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## ITALIAN JEWISH LEADERS PROTEST POPE'S 'PASSION SUNDAY' SERMON

ROME, April 7. (JTA) -- Judge Sergio Piperno, president of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities, and Dr. Elio Toaff, Chief Rabbi of Rome, expressed today "the painful surprise" of Italian Jews over Pope Paul's Passion Sunday Lenten sermon in which the Pontiff stated outright that the Jews killed Christ. The concern of Italian Jewry was expressed in a telegram sent by the Jewish leaders to Cardinal Cicognani, the Vatican Secretary of State. Rabbi Toaff signed the wire on behalf of the Italian Rabbinical Council.

The telegram said that the Pope had "confirmed the accusation against the Jewish people," and that "the old accusation of deicide was renewed, which has been for centuries the source of tragic injustices against Jews." The message noted that the charge apparently had "seemed to have been removed forever by the solemn affirmations of the Ecumenical Council" which adopted last year a provisional declaration exonerating the Jewish people, past and present, from any blame in the crucifixion.

Vatican circles told the Italian press today they received the message "with certain surprise, since the actual reasons which motivated the Pope's statement are not understood." "What is more," the Vatican circles added, "the motives for the protest, listed in the telegram, are not justified."

Noting that the Pope had taken the Passion Sunday Gospel as his theme, the Vatican circles said he was only explaining a passage in the Gospel referring to the Jews killing Christ, giving the passage its "traditional interpretation of the historical fact, an interpretation that traces back to the moral responsibility of the Jews of that time for the death sentence pronounced by the Roman judiciary."

"Secondly, the Vatican circles said, "the Pope, further in his speech, clearly affirmed that the drama is repeating itself and perpetuates itself also today by all those who, by words and deeds, deny Christ, offend Him and renew Him in His passion."

## AUSCHWITZ TRIAL COURT TO GO TO POLAND TO HEAR 24 WITNESSES

BONN, April 7. (JTA) -- The court trying 22 former Auschwitz death camp guards since December 1963, will make a second trip to Poland to hear some 24 witnesses who are unable to come to Frankfurt, Presiding Judge Hans Hofmeier disclosed today. Polish judges also will be present at the taking of their testimony.

Eight defense attorneys, two public prosecutors and two civil prosecutors will accompany Judge Hofmeier on the trip, which will have the court officials taking testimony in a number of Polish cities between April 20 and April 27. Cities on their itinerary include Warsaw, Cracow, Lodz, Kattowice and Glewitz. None of the defendants will take part in the trip.

It was announced, meanwhile, that another major trial of Nazi war criminals will start in Bochum in October, with 16 former members of Hitler's elite SS guard to go on trial. The principal defendant is Heinrich Hamann, 57, charged with participating in the slaughter of 70,000 Jews in occupied Poland.

An indictment prepared by the North Rhine-Westphalia branch of the Ludwigsberg Documentation Center for Nazi Crimes charges that Hamann sent to death camps in August 1942, a total of 15,000 Jews from the Neusandez Ghetto in the Cracow district. Under his command, according to the indictment, 285 Jews in one action and 125 in another were shot and dumped into mass graves while many of the victims were still alive.

The indictment charges Gunther Labitzke, 52, of Ludwigshaven, with the murder of 1,690 Jews. Johann Bornholt, 60, is charged with shooting and strangling 398 Jews.

The court went to Poland for the first time several months ago. At that time, one of the 22 defendants, Dr. Franz Lucas, former Auschwitz camp physician, accompanied the court, along with attorneys for the prosecution and the defense, as well as government experts on Nazi war crimes.

## HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP FAVORS RELIGIOUS FREEDOMS OPPOSED BY U. S. S. R.

GENEVA, April 7. (JTA) -- The United Nations Human Rights Commission today adopted parts of a draft convention outlawing religious intolerance which would guarantee certain basic rights for Jews and others whose rights are denied in one form or another in various parts of the world.

Iraq and the three Communist members of the Commission--representing the USSR, Ukraine and Poland--fought some of the provisions and voted against most of them, directing to observers here that they feared the broad religious freedoms might apply to Soviet Jews. In the official document, however, no country was named specifically, and none of the provisions could be applied to the Soviet Union unless the USSR ultimately ratifies the UN instrument.

One of the freedoms guaranteed in the portions of the draft convention as approved today, grants to all believers the freedom to observe their faith's rituals, including observance of dietary and other practices of one's religion, and the manufacture of import of objects, foods or other articles and facilities customarily used in such observance. That proposed right, which is important for Soviet Jewry, was strongly opposed by the delegates of Russia, the Ukraine and Iraq.

The Iraqi delegate proposed replacement of the paragraph by a more general text, omitting all reference to dietary foods and the right to produce or import them. The Iraqi amendment was rejected by 13 to four, with four abstentions. The four negative votes were cast by Iraq, Poland, the Soviet Union and the Ukraine. The paragraph was then approved in its original form by 17 to three, with one abstention. The three opposing votes were registered by Iraq, the Soviet Union and the Ukraine. Poland voted for the original version, and India abstained.

A paragraph guaranteeing freedom to make religious pilgrimages was adopted by 16 to two, with three abstentions. Another paragraph dealt with freedom to organize local, regional and national associations of a religious nature, and to communicate with co-religionists abroad. Israel added to this clause an amendment guaranteeing the right to organize, maintain and participate in international associations of a religious character. Israel's proposal was adopted by 14 votes to seven.

## SOVIET EMBASSY IN AUSTRALIA GETS NEW BOOK ON ANTI-JEWISH BIAS

MELBOURNE, April 7. (JTA) -- A Soviet Embassy spokesman confirmed here today that a book describing Soviet pressures on Russian Jewry, which had been sent to the Embassy for transmittal to Soviet authorities, had arrived and would be sent "in due course" to the appropriate Soviet officials.

The book, written by I. Leibler, chairman of the public relations department of the Australian Jewish Board of Deputies, is called "Soviet Jewry and Human Rights." It has a letter, as part of its introduction, written by Rex Mortimer, prominent Australian Communist, who was among the Western Communist critics of Soviet propaganda attacks on the Jewish religion. The book will be released officially next week.

### 'Empty Chair' at Seder to Note Plight of Jews in Soviet Union

ZURICH, April 7. (JTA) -- Dr. Zvi Taubes, chief rabbi of Zurich, has called on Jewish members of the community to institute in their homes this Passover a new custom of the "Empty Chair." The chair would be left vacant during the seder services in remembrance of the plight of Soviet Jewry.

## HUNGARY DENIES, THEN GRANTS, EXIT VISA TO RABBI DUE HERE TODAY

NEW YORK, April 7. (JTA) -- After first being denied a Hungarian exit visa, then obtaining permission to leave that country, Rabbi Jenő Schuck, chief Orthodox rabbi of Hungary, will arrive here tomorrow, it was announced today by Yeshiva University, which had invited him to this country.

Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva, had asked Rabbi Schuck to lecture at the university's Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary on Jewish religious law and the history of Hungarian Jewry. Dr. Schuck had been scheduled to arrive late yesterday. Shortly before his expected arrival, the university announced it had received a cable from the Hungarian Jewish leader, stating he could not come because he had been denied an exit visa.

Today, Rabbi Hershel Schacter, vice-president of the Rabbinical Council of America, received notice from Sabena Belgian World Airways that Rabbi Schuck is scheduled to come to New York tomorrow, stating that he now has an exit visa. There were no explanations about the previous travel denial or the subsequent permission from the Hungarian authorities.

## HOUSE OF COMMONS GETS FIRST READING ON RACE RELATIONS MEASURE

LONDON, April 7. (JTA) -- A formal first reading was given in the House of Commons today to the Government's race relations bill, which would bar discrimination on racial grounds in places of public resort.

### ILLINOIS CONGRESSMAN URGES U. S. A. TO ACT AGAINST ARAB BOYCOTT

CHICAGO, April 7. (JTA) -- Rep. Roman C. Pucinski, Illinois Democrat, today urged that Congress "recognize the realities of life in the Middle East by approving, as quickly as possible, legislation barring Nasser and the Arab states from boycotting American industry which does business with Israel."

Addressing a public affairs conference here, sponsored by the Zionist Organization of America, Rep. Pucinski said "this attitude by the Arab states is contemptible. One has a right to ask: How much longer will the United States Government continue to tolerate such impudence?"

Declaring that Israel has never been in greater danger, Rep. Pucinski voiced the hope that the U. S. Government would again reaffirm "its unequivocal determination that any act of aggression by the Arab states against Israel is an act of aggression against the United States and the Western democracies."

### AMERICAN GROUP GIVES RADIO FACILITIES TO ISRAELI FIRST AID UNIT

NEW YORK, April 7. (JTA) -- The completion of a \$250,000 radio communications network to enable the Magen David Adom, Israel's emergency medical and first aid service, to maintain constant contact with ambulances throughout the country, was announced here today by Rep. Emanuel Celler, national chairman of the American Red Magen David, the organization which financed the network.

Rep. Celler said that the network, which extends from Kiryat Shmona in Upper Galilee to Beersheba, will enable the Magen David Adom to redirect ambulances out on emergency calls without their having to return to their bases. On arrival at the scene of an emergency, he said, each ambulance will be able to radio back for help, alert hospitals to incoming cases, or possibly head off other ambulances converging on the scene if their presence is not required.

### ISRAELI BOY SCOUTS TO ACT AS YOUNG JUDEA SUMMER CAMP AIDES

NEW YORK, April 7. (JTA) -- Eleven Israeli Boy Scouts will be junior counselors at the seven Young Judea camps in the United States this summer, and will add an Israeli flavor to the camp programs, Yehoshua Yadlin, secretary general of Tsofim, Israel Scouting Association, announced here today. By teaching Israeli songs and dances and Hebrew, and by helping to lead the scouting and sports program at the Young Judea camps, they will draw American Jewish youth and Israeli youth into closer relationships, he said. They will also attend Boy Scouts of America jamborees.

In Israel, the Tsofim have 22,000 members, including Arabs, Christians and Druze. National Young Judea, which is supported by Hadassah and the Zionist Organization of America, is the American "brother movement" of the Tsofim in Israel.

### BROOKLYN TALMUDICAL ACADEMY TO RELOCATE TO SITE IN JERUSALEM

NEW YORK, April 7. (JTA) -- Yeshivath Torah Ore, a Talmudical Academy in Brooklyn, is relocating in Jerusalem, it was announced here today by Rabbi Mordecai Kirschblum, head of the immigration department of the Jewish Agency, American Section. The first group of the Yeshiva, Rabbi Kirschblum said, will leave New York on May 8, while the second group will follow a few weeks later.

### DR. STERLING W. BROWN ELECTED AS NEW PRESIDENT OF THE N. C. C. J.

NEW YORK, April 7. (JTA) -- Dr. Sterling W. Brown, an educator, Protestant clergyman, and former Government consultant, was elected today as president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. He will assume his new post on July 1, succeeding Dr. Lewis Webster Jones who retired after serving since 1958.

Currently executive vice-president of the NCCJ, Dr. Brown, an ordained minister, was formerly professor of religion at the University of Oklahoma, and had served as chairman of the department of religion at Drake University. Between 1947 and 1951, he served on various U. S. missions to Germany as an expert on intergroup relations.

### JEWISH LAWYER HELPS GET ACQUITTAL FOR NAZI IN DETROIT SUBURB

DETROIT, April 7. (JTA) -- An American Nazi Party member accused of libeling Negroes by distributing hate leaflets in the Detroit area won a court dismissal with the help of two attorneys, one a Jew and one a Negro.

Russell Roberts, 64, of Farmington, was accompanied by three storm troopers from the Nazi group's headquarters in Arlington, Va., when he appeared in Farmington Municipal Court. Maurice Kelman, a Jew, and Charles Quick, a Negro, attorneys for the American Civil Liberties Union, served as "friends of the court." They helped win the case for the Nazi by contending that Michigan criminal libel laws do not apply to groups, as with the Negro race. Mr. Kelman justified the ACLU intervention by asserting that his organization opposed group libel actions, but said that he found the hate leaflets "obnoxious and hateful."

DETROIT JEWISH DRIVE OPENS WITH PLEDGES EXCEEDING \$4,200,000

DETROIT, April 7: (JTA) -- The Detroit Allied Jewish Campaign for 1965 was formally opened last night with a dinner at the Jewish Center, at which advance gifts of \$4,212,640 were announced toward the minimum goal of \$5,000,000.

William Avrunin, executive director of the Jewish Welfare Federation, and campaign co-chairmen Irwin Green and Sol Eisenberg, expressed confidence that the goal would be exceeded by the time the campaign closes next month. The 300 volunteer workers attending the dinner also heard addresses by Max M. Fisher, national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, and Hyman Safran, Federation president.

FARBSTEIN ASKS DEFENSE DEPT. FOR REPORT ON JEW FIRED BY GERMAN

WASHINGTON, April 7. (JTA) -- Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat, made known today that he has asked Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara for a detailed explanation of the firing of a Jewish chemist from a U. S. Navy civilian job by a German national accused of prejudice in a pending court suit.

The Congressman said he has asked Mr. McNamara for a report on the case in which Bernard Perlstein, of Washington, was fired after 23 years of service by Dr. Martin Zimmer, who came here from Germany to take Federal employment three years ago. Dr. Zimmer, who is not yet an American citizen, was accused by Mr. Perlstein, in a suit filed in the U. S. Court of Claims, with displaying "bias, malice and prejudice." Mr. Perlstein held that Dr. Zimmer singled him out for "marked antagonism."

Navy spokesmen declined to comment on the case. Rep. Farbstein said it was "highly peculiar that a civil servant who has served faithfully for 23 years should suddenly be dismissed by an alien who grew up in Nazi Germany."

NATIONAL SUPPORT OF JEWISH EDUCATION URGED BY ORTHODOX LEADER

NEW YORK, April 7. (JTA) -- The prime hope for the future of Jewry in the United States is national support of education for Jewish youth at all levels, Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, declared here. Addressing the annual luncheon of the Yeshiva University Women's Organization, yesterday, he issued a call for continued support for Jewish education despite the many spiritual, moral, and secular challenges which confront the American Jewish community.

"The American community," said Rabbi Miller, "is facing many new spiritual and moral challenges today, even among those who have not succumbed to secularism, and who profess a belief in religion. The values of the market place have in large measure influenced even the educational institutions of modern society. The still small voice is often drowned out by the shrill cry of the scholar-huckster hawking his wares with catchy slogans and spot announcements."

The Orthodox leader, who is rabbi of the Kingsbridge Heights Jewish Center in the Bronx, charged that "the pragmatic appeal is rejected by institutions of true learning which emphasize long years of study and which attract both the mind and the heart. Yeshiva University is the prime example of such an institution. Its intensive program of religious and secular studies has proved its effectiveness, despite its requirement of stamina and sacrifice on the part of students, parents, and supporters."

NATIONAL LEADERS SEE JEWISH COMMITMENT INCREASING IN UNITED STATES

BALTIMORE, April 7. (JTA) -- Two national Jewish communal leaders said here today that Jewish commitment was on the increase in the United States as a direct consequence of sectarian-sponsored community programs. Addressing a young leadership conference sponsored jointly by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds and the United Jewish Appeal, Louis Stern, CJFWF president, and Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, UJA executive vice-chairman, stressed the role of the new generation in strengthening Jewish causes.

Mr. Stern expressed the conviction that growing Jewish interest in sectarian-sponsored community programs must be paralleled by increasing responsiveness of young leaders to changing community commitments and needs. Rabbi Friedman discounted predictions that American Jewry would succumb to the "kiss of death" of a benevolent society. He said the Jews would continue to play a historic role in advancing social justice and equality, even though their proportionate strength in a world undergoing a population explosion will continue to diminish.

SAN FRANCISCO JEWRY MOURNS JESSE STEINHART, DEAD AT AGE OF 83

SAN FRANCISCO, April 7. (JTA) -- The death of Jesse H. Steinhart, prominent Jewish communal leader and founder of the San Francisco Jewish Community Relations Council, was mourned here today in an editorial in the Jewish Community Bulletin, which hailed him as one of this city's foremost citizens.

Mr. Steinhart died here March 25 at the age of 83. A native of San Francisco, he was a former president of the Federation of Jewish Charities, and of Mt. Zion Hospital. He was an organizer of the Jewish Community Bulletin in 1946, and served on its advisory board.