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POPE PAUL REVISES PRAYER ON JEWS; LIBERALIZES TEXT ON CONVERSION

ROME, April 1; (JTA) -- The text of a prayer for the conversion of the Jews chanted in Roman Catholic churches on Holy Week was released here yesterday by the Vatican, fully revised. It replaces expressions which could be considered offensive to Jews with expressions friendly to Jews in spirit; however, it does not eliminate the praying for Jews that they eventually "recognize the redeemer of all, our Lord Jesus Christ."

The prayer, revised by Pope Paul VI, was originally entitled "Prayer for the Conversion of the Jews." Its title has now been changed to simply "Prayer for the Jews." The revised prayer becomes effective during the Holy Week of April 11-17. (In New York, a spokesman for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that the revised prayer, having been promulgated by the Vatican, has now become universal practice of the church and is being followed by the church in New York and around the world.) Four years ago, the late Pope John XXIII eliminated from the Good Friday liturgy the words "perfidious Jew."

The old prayer reads: "Prayer for the conversion of the Jews. Let us also pray for the Jews: That our God and Lord would withdraw the veil from their hearts; That they also may acknowledge our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God who drives not away from his memory even the Jews; hear our prayers which we offer for the blindness of that people; that acknowledging the light of your truth, which is Christ, they may be delivered from their darkness."

The revised prayer as released by the Vatican yesterday reads: "Prayer for the Jews. Let us pray for the Jews: Our Lord deign to let your face shine upon them. So that even they may recognize the redeemer of all, our Lord Jesus Christ. O almighty and eternal God who has made his promises to the people of Abraham beloved by God, heed with kindness the prayer of your Church, that those who once were your chosen people will be able to attain the fullness of grace in the redemption."

ISRAEL CONSIDERS STEPS AGAINST SPAIN'S ORDERS BARRING ISRAELI SHIPS

TEL AVIV, April 1, (JTA) -- Israel will take various diplomatic steps in international and maritime organizations if Spain persists in implementing orders to deny harbor facilities to Israeli shipping, it was stated here today. According to reports received here, port authorities in Las Palmas and Barcelona have issued orders which would deny harbor facilities to Israeli shipping.

The Barcelona order, according to officials of Zim Israel Lines at Haifa, read: "As from the 30th of April, no Israeli-flag ship, carrying either passengers or cargo, will be permitted movement in this port because Israel has no diplomatic relations with Spain." An official communique at Las Palmas stated: "As Israel has neither diplomatic relations nor trade or bankers agreement with Spain, no Israeli ship will be permitted to carry out trade transactions in this port."

It was learned that, under Arab pressures, the anti-Israeli policies were about to be put into effect in both ports on March 18, but were postponed after intervention by local Spanish tradesmen dealing with Israel.

At least two steps are open to Israel on this issue, it was said here. Israel and Spain are both members of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, so that Israel would appeal to GATT for intervention on the grounds that Spain is violating the GATT charter. Another course seen here as open to Israel is to point out that Spain's action might jeopardize the Madrid Government's efforts toward a link with the European Market.

BONN ENVOY GOES TO ISRAEL TO COMPLETE TALKS ON DIPLOMATIC TIES

BONN, April 1, (JTA) -- Dr. Kurt Birrenbach, Chancellor Ludwig Erhard's special emissary, who has been in Israel twice and negotiated the agreement by both governments to establish diplomatic relations, will make a third visit to Israel by the end of this week, it was announced officially here today.

U.N. PARLEY IN GENEVA HEARS JEWISH APPEAL AGAINST RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE

GENEVA, April 1. (JTA) -- A strong appeal was made here today to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, now in session here, to adopt a convention for the elimination of religious intolerance that would hit directly at the Soviet Union's denial of full religious rights to Russia's 3,000,000 Jews. The appeal was made by Dr. Maurice L. Perlzweig, director of international affairs for the World Jewish Congress, who addressed the Commission as the representative of a non-governmental organization with consultative status.

Dr. Perlzweig, omitting direct mention of the USSR, insisted that the planned convention provide "unequivocally" for such religious rights as the right to preach one's religion, obtain materials for the observance of dietary and other ritual practices, maintain a national organization representing a religious faith, and participate in the religion's international organizations. All of these rights are at present denied to Jewry in the USSR.

Dr. Perlzweig spoke in reply to a proposal by Poland's representative on the Commission, who had insisted that the specific religious rights be eliminated from the draft convention, leaving the proposed instrument as only a general statement. Dr. Perlzweig told the Commission that an action in accordance with the Polish proposal would make the convention no more meaningful than the general statements already embodied in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other UN documents.

N.C.J.W. Asks for U. S. Intervention for Jews in Soviet Union

NEW YORK, April 1. (JTA) -- One thousand delegates to the biennial convention of the National Council of Jewish Women, concluding their five-day parley here today, adopted a unanimous resolution calling on the United States Government "to use its good offices to intervene on behalf of 3,000,000 Jews in the Soviet Union, so that they too may enjoy those rights which are permitted to all other minorities in the USSR, and may live their lives as Jews without fear."

The resolution expressed the NCJW's "deep concern" over the "cultural and spiritual discrimination" against Soviet Jews, and stated: "As the Passover holidays approach, the National Council of Jewish Women deplores the fact that, once again, the baking and sale of matzon, the traditional and meaningful symbol of freedom for the Jews, is forbidden except in token quantities."

In other resolutions, the women called for the encouragement of the study of Judaism; support of measures designed to preserve the Jewish faith and culture and to secure the rights of Jews everywhere; and pledged support to the "continuing social, educational and cultural upbuilding of Israel." The convention re-elected Mrs. Joseph Willen, of New York, as national president for a second two-year term and adopted a budget for 1955-1966, totaling \$970,000.

Soviet Discrimination Against Jews Attacked in Holland

AMSTERDAM, April 1. (JTA) -- P. J. Kootz, deputy mayor of Amsterdam, and a leader of the Dutch Socialist Party, sharply criticized the Soviet Union today for its anti-Jewish discriminations. He was one of the principal speakers at a special meeting devoted to a discussion of the situation of Jews in the USSR, convened by the Koos Varrink Institute, a foundation of the Socialist Party in this country.

In an address lasting a full hour, Mr. Kootz denounced "discriminations against the Soviet Jewish minority in the fields of religion and culture." He pointed out also that Soviet Jews "have been often made the scapegoats for economic blunders or shortcomings." The conference was attended by 300 representatives of the Dutch Socialist Party, various other Socialist groups and the Dutch trade union movement.

WORLD JEWISH YOUTH CONFERENCE ESTABLISHES PERMANENT CONSULTATIVE BODY

NEW YORK, April 1. (JTA) -- A permanent world Jewish youth consultative committee was organized for the first time today following a four-day meeting here of the World Jewish Youth Planning Conference. Thirty-five leaders of Jewish youth movements throughout the world, with a combined membership of 700,000 in 219 Jewish youth organizations in 42 countries, unanimously set up a World Consultative Committee for Cooperation Among World Jewish Youth.

The new World Consultative Committee will seek to achieve the "strengthening of ties among Jewish youth in the Diaspora and Israel, the promotion of cooperative activities among Jewish youth organizations throughout the world, the development of significant program and educational materials and the providing of new opportunities for the training of Jewish youth leadership."

The organizational structure of the Committee will be set up in terms of regions. Its executive committee, which will meet annually, will be composed of three members from the North American region; two members from the South American region; two members from Israel; two members from the European region; two members representing world Jewish youth movements active in 15 or more countries; and one member from countries presently outside the constituted regions. The Jewish Agency will be represented ex-officio.

JEWISH NEWSPAPER IN SOUTH URGES 'NEW APPROACH' TO NEGRO RIGHTS ISSUE

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 1. (JTA) -- The sentiments of Jews in the South with regard to the question of civil rights for Negroes there are reflected in an editorial published in the Jewish Monitor, the only Jewish newspaper in Alabama, published and edited by Rabbi J. S. Gallinger.

Declaring that "states rights can no longer be maintained on the denial of human rights," an editorial in the Jewish Monitor dealing with latest events in the fight for Negro rights, says: "We urge a new approach. Willingly granting human rights to all, without artificial repression or restraint, is the only way to reaffirm the political rights of the states as parts of our united republic. And it is the only way to public peace."

JEWISH CONGREGATIONS MORE LIBERAL ON ACTION OF RABBIS IN CIVIL RIGHTS

NEW YORK, April 1. (JTA) -- Rabbis, by and large, have not had to face as many difficulties as many of their Christian colleagues with their congregations over the question of active participation in the civil rights movement, according to a survey by the Wall Street Journal.

The paper said that the question of whether a clergyman's duty was to his immediate spiritual flock or whether it included "support for man's rights--particularly civil rights--everywhere" was plaguing an increasing number of churchmen and their congregations. It quoted an official of the National Conference on Race and Religion as saying that clergymen were "growing more liberal while churchgoers are becoming more conservative."

Discussing the situation of the rabbis active in civil rights, the paper reported that "Nelson Glueck, president of Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, New York, Los Angeles, and Jerusalem, asserts that most Jewish congregations are extremely liberal and, if anything, have a 'disproportionately' large involvement in civil rights demonstrations. Some synagogue-goers, however, concede that older members of their congregations, with businesses in Negro neighborhoods, frown on civil rights agitation because they say it spurs Negro vandalism and resentment against white store owners."

MONTREAL JOINT JEWISH CAMPAIGN SETS \$4,515,000 GOAL FOR 1965

MONTREAL, April 1. (JTA) -- A goal of \$4,515,000 for the 1965 Joint Campaign for Combined Jewish Appeal and United Israel Appeal was announced here today by Henry Blatt, general chairman, and Samuel Bronfman, honorary campaign chairman. "This means that we will be seeking to raise at least \$385,000 more than last year," Mr. Bronfman stated, "in order to meet the minimum needs of our many local, national and overseas beneficiaries."

"The Joint Campaign is conducted as a partnership between the Combined Jewish Appeal and United Israel Appeal," Mr. Blatt emphasized. "We support the Jewish Agency for Israel which conducts a large-scale program of rescue of Jews from certain countries and their resettlement in Israel."

The participants in the Combined Jewish Appeal include local and national agencies. National participants are Canadian Jewish Congress, United Jewish Relief Agencies and Jewish Immigrant Aid Services. The United Jewish Relief Agencies is a body sponsored by Canadian Jewish Congress for support of Jewish welfare programs in 27 countries overseas and it also subsidizes aid to Jewish immigrants in Canada through the Jewish Immigrant Aid Services and other agencies.

"I would like to emphasize," Mr. Blatt stated, "that the funds which we do raise for overseas programs are not transmitted in cash. They are rather provided in the form of Canadian credits and supplies so that in this way we are stimulating the export of Canadian goods such as lumber, wheat, etc."

100 TELEVISION STATIONS THROUGH U. S. TO CARRY PASSOVER DOCUMENTARY

NEW YORK, April 1. (JTA) -- A special full-hour, Passover television program, entitled "Let My People Go," will be broadcast next week on various nights, on 100 TV stations around the country, it was announced here today. Created by the Xerox Corporation, the program will be shown on three stations simultaneously in Los Angeles next Wednesday, and on three stations in New York, on Thursday night. Other stations around the country will broadcast the programs on various nights between Saturday and Thursday.

Subtitled as a documentary on the struggle of the Jewish people for a homeland, the show will contain some films, never before seen in public, from captured film archives of Germany and some of the Arab countries. Among the footage will be also films taken inside the Warsaw Ghetto and inside some of the Nazi death camps during World War II.

Other major cities where the program will be broadcast, the nights and channels, are: St. Louis, Saturday night, 5; Chicago, Wednesday, 9; Miami, Wednesday, 4; Baltimore, Thursday, 11; Boston, Tuesday, 5; San Francisco, Wednesday, 2; Spokane, Wash., Monday, 2. The stations for Los Angeles, next Thursday, will be Channels 5, 11 and 13. The show, a David Wolper production, was written and produced by Marshall Flaum.

JEWISH RELIGIOUS GROUPS REQUEST ABOLITION OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

ALBANY, N.Y., April 1: (JTA) -- Organizations of Conservative and Reform Jewry in the United States requested the New York State Legislature today to adopt legislation abolishing capital punishment in this state. In separate interventions, the abolition of capital punishment was advocated not only for New York State but also in all states where criminals convicted of major crimes are still subject to execution.

The Conservative movement, through its Rabbinical Assembly, wrote letters on the issue to Governor Rockefeller and to all members of this state's legislature. Miss Jane Evans, representing the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism, gave testimony on the issue before the legislature's Joint Committee on Codes. Both organizations cited resolutions adopted by their bodies several years ago, opposing capital punishment;

ORTHODOX GROUPS TAKE ISSUE WITH A.A.J.E. ON FEDERAL AID TO SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, April 1: (JTA) -- Two national Orthodox Jewish organizations today sharply criticized a recent statement by the American Association for Jewish Education which criticized President Johnson's aid to education bill and proposed as an alternative, the enrollment of all pupils in public schools during the morning hours with private religious instruction to be available in the afternoon.

Both the Agudath Israel of America and the National Society for Hebrew Day Schools scored the AAJE suggestion as detrimental to the interests of the Hebrew day school movement. Amos Bunim, chairman of the executive committee of the National Society for Hebrew Day Schools, said in a statement that the AAJE proposal would force the day school movement "to transform its schools into auxiliary, afternoon Hebrew schools," which, he said, was completely contrary to the movement's basic philosophy.

WORLD CONFERENCE OF YIDDISH SCHOOLS TO BE HELD IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, April 1: (JTA) -- A call for the convening in New York of a world conference of Yiddish schools--the first parley of the kind ever scheduled--was issued here today by the Congress of Jewish Culture and three organizations that maintain Yiddish schools in the United States;

Invitations, according to the sponsors, have been sent to Yiddish schools throughout the United States as well as in Canada, Argentina, Mexico, Brazil, France, South Africa and Australia. The co-sponsoring organizations in the United States are the Sholem Aleichem Folk Institute; the I. L. Peretz Schools of the Workmen's Circle; and the Folk Schools of the Zionist labor movement.

One of the chief purposes of the conference, to be held May 6-10, will be the coordination of Yiddish-school textbooks, teacher training, and the furthering of communal financial aid to Yiddish schools. Other topics will include "Yiddish-Hebrew bilingualism," and the improvement of curricula.

RARE HEBREW MANUSCRIPT IDENTIFIED; MUSIC WRITTEN BY CHRISTIAN CONVERT

CHICAGO, April 1. (JTA) -- An enigmatic and unique Hebrew manuscript which has been on display for many years in the Museum of the Jewish Theological Seminary, has now been identified as a liturgical poem copied in the 12th century by a Christian convert to Judaism who fled Italy in 1070 C. E., when he was converted to Judaism and finally settled in Egypt.

The story of the discovery is told by Norman Golb of the University of Chicago's Oriental Institute in the current issue of the Journal of Religion published by the University of Chicago Press. Dr. Golb has definitely shown that it was Obadiah, the Christian convert to Judaism, who gave the poem the musical annotations, in his own handwriting. Earlier it was assumed that the music was Jewish in origin. The musically annotated liturgical poem in Obadiah's handwriting is one of the so-called Genezan documents found in an old synagogue South of Cairo.

HELENA RUBINSTEIN DIES AT 94; MADE SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, April 1, (JTA) -- Helena Rubinstein, famous American, Jewish philanthropist and art patron, died here today at the age of 94.

Active in the America-Israel Cultural Foundation, where she was an honorary member of the board of directors, she had been the donor of the Helena Rubinstein Museum, in Tel Aviv, which she established and to which she gave an additional \$100,000 for a new wing in 1963. She was also one of the leaders in the Arts and Music Scholarship Program for gifted, young artists in Israel, giving as many as 16 scholarships in one year. She also contributed heavily to other Jewish causes, including the United Jewish Appeal. In 1956, she gave \$100,000 for the establishment of a chair in chemistry at Brandeis University.

Born in Cracow, Poland, where she graduated from Cracow University, she lived a number of years in Paris and emigrated to the United States in 1915 where she founded the world-famous cosmetics industry. In private life, she was Mrs. Edward J. Titus.