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VATICAN DECLARATION ABSOLVES JEWS OF DEICIDE; CONDEMNS ANTI-SEMITISM

ROME, Nov. 18; (JTA) - The text of a Catholic Church declaration which unequivocally absolves the Jews of all times--whether in the era of Jesus or in later days--from the ancient charge of deicide was distributed today to the 2,500 prelates attending the third session of the Ecumenical Council at the Vatican. Preliminary voting on the text is due Friday;

The new text is deemed to mark a victory for Augustin Cardinal Bea, president of the Secretariat for the Promotion of Christian Unity, and for the other liberal factions of the Council, among whom the American Cardinalate played a major role during earlier debates on the issue.

The document reaffirms the principle that Christianity's roots and the roots of the founders of the Church, including Jesus, Mary and the Apostles, were based on their Jewishness and on the Old Testament. The declaration is also forthright on the issue of anti-Semitism, and condemns hatred and persecution of Jews "in former times and in our own days."

The document, entitled "Declaration on Relations of the Catholic Church to Non-Christian Religions," consists of an introduction, a statement concerning various non-Christian religions, a section dealing with Moslems, and finally a 1,200-word portion dealing with the Jewish people. An official summary distributed by the Vatican gave the vital portions of the text on the Jews as follows:

Official Summary of Text Submitted to Ecumenical Council

"The Council searches into the mystery of the Church: The Church of Christ gratefully acknowledges that, according to God's fervent desire, the beginning of her faith and her religion were already present among the Patriarchs, Moses and the Prophets; The Church cannot forget that she received the revelation of the Old Testament from the people with whom God in His mercy concluded the former Covenant;

"The Church believes that, by His death, Christ reconciled Jews and Gentiles, making both one; The Church keeps in mind what St. Paul says about his kinsmen: 'Theirs is the Sonship and the glory, the Covenant and the giving of the Law, the worship and the promises; Theirs are the Patriarchs, and of them is the Christ according to the flesh; The Son; the Virgin Mary, the Apostles as well as most of the early disciples sprang from the Jewish people.'

"Even though a large part of the Jews did not accept the Gospels, they remain dear to God for the sake of the Patriarchs; God's gifts and call are irrevocable;

"The Church awaits that day, known to God alone, on which 'all people will address the Lord in a single voice and serve Him shoulder to shoulder.' This spiritual patrimony, common to Christians and Jews, is very rich. Thus, the Council supports and recommends the mutual knowledge and respect for the truth, above all of Biblical and theological studies as well as of fraternal dialogue;

"The Church, in her rejection of any injustice, is mindful of this common patrimony between Christians and Jews; Thus, the Council deplores and condemns the hatred and persecution of Jews, whether they arose in former times or in our own day; Nothing in the catechetical work of preaching should teach anything that could give rise to hatred or contempt for Jews in the hearts of Christians.

"The Jewish people should never be presented as one rejected, cursed or guilty of deicide; What happened to Christ in His passion cannot be attributed to the whole people then alive, much less to those of today; Besides, the Church held and holds that Christ underwent His passion in death freely because of the sins of all men and out of infinite love; Christian preaching proclaims the Cross of Christ as the sign of God's all-embracing love and as the fountain from which every grace flows."

New Text Is Considered Much Stronger Than Previous Drafts

In general, it was pointed out here, the new text is not only much stronger than the second draft circulated among the conciliary fathers last summer, but even smoother than the first version-presented by Cardinal Bea at the Council's first session--but

never brought to debate. The revision seems to absorb thoroughly all the positive requests for improvements voiced here by the most influential prelates in lengthy debates held at the end of September, when five United States cardinals played a major role on the side of a liberal text, clearly absolving the Jews of the deicide charge.

The second draft, circulated last summer, had been interpreted by many Jews, and by non-Jews as well, as calling upon the Jews to convert to Christianity. This attitude is avoided in the text circulated today. Instead, it seems to point out that the hope of reunion between Christians and Jews is implicit in the Jewish faith itself.

At the daily press panel conducted by the American bishops, it was pointed out today that the order of the sections of this declaration--putting the non-Christians and especially the Moslems first, before the Jewish issue--is one of method only, and had been proposed during the debates last September:

After the debate on Friday, it is still possible that, whatever amendments or reservations may be made from the floor, could be coordinated with today's draft, and brought for a final vote before the Council on its closing day, this Saturday. If there should be no such final vote Saturday, the declaration would be held up for final action and subsequent promulgation until 1966.

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT DEPORTS TWO EGYPTIAN DIPLOMATS FOR ABDUCTION

ROME, Nov. 18; (JTA) -- The Italian Government today ordered the expulsion from the country of two Egyptian diplomats who were arrested yesterday when they attempted to smuggle aboard an Egyptian airliner a drugged man--reportedly an Israeli citizen--who was bound and gagged inside a specially fitted trunk. The diplomats were identified as Abdel Neklawi and Selim Osman el Sajed, secretaries at the Egyptian Embassy.

The trunk, bearing labels describing it as "diplomatic luggage," had passed through customs and was waiting to be loaded aboard a Cairo-bound Egyptian airliner when a customs guard heard faint cries coming from inside the trunk. One of the Egyptians tried to explain that the sounds were coming from a musical instrument inside the trunk but the alert Italian guard stationed a colleague near the case and went to summon police.

The two Egyptians quickly loaded the trunk aboard a waiting truck and began speeding away from the airport but were overtaken by police a short distance away. They were released when they were found to have diplomatic passports.

The man in the trunk, who was barely conscious when police opened it, said his name was Joseph Dahan and that he was an Israeli citizen. He said he had worked as an interpreter for many years at the Moroccan and Egyptian embassies in Rome. The Israeli embassy said it had no record of him.

He told police that he had met with the Egyptian officials who drugged him and placed him in the trunk after binding and gagging him. The trunk was fitted with shackles and airport personnel said that it had shown signs of having been used before to transport victims. Dahan was being held today under police guard to protect him from further possible Egyptian attempts to abduct him.

KOLLEK ASKS ESHKOL TO RELIEVE HIM FROM POST IN PREMIER'S OFFICE

JERUSALEM, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- Theodore Kollek, for many years director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, today asked Premier Levi Eshkol to relieve him from his duties, to enable him to devote full time to the completion of the National Museum in Jerusalem, which is due to open in May of next year.

In a letter to Premier Eshkol, Mr. Kollek said that he would continue to deal with tourism, and would remain at the Premier's disposal for any special task which he may be requested to perform.

KNESSET REJECTS MOTIONS TO DEBATE GERMANY'S DECISION ON NAZIS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- The Knesset, Israel's Parliament, today rejected separate motions introduced by Herut, Mapam, the Liberal Party and the Communists, calling for general debate on the announcement last week by the West German Government that it would not extend beyond the May 8, 1965 cutoff date the Statute of Limitations for Nazi war crimes. The House then decided unanimously to refer the matter to the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee.

U. N. SECRETARY-GENERAL SEEKS LARGER STAFF ON ISRAEL-ARAB BORDERS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 18. (JTA) -- Secretary-General U Thant today asked the next General Assembly -convening December 1--to authorize an increase of 26 more men for service with the 124-man United Nations Truce Supervision Organization. UNTSO supervises the armistice agreements between Israel on the one hand and Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon on the other.

He requested also money for purchase of 22 new motor vehicles needed by UNTSO. He said the total new costs would amount to \$270,700, thus increasing his previously estimated UNTSO budget to a total of \$1,885,700.

SHARETT GIVES VIEWS ON ZIONIST MOVEMENT; OPPOSES ABOLITION OF PARTIES

JERUSALEM, Nov. 18; (JTA) -- Moshe Sharett, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, said here today that, while he agreed with the desire of Dr. Nahum Goldmann, World Zionist Organization president, to broaden the scope of the Zionist movement, he does not feel that this should be done by abolishing Zionist parties.

Mr. Sharett, a former Israeli Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, told a press conference here that the movement should not be monopolized by parties, and individual groups should be able to become active in it without having to join a specific party. On another matter, and noting that he was speaking in a personal capacity, Mr. Sharett decried the rigidity applied by the Israeli Rabbinate in personal status rulings. He said it was essential that marriages performed abroad by Conservative and Reform rabbis be recognized here.

MRS. HALPRIN REPORTS ON PLANS OF ZIONIST CONGRESS; CHANGES PROJECTED

NEW YORK, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- Steps toward the broadening of the Jewish Agency for Israel, and the strengthening of the commitment to Judaism and Israel of Jews in the Diaspora, will be foremost items on the agenda of the 26th World Zionist Congress, to convene in Jerusalem on December 30, according to Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, chairman of the Jewish Agency-American Section.

Mrs. Halprin, who has just returned from Israel, where she attended meetings of the plenary session of the Jewish Agency executive that made plans for the forthcoming Zionist Congress, made these statements in a report to about 40 American members of the Actions Committee of the World Zionist Organization at a meeting today at the Jewish Agency. She said there are at least four programmatic and structural changes being projected. These are:

"1. Problems of the Jewish community outside of Israel will be a major concern of the Zionist Congress, the first time in history that it has been so orientated; The adoption of a comprehensive program of combatting the trend toward assimilation through more intensive education and a deeper commitment to Jewish survival and Israel will be the goal of a program designed to deepen the dedication to Judaism of millions of Jews throughout the world.

"2. The structure of world Zionist organizations--the World Zionist Organization, the Jewish Agency and the Actions Committee--will be broadened so as to include interested Jewish leaders who accept the Zionist program but who are not affiliated with any particular Zionist group. This, it is felt, will strengthen the Zionist movement by enlarging its influence.

"3. The greater participation of youth, both through affiliated Zionist groups and through general Jewish youth groups, will be sought. A first step will be the participation of at least 70 young people as full-fledged participants in the Zionist Congress.

"4. Organized national Jewish groups, Kehillot, etc., will be officially represented at the 26th Zionist Congress, in addition to representatives of the Zionist groupings. This also will be another step toward broadening the base of Congress."

In all, Mrs. Halprin said, 650 delegates will attend the 26th Zionist Congress, of whom 29 percent will be from the United States, 38 percent from Israel, and the remaining 33 percent from other countries of the Diaspora. A budget of 340,000,000 Israeli pounds, a little over \$113,000,000, will be submitted to the Congress. The budget has already been approved by the Jewish Agency executive for the 1965-66 year.

FEDERATION OF TEMPLE BROTHERHOODS DISCUSSES INTERMARRIAGE PROBLEM

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 18; (JTA) -- An appeal to the Reform movement to "pay primary attention" to the 300,000 Jewish college students in this country on the issue of the danger of intermarriage was voiced here by Rabbi Joel Y. Zion, of Lawrence, N. Y. He was one of the principal speakers at a meeting of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods here.

"Intermarriage among Jews," he said, "is one of the fastest ways toward the destruction of Judaism," "That trend," he warned, is "the greatest single area of concern on the college campuses, where intermarriage has caused disinterest and lack of involvement in Jewish life."

JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN ARGENTINA MARK ANNIVERSARY OF YIDDISH DAILY

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- The seventh convention of the Argentine Federation of Jewish communities concluded here today with a special gala meeting marking the 50th anniversary of the Yiddishe Zeitung, a daily newspaper published in this city.

Mark Turkow, Latin American representative of the World Jewish Congress, traced the development of Argentine Jewry in the last 75 years, stressing the role of the Yiddishe Zeitung and the paper's founder, Matias Stoliar. Leon Dujovne, editorial writer of the paper, told the gathering that the paper served as a bridge between Argentine and world Jewry. Other speakers included Dr. Isaac Goldenberg, president of DAIA, the central organization of Argentine Jewry; and Abba Geffen, Israel's charge d'affaires here.

ONTARIO ATTORNEY GENERAL POWERLESS TO BAN MAILING OF HATE LITERATURE

TORONTO, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- Attorney General Arthur Wishart today declared that the Canadian Province of Ontario is powerless under law to stem the mailing of hate literature in the province. He said that his department has examined every example of such literature brought to its notice in the past year, and found no case in which it could prosecute with any reasonable hope of success.

The attorney general made the statement as he thumbed through a two-inch pile of pamphlets and letters, mainly attacking Jews, Negroes and persons labeled Communists. They included material cursing Jews and threatening to exterminate the whole Jewish race, and an attack on Abraham Feinberg, rabbi emeritus at Holy Blossom Temple, written by a 20-year-old Scarborough youth, David Stanley. The writers of such literature, the attorney general said in an interview, undoubtedly are aware that they cannot be touched by the law.

Ontario was willing and anxious to initiate prosecutions that could be successful, Mr. Wishart said. However, he pointed out that he could see no way in which the province could bring in its own legislation to stop the hatemongers. Although it was felt that the existing hate literature was not obscene within the meaning of the Criminal Code, he viewed it as criminal in its intent, in that it was "obscene, in my thinking, dirty."

DEFEATED REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE APOLOGIZES TO MEMPHIS JEWS FOR SLUR

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Nov. 18. (JTA) -- The defeated Republican candidate here for the U. S. House of Representatives, who issued a post-election statement against which many Jews here had protested, today apologized to the Jewish community and asked local Jews "and all others who may have been offended to forgive me."

The unsuccessful candidate, Robert B. James, sent his apology to the Hebrew Watchman, local Jewish weekly, whose editor reported he had received protests against Mr. James' post-election statement from "many irate Jewish citizens."

In his statement, after the national elections, Mr. James had said that he had received "an overwhelmingly high percentage of the votes of the respectable people in the community." He had also stated: "I had hoped against hope that the Jewish group would see things my way. I am a businessman; They are businessmen. Apparently I didn't succeed; I am amazed that I couldn't. If ever there was a group that should be conservative, they should."

In reply to that statement, James E. Irwin, the county Democratic chairman here, said: "Mr. James' reference to the Jewish vote and respectable voters is the most bigoted statement I have ever heard from a major candidate." Mr. James telephoned the editor of The Hebrew Watchman and apologized for his statement, then wrote a letter of apology printed in the Jewish weekly.

JAMES N. ROSENBERG, JEWISH LEADER, OBSERVES 90TH BIRTHDAY TOMORROW

NEW YORK, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- James N. Rosenberg, honorary chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, and distinguished leader in Jewish and communal affairs, will celebrate his 90th birthday this Friday. The Association of the Bar of the City of New York, of which he has been a member for 63 years, today sent a letter to his friends suggesting public recognition of this event.

The letter, signed by four eminent lawyers--Arthur H. Dean, Orison S. Marden, John J. McCloy and Samuel I. Rosenman--urges members to pay tribute to Mr. Rosenberg on the occasion of his birthday by contributing to the Hammarskjold Forums of the Bar Association, which were established by him after the death of Dag Hammarskjold, the late United Nations Secretary-General. The initial financing of the Forums to serve the cause of world peace through law was contributed by Mr. Rosenberg, and the first Forum was inaugurated by Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson in 1962.

RABBI CHAIM KATZ, PRESIDENT OF FAMED TELSHE YESHIVA, DEAD; WAS 70

CLEVELAND, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- Rabbi Chaim H. M. Katz, president of the famed Telshe Yeshiva here died yesterday at the age of 70. Rabbi Katz, together with his brother-in-law, Rabbi E. M. Bloch, established the yeshiva in Cleveland in 1941, after the original Telshe Yeshiva in Lithuania was destroyed by the Nazis. Some 400 students are now enrolled in the Yeshiva.

WILLIAM HORDES, DETROIT ZIONIST LEADER, DEAD; WAS ACTIVE IN COMMUNITY

DETROIT, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here today for William Hordes, one of Detroit's most distinguished Zionists, who died here at the age of 71. Born in Russia, Mr. Hordes came to the United States in 1914, and was active in the Labor Zionist movement. He was honorary president of the Detroit Jewish National Fund, and a former secretary of the Jewish Community Council of Detroit.