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### ISRAEL TO APPEAR TODAY BEFORE 'GROUP OF 77' AT UNITED NATIONS

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- Israel was seen here today as having won a very significant victory against persistent Arab efforts to isolate it politically, when it became known that Israel will be officially invited tomorrow to address a meeting of the "Group of 77."

The group, made up of Latin American, Asian and African blocs, is the newest and largest aggregation of UN member states, interested primarily in advancing the needs of underdeveloped countries.

At last month's meetings of the "Group of 77," presided over by Amjad Ali, of Pakistan, Israel was denied the opportunity to press its contention that it belongs in the group. Ambassador Michael S. Comay, Israel's permanent representative here, was shouted down by Arab delegates, while Mr. Ali sat silent, refusing to recognize Mr. Comay. Tomorrow's meeting has been summoned by a new chairman, Francisco Cuevas Cancino, of Mexico.

In summoning the session, the Mexican notified all members --including the Arabs-- that he will "invite the representative of Israel to take part in the debate on the first item on the agenda." That item concerns Israel's contention that it rightfully belongs inside the "Group of 77."

### DR. GOLDMANN PRAISES STATEMENT ON JEWS BY THE ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

LONDON, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, expressed satisfaction here today on the adoption by the Ecumenical Council of the statement absolving the Jews of guilt for the crucifixion of Jesus.

Addressing a press conference, Dr. Goldmann praised the document for its clear and unequivocal contents, and hailed the fact that a vote was finally taken on it. He also noted that the majority was such that one could hardly expect any significant amendments to the document when it comes to a final vote.

Dr. Goldmann said that he shared the view of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik, of Boston, that it was not necessary for various Jewish groups and individuals to try to exert pressure in Rome on this matter, and that there was no room for a theological dialogue between the Roman Catholic Church and the Jews. But this did not mean, he said, nor did Dr. Soloveitchik intend it to mean, that the political and practical aspects should not have been mentioned or discussed between responsible Jewish leaders and those responsible for Vatican policy.

The Jewish leader announced that he would be going to Bonn and Berlin toward the end of the month for meetings with West German Chancellor Ludwig Erhard and with other German leaders, including Berlin Mayor Willy Brandt. He said he would discuss problems of indemnification and the statute of limitations for Nazi war criminals, and possibly also the question of West German scientists working on Egyptian arms development.

### Chief Rabbi of Israel Welcomes Ecumenical Council Statement

JERUSALEM, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- Rabbi Isser Unterman, chief Ashkenazic Rabbi of Israel, today "warmly welcomed" the action of the Ecumenical Council, which adopted on first reading a declaration absolving the Jews of special blame for the crucifixion of Jesus and condemning anti-Semitism.

"The fact that the great Catholic Church has come to the conclusion that its attitude toward the Jewish people needs revision is warmly welcomed by us," he stated. He also expressed the hope that the Church will "view sympathetically the growth of the State of Israel as a historical event which, in our firm belief, is a fulfillment of the Divine promise mentioned in Holy Writ."

On the other hand, Sephardic Chief Rabbi Itzhak Nissim declined to issue a statement about the Ecumenical Council's action on the declaration concerning relations between the Catholic Church and the Jewish people. Until such a declaration is promulgated by the Vatican as part of church dogma, said Rabbi Nissim's office, the document must be considered only as an internal affair of the Catholic Church.

### ISRAEL PREMIER CONFIRMS PLANS TO MEET WITH GERMAN CHANCELLOR

JERUSALEM, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol confirmed plans today to meet with West German Chancellor Ludwig Erhard in the near future. He said, however, that no date or place have as yet been fixed.

At the Cabinet meeting yesterday, the Premier discussed the text of Mr. Erhard's reply to his letter. While no details were disclosed, it was understood to deal mainly with the issue of West German scientists working in Egypt.

### U. S. JEWISH GROUPS PROTEST BONN DECISION TO END PROSECUTION OF NAZIS

NEW YORK, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- Presidents of 18 major Jewish organizations in the United States joined today in a sharp protest to the German Government over the Bonn Government's decision not to extend the statute of limitations for prosecution of major war criminals, and against Bonn's failure to withdraw German scientists at work in Egypt on weapons of mass destruction to be aimed ultimately at Israel.

The protest was sent to Dr. Gerhard Schroeder, the German Foreign Minister, who arrived in Washington today for official talks with leaders of the United States Administration; A special meeting of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, this weekend, under the chairmanship of Label A. Katz, adopted the joint statement.

"We are appalled," the statement declared, "by the recent announcement of West Germany's refusal to extend the present statute of limitations for war crimes prosecution." The statement pointed out that other governments, including Belgium, East Germany, Poland and the Soviet Union, "have acted to abolish such bars to prosecution within their own jurisdiction." "Obviously," the Jewish organizations continued, "the failure to extend the statute of limitations 'can have as its only effect the immunization from prosecution of war criminals whose identity will be disclosed in the future.'"

"Similarly," the statement declared, "we cannot understand the inability of the Bundestag (lower house of West Germany's Parliament) to prevent continued participation of German scientists and other technicians in developing sophisticated armaments for the United Arab Republic in Cairo. Apparently, the West German Government is unwilling publicly to acknowledge the possibility that Egypt is planning a war of aggression against Israel. Instead, West Germany would rather continue to risk Israel's security than alienate Arab business firms."

Concluding the joint statement, the organization informed the German Foreign Minister: "We believe the German people owe a special, and as yet unredeemed, obligation both to history and to those who survived the Nazi holocaust. For all of its industrial might and political influence, West Germany cannot lay claim to a genuine rebirth in the postwar period until it has demonstrated its clear understanding of this obligation and its readiness to discharge it. The evident reluctance of German spokesmen to act in these areas of Jewish concern do not enhance our confidence in the sincerity or genuineness of current effort toward this end."

### Austria Considers Extension of Term for Prosecution of Nazis

VIENNA, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- Austrian Justice Minister Christian Broda said here today that his Ministry was still considering the question of whether to extend the Austrian statute of limitations for Nazi war crimes beyond the June 29, 1965 cut-off date, and that no decision on the matter had yet been reached.

A delegation representing Austrian Jewish communities, meanwhile, protested to the West German Ambassador here against the Bonn decision retaining that country's May 8, 1965 statute of limitations on major war crimes. In a memorandum submitted to the envoy, the Jewish communities said they were dismayed by the decision.

### Dutch Groups Protest Germany's Decision on Nazi Criminals

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- The Dutch organizations of political prisoners and resistance fighters today protested sharply in letters to West Germany's Chancellor Ludwig Erhard against Bonn's decision not to extend the statute of limitations for the prosecution of major war criminals beyond the present deadline, next May. In the identically worded letters, the organizations told the German Chancellor that failure to prosecute the major war criminals would constitute "dishonor to ten million victims of Nazism."

### Australians Ask Germany to Extend Punishment Term for Nazis

MELBOURNE, Australia, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- Thousands of Australians, including many non-Jews, have signed petitions urging the West German Government and Parliament to enact measures extending the Statute of Limitations for Nazi war criminals of mass murder and genocide. The appeal, initiated by the Association of Jewish Victims of Nazi persecution in Melbourne, was signed by the Victorian Board of Jewish Deputies, the Executive Council of Australian Jewry and leading Australian figures in religious life and in education.

# 'MAN IN TRUNK' KIDNAPED BY EGYPTIANS IN ROME SEEKS RETURN TO ISRAEL

RCME, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- The Israel Embassy announced here today that Mordechai Louk, the man who was rescued by the Italian authorities when Egyptian diplomats tried to smuggle him to Cairo in a trunk, had expressed a wish to return to Israel; The Embassy statement said that Louk had met with an Israeli Consul and had said that he was "ready to submit himself to Israeli law." He also declared he was satisfied with the treatment by Italian police;

In an editorial published in today's Corriere della Sera, the paper said that the Egyptian Government has been practicing for many years "this type of diplomacy;" In Middle Eastern countries, the paper said, Egyptian diplomats, particularly military attaches, have perpetrated all sorts of abuses; "When discovered, they invoke diplomatic immunity and leave; Probably they just change their names and go to another place to continue their trade in some other country."

## CAMP INMATES TESTIFY AGAINST EICHMANN'S AIDE AT VIENNA TRIAL

VIENNA, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- The claim by Franz Novak, former SS officer and transport officer under the late Adolf Eichmann, that he did not know that the Auschwitz concentration camp had been in fact a death factory for the murder of millions of Jews, was disputed today in the court where Novak is being tried on charges of aiding the mass murder of hundreds of thousands of Hungarian Jews;

The witness, who told the court that Novak could not have been ignorant of the fate awaiting Jews at Auschwitz, was Elli Linger, of this city, who had been an inmate at Auschwitz in 1943. He assured the court that "every SS man, from the lowest rank to the highest, knew what happened to Jews at Auschwitz." "It is impossible," he said, "that this man, who transported 4,500,000 people to a place where there was room for only a half million, did not know what happened to the rest."

Another witness, Alexander Brody, who was a member of the Hungarian Council of Jews in 1944, testified that Novak reversed an order from Admiral von Horthy, the Hungarian dictator, who had ordered a trainload of Jews destined for Auschwitz to be brought back to Camp Kistarcsa. Mr. Brody said Novak came to the camp and ordered the train to continue its trip to Auschwitz, despite the von Horthy order. He said also that Novak knew Jews were being gassed at Auschwitz. Novak, however, insisted in the courtroom that he had never been at Camp Kistarcsa.

## CHURCH IN SO. AFRICA OPPOSES ANTI-SEMITISM; INFORMS JEWISH LEADERS

JOHANNESBURG, Nov. 23; (JTA) -- A declaration affirming opposition to anti-Semitism in South Africa, and pledging that the Dutch Reformed Church in this country would never aid anti-Semitism, was made in a letter sent today to the South African Board of Jewish Deputies by the Cape Synod of the church.

The letter was in response to the Board's protest against recent articles in an unofficial church publication, Anticon, which linked South African Jews and world Jewry with Communism. "The Jews of South Africa," stated the synod, "enjoy the freedom which belongs to every citizen in this democratic state, and the Dutch Reformed Church would never support anti-Semitism nor say or do anything which could provide grist for anti-Semites."

The synod also approved the Board's attitude condemning subversion and political violence, and stated that it is requesting the office publishing Anticon to report at an early date on its attitude toward Jews.

## U.A.H.C. SURVEYS ATTITUDE OF REFORM JEWS TOWARD SYNAGOGAL WORSHIP

NEW YORK, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- The results of a survey on the attitudes of members of Reform congregations toward synagogal worship, theology and liturgy--undertaken by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations--were presented here today at a two-day meeting of the UAHC board of trustees. They were not made public. The survey shows the reaction to Sabbath and festival services, and deals with the question whether or not prayer today meets the needs of modern man.

A number of programs being initiated by the UAHC's department of interfaith activities, to follow up the adoption by the Catholic Church's Ecumenical Council of a declaration absolving the Jewish people of decide and condemning anti-Semitism, was announced at the same meeting by Irvin Fane of Kansas City, chairman of the UAHC's board of trustees.

Under the guidance of Rabbi Balfour Brickner, director of the department of interfaith activities, a number of person-to-person dialogues have been arranged between Christians and Jews, said Mr. Fane. In Long Island, he said, representatives of Reform congregations and of the Episcopal Church are discussing the theme of worship and the goals and methods in the respective Reform and Episcopal liturgy. Other confrontations have been scheduled with Protestants and Catholics in Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia and in the southeastern section of the United States.

## CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS DELEGATION PROPOSES CHANGES IN CONSTITUTION

MONTREAL, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress today urged in Quebec City the enshrining of a bill of rights in a new constitution of Canada. Appearing before the Legislative Assembly committee on the Constitution, the CJC also called for repeal of two sections of the British North America Act which require Jews to pay for education but denies Jews "the right to have anything to say about it."

A third proposal called for the introduction of the Quebec Bill of Human Rights that would cover provincial powers such as property and civil rights, thus complementing the federal bill. The Congress delegation included Saul Hayes, Monroe Abbey, and Harold Lande;

## FIFTH JEWISH DEPUTY WINS SEAT IN CANADIAN PARLIAMENT IN BY-ELECTION

TORONTO, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- S. Max Saltsman, 43, won a surprise victory for the New Democratic Party in the Federal by-election in Waterloo-South. He will be the fifth Jewish member in the present Canadian Parliament.

The district, normally Conservative for the past 50 years, has a very small Jewish population. The City of Galt, with adjoining Hespeler and Preston, have 30 Jewish families. Mr. Saltsman is a past United Jewish Appeal chairman for the Galt Jewish community, which is about 80 miles northeast of Toronto.

## SLIGHT RISE REPORTED IN JUVENILE DELINQUENCY AMONG JEWS IN CANADA

MONTREAL, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- The number of Jewish juvenile delinquents convicted of all offenses in Canada has increased from 35 in 1950 to 89 in 1962, according to the results of a study made public here today. The total number of juvenile delinquents in Canada convicted of all offenses rose from 6,418 in 1950 to 16,608 in 1962.

The study was conducted by Louis Rosenberg, research director of the Canadian Jewish Congress. The percentage of Jewish juvenile delinquents among total juvenile delinquents convicted in Canada was two percent in 1931. Jewish children below the age of 16 in Canada formed 2.6 percent of all children within that age group. In 1941, the percentage of Jewish children among convicted juvenile delinquents in Canada was half of one percent, while the percentage of Jewish children among all children of that age group in Canada was 2.2 percent.

## BLAUSTEIN TO RECEIVE THE HERBERT LEHMAN AWARD FROM ISRAEL BONDS

NEW YORK, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- Jacob Blaustein, American Jewish leader, will be given the Herbert Lehman Israel Award at a dinner Dec. 22. The award, a plaque especially designed by a noted sculptor, Chaim Gross, expresses the spirit of friendship and cooperation between America and Israel and the participation of American Jews in the development of Israel through the Israel bond program, of which the late Gov. Lehman was a distinguished supporter and leader.

Simultaneously it was announced today that Mr. Blaustein has been elected by the trustees of Columbia University to serve a three-year term on Columbia's Advisory Council of the School of International Affairs. The Council consists of a distinguished group of individuals interested in and knowledgeable about foreign affairs, and devoted to the cause of furthering international cooperation.

## B. Z. GOLDBERG, WELL-KNOWN JEWISH COLUMNIST, HONORED IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- Tribute to the well-known Jewish journalist and columnist, B. Z. Goldberg, whose column appears daily in The Day-Morning Journal, a Yiddish newspaper published in New York, was paid here last night at a gathering in Park Sheraton Hotel attended by 800 guests, marking the 40th year of his journalistic career.

Principal speakers included Morris Weinberg, publisher of The Day-Morning Journal; D. L. Mekler, editor of the newspaper; Dr. N. Swerdlin, representing the newspaper's editorial staff; Rabbi Louis Finkelstein, chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America; Dr. Meir Rosenne, representing the Government of Israel; Morris J. Laub, of the World Union of Conservative Jewry; Rabbi Joseph Lookstein; and Israel Stolarsky, of Histadrut.

Messages of greetings to Mr. Goldberg and to Mrs. Goldberg--who is a daughter of Sholem Aleichem--were sent by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization; Moshe Sharett, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive; Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik, of Boston; and many other Jewish leaders. S. Radman presided at the gathering.

## RABBI KRAMER ELECTED PRESIDENT OF HEBREW THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

CHICAGO, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- The board of trustees of the Hebrew Theological College here, the largest rabbinical seminary in the Middle West, announced today the election of Rabbi Simon G. Kramer of New York as the new president of the institution. He succeeds Rabbi Oscar Fasman, who is retiring from the post. Rabbi Kramer is a former president of the Synagogue Council of America, and of the New York Board of Rabbis.