



# Jewish Telegraphic Agency

## DAILY NEWS BULLETIN

660 FIRST AVENUE

NEW YORK 16, N.Y.

Contents Copyright: Republication only by previous arrangement

Vol. XXXII - 48th year

Monday, April 26, 1965

No. 80

### ECUMENICAL COUNCIL DECLARATION ON JEWS UNDERGOING DRASTIC REVISIONS

NEW YORK, April 25. (JTA) -- Leaders of American Jewry were shocked and highly disappointed today to learn that the draft declaration approved at the Ecumenical Council last November, exonerating the Jews of any collective responsibility for the crucifixion of Jesus, had been drastically revised by an ad hoc commission of four at the Vatican, despite the fact that it was adopted at the Council by a vote of 1,992 to 99.

The declaration, as adopted last November against the opposition of ultra-conservative prelates and Bishops from the Arab states, had stated clearly that no blame for the death of Jesus could be attributed to the Jewish people alive in the days of Jesus and "much less" to the Jews of today. However, that draft must be considered for final adoption at the next session of the Ecumenical Council, scheduled to convene September 17, before it is promulgated as official Catholic Church doctrine.

The New York Times, in a cable from its correspondent in Rome today, said that the draft declaration is now being fought at top levels in the Vatican, and is in danger of being so diluted as to make its message meaningless. The correspondent cited the following facts as indications that the declaration faces new challenges, and that changes in its text may be made next month, during a plenary meeting of the Council Secretariat for Christian Unity:

1. The document had been passed on to an ad hoc extra-councilor commission of four prelates, acting as a separate group instead of being part of the Council, for review of the declaration and for recommending revisions. That body is composed of four prelates, headed by the Rev. Luigi Carli, of Segni, Italy, identified as "one of the most ultra-conservative voices in the church."

This group has reportedly proposed a completely new and shorter text of a declaration which would speak merely of "forgiveness" to the Jews rather than of exonerating them of the decide charge. Only one member of the ad hoc group, Giovanni Cardinal Colombo, Archbishop of Milan, was reported to have opposed the changes advocated by Bishop Carli.

#### 'Highest Vatican Authorities' Reported Favoring Revision

2. "Highest Vatican authorities" were reportedly in favor of revising the preliminary declaration "to insure its orthodoxy and purity of doctrine" and to safeguard the interests of Roman Catholics in Arab lands who fear their governments would discriminate against them if the declaration is adopted as approved last November.

3. A magazine article by Bishop Carli last month, bluntly asserting that the Jews of Jesus's day did, indeed, bear collective responsibility for His crucifixion. Further, the Bishop wrote that, to the extent that Judaism today constitutes the "free and voluntary continuation" of that of Jesus's time, today's Jews continue to "participate objectively in the responsibility for decide."

4. A sermon on April 4 by Pope Paul VI illustrating the continued rejection of Jesus by many men by reference to the Jews who "in the end, killed him." Assurances by Vatican spokesmen that this was merely a pastoral reference to scriptural texts without any significance for the declaration have failed to still speculation that it indicated papal adoption of the conservative thesis.

5. Intense diplomatic activity between Arab representatives and the Vatican, the Arabs insisting that the preliminary declaration as it stands would be interpreted as Vatican support of Israel.

The four-man commission had been requested by Pope Paul to submit a unanimously agreed-upon document to the next session of the Ecumenical Council. Since no unanimity was achieved, the commission has reportedly passed on its report to the Secretariat for Christian Unity, headed by Augustin Cardinal Bea. The latter has been the chief proponent of a strong declaration, clearly exonerating the Jews of the decide charge.

The Times reported that high-ranking churchmen, including Americans, who have asked the Vatican to reassure them that the November draft would not be altered substantively, have received "equivocal answers from the highest Vatican sources."

## JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS IN U. S. REACT SHARPLY TO VATICAN DEVELOPMENTS

NEW YORK, April 25. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee and the American Jewish Congress issued statements today indicating their sharp reaction to the new developments at the Vatican in connection with the Declaration on the Jews, which is to come for final adoption before the next session of the Ecumenical Council, which opens in September. Declaring that the report on the rising opposition against the final adoption of this document "fills us with sadness and keen disappointment," Morris B. Abram, president of the American Jewish Committee, said:

"The introduction of a political factor brought about by Arab pressures astonishes us because, only last May, Pope Paul VI, in an audience graciously granted to an American Jewish Committee delegation, himself emphatically expressed the view that this concern with Christian-Jewish relations was solely a religious matter. The theological aspect to which the Times correspondent alludes has received the most intensive scrutiny and deliberation since the Ecumenical Council was first conceived by the late Pope John XXIII of blessed memory. The vote in favor of adoption in principle of the text as it emerged from the third session was 1,992 to 99.

"This action received the universal acclaim of all men of good will the world over, regardless of religious persuasion. A new era in interreligious understanding was about to be born. We pray that the vast forces of enlightenment in the Catholic Church will prevail, and that the final action of the Ecumenical Council will forge an unbreakable bond of human brotherhood, so desperately needed in this strife-torn world," Mr. Abram declared.

Dr. Joachim Prinz, president of the American Jewish Congress, declared: "The Vatican Council Schema on the Jews was drafted out of recognition that Catholic doctrine has, over the centuries, been a hidden but major cause of anti-Semitism. The decision of the Catholic fathers to draft a statement on the Jews should thus be seen not as an effort to exonerate the Jews from the guilt oficide, but as a means of exonerating the Church from the role its teachings have played in anti-Semitism and the horrors resulting from it.

"As the Catholic Church examines the effect its teachings have had on the history of anti-Semitism, the Jewish people have no role to play but to await with patience and dignity that act of Catholic conscience which is represented in the Schema," Dr. Prinz stressed.

## ISRAEL CABINET DISCUSSES BOURGUIBA'S CALL FOR ARAB-ISRAEL PEACE TALKS

JERUSALEM, April 25. (JTA) -- Israel's Cabinet today discussed, at its regular weekly meeting, the proposals for Arab-Israel rapprochement and peace talks made by President Habib Bourguiba, of Tunisia.

While no Government statement on the issue was made public and direct comment on Mr. Bourguiba's proposals was avoided, officials here reiterated a recent statement by Prime Minister Levi Esnkol, who had asserted that Israel is ready to enter into direct peace negotiations with the Arab states -- but without any preconditions.

Mr. Bourguiba's recognition of the need for a peaceful solution of the Arab-Israeli disputes is considered by officials here as an important contribution. But these officials here pointed out that linking such Arab-Israeli peace talks to Israel's acceptance of the boundaries fixed in 1947 by the United Nations Palestine partition plan does not advance the cause of peaceful settlement.

Deputy Premier Abba Eban said here on a nationwide broadcast over Kol Israel, the government-owned radio, that "there can be no question of returning to the 1947 boundaries." He emphasized, however, that, while Israel rejects the idea of relinquishing any of its territory, as proposed by Mr. Bourguiba's reference to the 1947 partition plan, the Tunisian President's call for Arab-Israel negotiation was "important and worthy of careful study." He pointed out that Mr. Bourguiba had "initiated a new dialogue in the Arab world" and stated: "Israel's reaction must be prudent and measured."

### Washington Abstains from Official Comment on Bourguiba's Proposals

WASHINGTON, April 25. (JTA) -- Reaction in Washington to the proposals voiced by Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba urging Arab-Israel peace negotiations are favorable although no official comment is forthcoming.

White House sources today denied a press report that President Bourguiba was invited to Washington by President Johnson and that the invitation has been issued because of Bourguiba's campaign for Arab-Israel peace talks. It was pointed out that the whole premise of open American identification with Bourguiba's proposals was questionable because the Arab states directly concerned, those bordering Israel, have denounced his suggestions for accommodation with Israel.

## ESHKOL ADDRESSES DRUZES; REACTS TO BOURGUIBA'S SUGGESTION ON REFUGEES

TEL AVIV, April 25. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, evidently reacting to one of the proposals of Tunisia's President Habib Bourguiba, who said he wants Israel to readmit all of the Arab refugees, said today that the best place for the refugees to resettle is "midst their brethren in Arab countries."

He was addressing a colorful, annual ceremony conducted by the Druzes in this country, celebrating the Feast of the Prophet Nebi Shueb, at Hittin, near Tiberias. Among the Israeli Government leaders present were Dr. Zorach Warhaftig, Israel's Minister for Religious Affairs, and Bechor Shitreet, Israel's Minister of Police. "It is time," Mr. Eshkol stated, "that the Arab leaders discontinue using the refugees as a tool in their own ambitious policies. It is not the good of the refugees that they seek."

Noting that Israel has shown examples of successful settlement and integration of hundreds of thousands of refugees from Arab states, the Premier told his Druze audience: "Arab leaders should understand that war solves nothing, but adds suffering and destruction. When the Arab leaders understand that fact, both Israel and the Arab nations would be able to develop their abilities to the fullest."

Notables of the Druze community in Israel attended the religious rites, while a Druze unit of the Israeli army formed a guard of honor. In his address, Mr. Eshkol did not mention Mr. Bourguiba's proposals which include not only readmission to the Arab refugees but also a "return" to the United Nations Palestine partition plan of 1947.

### Tunisian Embassy in Cairo Stoned; Protest Bourguiba's Call for Peace

LONDON, April 25. (JTA) -- The Tunisian Embassy in Cairo was bombarded today with stones and rocks by about 200 Egyptian students as an expression of protest against the urging of Arab-Israel peace talks by President Bourguiba of Tunisia. The attack on the Embassy building took place following two days of bitter agitation against Bourguiba's peace negotiations proposals in the Egyptian press.

Al Ahram, of Cairo, usually considered the voice of Egypt's President Nasser, accused the Tunisian President of "a stab in the back of the people of Palestine." An editorial in the newspaper, reportedly written by Mohammed Hassanein Heykal, a confidant of President Nasser, indicated that at the next meeting of Arab prime ministers, scheduled to be held next month, Egypt would force the other Arab states to choose between Bourguiba and Nasser.

The editorial also indicated that Egypt might refuse to attend the meeting of Arab leaders scheduled to be held in Morocco next September, if Bourguiba were to participate in that parley. It rejected the Bourguiba thesis of a possible compromise between the Arab countries and Israel, and hinted that Egypt would not trust Bourguiba to the extent of disclosing to a meeting which he attends any of Cairo's military secrets.

In Beirut, the newspaper Al Honarrer, whose policy has been pro-Nasserite, published a cartoon picturing Bourguiba as a "Judas" carrying 30 pieces of silver, while Palestine dies on the cross. But another Beirut newspaper, the independent Al Jarida, stated that Bourguiba had introduced no new element into the Arab stand on Palestine, and that "all he wanted was to get the Palestine question moving again at the level of the United Nations."

### Bourguiba's Stand on Arab-Israel Conflict Backed by His Party

TUNIS, April 25. (JTA) -- The Central Committee of the Neo-Destour Party, to which President Bourguiba belongs, issued a statement here this weekend welcoming Bourguiba's proposals for a compromise solution of the Arab-Israeli issues.

At the same time L'Action, organ of the Neo-Destour Party, denied that Bourguiba had sought contact with Israeli representatives on his Arab-Israel compromise plan. It charged that such reports had emanated from "Zionist circles," declaring that no Arab leader could interject himself in place of the Palestine Arabs, who must choose their method of "liberating" themselves.

### New York Press Praises Bourguiba for Proposing Arab Israel Peace

NEW YORK, April 25. (JTA) -- The New York press unanimously praised President Habib Bourguiba, of Tunisia, this weekend, for proposing peace negotiations between the Arab states and Israel.

Referring to his statements on the issue as "the first clear voice of sanity from the Arab side," The Times, Herald-Tribune and Post also expressed disappointment in their editorials at the violent anti-Bourguiba reactions in the Arab press where he was accused, among other things, of "treason" to the Arab cause. The courage of Mr. Bourguiba's move is exceeded only by its statesmanship, though it would be a mistake to expect any results in the near future from the seed of wisdom that President Bourguiba has now publicly planted, the Times said. The Herald-Tribune and the New York Post wrote in a similar vein.

## CANADIAN NEO-NAZI YOUTHS ANNOUNCE FORMATION OF 'CANADIAN NAZI PARTY'

TORONTO, April 25. (JTA) -- A public announcement of the formation of a "Canadian Nazi party" by three Canadian neo-Nazis, wearing swastika armbands, was denounced today by the Canadian Jewish Congress as an effort by "young hooligans" trying to "shock the Canadian people."

The youths were John Beattie, 23, John de Cock, 19, and Peter Reidel, 16. Another announced member of the group, David Stanley, 20, who started dissemination of Nazi materials in the area two years ago, was in Vancouver where he has been busy with Nazi activities for the past two months. Beattie claimed 47 members in Toronto and "thousands of sympathizers."

The three youths met with press and TV reporters to whom they gave the Nazi salute and announced the Canadian Nazi group as an affiliate of George Rockwell's Nazis in the United States. They said they had acquired a house in Toronto for party headquarters. Previously the neo-Nazis had confined their labors to surreptitious distribution of anti-Semitic and anti-Negro material.

President Meyer Gasner of the Canadian Jewish Congress in Ontario province said, in a statement: "Our reaction to young hooligans who don obscene regalia and attempt to shock the Canadian people is that they are indecently exposing themselves and deserve no more attention than that given to a deluded exhibitionist. As to the alleged formation of an alleged Nazi party in Canada we feel as do all Canadians that there is no room here or indeed anywhere in the free world for a revival of Hitlerite conspiracy. We scorn to dignify these acts with any other comment."

## EVICITION OF LEADER OF AMERICAN NAZI PARTY IN CALIFORNIA SOUGHT

LOS ANGELES, April 25. (JTA) -- Efforts were underway here this weekend to evict Ralph Forbes, self-styled "gauleiter" of the American Nazi party in California, from his headquarters in a rented house in Glendale.

Jewish War Veterans attorney Sydney Irmis, Jr., acting on behalf of the owners of the property, Al and Dom Rozzano, served an eviction notice on Forbes, demanding the removal of himself and his family from the premises. The owners charge that Forbes implied that he planned to use the house for Republican party work, but that it was being used for Nazi drills and propaganda.

Appearing in court, Forbes denied that he had been served with the notice. The Nazi has also been charged with violating a building ordinance in occupying the Glendale house.

## COURT PERMITS DISTRIBUTION OF ANTI-JORDAN LEAFLETS AT WORLD'S FAIR

NEW YORK, April 25. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress will distribute handbills in front of the Jordanian Pavilion at the World's Fair tomorrow to protest the display of a mural which the Jewish group has charged defames Israel and the Jewish people.

The handbill distribution will take place under the terms of a court order agreed upon by the Congress and Fair officials last week. The agreement was signed following a hearing before Judge Birdie Amsterdam in New York State Supreme Court on a suit brought by Dr. Joachim Prinz, president of the Congress, and 10 others. The suit sought to enjoin World's Fair president Robert Moses and officials of the Fair from interfering with the Congress in exercising its constitutional right of free speech.

The American-Israel pavilion at the World's Fair added to its exhibits a Torah scroll obtained as a loan from former President Harry S. Truman who was presented with the Torah by the first President of Israel, the late Dr. Chaim Weizmann. Another addition is a copy of the White House announcement of May 14, 1948, recognizing the State of Israel. This copy was signed by Mr. Truman for the pavilion and is the only signed document of U. S. recognition of Israel's statehood.

## PRESIDENT OF MEXICO ACCEPTS JEWISH GIFT TO STATE WORTH \$1,000,000

MEXICO CITY, April 25. (JTA) -- President Gustavo Diaz Ordaz formally accepted this weekend two valuable paintings which were bequeathed to the Mexican Government by an unidentified Jewish couple in gratitude for the haven they found here when they fled from Austria in the 1930's.

The two old masters, estimated to be worth \$1,000,000, are Fran. Hals' "Portrait of a Man" and Peter Paul Rubens' "The Man in the Fur Coat."

## CANADIAN JEWS TO SEND 'PEACE CORPS' TO ISRAEL FOR ONE YEAR'S WORK

TORONTO, April 25. (JTA) -- A plan to recruit 50 young Canadians for a Peace Corps-type mission to Israel was announced here today. Rabbi M. Libman, chairman of the Toronto Committee of Sherut La'am (Service to the People), said the committee was seeking volunteers between the ages of 18 and 28 for one year's work in Israel.

Professional people will be paid the Israeli rates for their jobs and non-professionals maintenance and pocket money. Volunteers will have to pay \$555 travel and living expenses. Before being placed in jobs, volunteers will aid reclamation of the ancient forest in the Galilee Hills which is scheduled to become a national park.