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## DEBATE ON JEWS AT ECUMENICAL COUNCIL TO START FRIDAY OR MONDAY

ROME, Sept. 22: (JTA) -- The anticipated debate at the Ecumenical Council on the proposed draft declaration on Jews will begin either this Friday or next Monday, it was predicted here today. It will follow the discussion on the declaration on religious liberty, which will start tomorrow.

The American prelates met today and reached an agreement on the number of their speakers to participate in the debates on the two declarations. No names of the speakers from the United States were revealed, except that it is known that Richard Cardinal Cushing of Boston and Joseph Cardinal Ritter of St. Louis will lead in the debate, demanding complete exoneration of the Jewish people from the deicide charge, and asking for a stronger text on the attitude of the Catholic Church toward the Jews than the one presented to the Council Fathers.

It is anticipated that the debate on the religious liberty declaration will continue for two or three days. Nobody here is undertaking to predict how long the debate on the declaration on Jews will last. However, all indications point to the belief that this debate may last several days, since there is tremendous interest in the document on Jews, as testified by the fact that there are 70 pages of amendments and proposals to the original text, which was prepared last year and revised for the present session.

The revisions, made under the pressure of conservative bishops and of Catholic prelates from Arab countries, will come under strong criticism when the debate starts. The majority of the 2,500 prelates attending the session are dissatisfied with the revisions, which provoked deep dissatisfaction also among the Jews of the world because they diluted the original draft in which the Jews were exonerated from collective guilt for the death of Jesus. The revised draft says that only the Jews "of our time" cannot be blamed for the crucifixion of Jesus, implying that the Jews in Jesus' time are still to be considered guilty of his execution by the Romans.

### U.S. Catholic Organ Insists on Exoneration of Jews

CAMDEN, N.J., Sept. 22: (JTA) -- The official organ of the Catholic Diocese of Camden called today for an "unequivocal" declaration by the Ecumenical Council, firmly absolving the Jewish people "of the monstrous crime of deicide."

An editorial in the Catholic Star-Herald here urged "speedy passage by the current session of Vatican Council II of a councilar statement on the Jews, stating in unequivocal language, once and for all, that the Church recognizes our bond of heritage with God's chosen people and specifically denies that the Jews were in any way to be judged guilty of the monstrous crime of deicide."

"American Catholics," the editorial continued, "look for such a statement for several reasons: Because it is a crying need in a world that can not yet forget the horror that anti-Semitism, fed by the charge of deicide, brought to pass in the living memory of this generation; Because there is now statistical evidence to show that there is a significant minority of Catholics and Protestants, even in this land of freedom and tolerance, who have strongly anti-Semitic leanings; Because an unequivocal statement would make clear to that significant minority of Catholics who are anti-Semitic in their thinking that they are in error!"

### ISRAEL INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BANK TO RECEIVE \$90,000,000 IN LOANS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 22: (JTA) -- Israel's Industrial Development Bank will receive loans of \$30,000,000 from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and \$60,000,000 from private investors and banks, Pinhas Sapir reported on his return from an extensive overseas tour. The Minister of Finance, Trade and Commerce said the World Bank loan had been approved in principle.

An Israeli economic mission left today for the Scandinavian countries to discuss possibilities of increased trade relations. The mission members will be guests of chambers of commerce, manufacturers associations and export institutes in Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Finland.

## TURKEY RESTORES RIGHT OF RABBINATE TO ADMINISTER COMMUNAL PROPERTY

ISTANBUL, Sept. 22: (JTA) -- The Turkish Government notified the Grand Rabbinate today that the Rabbinate's board of trustees will again be allowed to administer all Jewish communal lands, other properties and funds.

A year ago, the authorities dissolved the Grand Rabbinate, after new elections had been held in the Jewish community for members of the Rabbinate's board. The authorities had sought to decentralize control over the various Jewish institutions and assets in Turkey. The Grand Rabbinate, representative body of Turkish Jewry, complained that the decentralization would complicate the administration of Jewish communal affairs and assets.

The new order, restoring authority in the Grand Rabbinate, was greeted by the Jewish community today with great satisfaction.

## AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENT HEARS GOVERNMENT VIEW ON ARAB BOYCOTT THREATS

CANBERRA, Sept. 22: (JTA) -- Two Australian Cabinet Ministers indicated today that the Government had no intention of bowing to any Arab boycott of Australian trade with Israel.

The issue was raised in the House by W. C. Haworth, Liberal deputy, who asked External Affairs Minister Paul Hasluck if the Government was aware of the Qantas Airlines affair, which involved charges that the airline had canceled plans to open an office in Tel Aviv under Arab pressure. The Cabinet member replied that he had seen evidence of an organization known as the Arab Boycott League which had sent letters to Australian businessmen warning them of blacklisting if they traded with Israel.

The Minister added that the League was not an official organization and had no international standing. He called it a private organization carrying on "this campaign" against Israel, adding that Australian policy was "quite clear." "We wish to live in friendly relations with Israel and the United Arab Republic and we believe that at present we do have friendly relations with both of them," he said.

"Matters relating to Australian trade and freedom to trade with any country are entirely matters of the Australian Government," he stressed. He said the Government would watch carefully any attempt to interfere with the freedom of Australian businessmen to trade freely with any part of the world.

G. Whitlam, the deputy leader of the opposition, then asked John McEwen, Minister of Trade, when he had first learned that Australian firms trading with Israel had been threatened. The Minister gave the same answer as his colleague and added he would be prepared to examine any particular case of boycott threats on its merits.

## EXTENSION OF STATUTE OF LIMITATION ON NAZI CRIMES URGED IN GERMANY

FRANKFURT, Sept. 22: (JTA) -- A demand that West Germany pass a special law, extending the statute of limitations in war crime cases beyond next May, was voiced here today by Otto Brenner, chairman of the German Metal Workers Union. Under the present law, war criminals would be exempt from further prosecution after May 8, 1965, the twentieth anniversary of the official end of World War II.

A sentence of life imprisonment, the most severe under West German law, was demanded yesterday by the prosecution in the trial of former SS Gen. Karl Wolff, charged with complicity in the wartime murder of some 300,000 Jews in occupied Poland. Wolff, now a 64-year-old businessman, was an adjutant to Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler and the highest ranking Nazi to go on trial in postwar Germany. His trial began three months ago.

## AUSTRALIAN STUDENTS ADOPT RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ANTI-SEMITISM

SYDNEY, Australia, Sept. 22: (JTA) -- The Student Union at Sydney University adopted a resolution today, condemning anti-Semitism. The measure had been proposed, and passed unanimously, as a result of some pro-Nazi articles recently printed in Honi Soit, a student journal.

## LOS ANGELES DENOUNCES DISCRIMINATIONS AGAINST JEWS IN SOVIET RUSSIA

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 22: (JTA) -- A resolution denouncing the oppression of Jewish religion and culture in the Soviet Union was adopted by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

The supervisors also approved a resolution supporting a campaign by the Jewish Labor Committee and the Workmen's Circle to collect signatures on petitions throughout California of protest. The petitions are to be submitted to the United Nations Human Rights Commission. The petitions ask the UN to intervene with the Soviet Government on behalf of the 3,000,000 Jews of Russia. The resolution also endorsed a protest month in California.

The board's resolution also cited the Soviet policy of the Government-controlled press in conducting propaganda campaigns to stimulate anti-Semitic feeling among Soviet citizens.

## NUMBER OF JEWS, INCLUDING SYNAGOGUE PRESIDENT, MURDERED IN RUSSIA

LONDON, Sept. 22; (JTA) -- The president of a synagogue in Sverdlovsk, a Soviet regional capital in the Urals, and several Jewish friends of the president, were murdered and robbed of funds they had accumulated for the construction of a new synagogue in that city, according to reliable information reaching London today.

The murders were investigated by highest government officials from Moscow, the report stated, the killers were caught and convicted, and were given prison terms of six years each; No names or numbers--either of the victims or of the murderers--were given in the report. The killers had been caught and brought to trial by officials of the KGB, the Soviet political security police.

The murderers had told the court their act was motivated solely by a desire to obtain the money accumulated for the projected new synagogue, and not by anti-Semitism; Among the victims was one non-Jew, a physician, who happened to be in the home of the synagogue official the night the murders were committed. The city of Sverdlovsk has a total population of 853,000, including 16,000 Jews.

## REP. MILLER ATTACKS SOVIET GOVERNMENT FOR ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22; (JTA) -- Rep. William E. Miller, of New York, Republican Vice Presidential candidate, today charged in a statement that the current anti-Semitism in Russia is further evidence of "the untrustworthiness of the Soviets."

Calling attention to the anti-Jewish booklet published by the State Publishing House in Kishinev, Rep. Miller said Soviet anti-Semitism "joins a long list of broken Red solemn promises, and ignores treaty provisions starting with those which guarantee free elections in satellite countries behind the Iron Curtain down to and including Korea, Laos and the Wall of Shame in Berlin."

## STATE DEPARTMENT CLAIMS INITIATIVE FOR TURNING OVER GERMAN ASSETS

NEW YORK, Sept. 22; (JTA) -- The charge voiced by Senator Kenneth B. Keating that Robert F. Kennedy, who is now running in New York as candidate of the Democratic Party in the forthcoming elections to the U.S. Senate, had arranged--as U.S. Attorney General--a settlement whereby more than \$60,000,000 of assets of a German firm confiscated as enemy alien property during World War II were turned over to a "huge Nazi cartel," was refuted yesterday by the State Department and the Department of Justice.

A spokesman of the State Department said that Secretary of State Dean Rusk had initiated the settlement and wrote to Attorney General Kennedy that a negotiated settlement was desirable. Sen. Keating, the Republican incumbent, who is running for re-election, opposed by Mr. Kennedy as the Democratic nominee, insisted today, however, that he will continue to make a campaign issue of the alleged "deal." The transaction involves the sale of General Aniline and Film Corporation which, prior to the war, had been owned by I.G. Farben, a German chemical combine.

According to the Department of State, Mr. Rusk wrote to Mr. Kennedy in 1961, proposing a negotiated settlement in order to remove a long-standing source of irritation with the Swiss owners of Interhandel, a successor company to parts of the old I.G. Farben interests. Department of Justice officials said Mr. Keating had been aware of the details of the transaction for 18 months and had never indicated opposition. But Mr. Keating insisted still today that the "deal" with a Swiss holding company involved "a front for I.G. Farben." Kennedy campaign forces decried the Keating charges as "a smear."

## NAZI 'SELECTION DOCTOR' ELUDED CAPTURE IN PARAGUAY BY MINUTES

BONN, Sept. 22; (JTA) -- Josef Mengele, the long-sought "selection doctor" at the Auschwitz murder camp, eluded capture by Israeli agents in Paraguay by only minutes recently, Der Spiegel, a leading newsweekly of Hamburg, reported in its current issue.

According to the weekly, 13 armed agents surrounded a hotel owned by a former Belgian SS man, but Mengele, warned by a German-born conspirator, jumped out of a window and escaped capture. The hotel is located between Encarnacion and Asuncion, the weekly said.

Der Spiegel said Mengele, who had the task of selecting victims for the Auschwitz gas chambers, arrived in Asuncion last month. As he was traveling to Asuncion, the weekly reported, "a member of the secret service team which had traced him was found dead, shot in the head, in the border area between Paraguay and Brazil."

The Brazilian chief of Interpol, the international police agency, reported in Rio de Janeiro last September 9 that an Israeli who might have been searching for Mengele, had been murdered "a month ago" on the Peruvian side of the Brazil-Peru border; Edson Lasmar, the Interpol official, said he had asked his Peruvian counterpart to try to trace the killer. Neither Der Spiegel nor Lasmar gave the name of the murdered Israeli.

# RISE IN JEWISH IMMIGRATION TO CANADA REPORTED BY GOVERNMENT

MONTREAL, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- A substantial increase in the number of Jewish immigrants to Canada during the first six months of 1964, compared with the same period of 1963, was reported today by the Department of Citizenship and Immigration.

The number of such immigrants in the first half of 1964 was 1,284, compared with 853 in the first six months of 1963. The increase in Jewish immigration was paralleled by a larger total immigration to Canada, 51,523 newcomers in the first half of this year, compared with 41,444 in 1963.

# AMERICAN ORT TO ESTABLISH KENNEDY APPRENTICESHIP CENTER IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- The Women's American ORT announced today that a new 2,000-student ORT apprenticeship center in Jerusalem will be named in memory of the late President Kennedy.

Mrs. Sidney Senzer, national vice-president and school building project chairman, said the school had been so named in response to requests from thousands of Women's ORT members. She said the center would be located in Bocca, in northern Jerusalem, where inhabitants are mainly new immigrants and where there is considerable industrial development. Completion of the center is expected in September 1965, she added.

A wide variety of vocational courses will be offered for both boy and girl students in six workshops, seven laboratories and six classrooms. Courses offered to boys will include mechanics, autoelectricity, electromechanics, electricity, radio electricity, graphic arts, locksmithing, tinsmithing, woodwork, and house painting. Girls' courses will be dress-making, graphic arts, window dressing, photography, secretarial work, and laboratory techniques.

# OLDEST SYNAGOGUE IN AUSTRALIA CLOSED FOR LACK OF WORSHIPERS

MELBOURNE, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- One of the oldest synagogues in the Australian Commonwealth was closed during the High Holy Days for lack of worshipers for the first time in 25 years.

The synagogue, which was consecrated in 1846, is that of Launceston, the second largest city in Tasmania, which is the smallest island state in the Commonwealth. The local daily newspaper showed a lone would-be worshiper standing outside the locked gates of the synagogue on Yom Kippur.

# STREET IN ITALIAN TOWN DEDICATED TO MEMORY OF JEWS DEPORTED BY NAZIS

ROME, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- The town of Saluzzo commemorated yesterday the 20th anniversary of the Italian anti-Nazi resistance against the German occupation with a "Deportees Day" which included religious ceremonies in Jewish, Catholic and Protestant rites.

Senator A. Galeffi, Undersecretary of Public Education and president of the Italian Association of Former Deportees, recalled the sufferings of the victims of Nazi concentration camps. A memorial stone dedicating a street to the memory of Jewish deportees was unveiled.

During the occupation, Saluzzo was an important center of partisan activity. Many young Jews from Piedmont fought among the partisans against the Germans, and perished.

# MILWAUKEE BREWING COMPANY GIVES \$50,000 TO LOCAL JEWISH CAUSES

MILWAUKEE, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- The Jos. Schlitz Brewing Company has made gifts totaling \$50,000 to three Milwaukee Jewish organizations in memory of the late Sol E. Abrams, who died last June. Mr. Abrams, who had been vice-president and general manager of Schlitz at the time of his retirement in 1961, had been associated with the brewery for almost 70 years.

Recipients of the memorial gifts are Mount Sinai Hospital, which received \$25,000; the Milwaukee Jewish Welfare Fund, which received \$15,000; and the B'nai B'rith, which received \$10,000. Mr. Abrams' chief communal interest was Mount Sinai Hospital, where he had been a member of the board of directors for 25 years.

Melvin S. Zaret, executive vice-president of the Milwaukee Jewish Welfare Fund, said that his organization would benefit by all three of the Schlitz gifts. "Both Mount Sinai Hospital and the B'nai B'rith are working partners of the Welfare Fund, which is the Jewish community's central planning and fund-raising instrument," Mr. Zaret said.

# MOSES FEINSTEIN, LEADING AMERICAN HEBREW POET, DIES IN TEL AVIV; WAS 67

TEL AVIV, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- Moses Feinstein, a leading American Hebrew poet and educator, died here yesterday at the age of 67. He was a co-founder of the Herzliah Hebrew Teachers Institute of New York and had been dean since 1921.

He served as director of a Jewish Agency education and culture department seminar in Jerusalem in 1953 and had been a member of the board of licensing of the Jewish Education Committee of New York since 1953.