known here today. Death, of a heart attack, came to him in the Athens airport.

Among his overseas activities on this last trip was a mission for United Hias Service, during which he was to take part in the organization's migration conference in Geneva next month. He was a leader of the United Jewish Appeal, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, and CARE.