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SEE SETBACK AT VATICAN FOR ADVOCATES OF STRONG STATEMENT ON JEWS

ROME, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- A major conflict between liberal and conservative elements in the Roman Catholic hierarchy was expected today to result in a complete redrafting of the proposed declaration on Church relations with the Jews now being considered by the Vatican Ecumenical Council. Some observers expressed concern that the determined efforts of the liberal forces, as represented by the American prelates, in obtaining a declaration completely repudiating the age-old charge of deicide against the Jewish people, past and present, and condemning anti-Semitism, would be offset by the increased strength of the conservative wing, buttressed by strong pressure from the Arab states.

According to reports in Vatican circles today, redrafting of the declaration, until now in the hands of the Secretariat for the Promotion of Christian Unity headed by Augustin Cardinal Bea, will be transferred to a mixed commission composed of members of the Secretariat and of the Council's theological commission in which the conservative wing is strongly represented.

The declaration itself, according to unofficial sources, will no longer be considered as a separate document associated with the schema on ecumenism, but will be incorporated into Chapter III of the schema, "Of the Church," (De Ecclesia). When the Jewish declaration was first introduced in the second session of the Council, it was part of the schema on ecumenism, as was the declaration on religious liberty. When the Council failed to act on the declaration at the second session, the decision was made to issue it as a separate document attached to the schema on ecumenism.

Original Declaration Watered Down; Emphasis Shifted

Between the second and present meetings of the Council, the draft declaration went through several revisions, the effect of which was to water down the rejection of the deicide charge and to shift the document's emphasis from absolving the Jews of those ancient charges to the hope for their conversion. American and European prelates headed by Richard Cardinal Cushing called for the return to the original spirit of the declaration. More than 70 amendments offered during the Council debate last month were worked into a new draft by Cardinal Bea's Secretariat for resubmission to the Council.

A member of the United States panel of bishops expressed the belief today that the statement absolving the Jews of deicide would gain in strength and authority by inclusion in the framework of the most important schema, as would inclusion of the Church's condemnation of persecution. Inclusion of these points in the schema, he said, would emphasize that relations between the Church and the Jews were essentially theological and thus differed from relations between the Church and any other religion.

Critics of the new move argued today that by taking the declaration on the Jews out of the hands of Cardinal Bea's Secretariat, no provision was made for the maintenance of Church-Jewish relations after the council session, not even in the purely theological field. Critics also expressed concern that a considerably weakened statement might result from the reported shift of responsibility for the declaration from the Secretariat to the theological commission or a mixed commission. No explanation of why the switch was made was offered today beyond that of an attempt to find the proper location for the declaration. In the past there had been complaints that the declaration did not properly belong in the ecumenism schema and that leaving it attached to that schema as a separate declaration was not a solution.

Eleven Cardinals Express Concern to Pope

The move created something of a commotion in Council circles. The information center of the Latin American bishops reported that 11 cardinals who met last night drafted a memorandum to Pope Paul appealing to him to intervene to secure full respect for the rights of the Council and to permit it to continue its normal work. Among the factors moving the cardinals in this action was their dissatisfaction over the decisions of the coordination commission to transform the declaration on the Jews into a section to be inserted in Chapter II of the schema, De Ecclesia, and to give the task of rewriting the declaration on religious liberty to the mixed commission most of whose members were opposed to it.

TRIAL OF TREBLINKA DEATH CAMP OFFICIALS, GUARDS, OPENS IN DUESSELDORF

DUESSELDORF, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- Ten former SS officers and guards of the notorious Treblinka concentration camp heard the prosecution detail charges today of murder, manslaughter and sadistic cruelty in the opening session of their trial for the slaughter of hundreds of thousands of Jews during the early years of the Second World War.

In the year and a half between February 1942 and November 1943, 300,000 persons, most of them Polish Jews, were put to death at Treblinka, about 50 miles northwest of Warsaw. Some of the inmates participated in an escape attempt in 1942 but most of them were recaptured and put to death.

Chief defendant in the trial is former S. S. lieutenant Karl Hubert Franz, head of the camp's SS guards, whose activities during the period were detailed in the prosecution indictment read to the court.

Franz, who has been under arrest since 1959, was named "Lalka" by the prisoners from the Polish word for "ghoul." He was charged with using his pistol and whip at every opportunity and with compelling prisoners to climb trees so that he could shoot them down to demonstrate his marksmanship. Other prisoners were forced to carry bottles as targets, but his bullets struck them in the head. On one occasion, he shot a dozen Jews because he found one of them wearing a Star of David.

Franz frankly admitted that Treblinka was an extermination camp which was destroyed by the SS troops at the end of 1943 when all remaining inmates were killed and the camp was replaced by a large farmhouse to hide any trace of its notorious past.

The court, composed of three judges headed by Dr. Gottfried and a six-member jury including one woman, decided to meet three times a week--on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays--until the end of January to hear the testimony which will include 85 prosecution witnesses.

ERHARD, GOLDMANN DISCUSS RESTITUTION CLAIMS OF EAST EUROPEAN REFUGEES

BERLIN, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- Chancellor Ludwig Erhard met here with Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, for a discussion of problems related to indemnification claims.

Dr. Goldmann, who was accompanied by Dr. Ernst Katzenstein, conference representative in Germany, raised questions in connection with the recently enacted amendment to the West German Restitution Law dealing with victims of Nazi persecution who came from countries behind the Iron Curtain after the October 1953 cutoff date, too late to file their claims.

PERONISTS REPUDIATE ANTI-JEWISH INCITEMENT IN ARGENTINA

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- The Argentine "Justicialist" (neo-Peronist) movement categorically repudiated today recent attempts to foment anti-Semitism in Argentina.

A delegation of "Justicialist" leaders called on the leaders of the DAIA, representative organization of Argentine Jewry, and expressed their conviction of the necessity to extirpate prejudice and discrimination from Argentine life. During the meeting, ideas were exchanged on the means to deal with attempts to create artificially an anti-Jewish atmosphere in the country.

BRITISH NAZIS USE NATIONAL ELECTIONS FOR ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA

LONDON, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- Britain's neo-Nazi organizations have intensified their anti-Jewish hate campaign in recent weeks in connection with the nationwide election campaign currently in its final stage.

One of the posters used by the National Socialist Movement calling on the electorate not to vote for any of the parties, asserts that "all the old parties of democracy--whether Tory, Labor or Liberal--stand for the right of Jews to occupy our land and control our affairs."

NEW YORK RABBIS ASK CLEMENCY FOR RUSSIAN JEW FACING DEATH SENTENCE

NEW YORK, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- The New York Board of Rabbis asked the Soviet Government today to extend clemency to Arkady Grinberg, a Russian Jew who was sentenced to death in Moscow last May for alleged "economic crimes." Although the Moscow Supreme Court recently granted Grinberg's appeal against the death sentence, it is now up to President Anastas Mikoyan to approve the court's decision.

Grinberg was first arrested two years ago and charged with "consorting with Israelis" and involvement in economic crimes. The first charge was dropped at the end of 1963 but he was convicted as an economic offender last May. Grinberg is 50 years old and is a member of Moscow's Central Synagogue. In its plea for clemency which was voiced in the form of a telegram to the Soviet Ambassador, Anatoly F. Dobrynin, the Board of Rabbis said: "We do not presume to pass judgment on his innocence or guilt. We ask for compassion as a merciful and humanitarian act."

ARABS SCORE PROPAGANDA VICTORY AT CONFERENCE OF 'NON-ALIGNED' STATES

JERUSALEM, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- The anti-Israel resolution adopted this weekend at the conference of the so-called non-aligned nations in Cairo was seen here today as an Arab propaganda victory but without significant political implications.

At the conference, President Nasser of Egypt, heading the 13-nation Arab bloc, won a strong endorsement for the "full restoration of all rights of the Arab people of Palestine to their homeland" and a declaration of support for their "struggle for liberation from colonialism and racism." Nasser failed, however, to get a reaffirmation of the United Nations resolution providing for the compensation of the Palestine refugees or their repatriation. The Arab states interpret that resolution as giving the refugees the choice of returning or taking compensation.

An Israel Foreign Ministry spokesman pointed out today that at least 11 nations at the conference had resisted the anti-Israel moves. Most of the nations which were willing to condemn Israel, he noted, had done so also at past conferences with the exception of President Makarios of Cyprus who has now changed his position as a result of Nasser's aid and Israel's neutrality in the Cyprus dispute.

He noted, on the other hand, that Ceylon and Nigeria were among those resisting the resolution thus indicating a change in their position.

It was felt here that the resolution will not affect Israel's good relations with many non-aligned nations in Africa and Asia and that it would not cause a change in Israel's expanding relations in Africa and Asia nor in the lineup at the United Nations regarding issues involving Israel.

The fact that the conference was held in Cairo and dominated by Egyptian officials, coupled with the participation this time of 13 Arab states which viewed an anti-Israel resolution as the major aim of the meeting was seen as the determining factor behind the Arab success. The spokesman also stressed that the conference's secretary-general had announced that the resolutions adopted were not binding on the participants and that some of the delegations expressed reservations.

140 MEMBERS OF U.J.A. STUDY MISSION BEGIN WORKING SESSIONS IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- One hundred and forty leaders of the United Jewish Appeal arrived here last night on the 10th study mission which will include 12 days of tours and working sessions in Israel. Before their arrival here, subgroups of the mission visited various other countries where they surveyed Jewish refugee and welfare needs. The opening session today was devoted to activities of the Joint Distribution Committee marking its 50th anniversary. Edward W. W. Warburg, UJA honorary president and president of the JDC, presided at the meeting. The mission will lay the groundwork for the 27th annual campaign of the UJA in the United States.

Israeli newspapers issued special supplements today in honor of the UJA mission and JDC work, recalling that it was for the relief of the small Jewish population of Palestine at the outbreak of the First World War that the JDC came into being.

Among the mission members who arrived last night were 12 Jewish leaders who had spent five days in Italy surveying Jewish welfare and refugee needs. They met with U.S. Ambassador G. Frederick Reinhardt, Israeli Ambassador Maurice Fischer and leaders of the Italian Jewish community.

PEC LEADERS ANNOUNCE FIVE-YEAR \$40 MILLION INVESTMENT PROGRAM

TEL AVIV, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- The PEC-Israel Economic Corporation is planning new investments in Israel totaling \$30-40,000,000 over the next five years, Joseph Meyerhoff, PEC chairman, and John Furman, president, disclosed today, following a meeting of the PEC executive committee, its first in Israel.

The major portion of the investments will be in Israel's chemical, petrochemical and pharmaceutical industries as well as for expanding existing industrial, tourist and shipping projects in which PEC is the main shareholder and investor.

Middle East and Israel News Briefs

LONDON, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- The Jordanian Council of Ministers added 50 companies in more than a dozen countries to the list of firms blacklisted for trading with Israel in line with the Arab boycott program, it was reported here today from Amman.

JERUSALEM, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- The Cabinet meeting on Sunday discussed the recent attacks from Syrian positions on Israel's northern border settlements. Prime Minister Eshkol stressed that the attacks were directed against Israeli farmers in indisputably Israeli territory.

JERUSALEM, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- The Ministerial Economic Committee will meet tomorrow with Prime Minister Levi Eshkol to consider means of dealing with the increasing threat of inflation which is causing a deterioration in Israel's balance of trade. David Horowitz, Governor of the Bank of Israel, warned last week against the implications of this developing trend.

CANADIAN JEWISH LEADERS TO CONFER WITH PRIME MINISTER PEARSON

MONTREAL, Oct. 12; (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish community's mounting concern over the distribution of anti-Semitic hate literature and other racial, religious and ethnic incitement activities will be a principal subject of discussion when Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson and members of his Cabinet meet next week with a delegation representing the Canadian Jewish Congress and the United Zionist Council.

The meeting between the Government leaders and the spokesmen of the Jewish community is an annual affair and usually precedes the opening of the United Nations General Assembly. The Canadian Jewish Chronicle reported that a number of questions likely to arise at the United Nations will be on the agenda of the Ottawa meeting. Among subjects for discussion with Mr. Pearson and his associates will be Arab threats to Israel over its water project; expiration of the West German statute of limitations on war crimes, and the difficulties interposed in the emigration of the remaining Jews of Iraq;

With regard to concern by Canadian Jews over racist activity, the Canadian Government has been studying the possibility of bringing some of the known malefactors to trial as a test case under existing legislation. This, however, does not satisfy Jewish leaders who are convinced that existing law is inadequate to halt racist activities;

According to the Canadian Jewish Chronicle, the Canadian Jewish Congress will seek the cooperation of other organizations in obtaining government action if the meeting with the Prime Minister fails to move the government to enact the needed legislation;

Winnipeg Bar Group Asks Ottawa for Legislation Outlawing Hate Literature

WINNIPEG, Oct. 12; (JTA) -- The Manitoba Bar Association has called on the Canadian Government to enact legislation to halt the dissemination of hate literature throughout the country. In a resolution adopted by the Association's Council, the Government was urged "forthwith to take all appropriate steps to amend the Criminal Code of Canada and all other relevant statutes to prohibit the dissemination of 'hate literature' and effectively to bring its disseminators to justice."

TO PASS ON ABSENTEE VOTE WHEN ELECTIONS, JEWISH HOLIDAYS CONFLICT

HARTFORD, Conn., Oct. 12. (JTA) -- An amendment to the State Constitution permitting the use of absentee ballots when election days fall on a religious holiday will be put before Connecticut voters on Election Day, November 3, climaxing a drive by Jewish leaders throughout the state who had called for the change after a number of local elections had been held on Jewish holidays.

Twice within the past five years, a number of Jewish voters in Connecticut were disenfranchised when city elections were held on Jewish holidays. The proposed amendment would permit voting by absentee ballot on Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkos, Passover and Shevuot;

STEVENSON, DAROFF BROTHERS, TO RECEIVE STEPHEN WISE AWARDS

NEW YORK, Oct. 12; (JTA) -- Adlai E. Stevenson, United States Ambassador to the United Nations, and the Daroff brothers of Philadelphia--Joseph A., Samuel, H; and Michael--prominent businessmen and philanthropists, have been named to receive the 1964 Stephen S. Wise Awards of the American Jewish Congress.

The bronze medallions, which will be presented at a dinner on Oct. 25, cite Mr. Stevenson for his contribution in "advancing human freedom." The Daroff brothers will be honored for "strengthening Jewish life." The awards are named for the late Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, founder and longtime president of the American Jewish Congress.

MRS. ESHKOL, IN DEBUT HERE FOR BONDS, HAILS ISRAEL'S PROGRESS

NEW YORK, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- Mrs. Levi Eshkol, wife of Israel's Premier, stressed the need today to continue the development of Israel's economy. Speaking before 500 Jewish women communal leaders at the Israel Bonds Annual Eleanor Roosevelt Award Luncheon, Mrs. Eshkol opened the autumn Israel Bonds campaign with these words:

"We take pride in our growing economic stability and look forward to your continued aid in assuring the success of our economic plans and projects. But at the same time we are also concerned with the cultural and spiritual development of Israel as a center of Jewish life and our progress as a young nation that can make its proper contribution to the peace and welfare of all mankind."

Her speech at today's luncheon marked Mrs. Eshkol's debut as a public speaker in this country. She is scheduled to speak in several cities on behalf of the bonds organization.

NUSSBAUM, SHERMAN TO HEAD AMERICAN SECTION OF WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS

NEW YORK, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- Rabbi Max Nussbaum, president of the Zionist Organization of America, has been elected chairman of the American Section of the World Jewish Congress. C. Bezalel Sherman was named chairman of the section's administrative committee. The most recent organization to join the American section of the Congress is the B'nai Zion fraternal order. Thirteen organizations are now affiliated with the section.